


Worship... Service ... Witness ... in the name of Jesus

Beckminster Welcomes You

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 1 December 2024

Advent Sunday

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What's On This Week....

Monday 2 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break

Tuesday 3 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 4 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
12.30pm Funeral of Nakiska Gleed-Walker
2.30pm Ministers Meeting
7.00 - 9.00pm FairTrade AGM

Thursday 5 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance
7.00pm Advent Study on Zoom (See Notices)

Friday 6 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.30am - 12.30pm Wulfrun Warblers
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 7 December
11.00am Wedding Rehearsal
6.00 for 6.30pm Christmas Social

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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, 8 December 2024**

Second in Advent

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Steve Singleton**

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



Advent Liturgy (See Booklet)

Gospel Reading:

Luke 21: 25 - 36 read by Maggie Marriott

Reflections

StF 712: Put peace into each other's hands

Prayers

Offerings

StF 624: Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;

Holy Communion

StF 411: May the God of hope go with us every day,

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.

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

Christmas Services 2024

Sunday, 1 December

10.30am Holy Communion Service

Friday, 13 December

7.00pm Community Carol Service with Gateway and others
which will be followed by mince pies & refreshments

Sunday, 15 December

10.30am Nativity Presentation & Gift Day

Sunday, 22 December

10.30am Local Arrangement - Carol Service

Tuesday, 24 December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle Service

9.00pm Christmas Communion Service

Wednesday, 25 December - Christmas Day

10.00am Joint Service with Cranmer at Beckminster
All Age Worship

Sunday, 29 December

10.30am Local Arrangement

Beckminster Carol Singing

will take place at Tesco, Penn Road on
Tuesday, 17 December 2024 from 6.30 - 7.30pm
raising funds for Action for Children and at
Sainsbury's, St Marks, Wolverhampton on
Thursday, 19 December 2024 from 6.30 - 7.30pm
raising funds for Sainsbury's agreed charity

**Churches Together in Graiseley & Penn Fields
Carol Singing**

will take place at Tesco, Penn Road on
Saturday, 21 December 2024
from 12noon - 1.00pm raising funds
for Beacon Centre for the Blind

All are welcome to join us at any
of these services and events

GIFT SUNDAY: Last December, members of Beckminster were generous in donating gifts to the City of Sanctuary. Again this year, the organisers are planning to give a Christmas gift to the children of asylum seekers and a small cash gift to the parents. Our Gift Sunday this year is on 15 December 2024 and we hope that all members will feel able to bring a small gift (e.g. a new or nearly new toy or children's game) to the morning service on that day. If you are **unable** to attend on 15 December, then gifts may be brought in on any Sunday after next Sunday and they will be displayed in church.

If you prefer to make a cash donation, that would also be most welcome. Cheques should be made payable to "Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary".

BECK MATTERS: We are very grateful to Maggie Marriott for the work she does to produce our Church Magazine. At a recent meeting she invited all of us to provide suitable items to widen its appeal, especially for those people who receive their magazines from pastoral visitors. So this is YOUR opportunity to provide a special little unique contribution of your own. How about a poem, a personal reflection, an account of an event, an amusing limerick or two or a selection of photographs? There are lots more possibilities, no doubt. Please help us by approaching Maggie and offering your contributions. The next deadline for articles is 31 January 2025.

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.

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

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 2 December 2024 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN: Advent Carol Service on Tuesday, 3 December 2024 at 2.30pm at St Andrews Church, Sedgley. Bring & Buy Gift Stall. Please bring a wrapped gift value up to £3.00. All are welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD, WOLVERHAMPTON invite you to a Service of Celebration at St Peter's Church on Monday, 9 December 2024 at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

**The Plants for December
are in Loving Memory of:**
Donald Rushton;
David Griffiths;
Alwin Ordidge;
John Felton;

CUPPA CAKE AND CHAT: Please come and join us in the Epworth Room on **Tuesday**, 10 December 2024 from 1.45 - 3.00pm for an informal get together before Christmas. All are welcome.

Amnesty International Write for Rights Campaign. Please support this annual Christmas campaign to show solidarity with prisoners of conscience around the world.

Your cards and messages offer comfort and support to people facing and resisting human rights violations and imprisonment. Please see Phil Shuttleworth after the service for details and advice relating to individual cases. Thank you for your support.

THE WOLVERHAMPTON SOCIETY. A history talk about 20 years of Fairtrade Campaigning in Wolverhampton presented by Julia Farrell, Chair of Wolverhampton City Fairtrade Partnership. This will be on Thursday, 12 December 2024 at Penn Bowling Club, WV4 5PY. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Mince Pies and Fairtrade refreshments available. £5 entrance fee.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PRAISE NIGHT Wolverhampton Road East, Parkfields, Wolverhampton WV4 6AA on Saturday, 14 December at 7.00pm. There will be carols, contemporary worship music and Bible Readings. Refreshments Provided. All are welcome.

Beck @ 100. In preparation for Beckminster's Centenary in 2026 a small group has come together to produce a Commemorative Book celebrating Beckminster's History.

As part of these preparations please collect and complete one of the forms you will find in the Vestibule asking you to write down "Memories of Members" / "What Beckminster means to Me" and also any "Interesting Facts" you may have about the life & work of Beckminster. I've already received a number of responses which I have transcribed and returned for checking to the original contributors.

Hand your completed form to Sue Lloyd directly or to Sue Lorimer in the church office as soon as possible but preferably before Christmas as we are now working to quite a tight deadline. Thank you Sue Lloyd.

The Centenary Book. I'm sure that many of you will remember knitting squares, which were then made into blankets, and were distributed to those who had to choose between "Eating and Heating". It has been decided that this ongoing project should be included in the **Centenary Book**. So, if you knitted some of the squares and borders, you are invited by Graham Lloyd to be part of a **group photograph** which will be taken after the morning service on **Sunday 15th December 2024**.

These blankets are still available for use on chilly Sunday mornings in Church, or to be taken out to anyone who you think may need one. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the photograph. Many Thanks, Ann Holt.

SEEDS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS: As many of you will know each year since lockdown, I have put a range of plants on my garden wall to raise money for various charities.

2021 - Marie Curie

2022 - Ukraine Appeal

2023 - West Midland Air Ambulance & Christian Aid

2024 - British Heart Foundation & Christian Aid

As part of this fundraising, I have also collected and packeted the seeds from my plants and many of you have made donations for these in the past to give to your friends and loved ones as part of their Christmas presents. I would like to do the same this year.

So, Sue and Graham Lloyd will be in the Coffee Bar after the morning service **TODAY** with a selection of packs of seeds to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. The amount raised so far for plants is **£450.69** and I would like to add to that if possible.

Please note: I DO NOT put a price on the seed packs as this is illegal so, you take as many packs of seeds as you'd like and make your donation – the more you take, the better I like it.

Thank you so much for your support.

DECEMBER COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning (from 10.30am) will be held on Saturday, 14 December 2024 and proceeds will be donated to ABCD Bethlehem. Last year's event was very successful, and we hope that visitors will support us again this year. As we all know, the situation on the West Bank is even worse than a year ago, but our medical professionals continue to offer the best possible treatment to the disabled children in their care in the most trying of circumstances. Thank you in advance for your generosity. John Ashwood.

STRATTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE: Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday, 14 December 2024 from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Wombourne & District Choral Society will be holding their Christmas Concert "A Winter's Night" here at Beckminster on Saturday, 14 December 2024 at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £15.00.

CHRISTMAS INCLUSIVE CAROLS: Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season. Free glass of mulled wine. Thursday, 12 December 2024 from 7.30 - 9.00pm at The White Hart. Free entry. Ticketed event see notice board in Coffee Bar for details.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: We are pleased to inform you that once again we will run the Advent Bible Study which will be led by Rev Paul Nzacahayo and Rev Peggy Heim. It will be based on the Connexional materials, Hush the Noise based on It Came Upon a Midnight Clear. The resources can be found on the Methodist Church Website in the Resource Hub. We can print materials for those who do not have access to a printer. These will be on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm on zoom on the following dates:

5 December - 'To Prophets Shown'

Malachi 3: 1 - 4 and Luke 3: 1 - 6

12 December - 'Babel Sounds'

Zephania 3: 14 - 20 and Luke 3: 17 - 18

19 December - 'The Love Song'

Micah 5: 2 - 5a and Luke 1: 39 - 55

In order that the zoom link can be communicated to you, please let Sue in the office know if you would like to join the Study Group.

15th WOLVERHAMPTON SCOUTS: Calling all tea makers, tidy-uppers, activity planners and helpers for as little or as much time as you can spare. Interested? Please contact Lucy Wingrove on 07738 249929 or email lucy@15thwtonscouts.org.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER in GRAISELEY & PENN FIELDS. ADVENT GROUP 2024: Join us as we prepare for Christmas. Each week we will consider the themes, characters and scriptures related to the Christmas story. All are welcome.

Monday 2 December 7.00pm (led by Beckminster)

Monday 9 December 7.00pm (led by Jubilee Christian Centre)

Monday 16 December 7.00pm (led by Beckminster)

All meetings will be held at Lea Road Community Church, Lea Road, WV3 0LW.

FOLLOW THE STAR WOLVERHAMPTON on Saturday, 7 December 2024. A city centre nativity and lantern parade beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3.00pm and ending in St Peter's Square around 4.30pm. Bring a lantern (LED lights only) and join Mary and Joseph and our alpacas for storytelling and songs. For further information on the afternoon, please see the poster on the notice board in the Coffee Bar. If anyone would like patterns for the knitted or crocheted stars, please see Sue Lorimer.

WANTED - Stewards, Readers, Knitted or Crocheted Stars. If any one can help in any of these areas please contact:

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