



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: "But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint". I place my hope in you. Lord renew my spirit **Amen** *Isiah 40:31*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 28th September 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 5th October 2025.

Service on Sunday 28th September 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs L Gennoe

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Sunday Service 5th October 2025:

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs S Leeson - Harvest Festival

FINANCIAL SITUATION OF OUR CHURCH.

The new financial year has not started well for our church. Indeed things started to go wrong back in April when the decorator started to repaint the outside of the building. It soon became clear that the woodwork was in poor health and a carpenter was called in to repair and replace much of the window frames on the Stratford Road side of the building. This added a further £1478 to the budgeted cost of repainting. When the carpenter opened three of the windows the whole frame fell out, that's how rotten they were. Unfortunately the carpenter was not able to build new frames or repair the old ones. An emergency decision was made to replace the three windows with PVC double glazed windows at a cost of £2222 inc VAT and fitting. The windows to be replaced are the office, room 2 and the ground floor ladies toilet.



The heating system boiler was serviced at the end of August and it is fit and well! However, the same cannot be said for the flue to the boiler, this is very poorly and needs to be replaced. Until this is done the heating system remains shut down. The estimated cost of this replacement is £2900.

These three emergency items total £6600. If that wasn't enough, the Circuit Assessment has been increased by 5% and added a further £2219 per annum to our contribution to the Circuit.

I hope you will understand why I feel it necessary at this time to invite you all to consider increasing your regular giving to the life and work of this Church and Centre. I do understand that many of you are already giving as much as you can, if so please don't be concerned if you really cannot give any more. Thank you.

Sheila Sharman, Church Treasurer.

HARVEST SUPPER

Unfortunately, due to holidays and illness affecting the Stewards and Fundraising Group, the Harvest Supper scheduled for Saturday 4th October will not take place. The Harvest Service on Sunday 5th October will be led by Mrs Sarah Leeson.

Jim Buchanan

THANKS FROM MERYL DAVIES Meryl continues to make a good recovery after her recent operation. She sends thanks for the beautiful flowers taken to her from Church last week and for the many kind messages and enquiries. She looks forward to being back with us at Church soon.

FASHION SHOW and DISCOUNT CLOTHING SALE - this will take place on Saturday 18th October. Doors open at 1.30 for refreshments, the Show commences at 2.00. All ticket profits are for Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees. Tickets £8.00 including refreshments available from The Coffee Shop.

Margaret Evans and Jenny Jones.

ST ANDREWS is running a Shoebox appeal during October: Every Christmas they make shoeboxes containing goodies for Christmas which are distributed to needy families in impoverished areas of Eastern Europe via the CR2EE Shoebox charity (Christian relief to Eastern Europe). They urgently require toiletries, hats, gloves, sweets, note pads, baby items, small toys, colouring books and stationery. Boxes are sent for babies, children and adults. All items must be new. If you can help in any way, please drop your donations to St Andrew's Coffee Shop on a Wednesday or a Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you would prefer to donate money they will buy the items on your behalf.

Kind regards, Lucy West, Circuit Administrator

CHURCH COUNCIL: The next Church Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 14th October. Please could I have reports by Thursday 9th October.

Many thanks, Pam Gale

FILM NIGHTS: If there is sufficient demand I am willing to start the monthly film nights during the winter months starting in October. Please let me know if you are interested and if you would like to suggest any suitable films available on DVD please do so.

Jim Buchanan.

HARVEST APPEALS Envelopes for our Harvest Appeal for All We Can should be available from Sunday 28th September. Please bring your donation to **Harvest Worship on Sunday 5th October**, or on any Sunday if you will not be there that day. Appeal details will be in Forum.

At the harvest service we will also be receiving gifts of food for the Basement Project, as usual. They have supplied the following advice:

*These are the items that we are **most in need of** and which will be most appreciated by our clients.*

Tinned items: Meatballs, Chilli, Chicken Curry, Hot Dogs, Meals such as chicken in white wine sauce, Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans and sausages, Tuna, Macaroni Cheese, Ravioli, tinned spaghetti, Potatoes, Tinned Vegetables (any), Fruit (any), Rice pudding, Custard.

Jars: Pasta Sauce, Curry Sauce.

Other foods: Long life milk, Cereals, Cereal bars, Jam, Biscuits, Tea and coffee (small packs only please)

*We currently **DO NOT NEED** baked beans, pasta, kidney beans and pulses, tinned soup, or tea bags.*

No pot noodles or cup-a-soups at present please.

No fresh/perishable items as we do not have the storage.

Thank you! *Charity and Missions Committee*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: – **A PRAYER FROM A MATURE PERSON – Anonymous**

I share the following in the hope that it will put everything about getting older into perspective, and encourage us to “keep on keeping on” with faith and confidence to the very end, for, after all, it is to some extent up to us, whether we choose to live fully, or to let Anno Domini win.

Every blessing, JOHN

Reflection

Lord, you know better than I know myself, that I am getting older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Help me not to try to sort out everybody's

affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful but not bossy. It is tempting to use all of my vast store of wisdom, but I want a few friends at the end ! Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; help me to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains: love of rehearsing them seems to get sweeter as the years go by. Help me to listen with patience to tales of others' pains. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility when my recall differs from that of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that I occasionally maybe mistaken. And keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint- some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person I do not want to be! Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people: and give me the grace to tell them so. And when I would fret about things I can no longer do, please show me the many things that I can still do, for you and for others, and help me remember love covers all.
Amen.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 28th September. (*Words of Wisdom*)

<i>Sun</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i>	<i>StF 416</i>	<i>Psalm 146</i>	<i>Care</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>29*</i>	<i>Proverbs 27:1-6</i>	<i>StF 695</i>	<i>Psalm 67</i>	<i>Learn</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Proverbs 28:11-16</i>	<i>StF 693</i>	<i>Psalm 41</i>	<i>Challenge</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Proverbs 29:23-27</i>	<i>StF 702</i>	<i>Psalm 68:1-6,32-35</i>	<i>Live</i>
<i>Thu</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Proverbs 30:1-9</i>	<i>StF 475</i>	<i>Psalm 69:1-18</i>	<i>Notice</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Proverbs 31:10-20</i>	<i>StF 608</i>	<i>Psalm 69:30-36</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes 1:1-11</i>	<i>StF 138</i>	<i>Psalm 70</i>	<i>Pray</i>

****Michael and All Angels, Revelation 12:7-12, StF 637, Psalm 103***

**All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning via email to
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