

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.

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".

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 17 November 2024

Thirty-Third in Ordinary Time

What's On This Week....

Monday 18 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
3.00pm Beck Matters Meeting, *See Notices*
5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 19 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 2.00pm Inter-Faith Lunch, *See Notices*
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 20 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
2.00pm Centenary Committee
2.30pm Ministers Meeting
7.00 - 9.00pm Drumming

Thursday 21 November
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 22 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.30am - 12.30pm Wulfrun Warblers
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 23 November
9.30am for 10.00am Bereavement Training

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 24 November 2024**

Sunday before Advent

**10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Christine Pearson**

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mrs Tina Kinch**

Welcome

Call to Worship

StF 148 Come, let us with our Lord arise,

Prayers

Lord's Prayer (said)

Young People's Hymn: **StF 121 Autumn days**

Blessing as Young People leave for their own instruction

First Lesson: Selected verses from Acts
Read by Stephanie Sherwood

StF 504 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6: 1 - 8
Read by Ann Holt

Reception and Dedication of Offertory

Sermon

StF 716 There are no strangers to God's love,

Prayers of Intercession

StF 683 Great is our redeeming Lord

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.

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:

Lesley Cook 07840 128510 or lesleyvcook@btinternet.com

Deacon Linda Gilson 07941 354958 or linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk

Methodist City Centre Ministry Wolverhampton

AMPLIFY 2025 a youth weekend run by Birmingham and Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Districts will be held at Whitemoor Lakes from the evening of Friday 14th to the afternoon of Sunday 16th March 2025. This event is a residential weekend for children and young people from the ages of 8 years to 18 years (if still attending school). More information can be found at [Amplify — Birmingham Methodist District](#). The cost of the weekend is £40 which is heavily subsidised by the 2 districts, it includes the accommodation, meals and all the activities. It does not include travel, in previous years parents have helped out with the transport. Tickets are now on sale and can be booked direct on the above link, please let me know if you have booked a ticket for your child by sending me a text. Should you need help with the cost please let me know, this will be treated in confidence. Sarah Philpott 07812579940 (Springdale Church).

AMPLIFY 2025 youth weekend requires STEWARDS to help out over the weekend, either for the whole weekend, a day or part of a day. More details can be found at [Amplify — Birmingham Methodist District](#). Please consider helping out and joining in the fun of the weekend!

For further details see notice board in Coffee Bar.

BECK MATTERS: An Open Meeting to discuss the church magazine will be held on Monday, 18 November 2024 at 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All members are invited and encouraged to share their views.

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

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

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 services on **Sunday, 24th November and 1st December 2024** 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.

A Prayer for those unable to attend worship in person:

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the precious gift of life. Wherever we are this day, we offer our praises, along with millions across the world, as we hold dear the wonderful gift of memories no-one can take away.

We join with those who have taken this path before us to bless your name and we dedicate ourselves, in whatever ways possible, to serving you through our service to others in the coming days.

And we ask your help in this great commission, as we believe you are with us in every moment of our lives.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

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.

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. Lilian's funeral will take place here at Beckminster on Friday, 29 November 2024 at 12.15pm followed by cremation at Gornal Wood DY3 2RL at 1.30pm.

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.

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. Can all who want tickets please pay by no later than Sunday, 1 December and please also let us know if you require the vegetarian option. Food will be served at 6.30pm. Many thanks. Tim.

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.

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.

INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON Bring & Share Lunch will take place on Tuesday, 19 November 2024 from 1.00pm - 2.00pm at Beckminster Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be Zakiyyah Ahmed from the University of Wolverhampton. He will deliver a workshop/presentation entitled South Asian: Community Collaboration. It is based on his current research project.

**The Plants for November
are in Loving Memory of:**
Rob Harris;
David Griffiths;
Mr Bill Wilkes &
Daughter in Law Susan Wilkes;
Son, David and Granddaughter Evie,
Family of Keith & Mavis Nunn

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:

- 28 November - 'Hush the Noise'
Jeremiah 33: 14 -16 and Luke 21: 25 - 36
- 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN WALKING CLUB is an interdenominational club for Christians who enjoy country walks and hiking. The club is a well-established voluntary organisation offering day walks, weekends and holidays. Our walks range from easy, low-level walks to scrambling and rock climbing. We strive to run the events to suit modest budgets and the club has many long-standing members. See poster on notice board in the Coffee Bar or look at the website www.christianwalkingclub.org.uk