

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. The service this morning will be live streamed. The camera focuses only on those taking part but the back of your head might be seen. If you wish to remain out of sight of the camera, please sit at the back of the church.

CHURCH OFFICE will close on Thursday, 23 December 2021 at 3.30pm and will re-open on Wednesday, 5 January 2022 at 10.00am. Please send any notices in the usual way. Sue.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

BECKMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH (registered charity 1128871) are looking to employ a Lay Worker for Older People to work 15 hours per week. Salary in the range (£19,760 - £21,506) according to experience. Pro rata to a 40 hour week. DBS (enhanced) disclosure required. Further details and application form available from: The Church Administrator, Beckminster Methodist Church, Birches Barn Road, Wolverhampton WV3 7BQ. Tel: 01902 344910. Email: info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk Closing date for applications: Monday, 10 January 2022.

MARGARET PHAZEY would like to send good wishes to all friends at Beckminster and also say a big thank you to all involved in the seasonal gifts received during 2021, they were all delightful.

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Worship and Fellowship

19 December 2021

4th Sunday in Advent

What's On This Week....

Monday 20 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

Tuesday 21 December
Office Closed

Wednesday 22 December
10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
7.30pm Zoom Advent Study

Thursday 23 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open

Friday 24 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Saturday 25 December
10.00am Christmas Day - All Age Worship

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm will not now take place due to the increase in covid cases.

There will be no Sunday Service on 26 December 2021.

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Come and join us on Sunday, 2 January 2022

*Second of Christmas -
Covenant Sunday
in Church and Live-Streamed*

**10.30am Holy Communion
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

10.30am Carol Service

Welcome and Introduction

THEME FOR TODAY: THE BLESSING OF HOME

Reader One: (John Bate) Sometimes when we are trying something new, or when we are facing a difficult decision, or when we want to celebrate something, or when we just feel lost and alone and uncertain about life, the universe and everything, we need a blessing. We don't always think of it that way, or word it like that. We say we need advice, or support, or companions, or someone to come along beside and lift us up again so we can see more than the tops of our shoes. We seek a blessing.

Reader Two: (Janette Clough) For many of us, we go home; we ask mom; we talk to dad, or brothers and sisters, close friends, those we grew up with, those who know us best. We want them alongside; we want to be in their presence. Somehow, we know that being there, being home, will make all things better. Maybe it won't be fixed, or solved, or wished away, but at least we won't be alone. We seek a blessing.

Lectionary Readings: Micah 5: 2 - 4 read by Phil Healey
Luke 1: 39 - 45 read by Ann Holt

Reader One: (John Bate) Mary, faced with an incomprehensible burden and gift, ran to Cousin Elizabeth's house, looking for someone who knew a little of what she was going through, looking for a place to hide until the reality of her condition could become something real. And she received a blessing. The prophet Micah spoke of a blessing coming to an unexpected place, an unassuming town. Yet by God's grace would become the means through which God would bless the whole world. Bethlehem, the little town of blessing. We seek a blessing.

Reader Two: (Janette Clough) We light these candles, the candle of hope, of peace, of joy and of today, love, as a sign that we know blessing and we know waiting for blessing to be felt and lived. We light these candles as a sign that we still seek a blessing. It's time to go home.

Light all four candles on the Advent wreath

We Sing STF 178 Long ago, prophets knew



STF 187 The Angel Gabriel (Solo Verses 1 - 3 Barbara Smith, Congregation remain seated and join for Verse 4)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer John Ashwood

STF 214 Once in royal David's city (Solo Verse 1 Janette Clough, Congregation stand and sing the remainder)

Reading: Luke 2: 1 - 7 read by Phil Healey

Mary's Boy Child (Solo Marilyn Bose)

Reading: Mary of the Christmas Card read by Pam Wilkes

STF 217 Silent night, holy night:

Still, Still, Still (Solo Janette Clough)

Reading: Luke 2: 8 - 20 read by Phil Healey

STF 213 O little town of Bethlehem,

Joseph's Song (Solo Alun Davies)

Dinner on 25th December Pete & Trish Prescott

Reading: What is Christmas? read by Linda Hargreaves

STF 204 In the bleak midwinter

What child is this? (Solo Keith Cheetham)

Prayers and Offertory Prayer Sue Reed

The Shepherds' Farewell (Solo Barbara Smith)

Reading: John 1: 1 - 14 read by John Bate

STF 202 Hark! The herald-angels sing

Blessing

We Welcome You to Worship Today

If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to those around you, or to one of the Stewards or Minister. You may like to sign the visitors book in the foyer.

Our fellowship will continue after morning worship with tea and coffee served in the Coffee Bar.

**The Plants in Church
for December
are in Loving Memory of:**

**David and Anthea Griffiths
Mr Alwin Ordige
Mr John Felton**