

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

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## Worship and Fellowship

**Sunday, 6 April 2025**

**Lent 5 - Passion Sunday**

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

#### Monday 7 April

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
10.45am - 12noon Coffee Mates (See Notices)  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break

#### Tuesday 8 April

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

#### Wednesday 9 April

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers  
7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Spring Show

#### Thursday 10 April

**9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open**  
9.45 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance  
7.00 - 8.00pm Wedding Meeting

#### Friday 11 April

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

#### Saturday 12 April

9.45am - 2.00pm Advanced Safeguarding Training

Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray .....**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 13 April 2025**

**Lent 6 - Palm Sunday**

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

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

Steward's Welcome and Lent Liturgy

**StF 82 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children/Young People

**StF 44 Come on and celebrate**

*Children Leave*

Epistle: Philippians 3: 4b – 14 read by Carolyne Hurley

Gospel: John 12: 1 – 8 read by Diane Vanderdoes

Metrical Psalm 126 *(To be sung)*

When the Lord established Zion  
we were living in a dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter  
and our tongue with joyful theme.  
Then they said, among the nations,  
All their Lord has done is great!"  
Yes, our Lord does great things for us;  
we rejoice and celebrate.

Re-establish us, our Lord, as  
watercourses of the south.  
Those who sow in tears and mourning  
will return with joyful mouth.  
Those who scatter seed in sorrow  
come with sheaves in joyful state,  
since our Lord does great things for us;  
we rejoice and celebrate.

*From "Psalms for the Common Era", Adam Carlill, 2018*

**Conference Sunday,  
29 June 2025**

Hello, you will see from the worship plan that most churches have a local arrangement on Conference Sunday. We thought if possible it might be an option either to go to Telford International Centre, International Way, Telford TF3 4JH for the Conference Service at 10.45am or if churches who could stream the service to their church invite congregations whose churches cannot. Details of these at a later date. This is always a special service.

Both for the Sunday morning worship and ordination services, tickets would be required. These are available from the Methodist Website (Just go to Methodist Conference 2025 and all the details will come up) from Monday, 7 April. No charge of course but to make sure you can get a seat... The ordination services all begin at 4.00pm.

**Venues**

St. Andrew's Church, Shifnal  
All Saints, Wellington  
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury  
Shrewsbury Abbey

Just let me know if anyone requires further information about these venues.

Shirley Tilston, Circuit Office.

## Easter Arrangements 2025

### Maundy Thursday, 17 April

12noon Service at Wombourne Methodist Church and 7.00pm at Cranmer led by Rev Peggy Heim, Rev Teddy Siwila and Deacon Linda Gilson. There will also be a service at 7.00pm at St John's which will be led by Rev Steve Jackson.

### Good Friday, 18 April

10.30am Walk of Witness to start from the car park of the Jubilee Christian Centre. Stopping at the Ukrainian Church, St Chads and Lea Road. Finishing at Beckminster at around 11.30am for refreshments and Hot Cross Buns.  
12.30pm Short Service in Church led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo  
1.00pm Frugal Lunch in Coffee Bar. Proceeds to Christian Aid - Myanmar Appeal (See Notices).

### Easter Day, 20 April

11.00am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo. We will be joining members of Cranmer Methodist Church.

**Please join us for our Easter celebrations  
all are welcome.**

Reflection "Passionate about...?"

**StF 280 O sacred head, sore wounded,**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

**StF 566 Take my life, and let it be**

Blessing

**Prayer**

Lord, we bring before you the passions of our lives:  
the people who matter most to us,  
the things that hurt us most,  
everything we have lost,  
the questions we struggle to answer.  
Help us to know how much we matter  
and to find our answers in you. Amen

*from Roots resources for churches*

**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.

**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.

**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 April  
are in Loving Memory of:**

**Ven Venables:  
Kathryn Tonks:  
David Boulton:  
Brownie & Betty Carter-Brown:  
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Corns:  
Anne Jones and her Parents:  
Violet Watts:**

**PAM WILKES.** Happy birthday to Pam who celebrates her birthday on Friday, 11 April 2025 from all your friends at Beckminster.

**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. The funeral will take place on Monday, 14 April 2025 at 12.15pm at Solihull Methodist Church.

**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 service **TODAY 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.

**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.

**SYNOD:** The Representative Session of Synod is in our W-ton Circuit and will be held at Old Fallings URC, Oldfallings Lane, Fallings Park, W-ton WV10 8BH. Parking will be available opposite at the Catholic Church Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, 542 Cannock Road, WV10 8PG. There will be limited parking at the Oldfallings URC for those that have mobility issues. We will be pleased to hear from anyone who can help on the day, Saturday, 10 May 2025. Let me know if you can bake a cake or cakes. We shall also need volunteers to help steward the car park and directing people, volunteers to serve tea and coffee at the start, lunchtime and end and to support in general. Shirley, Circuit Office.

**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, 7 April - Deacon Linda Gilson, The Gospel of Luke

**EASTER OFFERING 2025:** The Easter Offering is the annual opportunity to give to the World Mission Fund, which works with over a hundred of the Methodist Church in Britain's Partner Churches and organisations around the world.

Collection envelopes will shortly be available for people to make their gift on Easter Sunday or one of the Sundays following.

All gifts will be gratefully received, and dedicated at a Circuit Service on Sunday, 18 May 2025 at 6.00pm at Fallings Park Methodist Church. The focus this year will be on every person's right to education.

*Wendy Gould, Circuit MWiB Committee*

**CHRISTIAN AID** has been working with partner organisations and communities in Myanmar for decades. Local partners with deep experience in the hardest hit central regions are already mobilising to provide life-saving assistance. Emergency funds have quickly been released to help deliver immediate relief to those affected. All further donations will be very welcome, either on line or by using envelopes which are in the vestibule. We have decided to forward the proceeds of the **GOOD FRIDAY FRUGAL LUNCH** to this appeal. Everyone is warmly invited. Wendy & John Bate.

**LANESFIELD METHODIST CHURCH:** Service of Music for Easter on Sunday, 13 April at 10.30am. Please join us to celebrate on Palm Sunday with a variety of songs from our choir together with congregational hymns for all to enjoy. The service will be led by Phil Bridgewater and will be live-streamed. If you are unable to join in person you are welcome to join us online. Refreshments will be served following the service.

**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.**