



## 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:** let us be one, O Lord, in our praise of you, one in our prayers to you, one in our love for you and one through Christ, in our coming to you. **Amen.** *Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-c, 107).*

### **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

#### **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 until 12 noon.**

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

**10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Anne Smith.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr David Morgan.**

**URGENT NOTICE – UPPER ROOM HOUSEGROUP:** New date for July only. Housegroup cancelled for 4<sup>th</sup> July. In Room 6. **NEW DATE, FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> July – 10.30am.** All welcome to enjoy valued discussion relating to our Christian daily lives. Pat Booth.

**SECURITY OF POSSESSIONS:** Following a recently attempted theft of a mobile phone, during one of the sessions in the main hall, which fortunately was thwarted, all users of our premises are advised to be vigilant at all times of their possessions. Thank you. *Management Committee.*

**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 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm.** *Jim Buchanan.*

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

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Location [www.methodist.org.uk/ConferenceLive](http://www.methodist.org.uk/ConferenceLive) Chas Ashworth.

**MHA SUNDAY:** 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>** to **July 15<sup>th</sup>** provided the venue can be booked. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a coffee evening. Further details will follow in due course. *Jim Buchanan.*

### **The Case for the Refurbishment of the Church Toilets:**

Our premises were built just over 40 years ago, and we now urgently need to replace the toilet facilities in the main building, they simply are not fit for purpose. There is not an accessible toilet, and the recommendation is for individual gender-neutral cubicles.

The community of Bromsgrove widely uses the centre. The daily Welcome Café serves drinks and snacks at very reasonable prices and a monthly Ukraine Café serves home-made Ukrainian food. There is also a monthly Memory Changes Café for those living with Dementia and their care partners.

The toddler group is thriving serving some 30 toddlers weekly, and there is a waiting list. The Boys' Brigade provides a variety of activities weekly for around 55 boys aged between 4-18, with 3 male and 4 female leaders. The Girls' Brigade provides activities weekly for around 25 girls aged between 4-14 with 4 female Leaders.

Other community activities include, Line Dancing, Keep Fit classes, a choir, singing groups, sewing, and knitting groups. Social groups include a meeting place for those bereaved, providing sign posting, social activities and outings. There is also a place to meet providing games and quizzes.

The U3A, The Bromsgrove Society and Rhythm Time are also regular users of the premises. Gamblers Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meet weekly. The Community Police also hold regular meetings in the Welcome Café.

The building is also a church and there is all inclusive worship every Sunday and the opportunity to join study / discussion groups during the week.

We are in the process of seeking plans and quotations and hope to future proof the toilets for a further forty years! There will be a fully accessible toilet, baby changing facility, a small toilet for toddlers, and gender-neutral individual cubicles complete with hand washing facilities. We estimate that this project will cost in the region of £70k. *The Management Committee*

**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 - LIVING FOR TODAY –**

***Jesus: Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matt. 6 v. 34***

***James: You do not even know what will happen tomorrow....You ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this and that (James 4:14, 15)***

**COMMENT:**

It is easy to drift through life, taking so many daily blessings for granted, such as health, friendships, financial stability. Instead we should trust that everything we need God, provides us (see earlier in Matthew 6): giving us clothing food and shelter, so that we can be freed up to serve according to the gifts we have been given – referred to by Jesus as seeking the kingdom of heaven.

We should try to awake each day, thank God for it. It is a matter of making plans for each day and seeking God's will for those plans. It is, perhaps, a good practice to plot out in one's minds the day ahead, and then at the end of it to review it, and to thank God, for what has happened in it.

Even if the unexpected has happened and some disaster has occurred, we can try to see God's hand in it.

It is a truism that tomorrow never comes. It is always today.

Regarding tomorrow, however, we have to sensibly make certain plans, so that several weeks or months later, we are prepared for certain things to happen. Examples are - planning a holiday, it has to be booked many months ahead, and arrangements made to pay for it; prepping for exams; or making provision for retirement funding.

So with James, we take no tomorrow for granted, but do our bit, and trust that if it is God's will, our plans will materialise.

We live in the present and hope and trust for the future. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June. (The Gospel of the Spirit.)**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>29.</b>	<b>Luke 9:51-62.</b>	<b>StF 671</b>	<b>Psalm 16.</b>	<b>Challenge.</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>30*.</b>	<b>Matthew 16:13-19.</b>	<b>StF 322</b>	<b>Psalm 125.</b>	<b>Notice.</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>01.</b>	<b>Acts 2:43-47.</b>	<b>StF 619</b>	<b>Psalm 119:49-64.</b>	<b>Care.</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>02.</b>	<b>Acts 3:1-10.</b>	<b>StF 364</b>	<b>Psalm 119:65-80.</b>	<b>Serve.</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>03+.</b>	<b>John 20:24-29.</b>	<b>StF 316</b>	<b>Psalm 31:1-6.</b>	<b>Pray.</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>04.</b>	<b>Acts 3:11-21.</b>	<b>StF 457</b>	<b>Psalm 119:81-96.</b>	<b>Live.</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>05.</b>	<b>Acts 4:1-12.</b>	<b>StF 353</b>	<b>Psalm 119:97-112.</b>	<b>Learn.</b>

*\*Peter, Apostle, Trans. +Thomas, Apostle.*

**All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning to xxxxxxxxxxxx.**

**Thank you.**