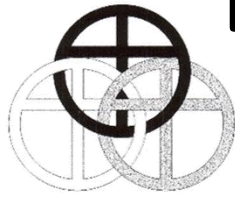


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April – May 2023

**Bromsgrove Methodist Church and Centre: encouraging,
supporting and developing followers of Jesus Christ and
sharing God's love in the wider community**

REGULAR SERVICES and KEY CONTACTS

SUNDAY

1 st	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Morning Worship
2 nd	10.30 am	Morning Worship
3 rd	10.30 am	Morning Worship
4 th	10.30 am	Morning Worship

- Holy Communion at one 10.30 am service each month
- Evening Services at 6.00 pm on some Sundays
- Special Services as arranged.

Please see the Centre Pages for full service details

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represent the views of the Church at any level*

Three years that changed the world

In March we had a wonderful evening at Bromsgrove Methodist Church when we were marvellously entertained by the band 'After Hours'. I gave a little talk at the end which a few folk were gracious enough to say they appreciated. Here it is again in a slightly edited form.

On 3rd February 1959, Buddy Holly tragically died alongside two others, Ricky Vallance and the 'Big Bopper' JP Richardson, when their plane crashed. Buddy was twenty-two years old. Don McClean famously sang of that event, in his song 'American Pie', that it was the day the music died. Here's the pertinent verse:

*'But February made me shiver
With every paper I'd deliver
Bad news on the doorstep
I couldn't take one more step
I can't remember if I cried
When I read about his widowed bride
Something touched me deep inside
The day the music died.'*

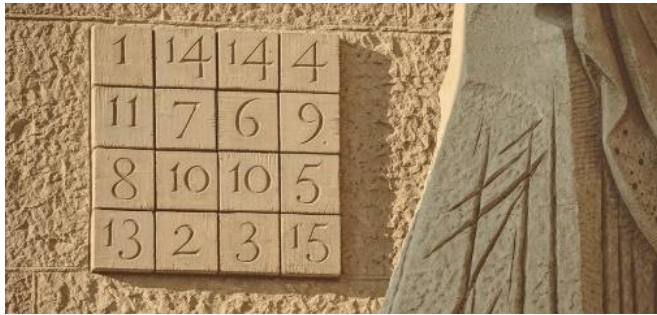
I can't remember it because I wasn't born yet! More senior readers, especially members of Christian congregations, might have been told by their elders that they shouldn't be listening to such music as it would lead them away from godly ways into all sorts of devilish behaviour. I will have to leave it with you to judge whether this turned out to be the case?!

But as we can testify from the music and songs performed for us by 'After Hours' at our recent concert the music definitely didn't die with Buddy Holly! Great tunes and songs continued to emerge through the 1960's, 70's, 80's and beyond. And it's funny how it's often the older tunes that we warm to and somehow still bring back memories and lift the spirits.

Coming back to Buddy Holly, he was only publicly widely known for a little under three years. The earliest known recording of him singing was as a twelve-year-old, years before he became famous. After a few false starts his first significant record to be a success was 'That'll be the day', released

in 1957. Following this his fame spread, and he proved prolific as a songwriter and performer. He even toured England in March 1958.

However, by early 1959 he was tragically dead. After this he might have simply faded away, not having been with us long enough to have a significant influence or leave a legacy. Instead, the opposite happened. Many unissued recordings of Buddy's songs were pressed and released after his death. And many people in the musical know say he changed music in profound ways with many later artists, including The Beatles, seeing Buddy Holly as a key inspiration.



Which brings me to someone else who was only publicly active for around three years and died a seemingly tragic death at the age of around thirty-three. His short life and death has continued to influence, shape and inspire countless people down the centuries. I trust quite a few of our readers still look to him for inspiration. He is of course Jesus of Nazareth.

A difference between Jesus and Buddy Holly is that as far as we know Jesus didn't write any songs. On the other hand, there are far more songs about Jesus than Buddy Holly! We keep on looking to Jesus for inspiration, and still seek to make sense of, and even take inspiration from, his short years of public ministry and the manner of his death. And then there is that extra important part about him rising from the dead, and somehow being present with, and even in, his followers.

I don't think I'm saying anything controversial when I say that as enduring as the music of Buddy Holly has continued to be, Jesus has had a far bigger influence! The piece of prose overleaf, purportedly by James Francis, summarises it eloquently.

The concert was a fundraiser for the church in these challenging times. The money raised will go towards ensuring Bromsgrove Methodist Church remains alive and kicking as a Jesus centred place of song and inspiration. If you haven't joined us for a while, you are always more than welcome to do so. The Easter Season is a particularly good time to seek to reconnect as we revisit the profoundly world shaking and world shaping events leading up to, through and beyond the death and resurrection of Jesus. Maybe, just maybe, you will discover how this Jesus might yet shape your life and be an inspiration to it. And you might even find yourself singing one of his songs!

Every Blessing,
Rev Steve Levett

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never travelled more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did any of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the kindness of a friend.

*Nearly twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is still the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever sailed, all the parliaments that have ever sat, and all the kings that have ever reigned, all put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as much as that **One Solitary Life**.*

Dr James Allan Francis (1864 – 1928)

When planning for this edition of FORUM, I decided to try a different way of portraying the Easter story. Rather than a series of articles, poems etc., through the magazine you will find a number of illustrations of some of the events of Holy week. Each picture has a brief description accompanied by an appropriate bible reference. The photographs are from the Passion Façade of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

Editor



Below is the story of the Basilica

The Basílica i Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família, shortened as the Sagrada Família, is an unfinished church in the Eixample district of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. Designed by the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí (1852–1926), his work on Sagrada Família is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

On 7 November 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and proclaimed it a minor basilica.

On 19 March 1882, construction of the Sagrada Família began under architect Francisco de Paula del Villar. In 1883, when Villar resigned, Gaudí took over as chief architect, transforming the project with his architectural and engineering style, combining Gothic and curvilinear Art Nouveau forms.

Gaudí devoted the remainder of his life to the project, and he is buried in the church's crypt. At the time of his death in 1926, less than a quarter of the project was complete.

Construction on Sagrada Família is not supported by any government or official church sources. Private patrons funded the initial stages. Money from tickets purchased by tourists is now used to pay for the work together with private donations.

In October 2018, Sagrada Família trustees agreed to pay city authorities €36million for a building permit, after 136 years of unlicensed construction. Most of the funds would be directed to improve the access between the church and the Barcelona Metro. The permit was issued by the city on 7 June 2019. The aim is to complete the construction in 2026 to commemorate the Centenary of Gaudi's death. *(From Wikipedia)*

A Festival of Crosses



During Holy Week, on **Wednesday 5th April, from 10.30am until 1.30pm** (or for as long as people keep showing up), you are invited to come and take part in a festival of crosses.



We will simply take the opportunity to ponder the cross of Jesus in multiple ways. How the time shapes up will depend on those who join in.

- There may be times of quiet to simply look, listen and wonder.
- There will be times to talk and share. If you have a cross you would like to show which means something to you, bring it along to show and tell us about it.
- There will be images of crosses from different times and places.
- There will be opportunity to make a cross.

There will be light refreshments available throughout.

P.S. If there is enough interest shown by those who can't make it in the daytime, we could make the opportunity to do a shortened similar session in the evening, 7.30-8.30pm. Please let Rev Steve Levett know if you would be interested in this happening (email revlev66@gmail.com, mobile: 07505 011327, landline 01527 575017)



The Entry into Jerusalem Mark 11 v1-11
(etched on floor of entrance to the Basilica)



The Last Supper Luke 22 v 17-38



We have had a great 6 months in the coffee shop or to give it its new name, **The Welcome Coffee Shop** (named by Girls' Brigade) Thanks to John's son for the attractive new sign.

That's not the only new thing at the Welcome Coffee Shop. We brought back the delicious cheese toastie and introduced ***Souper Monday***, which is proving very popular. A delicious homemade soup every week served with a bread roll for just £2. An amazing price for a nutritious lunch. A new special will begin in April so make sure that you have had the opportunity to sample the culinary skills of our talented soup makers. We also have a number of skilled cake makers in the church, who are providing us with gorgeous cakes, scones and biscuits to indulge in; again at amazingly low prices.

On Thursdays the coffee shop has become an official Warm Space. Drinks and biscuits are free and the heating is on, so save money on your own energy bills and come and find a warm home from home welcome.

You will also find a chatty table now in the coffee shop. Its purpose is to bring people together and means that you will always have someone to talk to even if you come alone. It has proved very popular and new friendships have been formed.

The coffee shop is now open on alternate Saturdays with the aim of serving the Cameo group that meets at church, but it is open to the public as well. Please spread the word!



In January we were delighted to be awarded 5 stars from the Environmental Health Officer, who commented that she wished all the places she visited were up to our standards.

The volunteers have been fantastic. They have put themselves through the Safer Food training with flying colours and have embraced the changes with enthusiasm and good humour. The coffee shop would not exist without them and I would like to thank all the faithfuls who have volunteered for many years, those who have come back after taking a break and those who are volunteering for the first time.

Our aim is to be a welcoming place for the community to come and feel valued, encouraged, cared for and included. Someone commented to me recently that there was a real buzz about the place and looking round it was wonderful to see so many different people, including Ukrainians, a child and his dad and a number of line dancers! No two days are ever the same and I have really enjoyed getting to know the regulars and the newcomers.

If you are wondering how you can become a part of this venture then please pray for us, come along and spend some time on the chatty table and let friends and family know what they are missing! Word of mouth is always the best endorsement!

Here's to another exciting 6 months!!

Sally Meredith

Wednesday Meeting Point

Programme for April/May



Wednesday April 5th	Photo Quiz
Wednesday April 19th	Easy Country Dancing
Wednesday May 3rd	Music Quiz
Wednesday May 17th	Who am I?

We meet at 7.30 pm in Room 6. All are welcome.

EASTER OFFERING 2023



The 2023 theme focuses on issues around the increasing migrant and refugee crisis. It considers the welcome that churches provide to support those who have sought sanctuary in the UK, plus the ongoing support that helps people to reset and rebuild in a new environment.

Easter Offering and its Dedication Service are organised for the British Methodist Church by Methodist Women in Britain. Shared by church communities across the country it raises funds solely for the World Mission Fund, so enabling support of church communities in many parts of the world through the work of Mission Partners. It also enables the Methodist Church in Britain to support our global partner Churches and organisations as they respond to areas of need when crises occur.

Last year Easter Offering raised £1527.43 from the Circuit as a whole. This included £385.58 from Bromsgrove. Thank you for making a difference by contributing to God's mission in this way.

Offering envelopes will be distributed at morning worship at the Centre in April. Contributions can also be made via on-line transfer to the church bank account: Sort Code 40–15–07 Account No 61090070. Please use the reference "Easter Offering". Please give generously again, to provide the necessary resources so that God's love may continue to be shared in practical ways throughout the world.

Thank you!

Janet Henderson, MWiB Treasurer



The Circuit Service to dedicate the Easter Offering is at 6.00 pm on Sunday 14th May at Crabbs Cross Church, Redditch.

Speaker: The Revd Anne Smith

The service will include stories of individuals and groups who have experienced the challenges of displacement, and those who work to welcome and support them to a new life.

Save the date - and join us there!



Judas betrays Jesus
Matthew 26 v 14-16; 20-25; 36-55



Peter denies Jesus Luke 22 v 54-62

THE BIDDENDEN DOLE

An Easter tradition



Should you just happen to be exploring the Weald of Kent, you may come across the picturesque village of Biddenden: the distinctive village sign depicts the legendary 12th century Biddenden Maids.

Reputedly, Eliza (or Elisa) and Mary Chulkhurst were Siamese twins, joined at the hip and shoulder, and they survived for 34 years until one was seized with an incurable illness and died. Despite the entreaties of friends, the other refused to be separated from her sister, saying that they had come into the world together and so they must leave together. Six hours later they did.

In their wills the twins left about 20 acres (8 hectares) of land – known locally as ‘The Bread and Cheese Land’; the rent from the land was to provide a Dole. Originally this was a gift of bread and cheese, handed out annually to the village poor.

Each Easter Monday local widows and pensioners still receive this Dole, together with tea, butter and a special biscuit bearing an image of the twins and their names.

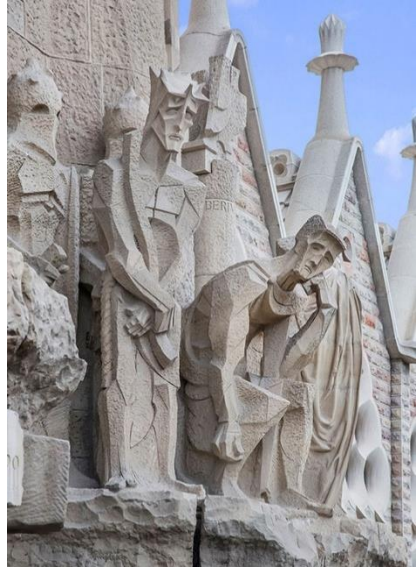
Originally the Dole was issued inside the parish church; later, in the church porch – and more recently from a window of the old Workhouse.



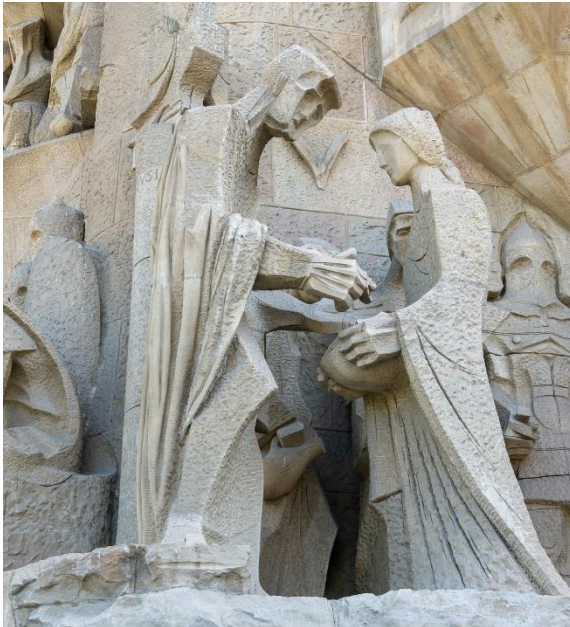
If you enjoy knitting, crochet and chatting, you would be very welcome to join our group which meets in the Welcome Coffee Shop on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 11.30. Bring your own handiwork or knit for a charity.



**Jesus whipped
John 19 v 1-3**

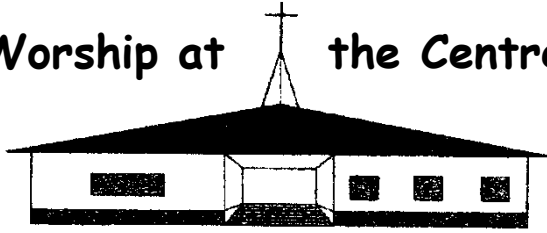


**Pilate presents Jesus to
the crowd John 19 v 13-16**



Pilate washes his hands Matthew 27 v 24

Worship at the Centre



April 2023

2nd Palm Sunday

10.30 am

Morning Worship



Mrs Sue Pinfield

6th Maundy Thursday

10.00 am Holy Communion

Rev'd Steve Levett



Followed by hot drinks and hot cross buns



7th Good Friday

7.00 pm

Evening Worship

Rev'd Steve Levett

9th Easter Day

8.00 am

Holy Communion

Rev'd Steve Levett



Followed by Easter Breakfast

10.30 am

Easter Celebration

Deacon Janet Thomas

Other Holy Week Services Locally in the Circuit

Catshill Maundy Thursday at 7pm

Good Friday 12:30pm Soup, Service from 1:45pm

Lickey End Good Friday at 10am

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16th	10.30 am Holy Communion	Revd Steve Levett
23rd	10.30 am Morning Worship	Mr David Morgan/ Mrs Sally Meredith
	6.00 pm Holy Communion	Revd Steve Levett
30th	10.30 am Morning Worship	Revd Anne Smith

May 2023

7th	9.00 am Holy Communion	Revd Anne Smith
	10.30 am Morning Worship	Revd Steve Levett
14th	10.30 am Holy Communion	Revd Ruth Wilson
21st	10.30 am Morning Worship	Local Arrangement
	6.00 pm Holy Communion	Revd Latika Singh

28th	Pentecost	
	10.30 am Morning Worship	Revd Steve Levett





Christian Aid Week

14-20 May

Although much of Christian Aid's work at the moment is supporting the Ukraine crisis and the aftermath of the terrible earthquake in Turkey and Syria, there are still other parts of the world that need help. This Christian Aid Week stand with Esther and Jen and their families in Malawi. Determined women who want to make their children's dreams come true. Strong women who will work and hope to achieve great things. Esther grows some truly special pigeon peas on her farm. With these peas, Esther can bake delicious bread, support her daughter's dreams, and send little Nespo to nursery. It's a joy to give her grandson a happy future, full of love and laughter. With every gift, action and prayer, we share hope with our brothers and sisters from around the globe.

Here at Bromsgrove Methodist Church, we will be handing out envelopes on 14th May. Please continue to support this cause as much as you can.

Many thanks, *Claire Hill*



A Christian Aid Recipe Prayer

Breadmaking God,

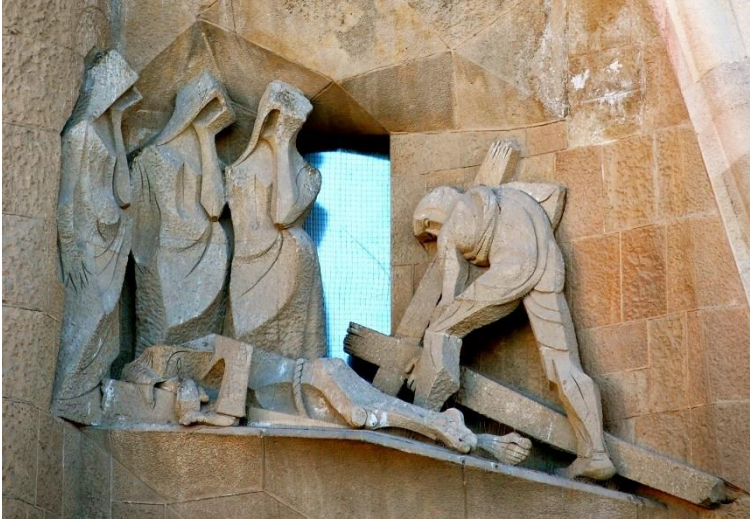
You take a large measure of pigeon pea flour grown with dignity and dedication, a pinch of salt to season and celebrate diversity, a tablespoon of sugar to encourage and enable, a teaspoon of yeast to inspire and dream, and a glug or two of water to bring us all together.

Leave to rise to stretch and learn,
then bake in an oven of justice and love.

The smell of baking bread invites us to the table, where all have equal worth,

to take, break and eat, until all are fed and hunger is no more.
For this is a celebration of community, of God's presence among us.

Amen.



Simon of Cyrene carries the Cross Luke 23 v26



**Jesus comforts the Women of Jerusalem
Luke 23 v27-31**



The Crucifixion Mark 15 v 21-40



HYMNS WE LOVE



When I survey the wondrous cross by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God,
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE (Courtesy of Britannica). Isaac Watts was a dissenting (free church) minister in what later became the Congregational Church and was a prolific hymn writer, with credit for some 750 hymns. This hymn “When I survey” is one of his most well-known. He was born in Southampton, and died in Stoke Newington.

COMMENT The cross of Christ, which is the central pillar of Christian symbolism, is the foundation of our gospel of redemption and salvation, through the atoning death of Jesus, the just for the unjust, the sinless for sinners, through whose name forgiveness is offered, and spiritual newness, both in this mortal life, and, we believe, into eternity when we die. John 3:16 tells us in Jesus’ words to Nicodemus that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.”

Watts in the above words is humbled in his realisation of just how great a gift the cross of Christ is to believers. He calls Jesus the “Prince of glory”, referring to Jesus coming from heaven (glory) and his returning to it at his Ascension, following his Resurrection. “Glory” also can refer to the praise and adoration due to Jesus because of the life he lived, in which he set us a perfect example. The author goes on to say that any gain is worthy to be surrendered up to God (my richest gain I count but loss) and it cancels any false sense of pride in his possessions or achievements, in comparison to the truth of the cross.

He continues to say that there is no room for boasting on his part except in the death of Christ, echoing the words of Paul. The sacrifice of Jesus leads him to wonder what he can sacrifice in turn (all the vain things that charm him most - or mean the most to him).

In the third stanza we read how Jesus suffered (his head, his hands, his feet, in sorrow and love) for the state of humanity; and Watts asks the question "Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?"

Then he concludes his hymn with the declaration that even if he could offer God the whole realm of nature, (flora, fauna, animals, birds, fish, the whole of creation!), even that would not be enough to please God in Christ! No, he says nothing less than "my soul, my life, my all" will do. God is responsible in his love for all that we have, all that we are, having made us and redeemed us at great price, so that we belong to him twice over. Understandably, words fail us when we try to describe God's love.

A happy Easter to all, John Webb

CHURCH FLOWERS

Sunday Flowers

The flowers in the Church on Sundays are paid for each week by individuals in the congregation, usually marking some special occasion or in remembrance. There a number of vacant weeks, so if anyone would like to fill one of them, please speak to **Pat Ireland**.



Flower Book

At the end of Sunday services, the flowers are distributed to people in the congregation who are ill, bereaved or celebrating a special anniversary or birthday etc. Anyone from the congregation can nominate someone by putting their name in the Flower Book and a brief reason. The Flower Book hangs on the notice board by the kitchen door.

Flower Arranging

If anyone would like to join the flower arranging team, they will be very welcome whether they are a beginner or experienced. Please speak to one of the team if you are interested.

Pat Ireland, Lizzie Dovey, Kate Preece and Ilona Clarke

EASTER REFLECTION

John 20: 1-10

Peter and the other disciple (the one whom Jesus loved) set out and made their way to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He peered in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not enter.

“We are so very different, Peter and I! But that amazing day, one in our love for Jesus, we ran together.

Well, we started running together – but Peter is tall and heavy and I am little and light, and I soon outran him.

I could boast that I got there first but once there I hesitated and held back, too afraid to make that first step of faith into the dark, mysterious tomb.

Peter walked straight in, with no hesitation, and witnessed the empty tomb first, but the strangeness overwhelmed him, and, trembling, he called me in.

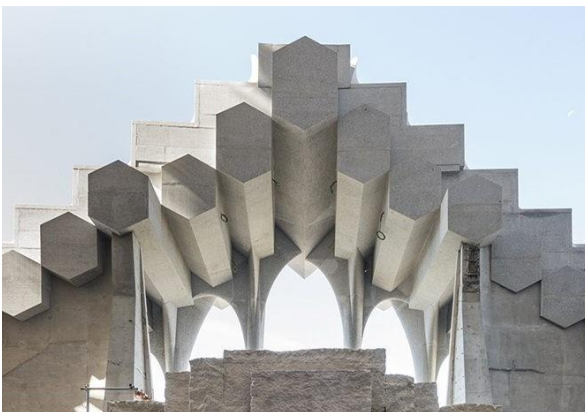
Jesus loved Peter, with his strong, impetuous nature, and he forgave him when he got things wrong.

But Jesus loved me very much, too, with my vulnerability and sensitive nature, and he forgave me, keeping me close by his side.

And so we stood there together, the bold and the timid.

And as we gazed at the empty wrappings of death,

we understood.”



**The Empty Tomb
(unfinished)**



News from Girls' Brigade

Having had lots of fun during the Christmas season which included going to see Rev Steve in panto and joining the BB for our joint Carol Service, the girls started back at GB in January ready for exciting times in 2023.

First of all, we were able to celebrate all our girls' achievements over the last year with our awards evening.



It was lovely to have lots of parents join us at our special night.

For our badge work this term the explorers have been using their senses to appreciate all that is around us in our wonderful world. The older girls have been thinking about inner beauty and the importance of how we are inside.



We have celebrated Shrove Tuesday with the obligatory pancake making and eating as well as pancake racing.



We now look forward to Easter!

Allie, Beckie, Claire, Lucy, Abbie (Leaders)



From the Stewards CORONATION 6th MAY

It is our intention to open the Church on the morning of the Coronation to gather together and watch the events of the day unfold on the big screen.

At the time of writing the timetable has not been announced. Once these have been made public, we will advise full details. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

OUR PASTORAL SYSTEM



At one time every Member and Adherent was assigned a Pastoral Visitor whose role was to visit and act as a link to their Church and to inform the Pastoral Secretary or Minister of any concerns about health or family.

A number of Churches have now abandoned this system but, at Bromsgrove, we retain a form of it, with most Members and Adherents having a Pastoral Visitor, although contact is now usually via telephone, email or meeting at Church.

We now have a situation where we do not have enough Pastoral Visitors to cover everybody and inevitably, as current Visitors retire, we cannot replace them.

If any Church member is interested in taking on the role of Pastoral Visitor, please contact us to discuss the matter.

The current Pastoral Visitors will continue their role but, to ensure that no one is overlooked, it would be helpful if anyone in the congregation who is aware of any Member or Adherent who needs the Church's support let us know.

Lynne and Elizabeth Dovey

Joint Pastoral Secretaries



Charity Fund News



18 months ago, we sent a donation to UNHCR, to help support refugees in Afghanistan. Their recent newsletter reported on work there in the last 18 months, so it seemed very appropriate to share it.

Here are some statistics:

- 21 schools built by UNHCR, benefitting 46,815 children.
The Principal of a girls' school in Kandahar reported:
"This new school building has huge classrooms along with desks and chairs by which students can study better . . . it has a positive impact on students' lives and ability to learn"
- 212,359 people received emergency relief items such as blankets and solar lamps.
- 3,750 people received entrepreneurship and business support assistance. Ferhana, widowed mother of 5 in Kabul, said:
"I heard about this initiative just when I needed it. I am so grateful that now I don't have to rely on anyone else to support my family"
- 975,700 people supported with emergency payments, including Abu, In Badakshan, who said:
"With this support I was able to open my tailoring shop and receive a regular income. This has also helped me enrol my children in school, which was not a possibility before."



Thanks to the generosity of all who give, we've been able to continue to donate to worthy causes, both globally – e.g. Pakistan, Turkey, Syria, and locally – e.g. the Basement Project, Dodford Children's Holiday Farm.

Here's a reminder of the three ways you can give to the Charity Fund:

- By standing order, using the reference "Charity" and the regular bank details: Sort Code 40-15-07 A/c No 81213652.
- By an envelope on the Sunday offering plate, writing "Charity" on it.
- Into the collection box on the Charity and Mission Funds noticeboard in the Centre foyer.

THANK YOU!

Humour Corner

She texted her husband from home on a cold winter's morning:

'Windows frozen, won't open.'

He texted back:

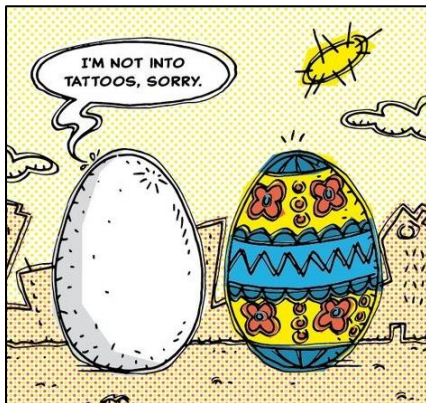
'Gently pour some lukewarm water over it.'

She replied five minutes later:

'Computer really messed up now.'

Top Eight Silliest Questions asked on a Cruise Ship - Paul Grayson, Cruise Director, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

1. Do these steps go up or down?
2. What do you do with the beautiful ice carvings after they melt?
3. Does the crew sleep on the ship?
4. Is this island completely surrounded by water?
5. Is it salt water in the toilets?
6. What elevation are we at?
7. There's a photographer on board who takes photos and displays them the next day...the question was asked: 'If the pictures aren't marked, how will I know which ones are mine?'
8. What time is the Midnight Buffet being served?

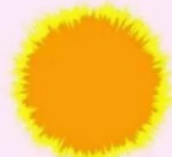


BLIND DATE AT EASTER

How Brits react to the weather during summer

When it's raining...

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And Finally

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this edition of FORUM. Once again, many thanks to those who have contributed items and to those who have provided assistance in producing the finished magazine.

I would be very interested to receive your comments (good & bad) on the changed format of this edition.

Attached to the email edition and enclosed with the printed copies is a separate item relating to Social & Fundraising News.

I am grateful to those who have provided material for future publications on the subject of the 40th Anniversary of the Church Centre. A reminder..... please let me know if you do NOT want your photograph to appear.

The next edition of FORUM will cover the months of **June/July** with deadline for submission of items being **Sunday 7th May**. Please email to les.jim42@btinternet.com or leave any written items in the FORUM file in the Church office.

In the meantime, Lesley & I wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

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TUESDAY

10.00 am Toddler Group
10.00 am Knitting Group

WEDNESDAY

6.00 pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys
6.45 pm Boys' Brigade Juniors
7.45 pm Boys' Brigade Company/Seniors
7.30 pm Meeting Point (1st & 3rd)

SATURDAY

10.30 am CAMEO (1st & 3rd)

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The Risen Christ Luke 24 v 6-7

May the celebration of resurrected life
bring new hope to your being.

May the victory over earthly death
turn your eyes to the promises of heaven.

May the empty tomb
help you to leave your sorrows at the foot of
the cross

so that God's hope, promises, love and
forgiveness reign in your life forever.

Amen.