



**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:** Through your love, O Lord, all your works have begun. By your love you sustain them and in your love our life is everlasting. So let the beginning and ending of all our loving be to see you, O God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Julian of Norwich (c. 1343-c 14517)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> July. 2023.**

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

this week: Saint Peter's – Father Thomas Chatto.

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:** Open every 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 till 12noon.

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. 2023.**

**Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.**

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

**THANK YOU:** I want to thank, from the bottom of my heart, members of the church family for the care and support given to me before and after my recent operation. I was scared and in pain and don't know how I would have coped without the encouraging words and good wishes of so many of you. I am especially grateful to the group of friends who have given and continue to give me lifts, until I can drive once more. Thank you all so much. *Jean Wiseman.*

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank the Church family for the most beautiful flowers which were delivered to me tonight, Sunday, by Irene. It was truly a most wonderful surprise and made me feel so very much better. Thank you. *Jan Taylor.*

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for the lovely flowers which I received last week, they were very cheering. Can I also take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to all my Church family for all the love and support given to me over the last nine months since I lost Dan. You have all been so helpful and comforting. Best wishes to you all. *Pam Harrison.*

**THANK YOU:** What a lovely surprise when Ilona and Terry delivered me (in such a caring and understanding way) a most beautiful Bunch of Flowers, from you all at the Church. Thank you so very much. They were my favourite flowers in my favourite colour, Pale Pink. They have given me so much pleasure & delight to be remembered in this lovely way. Thank you all. My love, Gratitude and Prayers. Yours, *June Cox.*

**WEDNESDAY MEETING POINT** (19<sup>th</sup> July) This will be a Coffee Evening. We meet at 7.30pm in Room 6. All are welcome. *Lizzie.*

**BEL CANTO CONCERT:** Bel Canto are having their summer concert at Tardebigge church this Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 available on the door. *Janet Millward.*

**MWiB SUMMER EVENT:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 – 4.30pm at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Redditch, B98 9AA. Refreshments, Bring and Buy Stall, Tombola, Garden Games. Donations invited for MWiB Charities. Everybody Welcome. *Janet Henderson.*

**CHURCH VISION MEETING:** A follow up meeting to the positive vision meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in room 6. We will be continuing the discussion on where we are going as a church within the circuit. Please come along and have your say. If you have not attended church for a while we would particularly like you to come to share with us. *Janet Milward.*

**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.*

**FORUM:** The deadline date for contributions to the August/September magazine will be **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Please send items to me at [les.jim42@btinternet.com](mailto:les.jim42@btinternet.com) or, if written items, leave in the FORUM folder in the Church Office.  
Thanks. *Jim Buchanan.*

**Message from Rev Ruth Wilson:**

Just a reminder for your congregations that Seeds and Saplings for under 5s and their grown ups, is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am in the woods  
The Forest Church Day is on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm until early evening ... with something for everyone to enjoy. Take a look at the Circuit website or the Peckwood Forest Space Facebook where the details of the 22<sup>nd</sup> July event will be updated 48 hours before the event.  
Many thanks. From Rev Ruth in not so sunny Devon!

**Vision Day:**

Following the church meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a further meeting in the main hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. This will continue the discussions.  
Please note the date.

**Message from Rev Ruth Wilson**

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Peckwood Forest Space is holding its first ever festival. From 2pm till 8pm, there's a chance to take a walk around the woods, hear stories, eat, drink, chat, and get involved with some activities, as well as a chance for people to come and see what Forest Church feels and looks like. Or if people just want to come and wander that's encouraged too!  
This is a day for everyone, not just young families, but a day for anyone who is curious about forest church or just would enjoy a day out in the beautiful surroundings of Peckwood.  
If anyone has any questions please do encourage them to get in touch with me and I'll try to help.  
Thanks God bless Ruth <><

Peckwood Forest Space 2pm - 8pm

22nd July 2023

a chance to enjoy the wood  
and explore forest church

Throughout the day:

walks in the woods, music, crafts and stories

Come and see what Forest Church is all about!

There's something for everyone at Forest Church

Highlights include:

2pm Seeds & Saplings pre-school & under 10s

4pm Tea Room open for cakes

6pm BBQ & Campfire

Free events  
are running  
throughout the  
afternoon &  
early evening  
2pm - 8pm

For more information: [ruth.wilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:ruth.wilson@methodist.org.uk)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – 16<sup>th</sup> JULY – *Philippians 4 verses 6 and 7***

***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds, in Christ Jesus.”***

**COMMENT:**

This short passage comes from Paul’s letter, and is addressed “from Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi”. It is a wonderful little book, one of Paul’s thirteen credited letters included in the New Testament, and will take about a quarter-hour to read.

In the New International Version of the Bible it is split into several headings – greeting, thanksgiving and prayer, how Paul’s imprisonment helps the gospel, imitating Christ’s humility, working out the believer’s salvation, commending Timothy and Epaphroditus, no confidence in ritual, pressing on towards the goal, final instructions, thanks for their gifts, and final greetings and farewell.

The passage above comes from final instructions or “exhortations”, in other words encouragement on how they can improve and deepen their faith and devotion to God.

It begins with a warning about worry or anxiety, which in our day can be the most debilitating thing, leading to depression and stress and undermining our mental wellbeing. If we learn to let go and place the things we cannot do into God’s hands, or the things we do not have, then we learn to wait on God by “prayer and petition”. We learn to be thankful instead of being in need, materially, emotionally, or spiritually.

It is a case, I suppose, of emphasising what we have and are, rather than dwelling on what we don’t have or have not succeeded at so far; being grateful instead of being fearful. Maybe, we have to learn to accept what we cannot change, and prayerfully play our part where we see a possibility to change, and having the wisdom to know the difference between the two. That is one way to know the peace of God, have tranquillity, contentment and trust, when we learn to live within his will and purposes for us, when we stay close to him in prayer. Our “hearts and minds will then be guarded” by our faith in God, who always knows best for us. Every blessing, *John*.

### **Suggested Readings Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> July. (The New Prophet)**

Sun 16.	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.	StF 671	Psalm 65.	Flourish.
Mon 17.	John 7:1-13.	StF 482	Psalm 73:15-28.	Tell.
Tue 18.	John 7:14-24.	StF 675	Psalm 74:1-17.	Worship.
Wed 19.	John 7:25-36.	StF 12.	Psalm 74:18-23.	Learn.
Thu 20.	John 7:37-52.	StF 248	Psalm 75:1-7.	Notice.
Fri 21.	John 7:53-8:11.	StF 613	Psalm 76.	Challenge.
Sat 22*.	Luke 8:1-3.	StF 741	Psalm 63:1-8.	Serve.

*\*Mary Magdalene.*

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.

