

**CHURCH ALIVE MEETING;** The next Church Alive Meeting will take place on Monday, 17 March 2025 at 2.00pm in the Epworth Room.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** A new date has now been agreed for the General Church Meeting and this will be held after the morning service on Sunday, 18 May 2025.

**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.

**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, 10 March - Rev Rachel Parkinson, The Book of Psalms  
Monday, 17 March - Amy Bertaut, The Book of Isaiah  
Monday, 24 March - Alexis Pottinger, The Book of Ruth  
Monday, 31 March - Mgr Canon Mark Crisp, The Book of Job  
Monday, 7 April - Deacon Linda Gilson, The Gospel of Luke

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

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.**

**WOLVERHAMPTON CIRCUIT:** Methodist Women in Britain will be holding their meeting on Thursday, 27 March 2025 at 2.30pm at Beckminster Methodist Church. The Topic will be "My Favourite Things" (Please bring an item – or more than one!) 'Bring and Buy Stall' for MWiB and World Mission funds. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

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### Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 9 March 2025

Lent 1

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

**Monday 10 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

**Tuesday 11 March**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
4.15 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 12 March**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers  
7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society  
7.30 - 9.00pm Lent Study Group (See Notices)

**Thursday 13 March**  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open  
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
10.00am Ministers Meeting  
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

**Friday 14 March**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
10.00am Funeral of Baby Ellie  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

**Saturday 15 March**  
10.30am - 12noon FairTrade Coffee Morning  
(See Notices)

Collect for the Day  
**To ponder and pray .....**  
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 16 March 2025**

**Lent 2**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

**12.30pm Baptism Service  
(See Notices)**

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

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

**StF 494: Come, thou fount of every blessing,**

Prayers

Readings:

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11 read by Sue Reed

Luke 4: 1 - 13 read by Chris Reed

**StF 463: Deep in the shadow of the past,**

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

**StF 30: Jesus, stand among us**

Holy Communion

**StF 238: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

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.

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** There will be a retiring collection at the end of today's Communion Service. Monies collected will benefit our Benevolent Fund.

**NEXT SUNDAY, 16 MARCH** there will be a Baptism following the morning service at 12.30pm which will be led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo. You are all invited to stay and join the family of Amiyah Isla Wisdom who is to be baptised.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Saturday Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 15 March 2025 from 10.30am – 12.00 noon. The Circuit Fairtrade Steering Group will have a stall selling Fairtrade Easter gifts and other food and craft goods provided by Wolverhampton Fairtrade. Donations to go to Transform Trade, supporting producer groups who are developing goods to bring to the Fairtrade market.

**MARGARET BROWNLOW:** The funeral for Margaret is being held on Wednesday, 12 March 2025 at 10.15am at Springdale Methodist Church then at Gornal Wood Crematorium with refreshments at Springdale Church afterwards.

**LENT STUDY GROUP.** Our Lent Group will explore themes from Selina Stone's book 'Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith' (SPCK, 2023). You can buy the book here (but you don't need to have bought it to take part in the group): <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/tarry-awhile-drawing-on-the-riches-of-black-spirituality-for-the-whole-church-800>

We will meet at Beckminster for our first session on Wednesday, 12 March for a 7.30pm start, finishing by 9.00pm.

This first session will focus on ideas from chapters 1 and 2 (and the introduction). But don't feel you need to have read those chapters to come along.

If you are planning to come along, you might want to watch the short introductory video for 'Tarry Awhile' and videos for session 1 and session 2 on The Big Church Read website: <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/tarry-awhile/>