



**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:** Day by day, O God, we praise you, feel you near and prove your faithfulness. Daily we long to live according to your word, daily to know you as all in all. **Amen.** *Mary Bosanquet, Methodist Preacher (1739-1815).*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July. 2023.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER:** this week: Open the Book team/Street Prayers/Street Pastors – all members of the teams.

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:** The Coffee Shop is now closed for the summer break and re-opens on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. 2023.**

Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Martin Tingle.

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 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023. ???

10.30am: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

**AVERY TURNER** would like to thank the Church family for the lovely flowers brought to me by Irene Rhead a little time ago. (MY original message got lost!) They were very cheering whilst I was feeling down. I find it difficult to get to church at the moment as I am not driving. I've had to sell my car. Although I seem to have recovered from one health problem, I now have another to deal with. Thank you again. *Avery Turner.*

**BARBARA GELDART'S FUNERAL:** This will take place at the church of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 12 noon, with the service of committal following on at Redditch Crematorium at 1.15pm. I'm on holiday so Deacon Gwynn Bamford has kindly offered to lead the service. *Steve Levett.*

**MESSAGE FROM SALLY MEREDITH:** Prayer Labyrinth at Crabbs Cross Methodist Church Community Garden 2-4pm on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Refreshments available. It is open to all and we would love to see as many as possible join us any time between 2-4pm. *Sally Meredith, - Church Community and Outreach worker.*

**Prayer Handbooks:** It is time for Lucy at Circuit office to order the Prayer Handbooks. The cost is £4.15 as last year. Please let Terry know asap if you wish to be included. Email \*\*\*\*\*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Last week I wrote about being able to go on holiday and how beneficial this can be, for those fortunate to enough, circumstances permitting, to get away. I also urged prayer for the leisure, tourism and holiday trade. This week I am exercised about the long summer school holidays and what they entail for the children, teaching staff and parents, grandparents and carers.

I seem to remember long, bright sunny days through August, when I was a schoolboy, growing up on the south coast (Christchurch, in Hampshire, now Dorset). On a clear day, it seemed that one could row a boat, or even swim, to the white shining Needles on the Isle of Wight, some 11 or 12 miles away. My friends and I naturally spent a lot of time on the beach, getting sunburned quite regularly, there being less concern about exposure in those days.

As with today, the problem was what to do with one's time, and I confess, I occasionally got up to mischief – what kids didn't !

In those days, I used to save Corona bottles and return them for the deposit of a few pence; i also worked for a local grocer, delivering groceries (think of the David Jason character from Open All Hours, with a bike and basket and metal stand. Once it fell over spilling the goods on the road, when I was delivering ! I also had a morning paper round, before school, to raise extra cash. It didn't do me any harm, taught me self-discipline and that "money doesn't grow on trees". You may imagine money was hard-won in my family, but we never went without.

This all brings me to the difficulties facing parents, and grandparents today, when they have to find so much extra finance, to amuse and entertain their children or grandchildren for the six week break. Many parents have their 2 weeks or more annual break from work, so they can be together, as a family, building memories for the future. But that still leaves the other four weeks. So although we worry about excessive "screentime" for the younger people, that is a cheaper option, than, say, Alton Towers. A good and relatively inexpensive option is a family annual membership of English Heritage or the National Trust, because it is quite easy to recoup the expenditure over a few visits.

So when we older folk are inclined to complain about too many people around, too few parking spaces, too much road traffic, too much queuing, let us remember we were young once, and remember with thanks the sterling work done by the teachers who have a well-earned rest, and also the parents and grandparents, who are spending quality time strengthening bonds with the younger generation, even if they become a little broke, and frazzled in the process. And "Hurrah" for holiday clubs, who give the mums and dads a break, especially those run by churches, enabling fresh contacts to be made, in a friendly, safe and welcoming environment. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> July. (The Shepherd's Glory)**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>30.</b>	<b>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.</b>	<b>StF 732</b>	<b>Psalms 119:129-136.</b>	<b>Share.</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>31.</b>	<b>John 9:13-23.</b>	<b>StF 440</b>	<b>Psalms 87.</b>	<b>Care.</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>01.</b>	<b>John 9:24-41.</b>	<b>StF 493</b>	<b>Psalms 89:1-18.</b>	<b>Worship.</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>02.</b>	<b>John 10:1-10.</b>	<b>StF 480</b>	<b>Psalms 89:19-37.</b>	<b>Care.</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>03.</b>	<b>John 10:11-21.</b>	<b>StF 482</b>	<b>Psalms 90.</b>	<b>Serve.</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>04.</b>	<b>John 10:22-42.</b>	<b>StF 355</b>	<b>Psalms 91.</b>	<b>Tell.</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>05.</b>	<b>John 11:1-16.</b>	<b>StF 305</b>	<b>Psalms 92.</b>	<b>Care.</b>

**All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning to \*\*\*\*\*  
Thank you.**