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

PRAYER: let us be lost in your will, O God, lost in the doing of it, lost in the presence of your Spirit, lost in your redeeming love and lost in you forever. **Amen.**

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 22nd 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 22nd June 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Ruth Wilson.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

6.00 pm: Holy' Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

Service on Sunday 29th June 2025.

10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Anne Smith.

BOYS BRIGADE: 8TH Annual display and awards night being held on Wednesday 25th June at 6pm at Bromsgrove Methodist Church. Refreshments are available afterwards. We would love for the church to be able to come and see a little of what the boys have been up to this year and see them receive their awards. Thank you. *Paul Hatton.*

AVAILABLE TO A GOOD HOME: 4 Foot Christmas tree with preinstalled lights. No charge other than a donation to Church funds. We will deliver locally. Please speak to **Lesley or Jim Buchanan.**



WEDNESDAY MEETING POINT: Please note that the forthcoming lunch at Bromsgrove Golf Club has been booked for **Wednesday 16th July at 1pm.** *Jim Buchanan.*

CHURCH COUNCIL: The next Church Council meeting will be on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm. The only reports needed for this meeting are Senior Steward, Finance and Management. Many thanks. *Pam Gale.*

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the church family for the beautiful mauve, pink and white flowers, my favourite colours, sent for me last Sunday. they were very much appreciated in my absences from church. One of the leg ulcers is slowly healing but a second outbreak is still very painful and challenging. *Ilona Clarke.*

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.

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.*

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 – StF No. 100 (part)

“Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings..... the purple heathered mountain, the river running by, the sunlight that brightens up the sky....the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.....all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.”

COMMENT:

It seems that summer is here at last! With it comes the season for picnics, barbecues, visits to the seaside, or, living as we do inland, visits to the lakes, rivers and canals we have within easy reach.

All such things we tend to take for granted. We even moan at birdsong and bright sunlight at 5 am, disturbing our precious sleep! However, we have just passed (21st) Summer Solstice, the longest day, and now days will be decreasing in length by a few minutes daily. By the way, 1st June was the beginning of meteorological summer.

All of this takes us to the wonderful words above, written by Frances Cecil Alexander in the 19th Century, where she attributes all of the natural world to God the creator.

Whenever we are in the countryside in summer, we are awe-struck by the wonder and beauty of all that God has made, inspiring us to think again about the harm that we can, and do, cause, to our beautiful planet earth.

The hymn “All things bright and Beautiful” mentions flowers, birdsong, purple heather, the rivers that burble as they gently flow, and reflect the sunlight, the pleasant summer sun, ripe fruits which we mostly buy in the supermarket or on a market stall, but what joy people have in growing their own!

We are reminded in the chorus that “all things wise and wonderful – the Lord God made them all”. And in Genesis and in Psalm 8, we find our relationship to God's creation – we have been put in charge of it, a sacred responsibility, to care for what God creates, and to pass on our environment in a good condition to future generations. As we enjoy summer, in lovely surroundings, let us be thankful to God for his unfailing providence. Every blessing, *John.*

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 22nd June. (Spirit Led)

Sun	22*.	Luke 8:26-29.	StF 357	Psalm 22:19-28.	Challenge.
Mon	23.	Acts 1:15-26.	StF 669	Psalm 149 :1-5.	Share.
Tue	24+.	Luke 1:57-66, 80.	StF 188	Psalm 80:1-7.	Notice.

Wed	25.	Acts 2:1-13.	StF 388	Psalm 119:1-8.	Live.
Thu	26.	Acts 2:14-21.	StF 397	Psalm 119:9-16.	Tell.
Fri	27.	Acts 2:22-36.	StF 506	Psalm 119:17-32.	Learn.
Sat	28.	Acts 2:37-42.	StF 425	Psalm 119:33-48.	Live.

**Sanctuary Sunday. +Birth of John the Baptist.*

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