



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

PRAYER: Dwell within us, O God, as we go about our work in quietness and peace; rejoice with us in the work you have given us to do; bless us in the love you have called us to share, and be present in the message you have summoned us to speak. **Amen.** *Isabella Gilmore, Pioneer Anglican deaconess (1842-1923)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 10th November 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 17th November 2024.

Services on Sunday 10th November 2024. Remembrance Sunday.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Sarah Leeson.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service on Sunday 17th November.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

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 15th 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.*

FILM NIGHT: The money raised for Church funds on 26th October was **£130** [after expenses]. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated so generously. The next Film Night will be on **Saturday November 16th with the film starting at 6.30pm.** Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be served beforehand. The movie will be **"The Lady in the Van"** starring Dame Maggie Smith who passed away recently after a wonderful career. As usual entry will be by donation.

FORUM: The deadline for items to be included in the December/January magazine is **Sunday 17th November**. Please send your contributions to me at les.jim42@btinternet.com or leave hard copy in the FORUM folder in the Church office.

MISSING STAPLER: Some months ago Ken Brown reported that one of the large staplers was missing from the Church office....it is still missing! If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the stapler, please let me know. *Jim Buchanan.*

ROOM 6: When using Room 6 kindly stack the chairs along the wall without windows, please do not stack them around the cupboard and the coat rail, these are in use and need to be accessible. Thank you. Plans for the refurbishment of the toilet by Room 6 have been approved and hopefully work will commence very soon. Consideration is being given to the replacement of the tables in Room 6. If you are a regular user of Room 6 and the oblong tables please let me know if you have a preference for round, square, or oblong tables and the seating capacity. Thank you. *Sheila Sharman.*

FOYER TOILETS: Thank you for your suggestions and comments. Plan B is the preferred option with a few amendments. Paper towels in place of Handdryers, the existing door to the ladies toilets to be removed, one of the two separate hand basins to be lower for children and wheelchair users, and one smaller toilet suitable for toddlers. We are now seeking quotations for this work. I hope we have met your suggestions. Thank you. *Sheila Sharman.*

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: The next meeting is on Friday November 22nd at 37, The Flats at 20.30 pm. Open to anyone interested. *Alan Bidnell.*

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.*

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS: Another "Drop in" Surgery has been arranged by the local police for Members of the Public to share concerns and receive crime prevention advice. This will be in the Coffee Shop on Tuesday 14th November 10.30am-11.30am. *Terry.*

WORCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST MEETING: Bromsgrove & Worcs. Local Group have arranged a special talk in our Church Hall on Tuesday 12th November

7.30pm-9.30pm. You are welcome to join the Trust's Director, Colin Raven, for a different look at Worcestershire's wildlife. There will be a charge of £3. *Terry.*

A CHRISTMAS FANTASY: Message from Rob Turner who sings with the Midland Hospitals choir and the Phoenix Singers performing "A Christmas Fantasy"

The concert will be held at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday 8th December at 4.30pm. Tickets are available from Sally Powell 07870 196061 without the usual booking fee, if you are interested. *Terry.*

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).

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 – *Psalm 51 verses 10a, 11 & 17, (NIV)*

"Create in me a clean heart, O God. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

COMMENT:

This passage is from psalm 51, wherein David repents, following his adultery with Bathsheba and his subsequent sending her husband Uriah to his death at the battle front.

That episode represents the low point in his faith journey with God, who had called him from tending the sheep for his father Jesse, helped him to defeat Go-

liath and the Philistines, to overcome the opposition of Saul, and eventually become king of all Israel and Judah. It was perhaps that he felt all-powerful, and that he could do just as he liked.

Anyway, Nathan the prophet speaks to him in reproof as directed by God. He marries the widow Bathsheba, they expect a child, which dies, and he sees this as a punishment, and the psalm is an outpouring of his sorrow, repentance and renewed faith in God.

You can find the whole story in 2 Samuel chapters 11 and 12.

We are all prone to wander from God's care and influence from time to time, to go against his will, and following our own desires, to act in a way with word or deed which offends God. That is our unreformed nature. It is why Jesus had to become one of us, God incarnate, to live a faultless life, setting us an example to follow, to die for our redemption and forgiveness: and why he rose on the third day to give us the promise of eternal life through faith in his name.

In worship, an important part of the service is confession and assurance of God's forgiveness. It is wonderful to know that we can be forgiven for our transgressions.

The words above come from David's heart, and it is from within that temptation and its result, sin, comes. So it makes sense to pray for a "clean heart", for God to remain with us and within us through his Spirit. It is a heartfelt prayer that can restore us to God's blessing with the words "Do not cast me away, do not take your spirit from me"!

When we truly repent and say sorry, we know, because we have the promise of Christ that our sins "will be removed as far as the east is from the west, and "though they are as scarlet they shall be as white as snow" in God's eyes. When we are truly sorry we are made right with God.

Having "a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart", means, I think, that we have literally cast ourselves on God's mercy and the heart is open to his cleansing, renewal, and forgiveness. After all, the heart, poetically, is thought to be the seat of all of our emotions, and from it can come good or bad. We have a freedom of choice in all aspects of life. Let us always try to choose God's way over our way. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 10th November. (The Cost of Ministry)

Sun 10*.	Mark 12:38-44.	StF 242	Psalm 145.	Live.
Mon 11.	Mark 6:6b-13.	StF 498	Psalm 33.	Tell.
Tue 12.	Mark 6:14-29.	StF 645	Psalm 104:1-23.	Learn.
Wed 13.	Mark 6:30-44.	StF 243	Psalm 104:24-35.	Care.

Thu	14.	Mark 6:45-52.	StF 517	Psalm 35:1-3, 9-18.	Pray.
Fri	15.	Mark 7:1-13.	StF 608	Psalm 36:5-12.	Live.
Sat	16.	Mark 7:14-23.	StF 490	Psalm 39.	Notice.

**Remembrance Sunday.*

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