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

PRAYER: By the sorrow you suffered when all the powers of your heart failed you, O Jesus have mercy on us. In our days of darkness help us in our hours of weakness strengthen us that we do not lose hold of you in this life, nor fail to enjoy you in the life of the world to come. **Amen.** *Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 15th June 2025.

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 22nd June. 2025.

Service on Sunday 15th June 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Ruth Wilson.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

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6.00 pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

MEET YOUR MISSION ENABLER: There will be an opportunity to "Meet your Mission enabler" on Monday 16th June at 10.30am. Anne Batchelor and Sally Meredith will be at the Welcome Coffee Shop ready to chat, answer your questions and talk a bit more about their roles. All are welcome. *Sally Meredith.* (See attached Poster.)

FUNDRAISING: We are looking for new and innovative ways to fund raise for refurbishment of church toilets here at Bromsgrove Methodist, so..... Have you any old gold or silver jewellery floating around at home or old jewellery that family don't want and it just lays unwanted? Then if you'd like to pop it in an envelope and donate to church, we will sell to reputable jewellers. Please pass it to Sheila Sharman. Thank you. *Gwynn Bamford.*

TELEPHONES: Irene and I are discontinuing using our land line. It gets very little use, and has been 'on the blink' more often than not of late. So please do NOT try calling us on 01527 870488 as it is no longer in use. Many of you have our mobile numbers, so please use these. *John and Irene Rhead.*

UKRAINIAN COFFEE SHOP: Please note that the next Ukrainian Coffee Shop will be on **Friday 27th June.** There will be **NO** Ukrainian Coffee Shop in July or August. *Jenny Jones.*

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 Methodist Centre between the hours of 2-4.30pm. Please note the time change. *Pamela 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.*

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 and 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.*



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: – Isaiah 55 verses 1b and 2

“You who have no money, Come buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy?”

COMMENT:

How wonderful to receive an offer for that which gives satisfaction, yet costs us nothing !

When we go for essential food and household shopping, we find the prices are ever on the rise, we have to look for bargains where we can, discounts, loyalty points, two-for-one, etc.

God, in his dealings with us, offers total satisfaction to our souls; his love and salvation is a free gift, feeding us, just as wine and milk are enjoyable in a physical sense. God, through his presence with us, through his word, and through prayer, worship and fellowship, nourishes our souls, as no other. We just need the faith to believe it.

“Come, buy and eat without money, without cost !”

The next time you are shopping remember the spiritual gifts that are ours for the asking – better than all of the two-for-ones, discounts and loyalty points ! Every blessing, *John.*

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 15th June. (One in Love, One in Splendour)

Sun	15.	John 16:12-15.	StF 5	Psalm 8.	Challenge.
Mon	16.	Genesis 1:1-4.	StF 14	Psalm 29.	Flourish.
Tue	17.	Proverbs 8:22-31.	StF 4	Psalm 73:1-3, 16-28.	Notice.
Wed	18.	Matthew 28:16.20.	StF 13	Psalm 144.	Tell.
Thu	19.	Revelation 4:1-11.	StF 3	Psalm 146.	Worship.
Fri	20*.	Romans 8:12-17.	StF 16	Psalm 147.	Live.
Sat	21.	Isaiah 6:1-8.	StF 10	Psalm 148.	Worship.

*World Refugee Week. *World Refugee Day.*

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