


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

Beckminster Welcomes You

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 8 December 2024

Second in Advent

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What's On This Week....

Monday 9 December
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 10 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.45 - 3.00pm Cuppa Cake & Chat
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 11 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

Thursday 12 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 13 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30 - 11.00am Wulfrun Warblers
12.30pm Wedding of Temiloluwa Gbadebo & Mary Kuforiji
7.00pm Community Carols

Saturday 14 December
10.30am - 12noon Coffee Morning
7.30pm Wombourne Choral Concert

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, 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, 15 December 2024
Third in Advent
10.30am Gift Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

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

Welcome

Advent Liturgy

StF 362 Meekness and majesty,

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

StF 178 Long ago, prophets knew

Children leave with a Blessing

OT Reading: Micah 5: 2 - 4 read by Sue Reed

StF 157 God has spoken by his prophets,

NT Reading: Luke 2: 25 - 38 read by Chris Reed

Address

StF 181 Of the Father's love begotten

Offering

Prayer's for Hope, Vision and Courage

StF 172 Hills of the north, rejoice,

Closing 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.

**The Plants for December
are in Loving Memory of:**

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

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

Christmas Services 2024

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 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

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.

COMMUNITY CAROLS, FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2024 AT

7.00pm. We have a varied and interesting programme for this event with a number of our Church users taking part. This is always an enjoyable service centred around our Gateway friends who are providing mince pies for the refreshments after. Please do try and support this event. Many thanks. Tim

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.

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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS POST 2024: We will again be offering a Christmas Post service within Beckminster during Advent this year, with donations for the Methodist World Mission Fund. Cards posted in the box in the church vestibule will be available for collection in the hall after services. Please include an address as well as the recipient's name and only post cards for people you expect to be attending our Advent services. You can also put a card in the box if you want to send one to the Church Family to be put on the board in church. Donations will be passed on by Beckminster to World Mission; if you are donating by cheque, please make that out to Beckminster Methodist Church and include your name with your donation if it is being gift aided.

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.

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

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.

DECEMBER COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning (from 10.30am) will be held next 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.

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.

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. For further details see notice board in Coffee Bar

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:

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

SUNDAY CLUB: If anyone has borrowed a box of children's costumes belonging to Sunday Club from the upstairs store room, please return or have a word with Donna, Sheena or Brian if you are aware of its whereabouts. Thank you.

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".

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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Temiloluwa Gbadebo & Mary Kuforiji who are to be married here at Beckminster on Friday, 13 December 2024 at 12.30pm.

INTERFAITH, WOLVERHAMPTON will be holding their Christmas Bring and Share Lunch on Tuesday, 17 December 2024 from 12.30 - 2.30pm here at Beckminster. All are welcome.