



**BROMSGROVE METHODIST
CHURCH AND CENTRE.**



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

PRAYER: Give us a new heart, O God, free enough to live by faith, brave enough to endure in hope and generous enough to love without limit. **Amen.** *El Salvador, source untraced.*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 27th October 2024.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:

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

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 27th October 2024.

Services on Sunday 27th October 2024.

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

6.00 pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Wilson.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service on Sunday 3rd November 2024.

10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Siperire Mugadzaweta.

BELATEDCONGRATULATIONS to the Flower Team for the superb Harvest Festival displays. As you are aware the cost of the flowers throughout the year comes from donations by members of the Church family. There are unfortunately empty slots available in December. If you feel that you are able to fill a slot, please speak to Pat Ireland.

The money raised at the Harvest Supper amounted to £197. Thanks to all who helped with the organisation and to those who attended.

Don't forget the Film Show on Saturday evening at 6.15pm. *Jim Buchanan*

DOUBLE THANKS: A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Appeals. All the tins, jars and packets brought to the Harvest Service were very gratefully received at the Basement Project. The All We Can envelope appeal

raised £235, which will increase to over £275 when Gift Aid is claimed. Your generosity is much appreciated. *Janet Henderson, for the Charity and Missions Committee.*

UPPER ROOM HOUSEGROUP-"TEATIME FOR THE SOUL": You are welcome to join us on Friday 1st November in Room 6 at 10.30am. For more information Pat 07966370448. *Pat Booth.*

REFURBISHMENTS OF THE TOILETS: The time has come to refurbish the toilets – some are no longer fit for purpose. The plan is to upgrade the toilet facility by Room 6 and redesign the toilets in the foyer to create separate cubicles and a changing place. On display in the foyer are two possible new designs, please take a look at them and if you have any comments or suggestions please let Maurice Preece know. We are aware a baby changing unit is not on the plans, but rest assured there will be one. *Sheila Sharman.*

NEWS FROM THE BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH CIRCUIT: Good news from the Circuit is that some vacant positions have now been filled. Circuit Steward - Pam Rose, Circuit Treasurer - Lynn Gennoe, Safeguarding Officer - Sue Pinfield, Local Preachers Secretary - Beth Haden. The meeting last Sunday 'Growing the Vision' at Studley was well attended and it was good to spend time with the representatives from the other Churches that will be in our hub and to hear what their hopes and plans are for the future. We are entering a challenging time but also an exciting time as we learn more about the churches in our hub and start to work more closely together. Watch this space for more information. *Sheils Sharman.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a Memorial Service on 17th 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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE: There will be Foundation Training available on the following date:- Saturday 16th 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 – Philippians ch. 2 verse 13 (NIV)

“It is God who is at work in you, enabling you to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

COMMENT:

When we are struggling to deal with life's challenges, and daily problems, it is salutary, perhaps, to recall that we have the Spirit of God with us and within us. We do not face life alone. God's presence is with us, everywhere – see psalm 139 !

We are made in God's image. It is sin, we are told that mars that image and offends God. Through faith in Jesus, however, we are reconciled to, and made right with, God. He then proceeds to “remake” us, to transform us individually, into the kind of person he would have us be. (“If anyone is in Christ he is a new person”). This is a work in progress.

Our response to God's love is to seek “to will and to work for his good pleasure” and to serve him where we are, in whatever way he will direct us.

Whatever good we do, it is not to our glory, but for God's, as it is God who works within us.

So when we find ourselves struggling let us call upon the grace and strength of God, freely available to us, enabling us to live life abundantly and pleasing to our Creator/Saviour, who continues daily to re-create us in his image. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 27th October. (Glory and Power)

Sun 27.	Mark 10:46-52.	StF 560	Psalm 126.	Open.
Mon 28*.	John 15:17-27.	StF 677	Psalm 117.	Tell.
Tue 29.	Mark 3:19b-30.	StF 275	Psalm 22:19-31.	Live.
Wed 30.	Mark 3:31-35.	StF 403	Psalm 25.	Open.
Thu 31.	Mark 4:1-9.	StF 671	Psalm 22.	Share.
Fri 01+.	Matthew 5:1-12.	StF 744	Psalm 34:1-10, 22.	Learn.
Sat 02.	Mark 4:10-20.	StF 450	Psalm 27.	Notice.

**Simon and Jude, Apostles. +All Saints' Day.* All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning to kenb740@gmail.com
Thank you.