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

**PRAYER:** In pilgrimage, O Lord, show us the path to be taken; in commitment, the will to be obeyed; in service, the cost to be borne; and in faithfulness, the crown to be won. **Amen.** *Ann Mason, Bible Christian minister (1797-1826).*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.**

**Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Gwynn Bamford/Jackie Hartrey/Rev Ruth Wilson & Anne Batchelor.**

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION:** Following the dismantling of the exhibits, I have been left with a very long MAYC green and yellow wool scarf which has not been claimed. If you are the owner please let me know and I will return it to you. *Jim Buchanan.*

**A CELEBRATION OF LOVE IN HYMNS AND MUSIC:** On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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

**UKRAINIAN CAFÉ:** The Ukrainian Café will be back in the Foyer on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**BRENDA TORBET'S FUNERAL SERVICE** will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 1 pm at the Church, following a Committal at Waseley Hills Crematorium. *Lizzie Dovey.*

**CTiB:** A service arranged by Churches together in Bromsgrove will be at Bromsgrove Baptist Church, New Road, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am. The theme will be “I made you Wonderful” from the Cook Islands. Refreshments will be served after the service. *Deacon Gwynn Bamford.*

**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** – *Hymn StF No. 429 – part*

*Your forgiveness lifts our burdens, setting heart and spirit free  
to fulfil our true potential, all that we were meant to be.*

*For you teach a way of wisdom we may clearly understand,  
walking with the God of mercy step by step, and hand in hand*

**COMMENT:**

This pair of verses from Martin Leckebush, a contemporary hymn writer, is from a hymn I do not recall ever singing. It is good, I think to spend time contemplating some of the gems contained within our hymnbook.

Like many things, we take the forgiveness we receive from a compassionate God for granted. Here we are reminded of the relief from that sense of guilt before God for “sins” of commission – or omission. When we feel ourselves “right with God” because of our assurance of forgiveness, it does indeed set ‘heart and spirit free’.

We are then able to be the kind of person God wants us to be, unshackled from the habits or lifestyle that would hinder our being able to fulfil our potential as

effective servants of our Lord Jesus, who gave his all in order to buy us our freedom from all that would displease God – indeed to give us new life, a transformed, purposeful, full life.

God's 'wisdom' ,i.e. knowing the lifestyle we should live, with God at the centre is not difficult to 'understand' - all that we have to do is to trust our Lord, and walk in his way, with our hand in God's.

If we feel that we are not disciples because of the freedom forgiveness offers us, then we may come to God instead because we are burdened with anxiety, about the many worries that afflict us. Then our reason for discipleship may be that we find peace and rest, and serenity in our relationship with our Lord and Saviour, who calls to us "Come to me all who are burdened and I will give you rest." The important thing, I believe, is to ensure we have that relationship with God. Every blessing, *John*.

### **Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> January. (The Cost of Love)**

<b>Sun 26.</b>	<b>Luke 4:14-21.</b>	<b>StF 255</b>	<b>Psalm 19.</b>	<b>Challenge.</b>
<b>Mon 27*.</b>	<b>2 Samuel 15:13-31.</b>	<b>StF 629</b>	<b>Psalm 63:1-8.</b>	<b>Notice.</b>
<b>Tue 28.</b>	<b>2 Samuel 18:1-8.</b>	<b>StF 649</b>	<b>Psalm 23.</b>	<b>Learn.</b>
<b>Wed 29.</b>	<b>2 Samuel 18:9-15.</b>	<b>StF 643</b>	<b>Psalm 65.</b>	<b>Challenge.</b>
<b>Thu 30.</b>	<b>2 Samuel 18:19-23.</b>	<b>StF 735</b>	<b>Psalm 66.</b>	<b>Serve.</b>
<b>Fri 31.</b>	<b>2 Samuel 18:24-33.</b>	<b>StF 647</b>	<b>Psalm 72.</b>	<b>Care.</b>
<b>Sat 01.</b>	<b>2 Samuel 19:1-4.</b>	<b>StF 655</b>	<b>Psalm 130.</b>	<b>Pray.</b>

*\*Holocaust Memorial Day.*

**All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning to [kenb740@gmail.com](mailto:kenb740@gmail.com) Thank you.**