



**BROMSGROVE METHODIST  
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*Encouraging, supporting, and developing followers of Jesus Christ and  
Sharing God's love in the wider community*

**PRAYER:** To you, O God most high, we lift our hearts, voicing our praise, confessing our sins and seeking your pardon. To you we come for grace, to you we render our thanks and to you we ascribe all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**  
*Isaac Watts 91674-1749)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:**

**The Welcome Coffee Shop Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday inclusive from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Plus 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 10am until 12 noon.**

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship – Local Arrangement.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Ms Jackie Hartrey/Deacon Gwynn Bamford.**

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank the church family for the beautiful Harvest flowers from last Sunday's Harvest festival, and thank you Terry for delivering them. They cheered us up no end. It is great to be part of such a caring church family. *Ken & Molly Brown.*

**THANK YOU:** We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to everyone in the Church family for all their help and support over the past seven weeks. Thank you for the visits, phone calls and sympathetic conversations, for the cards, flowers and sweets, for the offers of lifts to hospitals, shops and Church and the covering of duties. We have been touched and overwhelmed by the huge amount of love and prayers which surround us. *Lynne and Lizzie Dovey.*

**HARVEST FLOWERS:**

Thank you for the Harvest flowers left outside my door, last Sunday. A pleasant surprise and much appreciated. I thought the church looked lovely and it was a great service. *Chris Roberts.*

**GROWING THE VISION AFTERNOON Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm till 5pm at Studley Methodist Church:**

As we work together to reshape the Circuit, we encourage every church to ensure there are people "at the table" with a voice. The meeting will clarify the vision of Hub Groups and begin making practical plans for the launch of the hubs early next year. Terry will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in attending this important meeting. *Terry Clarke Tel 832955.*

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** The next meeting will be on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 25, Crabtree Drive at 2.30pm. Open to all interested. *Alan Bidnell.*

**FILM NIGHT: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 6.15pm:** The first film of the new season will be **THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY**, the extra-ordinary story of the journey of an ordinary man starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. Entry is by donation including refreshments. *Jim Buchanan.*

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** There will be a Memorial Service on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm. Anyone who wishes to remember someone is most welcome to attend. It will be a short service followed by simple refreshments and silver stars will be available, on which messages of remembrance may be written, and later they will be used to decorate our Christmas tree. *Deacon Janet Thomas.*

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Ken Brown wishes to retire from his role in the Church office, after many years. He is finding it increasingly difficult to get to the Church. He would, however, like to continue with compiling the weekly Newsletter, as this can be done from home, but not the printing. Ken also helped with the production of Forum. His other duties included the ordering of stationery from Viking and others and taking care of the photocopiers (ordering toners and providing meter readings as required).

We need a volunteer to take over this work and Ken has agreed to show this person exactly what is involved. Please let Terry know if you are interested. In the meantime, we thank Ken very much for his past and future contributions and send our best wishes to both Ken and Molly. Terry (Tel.832955).

**METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK:** There are some copies still available. The cost is £4.15. Please let Terry know if you would like a copy. Terry

**MINISTERS SURGERY:** This is being reinstated for every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Deacons Gwynn or Janet will be available between 10.30 and 12 noon in the café area – quiet room will also be available.  
*Deacon Gwynn Bamford.*

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE:** There will be Foundation Training available on the following date:- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Catshill methodist Church B61 0LG from 1-4pm. Please check when you last did your training and if it was in 2019 or before it is now out of date and needs to be renewed. If you need to attend I will need to know – your name, email address and a contact number. Information can be left for me in my pigeon hole in the foyer. Thank you. *Pam Harrison.*

**GIVING BY INTERNET BANKING:** If you prefer to donate to the Church via Internet Banking the bank details are as follows: - **Sort Code: 40-15-07. Account number: 81213652. Account name: Bromsgrove Methodist Church. Reference: Collection.** For donations to our charities' Fund use the bank details above. **Reference: Charities. UK Tax payers please consider Gift Aid and complete a 'Gift Aid' Declaration** available at the back of the Church. Completed declarations please to Eleanor Wright – Gift Aid Secretary, one of the Stewards or myself. Thank you.  
*Sheila Sharman.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - James chap. 1 verse 5**

***“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly and it will be given you.”***

**COMMENT:**

The book of proverbs attributed to king Solomon, David's son, claims to be written "for learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight", and provides much valuable and commonsense advice in thirty chapters, which lends itself to being read at a chapter a day over a month.

At one point it throws out the challenge "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? (chap. 1 v. 22a).

James here recognises the value of wisdom, and recommends that we ask God for it.

When Solomon began to rule over Israel, and built God a temple for centralised worship, the most beautiful, expensive and ornate building of its day, God asked him what he wanted. Instead of asking for wealth and riches he asked for wisdom, to enable him to properly rule the people. God, indeed, gave him wisdom and

the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are credited to Solomon. Although he did not ask for it he also became the richest and most famous monarch of his era. For us, seeking wisdom, is advisable, because life comprises many decisions, and causes of action, which we choose and undertake for better or worse. Many decisions or actions once undertaken cannot be reversed and we have to live with them.

So, like Solomon, let us not be too proud admit that we are at a loss at times, and seek God's wisdom, guidance and protection, because we have the promise above (one of God's many promises to believers) that God will give us ungrudgingly and generously what we ask.

We obviously have to play our part in working toward our personal goals and wishes. But as Christians life is about working in partnership with God.

I guess it is about involving God in every area of our lives, and not relying on our own resources, ideas or intentions. Let us give all things over to God's will and he will bless us beyond our imagining.

Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October. (The Reign of Love)**

Sun	20.	Mark 10:35-45.	StF 686	Psalms 91:9-16.	Serve.
Mon	21.	Mark 2:13-17.	StF 401	Psalms 17:1-8.	Learn.
Tue	22.	Mark 2:18-22.	StF 163	Psalms 18:1-19.	Live.
Wed	23.	Mark 2:23-28.	StF 149	Psalms 19.	Care.
Thu	24.	Mark 3:1-6.	StF 247	Psalms 20.	Care.
Fri	25.	Mark 3:7-12.	StF 336	Psalms 21:1-7.	Share.
Sat	26.	Mark 3:13-19a.	StF 412	Psalms 22:1-18.	Serve.

All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning to [kenb740@gmail.com](mailto:kenb740@gmail.com) Thank you.