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What's On This Week....

Monday 15 October

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

2.00 - 4.00pm Art Group

6.15pm Brownies

6.30 - 8.00pm Cubs

8.00pm Monday Focus (See Notices)

Tuesday 16 October

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers

1.30 - 4.30pm Art Group

5.15 - 6.15pm Dinky Divas

Wednesday 17 October

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

11.30am - 3.00pm Luncheon Club

5.45pm Rainbows

7.00 - 9.00pm Scouts

7.00pm Pastoral Meeting

7.30 - 8.30pm Happy Feet Dance Group

Thursday 18 October

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open

9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers

2.00 - 4.00pm Take a Break

6.15 - 7.15pm Beavers

7.00 - 9.00pm St. Johns Ambulance

Friday 19 October

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

11.30am Funeral of Jasmina Lewis

7.00 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 20 October

10.15am - 2.00pm Fusco Academy of Dance

2.30 - 5.00pm RNLi "Tea Time" (See Notices)

Worship and Fellowship

14 October 2018

Ordinary 28

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us next
Sunday, 21 October 2018
Ordinary 29**

**9.00am Holy Communion
led by Rev. Glennys Bamford
10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo
6.00pm Evening Worship
led by Mr Phill Bridgewater**

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Dr. Janet Anderson**

Call to Worship

STF 254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving - Price Nzacahayo

The Lord's Prayer

The Bible Story

STF 167 Colours of day dawn into the mind,

Children's Blessing

'Open the Book' - Wendy Bate

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 4: 12 - 16 read by Chris Reed

STF 463 Deep in the shadows of the past,

Gospel Reading:

Mark 10: 17 - 27 read by Pam Wilkes

God is a Mystery

Prayers for Forgiveness

STF 158 Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders,

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Offertory

Epistle of Paul to the Church at Colossi 3: 12 - 17

STF 504 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

The Blessing and the Grace

**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.
You may like to sign
the visitors book in
the foyer.**

**Our fellowship will
continue after
morning worship
with tea and coffee
served in the
Coffee Bar.**

HOLDING CROSSES. Please take a holding cross from the basket in the vestibule together with an information sheet explaining their background. These have been provided to all churches in the Circuit for us to give away to anyone we feel would benefit from receiving a small symbol of God's love.

Friends will be saddened to hear of the death of the sister of Revd. Inderjit Bhogal, formerly a Minister in the Darlington Street Circuit and past President of Conference. She was killed by a passing car as she left her Gurdwara in Smethwick last Saturday. Condolences can be sent to the family via the Wolverhampton Interfaith office.

Forthcoming Meetings & Events at Beckminster

17 October at 7.00pm	Pastoral Meeting
20 October at 2.30pm	RNLI "Tea Time"
1 November at 9.30am	Circuit Staff Meeting
3 November at 10.00am	DMLN/District
5 November at 9.30am	Staff Meeting
5 November at 11.00am	Coffee Club
5 November at 2.00pm	Messy Church Planning Meeting
7 November at 7.30pm	Church Alive Meeting
12 November at 10.00pm	Luncheon Club Committee
13 November at 7.30pm	Toddlers AGM
29 November at 10.00am	DMLN/District

A Message from Wolverhampton Fair Traid

I'm sure you will have heard that Traidcraft has indicated that the business is currently in the process of consultation about its future viability. Unless an alternative business model can be found, the company will wind up operations at the end of December 2018 as its current model is no longer viable. You may be aware that Traidcraft has struggled to be profitable for several years but has been particularly hard-hit by the fall of the pound immediately following the Brexit referendum. The company also ran into difficulties when it launched its new website at the end of last year and is no different from other High Street names which have been hit by the recession. They have asked for expressions of concern or suggestions for a way forward to be directed to lovetraidcraft@traidcraft.co.uk. Meanwhile, the message from Traidcraft is to pray for their personnel as the business seeks a way forward and to make this autumn their best sales season ever. We should also be very mindful of the impact that this news will have on the growers and producers who sell their products to Traidcraft on fair trade terms. Traidcraft has beautiful, high quality and handcrafted items in their 'Create' range. If you enjoy shopping on the web, do browse through their online catalogue. Wolverhampton Fair Traid stocks a wide range of their craft products and if you are within striking distance of Wolverhampton, do call in for a browse. Meanwhile, Traidcraft Exchange, the sister organisation to Traidcraft plc, continues to work. The charity raised over £1million through their 'Hidden Entrepreneurs' campaign this spring and continues to work on their tea campaign. It is important for us as churches not to allow this news from Traidcraft to overwhelm us but encourage us to prayerfully redouble our efforts to make trade fair for the worlds poorest communities. Wolverhampton Fair Traid would like to support churches in the District. The shop sources its products from a number of suppliers and will continue trading as normal, albeit with the loss of some favourite items, should Traidcraft indeed cease trading. The shop offers a sale or return facility to organisations (several of our Methodist churches already use this) and we would be happy to help you stock your church kitchen with fair trade items. You can contact the shop on 01902 471475 or shop@wolvesfairtraid.org.uk to find out more. Brenda Shuttleworth
Wolverhampton Fair Traid

METHODIST SUMMER FELLOWSHIP at Swanwick from Saturday, 3rd - Friday, 9 August 2019. The theme will be "Peacemaking" and for further details see the notice board in the Coffee Bar.

WHITE POPPIES. (*Limited Supply Available*). Revd Chris Collins has a limited number of White Poppies for sale. White Poppies are frequently worn at remembrance as a universal witness to peace while remembering all who have died in conflict. If you would like one, please contact Revd Chris by email or at the Darlington Street Office (01902 422100). Cost is £1 per poppy (plus postage if required).

**6.00pm Holy Communion
led by Rev. William Davis**

Hymns:

H&P 257 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

H&P 274 Saviour, blessed Saviour,

H&P 535 Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,

H&P 597 Be known to us in breaking bread,

H&P 652 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,

The scripture reading:

Luke 19: 1 - 10 read by Hilda Evans

**Beckminster's Retiring
Collections
until the end of
February 2019
will be in aid of the
KOMERA Project which
supports the Rwandan
Peace, Healing and
Reconciliation
Programme (PHARP)**

**The flowers in church
are in loving memory of:
Parents and Sister of
Pete & Tricia Prescott**

**Your Welcome Team on the
door next Sunday are:
Roy Evans & Christine Pedley (am)
and
John Pearson (pm)**

BARBARA CARTWRIGHT. Our thoughts and prayers are with Phyllis and the family following the death of Barbara on Friday, 21 September 2018. Barbara was a lifelong member of Beckminster in the choir and as a Steward. The funeral for Barbara will be held at Bushbury Crematorium, West chapel at 10.30am on Wednesday, 17 October 2018. All are welcome to remember Barbara and support Phyllis.

MONDAY FOCUS - 15 October 2018 8.00pm in the Coffee Bar. 'What would you take to a Desert Island?' This will be a relaxed evening and your opportunity to bring along, or just talk about, an item you could not live without. If it is a piece of music, just bring that along (CD's only please). This will be followed by light refreshments and the usual opportunity for a chat. You may just want to come along and listen, the choice is yours and all are welcome.

GIFT DAY. Many thanks to all who made the recent weekend such a success. The money raised at the present time stands at £8,275 which includes Richard's run and Gift Aid.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE TV PROGRAMME "SAVING LIVES AT SEA"? If you have, you will want to support the amazing RNLI. The W-ton Branch are holding "Tea Time" here on Saturday, 20 October 2018 from 2.30 - 5.00pm. Alongside tea, souvenirs, cards, calendars etc. will be on sale and a wood carver is also bringing items. Your support will be appreciated. Jane Fuell.

NOTICE BOARDS. Please see the notice boards to see what is going on in the Circuit. Sue.

THANK YOU to friends at Beckminster for the lovely Gladioli and Gerbera flowers that were delivered to me on Monday. Val Pollard.

CAROL SINGING. We have been asked to support a Christmas Market/Fayre at the Holly Bush pub, Penn Road on Sunday, 25 November. We can "perform" any time between 12.00noon and 4.00pm and raise money for a charity of our choice. I need to confirm by the end of October so if you are interested please let Tim or Sue Lorimer know ASAP. Many thanks Tim.

EVENING SERVICES. At our Church Council meeting on 8 October, we decided that evening services would be held in the Epworth Room from November onwards. The starting time would continue to be 6pm.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT MARCH 2019. We are delighted to inform members that Bala Gnanapragasam, Vice-President of Conference, will be joining us for worship on Sunday, 3 March 2019. Our General Church Meeting scheduled for that date has been changed to Sunday, 7 April 2019.

COFFEE CLUB. Our next meeting will be at Essington Fruit Farm, Bognop Road, Essington WV11 2AZ at 11.00am on Monday, 5 November 2018. Please come and join us, we are a very friendly group who like going out for a coffee, and chat.

WOLVERHAMPTON CIRCUIT CHOIR. The Circuit Choir is always looking for new members. We are a friendly bunch who just enjoy singing and praising God with our voices. Our rehearsals are informal and there is no need to be able to read music. Rehearsals are twice a month on alternate Mondays and Tuesdays at Springdale Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Our next concert will be on Friday, 23 November (see notice boards) when we will be doing a Singing the Faith Showcase exploring some of the new hymns in our new hymn book.

Our next rehearsals are:

Monday, 15 October
Tuesday, 30 October
Monday, 12 November
Tuesday, 20 November

If you enjoy singing then why not come along and give us a go. Helen Cook (01902 476030).

CHRISTIAN AID. TODAY you will be welcome at Wolverhampton Christian Aid "Supporters Sunday" at Fordhouses Baptist Church from 4pm. Speakers include the Bishop of W-ton and also Christian Aid's Regional Co-ordinator - and the theme will include a display and thoughts around the topic of "People on the Move". We will also bring you up to date with Christian Aid events generally. A simple bring and share tea will be followed by Fordhouses Baptist's 6.30pm service led by their minister Rev Steve Jackson and this will include prayers for the work of Christian Aid. You will be most welcome at one or both parts of the event. Please see the posters on the notice Boards.

Wolverhampton Fair Trade AGM/Supporters Evening - Wednesday, 17 October, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Cranmer Methodist Church. We hope that the above evening will be of interest to all fair trade supporters in our churches. We will hear something of the trading position of the shop, news from some of our supporters and have a conversation about the state of fair trade in Britain. Since setting the agenda we have been devastated by the news that Traidcraft is considering its future. Whilst this does affect us as a shop, we do have other suppliers, especially of craft goods but this will be part of our conversation on 17 October. Everybody is most welcome - we provide lovely desserts at the end of the evening!

PLASTIC BOTTLES REQUIRED. Please can you save your empty 2 litre plastic pop bottles for Janet in the District Office. Please leave with Sue. Thank you.