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*Encouraging, supporting, and developing followers of Jesus Christ and
Sharing God's love in the wider community*

PRAYER: Out of the depths, O God, we wait for your wisdom. Out of the silence,
O God, we listen to your voice. Out of the heavens, O God, we wait for your gifts.
Amen. Kikuyu people, Kenya.

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 8th June 2025. Pentecost.

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 until 12 noon.**

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 8th June. 2025.

Service on Sunday 8th June 2025. Pentecost.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Jackie Russell.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service on Sunday 15th June 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Ruth Wilson.

SAFEGUARDING: To all who are undertaking the foundation training on June 28th
2025 please note that the training will take place in Room 6 at Bromsgrove Meth-
odist Centre between the hours of 2-4.30pm. Please note the time change. *Pam-
ela Harrison.*

METHODIST CONFERENCE: The Methodist Conference is being live-streamed so
you can view it from home. It is taking place from 26th June – 2nd July. Location
www.methodist.org.uk/ConferenceLive *Chas Ashworth.*

EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE: This year's Easter Offerings from all
the Circuit will be celebrated
and dedicated at Catshill Methodist Church on Sunday 8th June at 6.00pm. The
theme of the service is Edu-
cation for all. Hope for all. Do join us – you will be very welcome! *Janet Hender-
son, for MWiB.*

FILM FOR REFUGEE WEEK (16TH – 21ST JUNE): 'Donya, a young Afghan who moved to Fremont, California after serving as a translator for the American army, spends her days working at a fortune cookie factory and her nights wide awake battling between her desire to rebuild her life and the overbearing guilt she carries within. In a bid to connect with the world, she sends an unconventional message through a fortune cookie.'

Fremont is a Comedy/Fiction full length feature film, which BRWR are screening for free at the Bromsgrove Methodist Centre for 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th June. Entry is free but donations are welcome. This is part of Refugee Week, where this year the theme is 'Community as a Superpower'.

Please support this fund-raising awareness event for Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees - which was awarded charity status in May. (Registered Charity number 1213401)

We are also running a food stall on the morning of Saturday 21st June in the Court Leet Bromsgrove market. You will recognise some of the Ukrainians on the stall!
Margaret Evans.

MHA SUNDAY: 8th June is MHA Sunday. The appeal this year is focused on dementia care. Envelopes will be available to provide an opportunity for those who wish to make a donation to Methodist Homes. Thank you! *Charity and Missions Committee.*

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: The next meeting will be on Friday June 13th at 2.30pm at 49, Old Station Road. Welcome to all who wish to come. *Alan Bidnell.*

WEDNESDAY MEETING POINT: At the AGM earlier this week the date for our end of season meal out was changed from the scheduled date of **June 18th** to **July 15th** provided the venue can be booked. On June 18th we will have a coffee evening. Further details will follow in due course. *Jim Buchanan.*



Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to join us for a special
Morning Worship which will include the
recommissioning of

Bromsgrove Methodist Church Pastoral Visitors

NB. All Pastoral Visitors are invited to stay on for a
short meeting* after worship (there will be cake!)

**Please let Lynne or Lizzie know if you can join us.*

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.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - PSALM 34 – Part

I will bless the Lord at all times.....I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears..... O taste and see that the Lord is good.....

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.....The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

COMMENT:

The book of Psalms, comprising 150 different pieces of beautiful poetic verse, deals with every aspect of human experience and in it we find praise, despair, confession, deep faith expressed, prayer for self and others, and many passages describing God's goodness and faithfulness.

The above psalm, attributed to David, contains words of hope, praise and instruction on how to live a godly life.

Many of the psalms are included in our current hymnbook and now, as when they were written, they form an important part of worship.

I just want to highlight a few phrases from psalm 34..

"I will bless the Lord at all times". This calls upon us to bless or praise God, the giver of life and all that it involves. "I sought the Lord, he answered and delivered me". A call to live closely to God, to make prayer a habit, i.e. just talking to God, as one would talk to anyone else; experience will then show that he does indeed answer and deliver us.

"Taste and see that God is good." Of all life's experiences, those who have not put their daily trust in God, are missing out. God is so many things to us. Jesus calls upon any in spiritual need to "Come to me all you who are laden and I will give you rest of your souls".

This Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the power given to believers, which brought about the birth of the Christian church, we humbly thank God, who, as it says above is "near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit".

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, which came upon believers at Pentecost, and, as the third part of the Trinity, it has never left the world. Its ministry is one of comfort, guidance, the presence of God with us and within us, always. The Spirit gives us life, anew, fulfilling, purposeful. That new life is a free gift available to all. If you have not yet done so, why not "Taste and see that the Lord is good"? Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 8th June. (The Gift of Pentecost)

Sun 08*+.John 14:8-17 (25-27)	StF 372	Psalm 104.	Serve.
Mon 09. Isaiah 11:1-9.	StF 373	Psalm 145.	Flourish.
Tue 10. Joel 2:21-32.	StF 383	Psalm 139:1-12.	Flourish.
Wed 11f. Acts 11:19.30.	StF 400	Psalm 112.	Tell.

Thu	12.	Ezekiel 36:22-28.	StF 370	Psalm 139:13-24.	Worship.
Fri	13.	Romans 8:1-11.	StF 378	Psalm 118:1-8.	Care.
Sat	14.	Galatians 5:16-25.	StF 390	Psalm 118:19-29.	Live.

**Day of Pentecost. +MHA Sunday. f Barnabas, Apostle.*

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