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

PRAYER: Look upon your servants, O Lord, weak in faith, but asking for your strength; cold in heart, but seeking the warmth of your love; assailed by doubt, but longing to trust you; abounding in sin, yet begging to be filled with your righteousness; now and for ever. **Amen.** *Martin Luther (1483-1546).*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 25th May 2025.

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 1st June. 2025.

Service on Sunday 25th May 2025.

10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Wilson.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service on Sunday 1st June 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr Martin Tingle.

METHODIST CONFERENCE: The Methodist Conference is being live-streamed so you can view it from home. It is taking place from 26th June – 2nd July. Location www.methodist.org.uk/ConferenceLive Chas Ashworth.

BETTER TOGETHER: I have been asked to send out a digital copy of the newsletter 'Better Together!' with details of the new West Midlands District. It is attached with this Newsletter. *Ken Brown.*

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 – Hymn 248 – part

I heard the voice of Jesus say: “Come unto me and rest”; I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; .I found in him a resting-place and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say “Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live....I drank of that life-giving stream...my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say “I am this dark world’s light”....I looked to Jesus and found in him my star, my sun; in that light I’ll walk until travelling days are done.

COMMENT-

The author Horatius Bonar, known as Horace, was a Scottish minister, whose family over several generations served as ministers for a total of 364 years! He wrote a total of 140 hymn-songs, some of which are in our hymnbook.

This hymn speaks of three benefits of following Jesus – spiritual and emotional rest: the life giving power of the Holy Spirit; and the light of guidance and example shown us by Jesus’ life, sacrificial death and resurrection.

We all experience life with all of its challenges, difficulties and traumas, which may have induced feelings of being “weary, worn and sad”. Because we follow Jesus who himself experienced all of life’s difficulties that we could face - and more – he understands and promises us “rest” ,i.e. relief, at least momentarily, from our pain. Indeed trusting in him says the author can give us comfort, reassurance and even “make us glad”.

Jesus taught that we are flesh and spirit and that the two often are in conflict. To be spiritually nurtured is to be fed with those feelings which emanate from the “water” of the Holy Spirit, which are just, pure, right, gracious and holy, pleasing to God, and as the author says then we are “living in” God.

There is much that is dark, sad, distressing in life. We can find light in our lives by keeping Jesus and his example uppermost in life, as the hymn says “Look unto me ,your morn shall rise and all your day (will) be bright.

As we need the sun to give us warmth and light by day, and the stars to guide us at night, so by “looking to “our Saviour Jesus, we’ll be sure to travel through life in that light which only faith in him gives.

Every blessing, *John.*

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 25th May. (Lord of Glory)

Sun 25.	John 14:23-29.	StF 392	Psalm 67.	Care.
Mon 26.	2 Samuel 23:1-5.	StF 301	Psalm 29.	Flourish.
Tue 27.	Colossians 2:20 – 3:4.	StF 312	Psalm 24.	Live.
Wed 28.	Hebrews 7:26-28.	StF 317	Psalm 150.	Learn.
Thu 29 ⁺ .	Acts 1:1-11.	StF 300	Psalm 47.	Tell.
Fri 30.	Isaiah 52:7-15.	StF 315	Psalm 110.	Challenge.
Sat 31 ^f .	Luke 1:39-49.	StF 186	Psalm 113.	Worship.

+Ascension Day. f Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

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