



**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: We are yours, O God, for you have made us and loved us. We are yours, O God, for you have saved us and called us. Being yours, O God, let us eternally rejoice your presence. **Amen.** *Teresa of Avila (1515-1582).*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 10th March 2024. (4th of Lent) (Mothering Sunday)

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 17th March 2024. (5th of Lent)

Service on Sunday 10th March 2024. (4th in Lent) in Lent. (Mothering Sunday)

10.30am: 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.

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 17th March. 2024. (5th of Lent)

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

THANK YOU to the Church for my lovely flowers, so much appreciated, and a big thank you to Di who sorted out my reading I want to do at my sister's funeral, and

for typing it out for me. What would I do without my church friends. *Margaret Anderson.*

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Church AGM will take place at 12 noon on Sunday 14th April (not 28th April, as previously notified) Looking forward to seeing you all there. *Pam Gale.*

SUNDAY FLOWER ROTA: The rota for the months of April & May is looking very bare, with a number of dates empty. If you feel that you can support the work of the Flower Group by contributing to the cost of the flowers, please contact **Pat Ireland (01527 879626) as soon as possible.**

FORUM: The next edition of FORUM will cover the months of April/May with deadline for submission of items being **Sunday 17th March.** Please e mail contributions to les.jim42@btinternet.com or leave any written items in the FORUM file in the Church office. *Jim Buchanan.*

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.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Praise the Lord O my soul and forget not all his benefits.

REFLECTION –

We continue through Lent, journeying with Jesus once again towards the events of his Passion.

This quotation from Psalm 103 verse 2 - the psalm for this Wednesday, in the Methodist Prayer Handbook –reminds us to recall all the benefits or blessings which come as a result of God’s goodness to us.

The first 5 verses are worth a look at because in the words of David there are a number of things God gives us which we accept as commonplace and don’t miss until they are no longer there. They are too many to discuss here. So we briefly concentrate on verse 2.

As believers we surely acknowledge that all we have, all that we are, all that we do is because we are enabled by our efforts and God’s help to achieve and succeed in work, in relationships, and other areas of our lives, and we should give God the praise.

The danger is that while we “boast” of God’s goodness to us personally, there are others who are not as blessed on the face of it, as are we. They, rightly say, “It is alright for you, you don’t have my problems”.

That is why while praising God, our response to his goodness is to love and serve him and other people, to help make a difference to their lives, so that in turn they have cause to praise God.

It is easy for us to let negative thoughts take possession of us, but instead, recalling “all His benefits” leads us to praise, worship and adoration - all due to our Creator Saviour, who has given us everything and will continue so to do.

Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 10th March. (Aflame with Faith)

Sun 10*	John 3:14-21.	StF 361	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22.	Live.
Mon 11.	Jeremiah 13:1-11.	StF 511	Psalm 110.	Notice.
Tue 12.	Jeremiah 18:1-6.	StF 546	Psalm 111.	Learn.
Wed 13.	Jeremiah 18:18-20.	StF 623	Psalm 112.	Challenge.
Thu 14.	Jeremiah 20:7-13.	StF 271	Psalm 113.	Worship.
Fri 15.	Jeremiah 26:1-24.	StF 270	Psalm 38:9-16.	Share.
Sat 16.	Jeremiah 28:1-17.	StF 157	Psalm 38:10-22.	Flourish.

**Mothering Sunday.*

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