



# 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 and reign, O Christ, in our home and its life: In our church and its mission; In our nation and its politics; in our world and its affairs. Come, O Christ. Come and reign. **Amen.** *Mary Sumner (1828-1921)*

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

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. (1<sup>st</sup> in Lent) in Lent.**

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

**6.00pm: Evening Worship 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.*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March. 2024. (3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent)**

**Information unavailable to me at time of printing.**

**THANK YOU:** Thanks for the lovely flowers given to me on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, they meant such a lot to me at this very difficult time. *Margaret Anderson.*

**A CELEBRATION OF ST DAVID'S DAY SATURDAY 2ND MARCH:** We will follow the familiar pattern of "Hymns and Surprises", starting at 3.30pm and finishing with refreshments around 4.15pm. Sing some favourite Welsh Hymns, hear some organ works by Welsh composers and enjoy some Welsh songs, perhaps for listening, perhaps for singing. *A fundraising event with free admission. Donations to Church Funds. Gift Aid welcomed.* I hope to see you there. *Brian Henderson.*

**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: 7.00pm.

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"**

**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 1 Peter 4 verse 8**

***" Above all, Love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."***

**REFLECTION** – During Lent we are journeying once again with Jesus towards Jerusalem and our Lord's Passion, wherein he showed his love for us in his suffering, his redeeming death: and ultimate victory over the grave, celebrated by the church on Easter Day.

Lent is a time when believers can draw closer to God and that can be through self-denial, meditation, prayer, fasting, or seeking God's will for our lives.

Part of our spiritual growth is surely following the tenets of Jesus, who urged his followers to "love one another as I have loved you"(John 13, 34/35). This was at the supper Jesus had with his disciples, before he was betrayed, and he had washed their feet, and shared bread and wine with them.

"Love covers a multitude of sins", we read above. To me, that speaks of overlooking or disregarding the things others may say or do to us. It speaks of forgiveness of others, as

God forgives us on a daily basis, and which we plea for in the Lord's prayer.

The quotation above begins with "Above all" in Peter's words, the whole chapter being worth reading in the section entitled Christian living. "Above all" indicates and emphasises the importance of Christian love.

If only people could "love each other deeply", what a difference we would see in our troubled world.

As we continue through Lent, let us dig deep in our hearts to mine the reserves of compassion (another word for love) and starting with our own personal relationships, then encourage the expression of love In our church fellowship, in the community, in our nation, throughout the world.

This may sound naive, but love expressed in word and deed, backed up by prayer, can make a difference and can be our offering to God during this period of Lent. More effective than giving up chocolate, I suggest!

Every blessing, *John*.

### **Suggested Readings Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February (Mercy and Salvation)**

<b>Sun 25.</b>	<b>Mark 8:31-38.</b>	<b>StF 359</b>	<b>Psalm 22:23-31.</b>	<b>Challenge.</b>
<b>Mon 26.</b>	<b>Isaiah 61:1-7.</b>	<b>StF 404</b>	<b>Psalm 93.</b>	<b>Challenge.</b>
<b>Tue 27.</b>	<b>Isaiah 61:8-11.</b>	<b>StF 693</b>	<b>Psalm 95.:</b>	<b>Tell.</b>
<b>Wed 28.</b>	<b>Isaiah 62:1-12.</b>	<b>StF 690</b>	<b>Psalm 96.</b>	<b>Worship.</b>
<b>Thu 29.</b>	<b>Isaiah 63:1-9.</b>	<b>StF 103</b>	<b>Psalm 97.</b>	<b>Tell.</b>
<b>Fri 01*.</b>	<b>Isaiah 65:17-25.</b>	<b>StF 503</b>	<b>Psalm 98.</b>	<b>Serve.</b>
<b>Sat 02.</b>	<b>Isaiah 66:10-13.</b>	<b>StF 117</b>	<b>Psalm 99.</b>	<b>Pray.</b>

*\*World Day of Prayer.*

**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.**