



**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 to us, Lord, the peace of those who have learnt to serve you, the joy of those who are glad to obey you and the delight of those who rejoice in your praise; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Aidan of Lindisfarne (d.651)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER:** Holy Trinity & Saint Mary, Dodford and Christ Church, Catshill. Rev Beverly Robertson.

**Coffee Shop open Monday – Thursday 10.30am to 12.30pm.**

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**Services on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev Steve Levett**

**6.00pm 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am. at Catshill**

Please note that there will NOT be a service here on 26<sup>th</sup> June. We shall be taking this opportunity to join with our friends at Catshill Methodist Church for the live streamed service from the Methodist Conference at Telford. Rev Latika Singh will be received into Full Connexion at this Conference Worship and her ordination will take place later in the day.

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving from St Paul's Cathedral.**

May I express our thanks to all those who came to experience this service on the big screen. Well over 40 people attended, to enjoy the service together and the coffee and cake. A big thank you to all those who provided the cakes and helped serve the drinks and, of course, to Chas Ashworth for ensuring there were no technical hitches with the live transmission. *Terry.*

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** The next meeting is on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 37, The Flats at 2.30pm. Anyone interested is welcome. *Rev Alan Bidnell.*

**THANK YOU:** Chris Roberts would like to thank the Church family for the beautiful roses received last Sunday following my recent fall. I hope to feel better soon. Thank you again. *Chris Roberts.*

**THANK YOU:** I have had the results of the biopsy on the growth on my left eye and all is clear!! The problem was pre-cancerous, but after doing the biopsy they treated it with cryo-therapy which froze the eye and killed the pre-cancerous cells. It can come back, so the hospital in Sheffield will keep a regular check on me. To my Church family, I really want to thank you for all your love, prayers, and support. Love *Irene.*

**CRAFT FAIR JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>:** I am organising a craft fair in aid of the Roof Repair Fund on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10.am till 12.00 noon. Please come along and support this. Along with the craft there will be a Bacon Buttie Bonanza cooked by our wonderful team of men and Foyer cakes by Sandra Deboo. I also think Cake-making is a craft so there will also be a cake stall for people to buy cakes to take home so all offers of home baked cakes will be gratefully received. Offers to help tidy up at the end of the sale would be gladly accepted too! *Janet Millward.*

**CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT – REVD IAN HOWARTH:** Ian Howarth retires from his role as Chair of the Birmingham District this summer after serving the district since 2013 and as an ordained presbyter of the Methodist

Church since 1983. Contributions are invited from circuits, churches and individuals for a gift that will be given to Ian at his Retirement Service on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Coventry Central Hall at 3.30pm. If you would like to make an individual contribution, please give this to one of the Church Stewards or myself and I will ensure it is included in the overall collection for Ian. *Sheila Sharman, Church Treasurer.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Genesis 1: 1 – 4; Revelation 4: 11 & StF 51 verse 2**

***In the beginning when God created the heavens and earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said ‘Let there be light’ and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness and called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and morning, the first day.***

***...They cast their crowns before the throne, singing – ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.’***

***‘Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.’***

**REFLECTION:**

The first two extracts are from passages in this week’s lectionary. The theme is that of God’s marvellous providence and power in the Creation story, important to us, whether we believe in original creation or the more modern evolution theory for the natural world. Whether the Creation happened as the Bible records it, or not, what is sure for us is that it didn’t just happen. And for us, as we consider the seasons of summer, winter spring and harvest, we see the faithful and regular, unceasing re-creation of Nature, which can be defined as God’s workshop.

We see the sun, moon and stars and we cannot but wonder at their magnificence, beauty and permanence. Indeed without them life could not be sustained.

We only looked at the first day of the biblical creation story, dealing with day and night. It continues with a description of how in logical order God created the rest, culminating in humankind, into whose care the Creator gave everything else to nurture and protect.

As we move into summer and enjoy the wonders of nature in full bloom, let us give thanks, for the way in which crops, and plants; trees, flowers, ,animals, birds, and insects all witness to God’s ‘great faithfulness, mercy and love’, and give to God the ‘glory, honour and power that is his due. Every blessing, *John.*

**Suggested Readings (Spirit Led)**

Sun 19.	Luke 8:26-29.	<i>Singing the Faith 357</i>	Psalm 22:19-28.
Mon 20.	Acts 1:15-26.	<i>Singing the Faith 669</i>	Psalm 149:1-5.
Tue 21.	Acts 2:1-13.	<i>Singing the Faith 388</i>	Psalm 119:1-8.
Wed 22.	Acts 2:14-21.	<i>Singing the Faith 397</i>	Psalm 119:9-16.
Thu 23.	Acts 2:22-36.	<i>Singing the Faith 506</i>	Psalm 119:17-32.
Fri 24*.	Luke 1:57-66, 80.	<i>Singing the Faith 188</i>	Psalm 80:1-7.
Sat 25.	Acts 2:37-42.	<i>Singing the Faith 425</i>	Psalm 119:33-48.

*World Refugee Week \*Birth of John the Baptist.*

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.