



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 and night, we confess your name, O Lord, and proclaim your glory. In wisdom you have made all things and by your Spirit you sustain them. From sunrise to sunset you reveal your majesty, speak peace to our hearts and protect your people. With unending praise, with all your saints, we rejoice in the gift of salvation. **Amen.** *North African liturgy (3rd or 4th century)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 24th September 2023.

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

this week: St. Godwald's – Rev David Ford.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:

The Welcome Coffee Shop Opening Hours; 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 24th September. 2023.

Services on Sunday 24th September 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Charles Ashworth.

6.00pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Powers.

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 1st October 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Gwynn Bamford to include Baptism.

SUNDAY BFLOWERS: There is a gap in the Sunday flower rota for Remembrance Sunday (12th November). If anyone would like to contribute to the floral display for this important date, please speak to **Pat Ireland.**

NEWS FROM THE BROMSGROVE & REDDITCH CIRCUIT: At the Circuit Meeting on Monday it was agreed that the Rev Steve Levett should remain in the Circuit

for a further three years as Superintendent Minister from September 2024. It was also agreed that the Rev Latika Singh should remain in the Circuit for a further one year from September 2024.

Circuit Celebrating Diversity Day -Saturday 4th November 9.30 – 12.30 at The Bridge Church, Redditch.

Alcester Church – the Circuit meeting agreed to financially assist Alcester Church as it makes some building alterations to its premises to make them 'fit for purpose'. They are undergoing an exciting mission programme which is working well and their premises are too small!!!

Circuit vacancies – the Circuit needs a Treasurer, a Property Steward and a Circuit Steward. If you feel you could undertake one of these roles please let Rev Steve Levett know.

Please pray for the Circuit as it is facing a number of challenges at the present time. Thank you. *Sheils Sharman.*

COFFEE MORNING: Annual coffee morning at 13, Clive Road in aid of Macmillan next Friday 29th September 10am – 12 noon. Bran tub/books/cakes, coffee and lots of chat. Traybake competition for anyone who wants to bake just for a bit of fun! All are very welcome. *Sarah Stanhope 07771541412.*

HARVEST SUPPER: The Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 7th October. It will be a hot 2 course meal followed by a 'Festival of Talent' so if you have any talents you wish to show or perform please see any of the fundraising committee. Talents for show will be on display and after the supper there will be a concert of performed talent.

FAIR TRADE FOR CHRISTMAS: Although tradecraft is no more, their charity Transform Trade is still going and I have catalogues for Christmas cards. If you would like to order cards as in previous years please see me. Also there are plenty of Fair Trade goods for sale via the Ethical Store website, similar to the goods that were in the tradecraft catalogue in other years so please have a look. I will be happy to take orders for | Divine Advent Calendars, both milk and dark chocolate. *Janet Millward.*

HARVEST APPEALS: Envelopes for our Harvest Appeal for All We Can are available from this Sunday. Please bring your donations to Harvest Worship on Sunday 8th October, or any Sunday if you will not be there that day. At the harvest service we

will also be receiving gifts of food for the Basement Project. See Forum for more information on both appeals. Thank you. *Charity and Missions Committee.*

BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH WELCOME REFUGEES are holding another Fashion Show and Sale on Saturday 14th October, door open at 1.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 including tea/coffee and biscuits, and there will be a cake stall for slices or whole cakes. All clothes are high street brands at much reduced prices. Some of our Ukrainian friends have agreed to model for us. Tickets are available from Jenny Jones, Margaret Evans or the Coffee Shop. Those of you who came last year will remember what a great afternoon we had. Please support us, Thank you. *Jenny Jones.*

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday 11th October @ 7.30pm, in Room 6. Agenda and other relevant papers will be sent to Council members by email before the meeting. If you have any reports to be circulated in advance, please let me have them by 4th October, email to pam_gale@live.co.uk Many thanks, *Pam, Council Secretary.*

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023 will take place on the weekend of 7th/8th October with a meal and social event on Saturday evening and the Sunday morning service led by Rev. Peter Powers. Full details will be issued shortly. *Jim Buchanan.*

AFTER HOURS CONCERT: 16th September a total of **£530** was raised for Church funds. Many thanks to all who supported the concert and to those who helped before, during and after the event. *Jim Buchanan.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – EPHESIANS 5 verses 19b & 20

“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

REFLECTION:

We should find it second nature to give thanks to God; yet we take many things in life for granted, and this attitude often precludes our counting our blessings. God doesn't wave a fairy wand over us and provide all that we need as if by magic; yet we often assume that we shall automatically receive health, good relationships, success at our work, material prosperity and so on. We almost seem to take these things as a given, as our right. But, with God's help, we have to strive to bring these things about.

There are very many people who are less fortunate than we, who are homeless, or jobless, or in poor health, lonely, or estranged from family or friends; who perhaps are struggling financially. It is these whom we should think of and

via charities and other organisations, including church outreach, give our help, or our time or labour in contact with those whose need is great

That is how we seek to make a difference, to bring God's kingdom into the lives of others, and we are motivated to this, surely, by a sense of thankfulness to God for our own many blessings.

When we quietly recount how God has worked in our lives, it should make our hearts and voices sing, for he has given us new, abundant life, through our faith in Jesus, who has given us his Holy Spirit to comfort, guide and empower us to love and serve him and others.

It reminds me of the words of Fanny Crosby in the hymn To God be the glory, (StF 94) where we read "Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son....praise the Lord, let the people rejoice....and give him the glory, great things he has done!"

Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 24th September. (In the Beginning)

Sun 24.	Matthew 20:1-16.	StF 470	Psalm 145:1-8.	Open.
Mon 25.	Genesis 1:1-13.	StF 387	Psalm 123.	Flourish.
Tue 26.	Genesis 1:14-25.	StF 116	Psalm 124.	Notice.
Wed 27.	Genesis 1:26-31.	StF 727	Psalm 125.	Care.
Thu 28.	Genesis 3:1-21.	StF 334	Psalm 126.	Learn.
Fri 29*.	Revelation 12:7-12.	StF 636	Psalm 103.	Worship.
Sat 30.	Genesis 3:22-24.	StF 663	Psalm 127.	Flourish.

**Michael and All Angels.*

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