



# 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:** Come, O Word most gracious and guide your flock. Come, O Wisdom most holy and mother your children. Come, O Light most glorious and lead us to heaven. **Amen.** *Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-c. 215)*

## **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

### **THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:**

**The Welcome Coffee Shop Opening Hours; 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

**Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024. 1<sup>st</sup> in Lent.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Di Ross.**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> February. 2024. (2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent)**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Alan Bidnell.**

**6.00pm: Evening Worship led by Rev Peter Powers.**

**THANK YOU:** Anne and Mike Norton wish to thank the Church for the beautiful flowers given to us at the end of the service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. It was good to be amongst members of the church family and know that there is so much support there for us. *Anne & Mike Norton.*

**EASTER LENT GROUPS:** We will be holding weekly Lent study groups on Thursdays. We will be following the Holy Habits Lent study. We will be meeting at church on Thursday mornings at 10.45am and there will be an evening zoom meeting, the link is below. You are welcome to join either.

Rev Peter Powers is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BMC Lent group.

Time: 8.00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97689857511?pwd=WUNWR0UxNmo1VHdEbTNGMn-VuNGgvZz09>

Meeting ID: 976 8985 7511

Passcode: 516271

*Janet Millward.*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024 @ 11.30AM:** This year the annual service will be held at St. Peters Church and prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. After the service, refreshments will be available in the church hall. All will be welcome to support this event arranged by members of Churches Together in Bromsgrove. **“I beg you, bear with one another in love”**

**WORLD MISSION ENVELOPE APPEAL:** We will be distributing collection envelopes in church for the next 2 Sundays to coincide with this church's Mission Weekend. Any donations received will be used to support our Methodist mission partners and Partner Churches around the world. If you are able to make a donation, and Gift Aid it, this of course makes it even more valuable. Thank you very much. *Fran Westrop, Charities and Mission Committee.*

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** The next meeting will be on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 37, The Flats at 2.30pm. A warm welcome for anyone interested in coming. *Alan Bidnell.*

**CHURCH OFFICE:** This is getting very cluttered again and so is in need of the thorough tidy. Please will anyone who has belongings, equipment etc. in there, please

remove or label them during February before I descend on the Office with a rubbish bag at the beginning of March. *Lizzie Dovey.*

**THE BIG TIDY-UP:** Following the recent Church Council Meeting, the management team are attempting a grand sort out of all unnecessary clutter around the church, especially in room 1, the office and room 6. If anyone has personal property around the church they would like to retrieve, please let Terry know asap. John Rhead has offered to take unwanted items to the tip. With thanks for your co-operation. *Terry.*

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION:** The exhibition will continue in the Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Thereafter the exhibits will be available in the Quiet Room to browse at your leisure. *Jim Buchanan*

**'LIVE' STREAMING:** Chas: I am trying to attract interest in our services by making our services (when possible) available on You Tube. They can be seen 'live' ( which means as they happen) and are recorded for viewing later. This means that anywhere in the world, you can see (join) the service live, or you can view it later. In other churches, this has been found a great help for holidays and for anyone who cannot attend because of weather, illness or a more permanent disability. The latest services can be viewed by going to our website (<https://www.brommethcentre.org.uk> ) and selecting one of the services listed. This can be done on any device that can use the world wide web. Phones, tablets, PC's etc. If you wish to see a list of all recorded services, use the link on the left of the 'home' page, and select 'live' on the menu bar there. Please contact me if you have any problems. *Chas (email: use "Admin" link on website or [admin@brommethcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@brommethcentre.org.uk) )*

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - PSALM 86 v 5**

***"You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call on you."***

**REFLECTION:** This week has seen the beginning of what western churches call the period of Lent, which runs from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day, a period of forty days plus seven Sundays. This Sunday, the Liturgy deals with Jesus' temptation, when, we are told in the gospels, he faced forty days' being tempted, tried and tested in the desert. Further Sundays deal with other aspects of what we call

Christ's Passion culminating with our Lord's rising on the third day, celebrated on Easter Sunday.

For believers Lent can be a time of repentance, self-denial and re-dedication to God, a time of reflection, contemplation and spiritual renewal.

Part of spiritual growth is knowing ourselves and our weaknesses and failings; asking God to take from our makeup those things that hinder our closer walk with him.

The verse from Psalm 85, a psalm by king David, reminds us that as we repent of our failings and determine to be better followers of Jesus, God does forgive us, because his love is immeasurable, and he loves all of us, "all who call on his name".

Whatever action, if any, we take to observe Lent, it is because we want better to love and serve God, who loves and cares for each one of us. Every blessing, *John*.

### **Suggested Readings Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February (Justise for All)**

<b>Sun 18.</b>	<b>Mark 1:9-15.</b>	<b>StF 240</b>	<b>Psalm 25:1-10.</b>	<b>Tell.</b>
<b>Mon 19.</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:1-13.</b>	<b>StF 401</b>	<b>Psalm 87.</b>	<b>Flourish.</b>
<b>Tue 20.</b>	<b>Isaiah 56:1-8.</b>	<b>StF 237</b>	<b>Psalm 89:1-13.</b>	<b>Open.</b>
<b>Wed 21.</b>	<b>Isaiah 58:1-12.</b>	<b>StF 238</b>	<b>Psalm 89:14-21.</b>	<b>Challenge.</b>
<b>Thu 22.</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:1-7.</b>	<b>StF 706</b>	<b>Psalm 90.</b>	<b>Worship.</b>
<b>Fri 23.</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:8-16.</b>	<b>StF 353</b>	<b>Psalm 91.</b>	<b>Challenge.</b>
<b>Sat 24.</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:17-22.</b>	<b>StF 748</b>	<b>Psalm 92.</b>	<b>Worship.</b>

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.