

I have received a letter of thanks from the Trustees of the Partnerships in The Gambia, following their recent Coffee Morning. Sue.

On behalf of the Trustees, I am writing to thank you, Rev Paul and members of Beckminster Church.

Debbie Peace, Penny and Paul Darlington-Twibill and myself were given such a warm welcome at a Coffee Morning arranged by June Sperring in aid of our charity. The occasion gave us opportunity to give an update of the charity's work and to thank members of the church for support over many years. A generous amount of £330 was raised. This will help the charity continue work in The Gambia making a difference to peoples lives. Thank you for the offer made for us to return next year. Your support is greatly appreciated. All good wishes to you and all at Beckminster.

Heather Scott for an on behalf of Lesley Dunlop, Ian Marshall, Debbie Peace, Penny Darlington-Twibill and Steve Evans (Trustees)

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

## Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 24 November 2024

Sunday before Advent

### What's On This Week....

**Monday 25 November**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break  
5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

**Tuesday 26 November**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 27 November**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers  
2.30pm Ministers Meeting

**Thursday 28 November**  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open  
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
12.30pm Funeral of Pauline Chambers  
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance  
7.00pm Advent Study on Zoom (See Notices)

**Friday 29 November**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
9.30 - 11.00am Wulfrun Warblers  
12.15pm Funeral of Lilian Holmes  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

**Saturday 30 November**  
4.00pm Wedding of Anthony Guy and Julie Wilkins

Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray .....**  
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 1 December 2024**

**Advent Sunday**

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

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

Welcome and Call to Worship

**StF 503 Love divine, all love excelling,** (John Holt)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (Christine Pearson)

God's Promise (Wendy Bate)

Poem - The Four Seasons (Daisy)

Prayer - Lord I'm not an important person (Sheila White)

**StF 519 Father, I place into your hands**  
Sung by Marilyn Bose

Poem - The Clown (Phil Shuttleworth)

**StF 59 Shine Jeus Shine** (Fiona Griffiths)

Poem - Church Going (Diane Vanderdoes)

Song - If I can help somebody (Keith Cheetham)

Poem - The Road not Taken (Ann Holt)

**Hymn The Cross** (Verses 1 & 3) (Roy Evans)

**Father, I kneel to Thee,  
Kneel and appeal to Thee,  
Bowed by the cares and the burden of life:  
Meekly I pray to Thee,  
Asking the way to Thee  
Seeking a rest and a shelter from strife.**

**AMPLIFY 2025** a youth weekend run by Birmingham and Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Districts will be held at Whitemoor Lakes from the evening of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to the afternoon of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Fly O my doubting fears,  
See, 'tis the cross appears,  
High in the heavens it is flooding the night!  
Shedding a ray for me,  
Pointing the way for me,  
Marking the path with a halo of light.**

*Words by S. Conant Foster  
Music by Ernest C. Winchester*

Intercessions (Maggie Marriott)

Organ Music (Johnny Pearson during the Offertory)

**StF 486 Who would true valour see,** (Sue Lorimer)

Thanks and the Grace

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 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,

**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.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Anthony Guy and Julie Wilkins who are to be married here at Beckminster next Saturday, 30 November 2024 at 4.00pm.

**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.

**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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**Methodist City Centre Ministry Wolverhampton**

**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](http://www.christianwalkingclub.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 service **Today and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Fairtrade Market last Saturday. Total sales of goods amounted to £1188.05. Additionally, profits from refreshments, £190.10 have been sent to Transform Trade who work with marginalised producers and artisans, helping them bring quality goods to the market place. Special thanks to June and Loraine for providing very tasty refreshments.

**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 25 November 7.00pm (led by Lea Road)

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.

**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](mailto:lucy@15thwtonscouts.org.uk)

**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.