



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

PRAYER: Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you. In the depth of your mercy, heal us. In the tenderness of your love, remake us. In the compassion of your grace, forgive us. For the beauty of heaven, prepare us. **Amen.** *Anselm (c. 1033-1109).*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19th January 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 26th January 2025.

Service on Sunday 19th January 2025.

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

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service on Sunday 26th January 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: The next meeting is on Friday January 24th at 49, Old Station Road at 23.30 pm. Everyone interested is welcome. *Alan Bidnell.*

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE IN HYMNS AND MUSIC: On Saturday 15th February, just after Valentine's Day, we will follow the familiar pattern of "Hymns and Surprises", starting at 3.00 pm and finishing with refreshments around 4.15 pm. A fundraising event with free admission. Donations to Church Funds. Gift Aid welcomed. I hope to see you there. *Brian Henderson.*

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS: Bromsgrove Safer Neighbourhood teams will again be available for face to face chats in our coffee shop on Tuesday 21st January from 10.30am – 11.30am. Uniformed officers will be pleased to see you to discuss any worries you may have. *Terry.*

PETER WEBB: We are sorry to announce the death of Peter Webb. Peter was a long-standing Member of the Church but had been unable to attend recently. His funeral will be on 21st January at 2 pm at Redditch Crematorium. *Lizzy Dovey.*

THANK YOU: June Cox wishes to thank all those in Church who have remembered me, and now have sent the lovely Tulips. I appreciate the kindness and prayers of you all. My love to all. *June Cox.*

CHURCH COUNCIL: The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. Please could I have reports by Thursday 30th January. Many thanks. *Pam Gale.*

UKRAINIAN CAFÉ: The Ukrainian Café will be back in the Foyer on Friday 31st January, operating from 10.30 am – 1.30 pm. Come for an early lunch before they sell out of your favourite Ukrainian dish! I guess that it is the cheapest lunch in town. Funds shared between the church and a refugee charity. Any offers to be a waitress, please to Margaret Evans (07974 811443). Thank you.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAT MILLWARD: Monday 20th January, 1.00 pm at Bromsgrove Methodist church, service to celebrate the life of Pat, followed by a short service at the crematorium for family and close friends. *Gwynn Bamford.*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is coming soon and we will be holding our annual service at the Baptist Church on Sunday 19th January at 4pm, all are welcome to join for worship and fellowship. The title of the Service is the theme suggested by the National Churches Together. It is the question Jesus asks Martha



at the raising of her brother Lazarus: 'Do you believe this?' I look forward to seeing you again. *Hilda Roxborough – CTiB Co-ordinator.*



Sunday 19th January 4.00pm
Bromsgrove Baptist Church,
New Road, B60 2JD

Followed by refreshments

All welcome

2025 Prayer for Christian Unity

FORUM: The next edition of FORUM will cover February and March with the deadline for contributions being **Sunday 19th January**. Please email any items to me at les.jim42@btinternet.com or leave any hard copy items in the FORUM folder in the Church Office. *Jim Buchanan.*

MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ: Do you or someone you support experience **MEMORY CHANGE?** You are welcome to join us at our inclusive CAFÉ for friendship sharing and a safe space **FRIDAY – 17th JANUARY – 2pm to 4pm**, in Room 6 at the **METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE**. For more information please contact Pat ##### *Pat Booth.*

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 – GIVE THANKS FOR SIMPLE THINGS:

COMMENT:

We have numerous things which cost nothing, which take little or no effort, yet they are there for our pleasure, they make our hearts sing with joy. We take them for granted, yet we should be thanking God for them. Simple things like a glorious full moon on a frosty night. Simple things like a beautiful piece of music, such as Webber's Requiem, or The Hallelujah Chorus, or a song like Love Changes Everything, or You Raise Me Up. Personally, just listening to Classic FM lifts my spirits daily.

We have had a cold spell, but frost on the grass, and hoar frost on the skeletal shapes of trees remind us of God's infinite variety in all of Creation. The cheerful greeting of a passerby, the unexpected phone call or e-message asking "How are you?" Knowing that someone cares – what a blessing! The comfort and security of our homes, where we are thankfully, warm and safe.

Reading a book, transports you, to a different place, wherein you meet new characters, whose experiences may match your own or may not! Through the pages you can enjoy unknown adventures.

Then there is the pleasure of visiting an art gallery and wondering at the supreme gift of the artist who presents a landscape, or a still life, or the busy-ness of a Lowry.

Above all is the love and compassion received when spending time with family and friends.

So when we are inclined to look on things which are beyond our control with a negative eye, let us stop and thank God for the simple things of life, which make such a difference. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 19th January. (Remorse and Repentance)

Sun	19.	John 2:1-11.	StF 438	Psalm 36.	Open.
Mon	20.	2 Samuel 11:1-13.	StF 422	Psalm 55:1-8.	Live.
Tue	21.	2 Samuel 11:14-17.	StF 419	Psalm 55:16-22.	Learn.
Wed	22.	2 Samuel 12:1-6.	StF 426	Psalm 57.	Challenge.
Thu	23.	2 Samuel 12:7-15a.	StF 429	Psalm 61.	Serve.
Fri	24.	2 Samuel 12:15b-23.	StF 433	Psalm 62.	Learn.
Sat	25*.	Galatians 1:11-24.	StF 450	Psalm 67.	Tell.

**Conversion of Paul.*

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