



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: Be to us, O God, our love and our hope; our thoughts flowing from you,
our life being in you and our breathing taken with you; for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen. John Cassain (c. 360-435)

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024.

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

this week: Bromsgrove Methodist Centre – Rev Peter Powers

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 28th January 2024.

Service on Sunday 21st January 2024.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb.

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.

GIVING BY INTERNET BANKING: If you prefer to donate to the Church via Internet Banking the bank details are as follows: - **Sort Code: 40-15-07. Account number: 81213652. Account name: Bromsgrove Methodist Church. Reference: Collection.** For donations to our charities' Fund use the bank details above. **Reference: Charities.** **UK Tax payers please consider Gift Aid and complete a 'Gift Aid' Declaration** available at the back of the Church. Completed declarations please to Eleanor Wright – Gift Aid Secretary, one of the Stewards or myself. Thank you.
Sheila Sharman.

Service on Sunday 28th January 2024.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr James Knott.

THANK YOU to the flower ladies for the lovely flowers delivered to me on Sunday by Jean. They are greatly appreciated. Thanks again. *Christine Smith.*

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CINEMA: 20th January 3.30pm. We have decided to reintroduce film shows as part of our Social and Fundraising activities at the Church Centre with the first offering on Saturday next at 3.30pm being **Fisher-man's Friends.**

A fast-living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he is pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen. He becomes the ultimate fish out of water as he struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he is drawn deeper into the traditional way of life, he is forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means.

Refreshments will be available with entry being by donation toward Church Funds. *Jim Buchanan.*

SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: "Go and do likewise" Bromsgrove Methodist Church, 19, Stratford Road B60 1AS. Saturday 20th January 2024 from 12 noon til 12.45pm. Refreshments in the foyer Café from 11.30am. All Welcome. (See poster on Foyer noticeboard).

CALLING ALL SINGERS: Catshill Methodists will be presenting "Jerusalem Joy" by Roger Jones as part of the morning service on Palm Sunday 24th March and would welcome additional singers to join them. Practices are on Thursday evenings for about an hour. If you can help, please contact Janice (rhodes144@gmail.com) or 01527 837702 for more information. Thank you. *Janice Rhodes.*

HELP NEEDED PLEASE: A gentle living with dementia needs an escort to enable him to go on an organised trip to the Morgan Car Museum on Wednesday 31st January. If you can help please contact Sheila Sharman, 07811563 486. Many thanks. *Sheila Sharman.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – StF 272 –From heaven you came, helpless babe.

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled, not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

Refrain: *This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King*

- 2.** *There in the garden of tears my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.*
- 3.** *Come see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.*
- 4.** *So let us learn how to serve and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we are serving.*

BIOGRAPHY: Graham Kendrick is a Christian singer/songwriter, born in 1950. He attended London School

of Theology. He has published several albums, and has written over 500 religious songs. Several are included in our hymnal including Shine Jesus shine; Here is bread, here is wine; Jesus, stand among us; Make way (make way); Meekness and majesty; The Lord is king and Who can sound the depths of sorrow?

The above well-known and popular song puts simply who Jesus was and what he did for us-he came not to be served, but to serve! The gift of his life promises that we might have new, transformed life now and eternal life hereafter.

The refrain calls us to a fresh, daily, commitment to Jesus, who should be 'King' of our lives.

The second stanza reminds us of Jesus' spiritual agony in Gethsemane, yet his willingness to follow his Father's will, even to death on the Cross.

The third verse develops that theme, yet also, very cleverly recalls that Jesus was God, by the remarkable phrase "hands that flung stars into space" were surrendered, in the sacrifice to end all sacrifices.

The final verse is a call to put Christ on the throne of our lives, and to realise that whatever we do for others, we are doing all for Christ, too. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 21st January (Justice for All)

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| Sun 21. | Mark 1:14-20. | StF 355 | Psalm 62. | Tell. |
| Mon 22. | Luke 6:1-11. | StF 244 | Psalm 150. | Live. |
| Tue 23. | Luke 6:12-16. | StF 402 | Psalm 68:1-6, 32-35. | Pray. |
| Wed 24. | Luke 6:17-31. | StF 650 | Psalm 69:1-18. | Serve. |
| Thu 25*. | Galatians 1:11-24. | StF 450 | Psalm 67. | Tell. |
| Fri 26. | Luke 6:32-38. | StF 513 | Psalm 69:30-36. | Care. |
| Sat 27+. | Luke 6:39-49. | StF 492 | Psalm 70. | Live. |

**Conversion of Paul +Holocaust Memorial Day.*

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