

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 7 April 2025 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley, WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

LENT COURSE: Our Lent Course continues exploring themes from Selina Stone's book 'Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith' (SPCK, 2023). We will meet on the following dates at Beckminster for a 7.30pm start and finishing by 9.00pm.

Wednesday, 2 April - Chapters 7 and Epilogue

If you are planning to come along, you might want to watch the videos for the relevant chapters ('sessions) on The Big Church Read website: <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/tarry-awhile/>

CITY CENTRE MISSION: City Centre Ecumenical Lent Talks will take place at St Peter's Church on Monday's starting on Monday, 10 March 2025 from 12noon - 1.00pm. Soup and bread will be served from 12noon and the talk will begin at 12.30pm. This year's theme is: **The God Who Speaks - Deepening our understanding of the Word of God in Lent.** Speakers will reflect on one of their favourite books of the Bible:
Monday, 31 March - Mgr Canon Mark Crisp, The Book of Job
Monday, 7 April - Deacon Linda Gilson, The Gospel of Luke

Rev Rachel Parkinson is leaving the District at the end of this connexional year. As part of her leaving service, we want to offer her prayers of thanks and blessing from across the district. **Could people please write a 1 sentence prayer of blessing or thanks for Rachel and her ministry, and send it to Rev Jo (or via Shirley) by 13 April.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES IN THE CIRCUIT will be held at Wombourne 12noon, Cranmer 7.00pm and St John's 7.00pm. All are welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL; On Tuesday, 13 May there will be a meeting of 4 Church Councils together at Springdale Methodist Church. This meeting will discuss the formation and constitution of a new Crossways Methodist Church Council to replace our existing structures. Church Council Members have received an invitation to this meeting, which begins at 7.00pm.

PARTNERSHIPS IN THE GAMBIA invite you to join us for Coffee, Cake and a Catch Up at Beckminster Church on Saturday, 3 May 2025 from 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Coffee Bar. Light refreshments will be served.

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 30 March 2025

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 31 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group

1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break

5.00 - 9.00pm Dinky Divas

7.30pm BLT Meeting

Tuesday 1 April

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

4.15 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas

7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 2 April

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

7.30 - 9.00pm Lent Study Group (See Notices)

Thursday 3 April

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open

10.00am Ministers Meeting

7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 4 April

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 5 April

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to those who struck him and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 6 April 2025**

Lent 5 - Passion Sunday

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mrs Wendy Gould**

**Beckminster Methodist Church
Birches Barn Road
Penn Fields
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**10.30am Local Arrangement - All We Can Service
with Guest Speaker Becca Byass**

Welcome

Lent Liturgy - Soul Food

StF 25 God is Here! As we his people

Prayer for Justice and Peace

Mothering Sunday Prayer

Readings:

Psalm 32 read by Marilyn Bose

Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32 read by Chris Reed

StF 161 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

Sermon

StF 611 Brother, Sister, let me serve you,

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

StF 415 The Church of Christ, in every age

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 March
are in Loving Memory of:**

Louise Wood;

Rose Carr;

Lilian Ashley;

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.

ALL WE CAN: It has been standard practice in recent years to invite members to an Easter Sunday Breakfast, where we have raised funds for "All We Can". Since we are worshipping together with our friends at Cranmer this year, we shall not be able to organise the breakfast. However, we have invited a representative from "All We Can" to take part in our morning service **TODAY**. Rebecca Byass has kindly agreed to join us and she will tell us something about the work being undertaken at present by this charity, which is funded largely by Methodists such as us. We shall have a retiring collection for All We Can at the close of this service. (Gift Aid envelopes will be available). Please give generously.

LORNA COLLINSON. It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of Lorna Collinson on Friday, 22 March 2025. Lorna and Nigel ministered with us at Beckminster between 1972 to 1980 and left an indelible mark on the life of our church. Many people will remember their ministry with us. Please hold Nigel and the family in your prayers.

SEEDS FOR GROWING IN SPRING:

Dear Friends

As many of you will know, each year since lockdown, I have brought a variety of seed packs to church 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

2025 – Guide Dogs & Christian Aid

I have collected and packeted the seeds from my plants and hope that you may feel able to make a donation for Guide Dogs and take as many packs of seeds as you would like to give to your friends & loved ones as an Easter gift.

Sue and Graham Lloyd will be in the Coffee Bar after the morning services **TODAY and 6 April 2025** with a selection of packs of seeds as I am just starting fundraising for Guide Dogs and would appreciate your support.

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 & make your donation – the more you take, the better I like it.

Thank you so much for your support.