



## 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:** To you, O God most high, we lift our hearts, voicing our praise, confessing our sins and seeking your pardon. To you we come for grace, to you we render our thanks and to you we ascribe all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.** *Isaac Watts (1647-1748)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Easter Day.**

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP will be closed next week, Easter Week.**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

**Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Easter Day.**

**8.00 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Bidnell.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Maureen Foxall.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

**10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Wilson, followed by the Annual Church Meeting.**

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank the church family for the beautiful flowers sent to me last week by Liz Dovey. They were a lovely surprise and much appreciated. The Joy and Blessings of Easter be with you all.  
*Ilona Clarke.*

**EASTER OFFERING 2025:** Envelopes for this year's appeal will be available on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Details in Forum. Your donations are much appreciated by the World Mission Fund. *Janet Henderson.*

**UKRAINIAN CAFÉ:** There will be NO Ukrainian Café in April. The next Ukrainian Café will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am – 1.30pm. *Jenny Jones.*

**STREAMING OF SERVICES:** Currently we are not allowed to stream any services. The stated reason for this is Safeguarding. I have spent some time and effort arguing the case that only the lectern and organ are shown, but this apparently is not enough. In addition, I have been told that some local preachers either do not wish to be on streaming or are unhappy about it and the recent LWPT meeting minutes record: **"All those who are taking part in worship must be asked if they agree and give consent"**. Obviously with a large congregation, this would be unmanageable. With such a condition deciding whether streaming should occur, this creates unpredictability. I believe that the on-line services should be reliable, which in the current situation I cannot achieve, so it is with deep regret that I have withdrawn my offer to stream, and will be removing our channel from You Tube and removing all references to streaming from our web site. I have tried my best and failed. I will do all I can to continue supporting our church, by looking after slides and sound, keeping our web site up to date and offering help where I can be of service. *Chas.*

**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.*

**USUAL SUSPECTS:** A lively ukulele band playing at the ecumenical centre. With classic songs from the 30's to modern day. Come along and singalong. Refreshments will be provided. Entry is by ticket, with donations invited on the day. Saturday 2nd May starting at 2.00pm. Tickets are available by emailing [sharon@em-mananuelredditch.church](mailto:sharon@em-mananuelredditch.church) or text/call 07596 879792 **(before 1<sup>st</sup> May).**

**SPRING CRAFT FAIR 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** The next Spring fair will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am till 1.30pm. As usual I am looking for help in setting up, taking down and also manning stalls so if you are able

to help. Please let me know. Also, if you normally have a stall, please can you confirm with me if you are willing to organise that stall again. Thank you. *Janet Millward.*

**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.*

**AN EASTER DAY PRAYER –**

***Almighty God,***

***today is the most special of days –***

***A day of victory, celebration and praise !***

***A day on which we remember your great triumph-***

***The defeat of evil, suffering and death.***

***A day on which we recall the transformation you have brought –***

***Joy after sorrow, hope after despair, faith after doubt.***

***A day on which we give thanks for all you have given us –***

***Love, laughter, life !***

***Almighty God,***

***Speak to us through this joyful season,***

***And fill us with greater trust and deeper faith,***

***So may we live not just this day, but every day,***

***As your Easter people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***(With thanks to Nick Fawcett)***

***A happy Easter to everyone, and every blessing, John.***

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April. (Easter Glory)**

Sun	20*.	John 20:1-18.	StF 298	Psalm 118.	Tell.
Mon	21.	Romans 1:1-7.	StF 294	Psalm 16.	Share.
Tue	22.	Revelation 1:4-18.	StF 304	Psalm 33.	Notice.
Wed	23.	Ezekiel 37:1-14.	StF 303	Psalm 105:1-9.	Pray.
Thu	24.	John 10:23-11-18.	StF 306	Psalm 8.	Care.
Fri	25.	Isaiah 26:1-19.	StF 309	Psalm 100.	Worship.
Sat	26.	Colossians 3:1-14.	StF 313	Psalm 133.	Live.

*\*Easter Day.*

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

The blessing and joy of Easter be with all my readers. *Ken.*