



## 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:** God of grace, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair and loving beyond all that is loving; grant us to be of one mind in our faith, of one hope in our calling, and of one heart in our loving; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Dionysius of Alexandria (c. 200-c. 265)*

### **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship – Local Arrangement.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Ms Jackie Hartrey/ Deacon Gwynn Bamford.**

**WEST MERCIA POLICE** drop in surgery and the Safer Neighbourhood team will be present in the coffee shop, once again, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am – 11.30am. Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and find out what is being done to tackle the issues that matter to yourselves. *Terry Clarke.*

**UKRAINIAN CAFÉ:** The Ukrainian Café at our church is closed for July and August, but is re-opening instead for two sessions at 'The Pod' in Humphrey Avenue, Charford, on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>. So regulars who enjoy Ukrainian food may want to come along and support Inna and Svetlana there! All welcome between 11.00am and 1.00pm. *Margaret Evans.*

**HP PRINTER:** Has anyone got an HP printer that uses 350 cartridges and would like some spare? I have found three in the office and we do not have an HP printer so they are redundant. If you are interested please get in touch. Email ##### or mobile #####.

**HYMNS AND PSALMS:** In the Church office is a box containing the hymn book Hymns and Psalms no longer used. If you would like a copy to keep please help yourself. Any copies left will be sent where they are needed. *The Management Committee.*

**THREE CHEERS!:** Why? To celebrate all the donations to three charity envelopes appeals in recent months! A total of almost £900 altogether has been given, which will rise to well over £1000 when Gift Aid is added on. Bromsgrove contributed £286 towards the Circuit total of £1445 for Easter Offering. Christian Aid has received £474, and Methodist Homes (MHA) £130. Thank you very much to everyone who generously gave. *Janet Henderson, for the Charity and Missions Committee.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Newsletter during the August break. The last newsletter will be for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you for your support over the last year, it is much appreciated. *Ken Brown.*

**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.*

**FORUM:** The next edition of **FORUM** will cover the months of August and September as late summer turns to early Autumn. The deadline date will be **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. Please let me have your contributions and dates for events or meetings by email (word document preferred) to ##### or leave any hard copy in the FORUM folder in the Church Office. Thank you. *Jim Buchanan.*

**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.*

**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 - How much do we carry on Holiday ?**

Last week Jean and I were fortunate to go on holiday for a few days, to North Yorkshire by coach. As usual, as we packed before we departed, cramming stuff into the suitcases, and unpacking in the hotel on arrival and finding space for everything in the wardrobe and drawers and we asked each other 'Why do we bring so much ?' You know the picture !

This triggered the thought – how much unnecessary baggage do we carry in our personal lives ?

We carry emotional baggage, including worries about our future health, relationships, finances. We hang on to old resentments, or regrets, or envies of another's good fortune,

In the same way as we should really leave behind a few items of clothing, or other items we have put in the case "just in case"(pardon the pun), so we should discard those ideas, attitudes, prejudices, which are unnecessarily weighing us down.

Life is not a holiday, we know, but without it being encumbered with unnecessary hang-ups and prejudices, we should feel lighter in spirit, and feel better for it, just as we are usually feeling better for having had a holiday, with its new experiences, and building memories.

Paul, in the bible, puts it another way, he says in effect, 'put off' those things which hinder our Christian progress and 'put on' instead, the fruits of the Spirit- love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness faith, self-control, kindness, long-suffering.

Perhaps we should buy smaller luggage! Just a thought. Every blessing, *John.*

### **Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July. (The Light of Christ)**

Sun	13*.	Luke 10:25-7.	StF 249	Psalm 25:1-10.	Care.
Mon	14.	Acts 8:26-40.	StF 385	Psalm 4.	Tell.
Tue	15.	Acts 9:1-20.	StF 556	Psalm 5:1-8.	Notice.
Wed	16.	Acts 9:36-43.	StF 357	Psalm 6:1-9.	Care.
Thu	17.	Acts 10:34-43.	StF 348	Psalm 7:1-11.	Share.
Fri	18.	Acts 10:44-48.	StF 678	Psalm 8.	Pray.
Sat	19.	Acts 11:1-18.	StF 397	Psalm 9:1-10.	Open.

*\*Action for Children Sunday.*

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