



**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: You alone do we seek, O God, and you alone we desire. For you alone do we long and for you alone do we hunger and thirst. And where you are, is heaven. **Amen.** *Sadhu Sundar Singh, Indian mystic and evangelist. (written 1922)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 11th June. 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER:

this week: Catshill Methodist, Lickey End Methodist – Rev Latika Singh.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP: Open every Monday to Thursday inclusive from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Plus 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10am till 12noon.

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 18th June. 2023.

Service on Sunday 11th June. 2023.

10.30am: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

Arrangements for worship.

Good ventilation, social distancing and the use of hand sanitiser should continue.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Caution and distancing still relevant.

Service on Sunday 18th June 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

Message from Rev Ruth Wilson,

Please come along to the Forest Church Gathering, at Peckwood Forest Space on Sunday 11th June at 3.30pm (gates open 3.15pm. please dress for the weather and bring a chair if you can.

Praying–Playing–Creating–Watching–Waiting - Keeping God at the Centre. This is all age-worship, with something for everyone to engage with during our time together.

Everyone Welcome. Many thanks, *Ruth*

THANK YOU: Linda wishes to thank you for the flowers and kind wishes she received from the service on the 4th June, and to let everyone know that she is recovering from her illness at great speed. Thank you all. *Chas Ashworth.*

IN MEMORIAM: We are sorry to announce the death of Margaret Cornwall, a long-standing Member of the congregation and a good friend to many of us. Details of the funeral will follow when they are known. *Lizzie Dovey.*

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Heather Trenaman invites you to join her and family for tea, with cake to celebrate her 80th birthday on Wednesday 14th June at her new home, 7, Bilberry Place, Recreation Road, Bromsgrove, from 3pm. Parking is limited, so suggest to use Asda car park. Please, no presents but Sheils Sharman will gladly accept donations for church funds. Please RSVP to Heather, tel. 876605.

MHA SUNDAY 2023: Envelopes will be available for donations to Methodist Homes on Sunday 11th June. Our gifts will be very gratefully received. Thank you! *Janet Henderson, for the Charity and Missions Committee.*

WEDNESDAY MEETING POINT ANNUAL LUNCH: Friends are advised that I have made the following booking – DATE: Wednesday 21st June. Arrive 12.15 for 12.30 carvery meal. There is an alternative meal available. PLACE: The Eagle & Sun at Hanbury Wharfe, Hanbury Road, Droitwich. We are allocated the Conservatory. I have booked Twenty-Seven, and I already know of several unable to attend, so that should be sufficient. If you want to confirm your attendance email me on: webb842@btinternet.com or mobile 07731341446. If you need transport and can't arrange it yourself, please let me know. Hope to see you for an enjoyable time. *John.*

As previously advised John Legge , a local preacher in our circuit, will be visiting our church on Saturday 10th June as part of his plans for his Bike and Bible challenge tour. He will be Cycling around all 10 churches in Redditch/Bromsgrove circuit in a day, reading a book of the Bible at each church.

He has planned the route of churches and is now confident that the time at Bromsgrove church will be very close to 1.30 – 2.00pm. Bromsgrove is church no 5.

John is hoping that some people from Bromsgrove church will be present to hear him read Philippians and welcome John and his accompanying friends to Bromsgrove.

The Bike and Bible challenge is one of 6 challenges. Please see more details in Forum.

John will appreciate any financial support for his chosen charities. *Terry.*

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR: On July 1st we will be holding the Summer Craft Fair in aid of much needed church funds. I am in need of willing people to help set up the tables on Friday 30th June at 6.30pm as well as to take down the tables after the fair. Please can all you lovely bakers make cakes for the cake stall as well as any other homemade goodies e.g. Jans. If anyone has a particular craft and would like a stall please let me know. Also if anyone would like to help man a stall could they also let me know. *Janet Millward.*

THE METHODIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT: Have a vacancy for Finance Officer 16 hours a Week

to start September 2023. Salary £17.75 - £19.50 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience.

We require someone who can do day to day book-keeping for the District; prepare draft budget and management accounts and draft end of year accounts; pay bills and expenses and collect payments due.

The role will be home office based, mobile phone and laptop provided. For more information and an Application form contact office@birminghammethodist.org.uk or download the information from the District Website. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on 15th June. Interviews will be held on Monday 3rd July. *Lucy West, Circuit Administrator.*

GOD TALK: Mondays 11am in the Bromsgrove Methodist Church welcome Coffee Shop. Each week come along and Talk of God. It will be conversational, not over planned. Nobody will be forced to talk if they don't want to. But we will talk of God – our experiences, our journeys, our encounters, our understandings, our struggles, possibly even what we thought of Sunday's sermon! We may still end up talking about the weather, the cost of a loaf of bread etc, but let's be open and willing enough to talk with each other of God. It may just be that if we get more used to talking with each other of God that we will begin to find it a little easier to talk to others of God. *Rev Steve Levett.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Matthew 6 verse 34

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow. For tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own”.

REFLECTION.

These words of Jesus, are part of the Sermon on the Mount spread across chapters, 5, 6 and 7, when Jesus taught his disciples at the beginning of his public ministry.

He had in the preceding verses been saying that God knows what we need and values the birds of the air and the lilies of the field enough to not only create them but to care for them, and that people are far more valuable than them (v.26) and

that his hearers should trust God to give food, drink and clothing. He also says to seek or look for God's kingdom and a right way of life (righteousness) as a motivation and the essentials will then be given.

Forgive me for being uncharacteristically political perhaps here. However, in our modern British society (as well as overseas), people are facing unprecedented hardship. If people do not have the essentials, food, clothing, shelter, there is little point in telling them God loves them. This has become known as the social gospel - feed people's bodies first, then worry about their souls. That basically was the calling William Booth followed some 150 years ago when he founded the Salvation Army, who are still working for the good of all who seek their help.

Speaking personally, we are called today, I think, perhaps more than ever, to give to the needy, to support those less fortunate than ourselves, when we hear on the news, so frequently about the increasing rise of food banks, the need for free school meals, and the shocking fact of 3.9 million children living in poverty in our "prosperous" nation..

So for families in that situation, each day does have enough trouble of its own; they live from day to day, and the words of the Lord's prayer "give us this day our daily bread" are relevant still.

Our government agencies (local and national) are deemed responsible for looking after the citizens, whose votes put them in power, but as ever, it is the private individuals, volunteer agencies and members of the public, whose giving supports relevant charities, whose work often makes the real difference.

May we then, in whatever small way we can, as individuals and as a church, do what we can to alleviate this situation, so that tomorrow for so many people in our troubled society, may be better than today. For, after all, God's love is in our hands to give, because we are meant to be his lips, his hands and his feet, and to share that love in a practical way. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 11th June. (The Everlasting Mercy)

Sun 11*.	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.	StF 653	Psalm 50.	Challenge.
Mon 12+.	Acts 11:19-30.	StF 407	Psalm 112.	Live.
Tue 13.	Hosea 14:1-9.	StF 423	Psalm 130.	Flourish.
Wed 14.	Acts 14:8-20.	StF 432	Psalm 19.	Share.
Thu 15.	Matthew 12:1-8.	StF 429	Psalm 33.	Care.
Fri 16.	Hebrews 13:1-16.	StF 419	Psalm 51.	Open.
Sat 17.	Ephesians 1:3-14.	StF 425	Psalm 40.	Notice.

**Methodist Homes Sunday. +Barnabas, Apostle, trans.*

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

Summer in the Welcome Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop Management Team met recently and I can bring to you some dates for your diary, some Summer Specials and some news of activities for children over the school holidays.

The coffee shop will close for its summer break from 20th July and will reopen on Monday 4th September. We want to thank all our customers new and old for their support over the last year.

SUMMER SPECIAL

Before the break, we will have another Monday Special offer –For 4 Mondays from 19th June until 10th July we will be serving strawberries and ice cream for £2. Please come along and support this venture and invite friends and family too.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

I am planning to have 4 activity mornings for children up to the age of 10 on 24th, 31st July and 14th and 21st August from 10.30-12.00. I would like to have the coffee shop open on these days to encourage the parents to use it whilst the children are occupied. Please would you let me know if you would be willing to volunteer for either the coffee shop or to help with the children's activities.

FROM SEPTEMBER

Souper Mondays will return and the coffee shop will stay open until 2pm. The Warm Space will also come back from 5th October

We have seen the Welcome Coffee Shop get busier over time. However, Thursdays still remain our quietest day. In order to bring more people in we have been considering a few options and we would like to get feedback from the church folk as to what they would like to see happening so below are some of the ideas. Please would you tick the idea/s that you think might work well at the centre

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Monthly Book Group
Monthly Film Club
Dementia Support Group

Bereavement 6 session course (This would feed into Cameo rather than in opposition to it)

Please let us know what you think by handing in this slip with any comments...

