



**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:** Blessed is your cross, O Jesus, way for the lost, guide for the seeker and strength for the weak. Blessed is your cross, O Jesus, healing for the sick, freedom for the slave and clothing for the naked. *African Hymn, (10<sup>th</sup> Century)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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.**

**Services on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.**

**10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Siperire Mugadzaweta.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Remembrance Sunday.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Sarah Leeson.**

**FLORENCE COURT:** a long standing member of the Church, has died aged 98. Her funeral will be at Redditch Crematorium at 11.45 am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards. The venue is not yet known but the family wish to know numbers for catering purposes. If you would like to attend please inform Lynne and Lizzie Dovey. *Lizzie.*

**HAVE YOU HEARD HOUSEGROUP NOTICE . CHANGE OF ROOM:** Our next session is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am we are relocating to the Foyer for this month only. FRIDAY – FOYER – 10.30 – LOOF FORWARD TO SHARING WITH YOU ALL. *Pat Booth.*

**A PECKWOOD FOREST CHURCH GATHERING – REMEMBERING – WAITING:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4.00 pm. Bring a torch and a chair if you don't want to sit on a bench! *Rev Ruth Wilson.*

**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 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).

**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 – Ephesians 5 verses 19b & 20**

***“Sing and make melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

**COMMENT –**

We come to worship for perhaps one hour every week. It is an opportunity to gather together, in fellowship, to care and share, to build each other up in faith, above all to give praise, adoration and thanks to our redeeming Lord.

However, we need not confine our times of praise and thanksgiving to our attendance at a church service.

We can sing and “make melody” to the Lord as we walk, as we drive, as we sit in quiet contemplation during what is called our “quiet time”, when we seek to draw near to God, who is always near to us.

“At all times” we can give thanks to God, for thanksgiving is just one part-but a very important part of our prayer life.

If we make a habit of thanking those with whom we share our lives, and don't take them for granted, how much more important that we realise the blessings we receive daily from God and do not take them for granted.

After all, it is the grace and free gift of God in that “while we were still sinners Christ died for us” – Romans 8.v.5 - , to reconcile (make us right) with God, and to give us life abundantly as we put our trust in him. No wonder our hearts sing when we think of such undeserved love ! Every blessing, *John.*

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November. (Healing and Wholeness)**

Sun 03*.	John 11:32-44	StF 746	Psalm 24.	Care.
Mon 04.	Mark 4:21-25.	StF 346	Psalm 28:1-2, 6-9.	Live.
Tue 05.	Mark 4:26-34.	StF 506	Psalm 29.	Learn.
Wed 06.	Mark 4:35-41.	StF 624	Psalm 30.	Flourish.
Thu 07.	Mark 5:1-20.	StF 366	Psalm 31:1-8.	Notice.

Fri 08. Mark 5:21-43.

StF 650

Psalm 31:9-12. Care.

Sat 09. Mark 6:1-6a.

StF 516

Psalm 32.

Tell

*\*All Saints' Sunday.*

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.