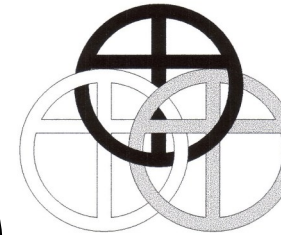


FORUM

***Bromsgrove
Methodist Church
and Centre***



February/March 2024

**Bromsgrove Methodist Church and Centre:
encouraging, supporting and developing
followers of Jesus Christ and
sharing God’s love in the wider community**

REGULAR SERVICES AND KEY CONTACTS

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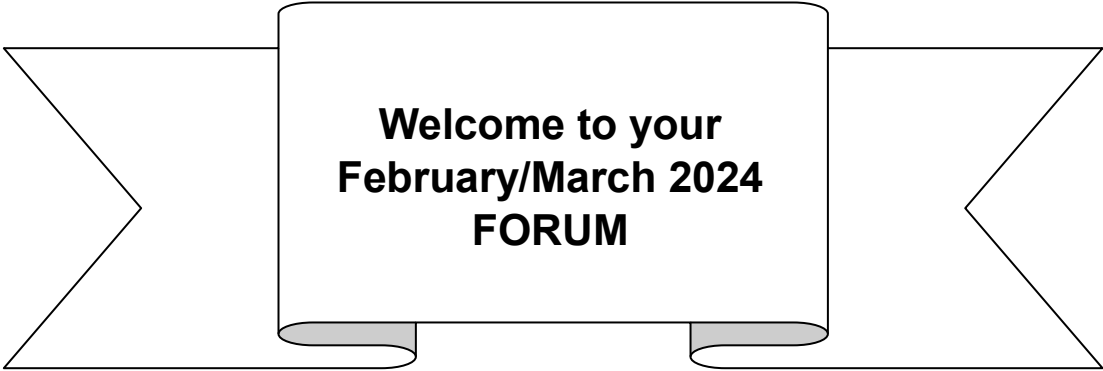
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| 1 st | 9.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30 am | Morning Worship |
| 2 nd | 10.30 am | Morning Worship |
| 3 rd | 10.30 am | Morning Worship |
| 4 th | 10.30 am | Morning Worship |

- Holy Communion at one 10.30 am service each month
- Evening Services at 6.00 pm on some Sundays
- Special Services as arranged.

Please see the Centre Pages for full service details

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Peter's letter

“Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said to his disciples, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them.” Mark 10.13-16



These words are often used at baptisms in church. When Jesus uttered these words, it was yet another occasion when he challenged the world view of those close to him and the crowds who heard him too.

Having children in 1st century Palestine was very important. After all, a big family, with lots of children gives hope of care in your old age and a future for your people. Having children was one of God's commands to the people of Israel that went right back to Noah and before, that they should multiply and grow.

Although, as today, most families loved their children, life was hard. With no health services like today the danger of birth and childhood illness and disease were ever present. Many children died before the age of 5 years old.

There was little education for most children, only what they could learn from their older family members and this was often about the family work; farming, looking after sheep, fishing or, in the case of Jesus, working with wood. You literally followed in your father's footsteps – you learnt what he knew and worked as he worked. Childhood ended much earlier than nowadays as a boy you were considered a man at age 13. If you were a girl your education was in keeping the household; cooking, cleaning, washing, foraging for berries etc. As a girl you became a woman as soon as you could bear children often from age 11 or 12 and you were considered less important than your brothers simply because you were a girl.

Jesus took little children as an example of those who had a guaranteed place in the Kingdom of God. “The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these” he said and in doing so he elevated all children to the heights of heaven. The Disciples had no time for little children getting in the way of important adult business. In attempting to turn them away they made Jesus angry because they did not understand how important children are to God.

Nowadays we still value children as a society, despite those occasions when children are treated terribly and their lives made a misery by adults who are supposed to care for them.

In the church we have always done all we can to protect those children who come into the life of the local church; indeed, we try to protect everyone who comes to our church.

I remember as a new minister 30 years ago, inviting people to complete a simple self-declaration affirming no criminal offences. It was a small thing but the beginning of something much bigger that has grown to become a central part of our care for all those who are part of our church and come to the church for many reasons.

In the last 20 years or so all those ways in which the church seeks the protecting and flourishing of children have been gathered together under one banner called ‘Safeguarding’, first children and young people, and including vulnerable adults too. ‘Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults’ is a very inclusive way of looking at how we care for one another – for even if we are no longer considered children or young people, we can all be vulnerable as adults, even though some may be more vulnerable than others at different times.

We all play our part and work together to make sure we can all flourish, ‘have life in all its fullness’ Jesus called it. This is why our church has a ‘Safeguarding Policy’ and those in leadership and responsible positions (all those who work with children and young people, Stewards, Pastoral Visitors for example) usually called ‘positions of trust’ are required to attend training and, where appropriate, have a Criminal Records check done too.

Training and awareness raising are the most important aspects of protecting the flourishing of us all. So, you are invited to be part of the ongoing training that our church offers so that you can become more aware of the issues and more alert to the care of all those around

.The Kingdom of God is for us all and we are called to do all we can to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth ahead of the time when Jesus will come again, that all creation might echo the heavenly realm.

As we enter a new year, let us continue to welcome people of all ages, and let us commit ourselves afresh to their well-being and care.

With every blessing. Peter

Wednesday Meeting Point Programme for February/March



Wednesday February 7th	Present game
Wednesday February 21st	Literary Evening
Wednesday March 6th	Music Quiz
Wednesday March 20th	Fish & Chips

We meet at 7.30 pm in Room 6. All are welcome.

We collect a small voluntary donation from attendees at each meeting. The amount raised is distributed to nominated charities at our AGM in June.

Candlemas

Candlemas falls on 2nd February, exactly 40 days after Christmas Day.

In Bible times, 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy; they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary would have taken Jesus to the Temple to 'present Him to the Lord'.

Thus, the day is also known as the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Jesus is described as the Light of the World, and early Christians would light many candles on this day.

The Church then began the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles on the same day - hence the name, **Candlemas**.



Fairtrade Meal - Saturday 10th February

Although TRADCRAFT has ceased to operate, the support of Fairtrade must continue and, since Traidcraft went into administration, we have been supporting **TRANSFORM TRADE** which does just this.



So, I am planning to arrange a 2 course hot meal, using fairly traded ingredients to raise money for Transform Trade.

I hope to be able to show a video of the work that still goes on as well as a Fairtrade Quiz.

Please keep the date free!

I will be selling tickets from Sunday 28th January for £7.00.

Sunday 11th February is World Mission Sunday which ties in very nicely

In Memory - George Prouse

George was not a member of the Church for a long time having moved to Bromsgrove with his wife Mary before covid lockdowns to be near to their son. George was a long serving Local Preacher in Hereford before his move to Bromsgrove. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family at this time



MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ

BROMSGROVE METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE.

AIMS

To create a safe space for people living with

MEMORY CHANGE

for Care Partners and Volunteers to all enjoy friendship.

OBJECTIVES

- * To reduce loneliness.
- * To provide appropriate varied activities for stimulation.
- * To provide a warm inclusive welcome.
- * To provide hospitality.
- * To ensure a space that meets the needs of all participants.

Plans are in the final stages for this new cafe and an opening date is anticipated shortly. A monthly programme will include stimulating activities and a speaker as well as the welcoming cup of tea and cake and a time to chat.

If you wish to be included in this exciting and challenging venture as a Care Partner, Volunteer or are living with Memory Change please contact:

Sally 07884 191101; Sheila 07811 563486; Pat 0796 6370448

for further information or to register your interest.



Humour Corner

Golf Story

It was a beautiful day, (it always is where this took place), and Jesus and Moses decided to have a round of golf.

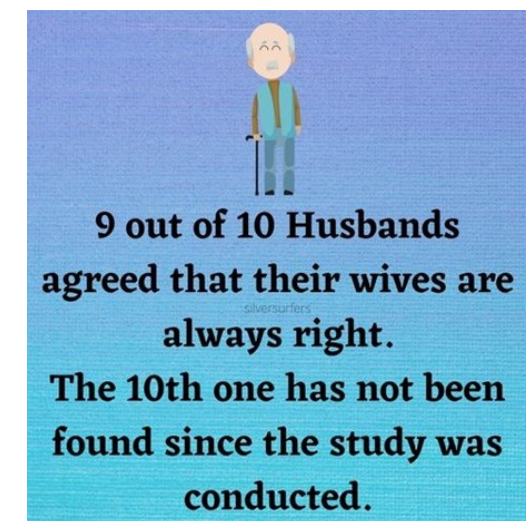
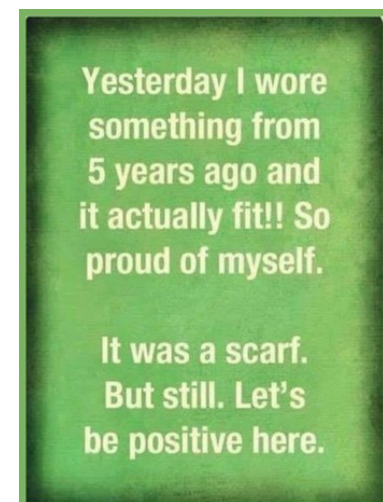
There they were on the first tee when a little and very old man came up to them and asked if he could join them.

Well Moses wasn't too keen at first but Jesus persuaded him otherwise and he gave his ball a massive smack. Off it sailed into the distance but as it came down it struck a bush and bounced off into a deep pool sinking down to the bottom. Undaunted Moses went up to the pool and held up his staff whereupon the waters parted immediately. Up he went to the ball, gave it another smack and it bounced up over the bank and into the hole for two.

Now it was Jesus' turn. He gave his ball a tremendous thwack and off it sailed until it hit a tree. Down it dropped straight onto the pool, I say onto because it didn't sink but bounced up and down a few times then lay motionless on the surface. Jesus strode across the water, hit the ball again and off it went into the hole also for two.

The little old man ambled over to the tee, carefully placed his ball and hit it as hard as he could. Off it went straight at the bush and bounced off, then onto to the tree bouncing off into the water. But still it didn't stop, for it bounced across the pool, up the bank and into the hole for one.

'There, that's what I mean,' said Moses. 'That's why I don't like playing with your Dad!'



Easter morning, the 'Other' Mary

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first person actually to meet the risen Christ.



That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils' New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman' a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus. There is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman' but the contrast is sublime: Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity; Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption.

Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes. The dark cloud from which she was delivered may have been sexual, we are not told.

What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty.

An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen. The others drifted off, but Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because His resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they wouldn't believe her.

Her words – **'I have seen the Lord'** – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet. Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."** His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.



In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together – for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying **'this is my body' and 'this is my blood'** as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world.

John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

Easter faith in atheist Russia

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: **'Christ is risen!'**

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response **'He is risen indeed!'** It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people that God does not exist when they have already encountered Him.

BROMSGROVE METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE

HOUSEGROUP - 2ND FRIDAY EACH MONTH – ROOM 6

BROMSGROVE METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE

10.30AM – 12 NOON



OUR MASTERS VOICE – HAVE YOU HEARD?

If you have a hearing loss or are beginning to miss conversations then you will find this cosy small group a place where you can be relaxed and be the person you are.

You are welcome to a space where our hearing is not an issue. Join in friendship and understanding with our fellow Christians on our journey. Hope to see you.

Pat 07966370448 for further information.



If you enjoy knitting, crochet and chatting, you would be very welcome to our group which meets in the Coffee Shop on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 11.30. Bring your own handiwork or knit for a charity. Lizzie Dovey

Easter events at the Centre

Special events are being organized at the Centre in the run up to Easter. We are currently waiting for the next Plan to be issued which will confirm the services which will be available throughout the Circuit for the beginning of Lent and Holy Week so please keep an eye on the weekly Newsletter for details of these.

We hope to be selling **Pancakes** in the Welcome Cafe on **Shrove Tuesday, Feb 13th**.

There will also be a **Lent study group**, this is likely to be on **Thursday mornings** at the Centre and more will be announced as this is confirmed.

During **Holy week** itself we will have **prayer stations in the Hall**. It has been some time since we have organized anything like this but it was well received in the past and we hope that it will enhance your experience of Easter this year. The **Welcome café will remain open** this year during Holy week so please come on down and support the café and wander through the **Easter 'Labyrinth'** and see how it enriches your Easter experience this year

Janet Millward





Worship at the Centre

February 2024

4th

9.00 am Holy Communion
Rev S Levett

10.30 am Morning Worship
J Russell

11th

10.30 am Holy Communion /World Mission
Rev Peter Powers

18th (1st of Lent)

10.30 am Morning Worship
Mrs Di Ross

25th (2nd of Lent)

10.30 am Morning Worship
Rev A Bidnell

6.00 pm Evening Worship
Rev Peter Powers

March 2024

At the time of going to press the Circuit Plan covering March 24 was not available. Further information will be distributed in due course.

Sunday Flower Rota

The following people have agreed to donate to the cost of the beautiful flowers which always add a splash of colour to our Church on each Sunday morning. Many of the donations are made to denote a special date for individuals and their families. If you wish to join this list please speak to Pat Ireland.

February 4th Phil & Jane Morley March 3rd Lynne & Liz Dovey

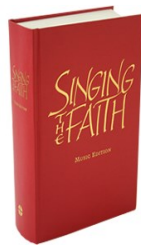
February 11th Ilona Clarke March 10th Linda Ashworth
(Mother's Day)

February 18th Anne Norton March 17th Alison Thurston

February 25th Pat Ireland March 24th Brenda Torbet
(Palm Sunday)

March 31st All (Easter Day)

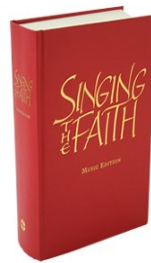




HYMNS WE LOVE

Singing the Faith No. 238

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us



1. *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.*
2. *Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know.
Thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe:
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted, through the desert thou didst go.*
3. *Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.*

REFLECTION:

Biographical note: James Edmeston (1791 – 1867) was an English architect and surveyor. He was also a prolific hymn writer and an evangelical member of the Church of England. He is credited with writing 2,000 hymns at the rate of one a week! Strangely, this hymn is the only one by Edmeston contained in our Singing the Faith hymnbook.

The tune is “Mannheim” by F. Filitz, adapted by Lowell Mason. This is a well-known piece of prose, often used at weddings, where newly-weds seek God’s guidance and help for their future. It is in simple poetic form with each double line ending in rhyme – “see, thee, be; know, woe, go; joy, cloy, destroy”.

The hymn also cleverly embraces the trinity, the first verse addressing God the Father, the second Jesus, son of God, referred to here as “Saviour”, and the third verse the Holy spirit or “Spirit of our God”.

It begins by using the analogy of life being a tempestuous sea, which we have to safely navigate. It reminds us that God our Father is our only help, giving us every blessing, including his willingness to “guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us”.

The second stanza, acknowledges our need for forgiveness, because Jesus knows our weaknesses, and reminds us that whatever we have to face, including temptation, Jesus has been there first! This knowledge surely gives us strength in difficult times.

The hymn ends with a joyful reminder of the ministry of the Holy spirit in our lives. It encourages us to open our hearts to “heavenly joy” which will not fail or “cloy”. The assurance that our triune God provides, pardons and guides, ensures us a peace that nothing else can, as we continue to travel life’s “tempestuous sea”.

Every blessing, JOHN WEBB

MY FAVOURITE THINGS (try singing the words)

Facebook and E Bay and Twitter
Lounging and texting, this won't make you fitter,
Sore eyes and fingers is all that it brings;
There not remotely my favourite things!

Viruses, hacking and spamming and phishing,
Data on laptops that seem to go missing,
Sitting on trains when a telephone rings;
These aren't exactly my favourite things.

When they break down, when they spam me,
When they make me mad,
It's then I remember how things used to be
And then I don't feel so bad.

(How did things used to be?)
Letters from loved ones and presents in packets,
Walks in the park with no phones in our jackets,
Good punctuation when a sentence begins;
These are a few of my favourite things!

For those old days, and those old ways,
I am feeling sad,
So I switch off my i-phone and shut the PC
And then I don't feel so bad.

Submitted by Irene Rhead



Methodist Women in Britain prepares the Easter Offering service every year as a gift to the Methodist people, following a tradition of fundraising begun nearly 140 years ago.

Donations go directly to the World Mission Fund, enabling support of church communities around the world through the work of Mission Partners. They also help our global partner Churches and organisations respond to areas of need when crises occur. In 2023, Easter Offering raised over £190,000, thanks to the generosity of Methodists. Our Circuit contributed £1647, with £403 of that coming from Bromsgrove.

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness
like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5:24, NIV)

As a justice-seeking charity, MWiB has chosen the theme ‘Let Justice Roll’ for this year. Amos speaks of justice rolling “on like a river...” This tells us that God’s justice is not finite but instead rolls forward, gathering momentum as people work for justice and their actions feed into communities and lives. Justice can never be seen as ‘done’. Rather, God calls us to ongoing awareness and action.

There will be a Circuit Service to dedicate the offering, as always. The date has not been fixed as Forum goes to press, so please lookout for information in the Newsletter.

Offering envelopes will be distributed at morning worship at the Centre in March. Contributions can also be made via on-line transfer to the church bank account: Sort Code 40–15–07 Account No 61090070. Please use the reference “Easter Offering”. Please give generously again, to provide the necessary resources so that God’s love may continue to be shared in practical ways throughout the world

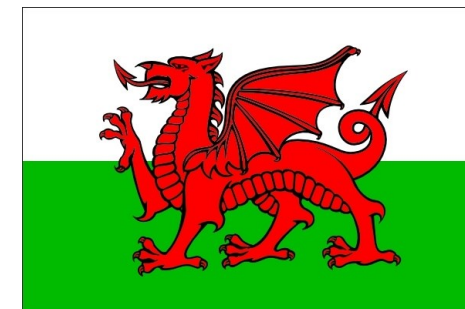
Thank you!

Janet Henderson, MWiB Treasurer



A Celebration of St David’s Day

A fundraising event
**It’s only a day late,
Saturday 2nd March!**



We will follow the familiar pattern of “Hymns and Surprises”, starting at 3.00 pm and finishing with refreshments around 4.15 pm.

Sing some favourite Welsh hymns

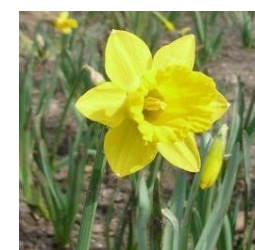
Hear some organ works by Welsh composers.

Enjoy some traditional Welsh folk songs, perhaps for listening, perhaps for singing.

A fundraising event with free admission

Donations to Church Funds

Gift Aid welcomed



Do make a note of the date
now, and I hope to see you
there.



Brian Henderson

St David's Day 1st March - 5 Facts about St David

He was born in a storm

St David was born in the year 500, the grandson of Ceredig ap Cunedda, King of Ceredigion. According to legend, his mother St Non gave birth to him on a Pembrokeshire clifftop during a fierce storm. The spot is marked by the ruins of Non's Chapel, and a nearby holy well is said to have healing powers.

He was a fine preacher

St David became a renowned preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Brittany and southwest England – including, possibly, the abbey at Glastonbury. St David reputedly made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, from which he brought back a stone that now sits in an altar at St Davids Cathedral, built on the site of his original monastery.



He was a teetotal vegetarian

St David and his monks followed a simple, austere life. They ploughed the fields by hand, rather than using oxen, and refrained from eating meat or drinking beer. St David himself was reputed to have consumed only leeks and water – which is perhaps why the leek became a national symbol of Wales.

He performed miracles



The most famous miracle associated with St David took place when he was preaching to a large crowd in Llanddewi Brefi. When people at the back complained that they could not hear him, the ground on which he stood rose up to form a hill. A white dove, sent by God, settled on his shoulder.

His legacy lives on

St David died on 1 March – St David's Day - in 589. He was buried at the site of St Davids Cathedral, where his shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. His last words to his followers came from a sermon he gave on the previous Sunday:

'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.' The phrase *'Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd'* - *'Do the little things in life'* - is still a well known maxim in Wales .



St David's Cathedral

Mothers' Day Sunday 10th March

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby.

Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct.

Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring.

Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a provisional licence.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices.

Somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child kick a football ball through the neighbour's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother.

Somebody never helped a child in Year 9 with his maths homework.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first.

Somebody doesn't have more than one child.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books.

Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labour and delivery.

Somebody never watched her "baby" go through the gates for the first day of school.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married.

Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home.

Somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her.

Somebody isn't a mother.

(Author Unknown)

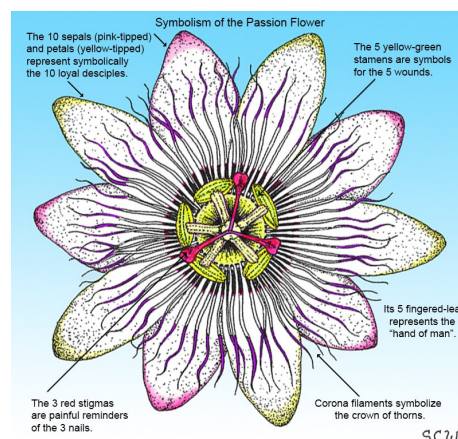
The Passion Flower

Passiflora caerulea

It is nearly Easter time and thoughts turn to the Passion Flower and the meanings attached to the specific parts of this plant.

There is a legend that early Spanish missionaries in South America looked around for the presence of Christ in the strange and exotic landscape. They found it in a curious flower which grew on one of the vines which clambered up the trees.

There, clearly laid out, were the signs of Christ's Passion.



Leaving legend and turning to history, it is recorded that Roman Catholic priests used the Passion Flower to illustrate the story of the Crucifixion to the Indian tribes they converted to Christianity.

The Passion Flower which grows quite happily in our gardens has white flowers which are flushed pink, with blue and purple banded crowns. The fruit is like a small orange plum. Even though some types have red flowers or pink or purple, they all seem to have blue and purple banded crowns.

Some varieties, of course, need to be grown indoors, as they are not hardy enough for the British climate. In Mauritius Passion Flower plants were found growing as a weed, covering an area of waste land.

There are some 550 species of the genus Passiflora, found mostly in Mexico, Central America, the USA and South America.

My Life is but a Weaving

My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me;
I cannot choose the colours
He worketh steadily.
Sometimes He weaveth sorrow
And I in foolish pride
Forget to see the upper,
And I the under side.

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned

My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me;
I see the seams, the tangles,
But He sees perfectly.
He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth will dim:
He gives his very best to those
Who chose to walk with Him.

John Rhead found this poem in a small rural Church on one of his travels. It appears the original words were written by Corrie Ten Boom and is also Known as The Tapestry Poem. This version was set to music by one Florence M.



And Finally

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this edition of **FORUM**. Once again, many thanks to those who have contributed items and to those who have provided assistance in producing the finished magazine.

I have listed below a number of events and dates planned by the Social & Fundraising Group over the next few months. Full details will be published later in the Newsletter and on the Notice Boards.

- 10th February Fairtrade Meal
- 2nd March Hymns and Songs to Celebrate St David’s Day
- 23rd March Concert by Bromsgrove Community Choir, Primrose Hospice Choir and the Recorder Group
- 13th April Afternoon Tea Dance

Saturday afternoon Film Shows will be fitted in when dates are available, including the sequel to “Fishermen’s Friends”. Look out for the dates.

The next edition of **FORUM** will cover the months of April/May with deadline for submission of items being **Sunday 17th March**.

Please email to les.jim42@btinternet.com or leave any written items in the **FORUM** file in the Church office.

In the meantime, Lesley & I wish everyone a very **Happy Easter**.

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TUESDAY
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 10.00 am Knitting Group

WEDNESDAY
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 6.45 pm Boys' Brigade Juniors
 7.45 pm Boys' Brigade Company/Seniors
 7.30 pm Meeting Point (1st & 3rd)

SATURDAY
 10.30 am CAMEO (1st & 3rd)

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Monday to Thursday 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
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