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# Beckminster Welcomes You

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# **Worship and Fellowship**

# Sunday, 27 October 2024 Thirtieth in Ordinary

# What's On This Week....

Monday 28 October 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group 1.00 - 3.15pm Take-A-Break

Tuesday 29 October

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed** 9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

Wednesday 30 October 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting 9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 31 October 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open 10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It

Friday 1 November 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 10.30am - 12.30pm Wulfrun Warblers 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 2 November

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray .......
Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Come and join us on Sunday, 3 November 2024

**Safeguarding Sunday** 

10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

# 10.30am Local Arrangement led by Mrs Christine Pearson

Welcome

Call to Worship - Psalm 29: 2

"Give to the Lord the glory due unto His name.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

### StF 34 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

#### StF 322 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Reading: John 4: 19 - 26 read by Barbara Smith

Talk

Extract from "God is love alone" by Brother Roger read by Diane Vanderdoes

## StF 18 Be still and know that I am God

Marilyn will sing this once and the Congregation will then sing it twice followed by a time of quiet for personal prayer

Marilyn will then sing

"Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life." followed by the Congregation singing it twice

Prayers of Intercession - Linda Hargreaves

Offering

# StF 470 Lord of the years

The Grace shared together

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.

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

# **The Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit**

## **Circuit Operations Manager**

An exciting opportunity to join the strategic leadership team to cover the operations management of the Circuit.

You will have experience of managing both a financial and property/resource portfolio.

£28,000 - £30,000 pro rata dependent on experience 22.5 hours per week/60% f.t.e. Based at Circuit Office (Beckminster Methodist Church WV3 7BQ)

The Circuit is currently going through a process of restructure to listen to God's call and support regrowth, using the underpinning aims in its Vision (Courageous discipleship, Inspiring and diverse worship and Meeting needs). The Circuit is made up of rural, urban and inter-city settings with an array of community outreach initiatives. It seeks the right person to offer strategic leadership to our Circuit operations and support the Circuit Leadership Team.

For more information and an application pack please email the Circuit Administrator on Shirley.tilston@wolvesmethodist.org.uk

Applications to be received by 12 noon 31st October 2024. Interviews to be held week commencing 25th November 2024. This post requires a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Certificate.

**FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING.** Next month's Coffee Morning on Saturday, 16 November 2024 from 10.30am - 2.00pm will include a Christmas Market, brought to us by the Circuit Fairtrade steering group. As in previous years they will bring us a wide selection of craft goods and cards. Coffees, teas and light lunches will be served.

**TABLE TOP SALE** at Trinity Methodist Church, Histons Hill Codsall, on Saturday, 2 November 2024 from 10.30am - 1.30pm. Admission Free. Proceeds for church heating. Variety of tables including cakes, Christmas Gifts and Cards. Refreshments will be available.

**WORLD MISSION.** Could those with World Mission collecting boxes please pass them to Sue in the office. Thank you.

**DRUMMING FOR FUN** at Beckminster from 7.00 - 9.00pm on Wednesdays. The next session will be on 20 November 2024. No previous music making experience needed. £5.00 including refreshments. For more information and to book your place, please contact music@blissfuldragon.com or telephone 07983206430. All are welcome. For further details see notice board in the Coffee Bar.

**TODAY SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER** the service will not be livestreamed.

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

ERIC FOWLDS. Our thoughts and prayers are with Elsie, Margaret and the family following the death of Eric on Wednesday, 2 October 2024. Eric's funeral will take place on Monday, 11 November 2024 at 12.20pm at Gornal Wood Crematorium DY3 2RL.

**REMEMBERING** Godfrey Dansey Smith who died on 11 October 2024. His funeral will be on 4 November 2024 at Swardeston Church, Norfolk. Godfrey, his late wife Gwen, Howard, Fiona and Andrew worshipped at Beckminster for 15 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

**JEAN KENDRICK.** Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jean following her death on Saturday, 19 October 2024. Jean used to attend Beckminster until she moved away to be near family.

**LILIAN HOLMES.** Our thoughts and prayers are with Raymond, Pauline and Patricia following the death of Lilian on Monday, 21 October 2024. Lilian was our oldest member being nearly 102 years old.

**COFFEE MATES.** Meet Monday, 4 November 2024 at Codsall & Wergs Garden Centre, Wergs Hall Road, Codsall, WV8 2HJ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2024 6.00 for 6.30pm - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL.** Same format as last year and we will be entertained once again by "Just in Time". Tickets are now available at £10.00 from Sue/Tim (Family Ticket details on request). Menu will be Turkey Baps, Desserts, Coffee and please bring your own drinks. There is a vegetarian alternative, please advise when purchasing tickets. Tim.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE.** At our recent Church Council Meeting, concern was expressed about safety of people using our premises. Please ensure that the internal doors from the car park are **always** kept in the locked position after you have used them. This is important at all times, including Sunday mornings.

**THANK YOU** to Beckminster for the lovely Harvest Bags, so well presented with little useful items, a meditation and a card. Very much appreciated.

The Plants for October are in Loving Memory of:
Parents and Sister of Pete & Tricia Prescott

## **Update on Hub Developments**

You will remember that we met as a church body back in November last year to consider whether we might agree to pursue the Circuit suggestion that we explore the possibility of interacting with 3 other churches to form a hub in this part of the Circuit. We agreed...

Following that, we (i.e. Wombourne, Springdale, Cranmer and Beckminster) have had meetings to explore those possibilities in greater depth. I agreed to chair the steering group, Phil Shuttleworth volunteered as secretary, and our meetings have proved remarkably positive. In addition to that, the church treasurers have met separately, the property stewards have met separately, and so far, we have not come across major obstacles to prevent 4 "chapels" becoming one hub "church", with one church council, one bank account etc in September 2025. Our warm relations even expressed themselves in the form of a joint Beetle Drive last Saturday, kindly hosted by Springdale. Many thanks to those who supported this successful evening.

There are, of course, many problems still to be overcome. We know the unwillingness of some members to associate themselves with any church building other than their own....and the problems of members reliant on public transport or the kindness of car owners. At the same time we recognise the reality of dwindling congregations, reduced income and the lack of preachers to fill our pulpits Sunday by Sunday.

At our Church Council Meeting on 14 October 2024 we resolved to continue the project. We meet again as a Hub Steering Group in November, and we shall keep you updated.

John Ashwood