


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

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 22 December 2024

Fourth in Advent

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What's On This Week....

Monday 23 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Tuesday 24 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
4.00pm Christingle Service
9.00pm Christmas Communion Service

Wednesday 25 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
10.00am Joint Service with Cranmer, All Age
Worship

Thursday 26 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed

Friday 27 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

Saturday 28 December

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

God for whom we wait and watch, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of the Messiah. Inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you; that, when Christ shall come again in glory to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before him, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 29 December 2024**

First Sunday of Christmas

**10.30am Local Arrangement -
Circuit Resource**



**10.30am Local Arrangement
Carol Service**



Welcome and Advent Liturgy

Poem: So small a Candle - Flame of Love
written by Pam Hodgson

Recorders with Marilyn Bose 'Like a Candle Flame'

StF 214 Once in royal David's city (v1, Solo Amelia Kelly)
(Congregation remain seated and join in v2)

Prayers and Lord's Prayer led by Phil Shuttleworth

Reading: Matthew 1: 18 - 25 read by Ann Holt

StF 187 The Angel Gabriel

Reading: Luke 2: 1 - 7 read by Sue Reed

StF 213 O little town of Bethlehem,

Reading: Luke 2: 8 - 20 read by Stephanie Wilkes

Solo - Still, still, still sung by Barbara Smith

StF 210 Love came down at Christmas,

Reading - BC-AD by U.A. Fanthorpe
read by Phil Shuttleworth

Christmas in The Ukraine
Carol of the bells
Talk - Maggie Marriott
Alleluia, Amen

StF 204 In the bleak midwinter

Christmas Services 2024

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



ADVANCE NOTICE: All church members are encouraged to attend a meeting on Monday, 3 February 2025 at 7.30pm to learn and respond to latest Hub developments. We hope that all who are able will attend, so that Church Council members are aware of everyone's views when asked to make important decisions on Monday, 17 February 2025.

CIRCUIT OFFICE is now closed and will re-open on Monday, 6 January 2025 at 10.00am.

Offertory and Prayer

Reading: John 1: 1 - 14 read by Chris Reed

Prayers led by Hilda Evans

StF 202 Hark! The herald-angels sing

Blessing

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. We will not be meeting on Wednesday's, 25 December 2024 or 1 January 2025.

CHURCH OFFICE will close on Friday, 20 December 2024 at 12.30pm and will then be open on Friday, 27 December 2024 during the morning for the preparation of the service sheet, so send notices in the usual way. The office will then re-open on Thursday, 2 January 2025 at 9.30am. Sue.

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 December
are in Loving Memory of:**

Donald Rushton;
David Griffiths;
Alwin Ordidge;
John Felton;

BECK CAROL SINGING at TESCO, Tuesday, 17 December. Many thanks to the 17 Beck members who turned up and sang so melodically (it sounds like a complimentary word, so I thought I'd use it!) on the above date. We collected £126.31 for Action for Children, which is 50% more than we made last year!

My thanks must go to Tim & Sue Lorimer and Linda Hargreaves for organising this event. Pete Prescott (Action for Children organiser).

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 6 January 2025 at The Two Greens, Old Hill, Tettenhall WV6 8BQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY: As in previous years, we plan to hold our morning worship in the Church Hall during January and February 2025. Unfortunately, live-streaming of services will not be possible during this time.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to our ABCD Coffee Morning on 14 December. Together with Gift Aid a total of £380 was raised. Thank you also for your generosity last Sunday morning, when so many gifts for asylum seekers were on display beneath the lovely Chrismon Tree. Some of those gifts arrived from our local scout group, who plan to develop a closer link with us in the New Year. In addition to the children's toys/games etc. we had donations to City of Sanctuary amounting to £215.

WOLVERHAMPTON CIRCUIT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN: Winter Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 21 January 2025 at 2.15pm at Rakegate Methodist Church. The Speaker will be Mrs Tina Kinch and there will be a "Bring & Buy Stall" for MWIB and World Mission Funds. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all at Beckminster. Love and best wishes from Christine Davis.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all my friends at Beckminster and thank you all for my lovely Christmas cards. Love Pam Wilkes.

FUNDING RAISED FOR THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION IN 2024. I have posted off a second cheque to the British Heart Foundation this week and this one is for the sum of **£124.45**. I have raised this money from donations for **packets of seeds** that I've collected from the plants in my garden.

This means that in 2024 I have donated a total **£575.14** to help support the British Heart Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who's been kind enough to make donations for both plants in the summer and packs of seeds recently, I couldn't have raised the cash without you. Sue Lloyd.

CRIB SERVICE at Springdale Methodist Church on Christmas Eve at 3.00pm. Suitable for all ages, and featuring Penn Puppets. Followed by crafts and refreshments.