



## 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:** Grant us, O God, to pass each day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may again praise you, the eternal God, blessed over all things and forever. **Amen.** Mozarabic Sacramentary (10<sup>th</sup> century)

### **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

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

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

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

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Sue Pinfield.**

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** The next meeting will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm at 37, The Flats and we welcome all who are interested. *Alan Bidnell.*

**PALM SUNDAY:** If you have palm branches (real or otherwise) would you bring them to wave during the Palm Sunday Service on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. *Jackie Hartrey.*

**CASTING OUR NETS:** As part of the Omega Hub, our minister, Rev Ruth, is inviting us to visit one of her other churches, The Bridge in Redditch on Tuesday of Holy Week, 15<sup>th</sup> April for a very special Crafty Worship at 10.30am. **Casting Our Nets** is a new expression of worship for all-ages, not just children, and not just adults. So whether you're young or old or anywhere in between, this really is for you! It's informal, innovative and inclusive. A light lunch of bread and cheese will be served at 12.00noon. Come over to Redditch and get to know the Hub a little more. **Please see the image on page 2.** Thank you. *Rev Ruth Wilson.*

**REGENTS COURT:** Deacon Gwynn is looking for a few singers to come and join a service at Regents Court Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Please let Gwynn know if you're available. *Deacon Gwynn Bamford.*

**UPPER ROOM WELCOME HOUSEGROUP:** Notification of our next housegroup on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in Room 6 asking the question **WHO AM I?** All are welcome to share with us. *Pat Booth #####.*

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (with BRING AND SHARE LUNCH):** This will be held at midday following the Communion service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome. *Pam Gale.*

**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 Desert' written by Richard Sewell who is dean of St George's in Jerusalem. *Janet Millward.*

**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.



**THE ROAD TO EASTER:** A quiet space for personal reflection exploring events of Holy Week. At Bromsgrove Methodist Church, 19, Stratford Road, Bromsgrove. On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 am til 12.30 pm. *Anne Batchelor.*





# Volunteers needed

## Peckwood Bluebell-Walk Cream Teas 2025

Bank Holiday Monday 12pm - 3pm

Can you help us us?

We're asking every Circuit Church to find someone to be on the rota for helping to serve cream teas on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

If every church gets involved, it will mean no more than half an hour on the rota, so .... the more, the merrier!

Please speak to Jackie Russell or Ruth Wilson to sign up or if you want to know more

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**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 - PSALM 20 verse 4**

***"May the Lord grant you your heart's desire, and fulfil all your plans".***

**COMMENT:**

We make plans for the future with the hope that, God willing, they will actually materialise. It is a matter of hope for what is yet to come, not a certainty. The beauty of life as a Christian is that it is a partnership with God, with the Lord very much as a senior partner. Or that is how it should be.

That partnership is maintained through prayer, through reading the scriptures, through heeding life's experiences, and through communication with others who may offer help or advice. Worship is also a vehicle to knowing God's will and purposes for us.

So often, though, we try to struggle on, in our own wisdom: and only when things go wrong, seek God's guidance.

These words from David assure us that God WANTS the best for us, wants to grant our hearts' wishes, and to help us to fulfil our plans.

Perhaps the lesson here is that we should HAVE plans and desires, and not just drift through life. After all life is to be lived to the full, and we only have one shot at it.

However, Jesus also said “I come that they might have life abundantly”, here and now - life that is fulfilling and purposeful, and through faith in him, we can also know life eternal. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April. (The Cost of Redemption)**

Sun	06.	John 12:1-8.	StF 56	Psalm 126.	Serve.
Mon	07.	Isaiah 49:1-7.	StF 338	Psalm 73.	Worship.
Tue	08.	Isaiah 49:8-18.	StF 17	Psalm 35.	Learn.
Wed	09.	Isaiah 50:1-9.	StF 319	Psalm 55.	Notice.
Thu	10.	Isaiah 51:1-8.	StF 440	Psalm 2:1-8.	Challenge.
Fri	11.	Isaiah 51:9-15.	StF 832	Psalm 143.	Pray.
Sat	12..	Isaiah 52:1-10.	StF 327	Psalm 144.	Tell.

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