



## 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:** Saviour Christ, lifting up your hands perpetually on behalf of all humankind, by your Spirit, breathe such love into our prayers, that they may be taken into yours, and prevail with yours, for your own name's sake. **Amen.** *Jean -Jacques (1608-57)*

### **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 16th March 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.**

**Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

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

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.**

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

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank the church family for the colourful beautiful flowers given to me last week by Pat. It was very kind of you all and much appreciated. With love, *Ilona Clarke.*

**MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ:** The café is open to serve friendship, coffee/tea and home made cakes to people experiencing Memory change and their care partners on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 2pm till 4pm in Room 6. For further info please contact Pat on #####. *Pat Booth.*

**NEW OPENING TIMES:** The Ukrainian Coffee Shop will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. **The Opening Times have changed, they are 11.30 am till 1.30 pm.** *Jenny Jones.*

**LENT STUDY GROUP:** There will be a Lent Study group meeting from 11 am till 12noon on Thursday mornings through out lent. We will be following the Lent Study called 'River through the Dessert' written by Richard Sewell who is dean of St George's in Jerusalem. *Kanet Millward.*

**FORUM FOR APRIL/MAY:** The deadline for **FORUM is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March.** Please let me have your contributions including Easter memories as soon as possible either by email (Word document preferred) to ##### or if written copy in the FORUM folder in the Church Office. Thank you. *Jim Buchanan.*

**AFTERNOON TEA DANCE:** Following the success of last year's Tea Dance, we are pleased to advise that we have decided to repeat the event. The date will be **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** starting at 3pm. Tickets priced **£5** (includes refreshments) will be on sale **either from Jim Buchanan (#####) or from the Welcome Coffee Shop (Monday to Thursday mornings).** *Jim Buchanan.*

**FILM NIGHT:** The final Film Night of the season will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March featuring the musical **HAIR-SPRAY.** Refreshments will be available from 6pm with the film show starting at 6.30pm. Entry is by donation as usual. *Jim Buchanan.*

**ONLINE LENT STUDY GROUP:** **One Long Thursday into Friday: An exploration of the deep themes of the Thursday of Holy Week.** **Overview:** There is so much that happens on the Thursday of Holy Week in terms of teaching, activities and events. And the different Gospel writers all explore it slightly differently. In addition, it is just one of the days of Holy Week and we might simply pass it by in the rush from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. This lent group provides the opportunity to dwell in this day and give the themes of Thursday due consideration. **When?:** 7.30 – 8.45 pm on five consecutive Thursday evenings from **13<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup>**

**April. Where?:** Online, via Zoom. The group is offered as a means for those unable to join a physically gathered group. **Who?:** Rev Stephen Levett will host the group and provide the primary and initial study input. From then on all group attendees who choose will; be encouraged to share in the ensuing conversation. The people of the Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit, and anyone they care to personally invite, are welcome to be part of the group. **To indicate your interest and to receive the Zoom meeting log-in details please email [revlev66@gmail.com](mailto:revlev66@gmail.com)** Please do not publish the Zoom link in any newsletter or public online social media.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Our Church Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 noon. Look forward to seeing you there. *Pam Gale.*

**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 – Philippians 4 verses 6 and 7**

***“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”.***

**REFLECTION :** Prayer is an essential part of the Christian's life, indeed it is the best way in which we keep our relationship with our Creator God and Saviour strong and effective.

Jesus frequently went away to a quiet spot, either alone or with his three closest disciples and prayed for his ministry, for the world and for his friends and followers. He prayed for those who would become followers, for Jerusalem the holy city; he prayed at the last supper, he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, he prayed on the Cross.

If Jesus, the Son of God needed to pray, then we certainly need to.

We are all prone to anxiety, to temptation, disappointment, even disillusionment, at times with our Christian walk, as we observe the wickedness in the world, together with all of its suffering.

Then it is that, as Paul says, we have to recognise the things for which we have to be thankful, and offer those thanks in heartfelt prayer, accompanied by supplication to God for all of the situations and people who need intercession and God's blessing. It is by casting our worries on to our loving God in prayer, that we find that wondrous peace Paul speaks of, a peace which passes all understanding, knowing that in the end God's will is paramount.

Of course, we have to, where we can, back up our prayer with loving action, as we seek to further God's kingdom, where we are, in whatever way we can. Every blessing, *John.*

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March. (No Other Gospel)**

Sun	16.	Luke 13:31-35.	StF 680	Psalm 27.	Care.
Mon	17.	Galatians 1:1-5.	StF 355	Psalm 100.	Pray.
Tue	18.	Galatians 1:6-12.	StF 418	Psalm 101.	Tell.
Wed	19*.	Matthew 1:18-25.	StF 219	Psalm 89:26-36.	Worship.
Thu	20.	Galatians 1:13-24.	StF 434	Psalm 102:1-11.	Challenge.
Fri	21.	Galatians 2:1-14.	StF 634	Psalm 102:12-28.	Challenge.
Sat	22.	Galatians 3:1-5.	StF 392	Psalm 103.	Learn.

*\*Joseph of Nazareth.*

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