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Forthcoming Meetings & Events at Beckminster

3 December at 9.30am	Staff Meeting
5 December at 7.00pm	Advent Bible Study
6 December at 9.30am	Circuit Staff Meeting
6 December at 10.30am	All We Can Coffee Morning (See Notices)
8 December at 6.00pm	Church Alive Christmas Meal
11 December at 10.30am	Kairos Coffee Morning (See notices)
12 December at 7.00pm	Advent Bible Study
14 December at 7.00pm	Community Carols
15 December at 10.30am	CTinG&PF Carol Singing at Waitrose
15 December at 7.30pm	Wombourne Choral Concert
18 December at 7.00pm	Carol Singing at the Hollybush
19 December at 7.00pm	Advent Bible Study
20 December at 7.00pm	Carol Singing at Waitrose
22 December at 11.00am	Mince Pie Distribution

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What's On This Week....

Monday 3 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am Staff Meeting
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
11.00 - 11.30am Coffee Group (See Notices)
2.00 - 4.00pm Art Group
6.15 - 7.45pm Brownies
6.30 - 8.00pm Cubs
7.30 - 9.30pm Wombourne Choral Rehearsal

Tuesday 4 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers
1.30 - 4.30pm Art Group
5.15 - 6.15pm Dinky Divas

Wednesday 5 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
11.30am - 3.00pm Luncheon Club
5.45 - 6.45pm Rainbows
7.00 - 9.00pm Scouts
7.00pm Advent Bible Study (See Notices)
7.30 - 9.30pm Happy Feet Dance

Thursday 6 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
9.30am Circuit Staff Meeting
9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers
10.30 - 12noon All We Can Coffee Morning
2.00 - 4.00pm Take a Break
7.00 - 9.00pm St. Johns Ambulance

Friday 7 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
3.30 - 5.45pm Messy Church
7.00 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 8 December
10.15am - 2.00pm Fusco Academy of Dance
6.00pm Church Alive Christmas Meal

Worship and Fellowship 2 December 2018 Advent 1

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 next
Sunday, 9 December 2018
Advent 2**

**10.30am Gift/Small Toy &
Parade Service
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo
4.00pm Monday Focus
at Engelberg
6.00pm Holy Communion
led by Rev. William Davis**

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

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

Advent 1 – The Advent Hope

Jesus said, 'Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.' **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

The first candle is lit and this response is used:

Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.



We sing:

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
changed for gladness
on that Day.

Reading: Psalm 25: 1 - 10 read by Barbara Smith

STF 183: Praise to the God who clears the way

Talk to Junior Church

Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 and
Luke 21: 25 - 36 read by Wendy Bate

Sermon

STF 180: O come, O come, Immanuel,

Prayers of Intercession

Offerings

STF 606: We pledge to one another,

Blessing

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES

Re-orienting your
Christmas
Compass



Wednesday 5th December:

A call to turn back to God.

Reading: Luke 1: 67 - 79

Wednesday 12th December:

John the Baptist's take on Jesus.

Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20

Wednesday 19th December:

Peace for the world.

Reading: Micah 5: 1 - 5a

In the Epworth Room starting at 7.00pm

Do join us

CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND. Thank you to people agreeing to support the District Holiday through the above, and with a proportion of carrier bag sales. £5,734 has been raised over the last twelve months and donated to the District Holiday Account. The support for this has now closed. Tim

BECKMINSTER CAROL SERVICE will be on 23 December at 6.00pm. We would like to have a choir to lead the service and sing a new carol or two. Anyone who would like to join this choir is asked to come at 3.30pm on the Sunday afternoon to practise and then stay until the service at 6.00pm. If you would like to sing please let Johnny (772171) or Bernard (662296) know in the next few weeks so we can prepare music. Thank you in anticipation.

If you would like a copy of "**FRESH FROM THE WORD 2019**" – the IBRA daily bible notes for the next year - please will you contact Wendy Bate by 9 December. The notes cost £9.95 per book.

NORA VENABLES would like to thank friends at Beckminster for the lovely flowers received this week, which were very much appreciated.

BERYL CORBETT would like to thank friends at Beckminster for their kind thoughts and beautiful flowers received, which were very much appreciated.

MINCE PIE DISTRIBUTION. Please come and join us on Saturday, 22 December 2018 when we will distribute mince pies and a Christmas blessing to people around the shops at Bradmore/Bantock Park and around the Petrol Station on Lea Road. We will meet at Beckminster at 10.45am.

Your Welcome Team on the door
next Sunday are:
Sheila White & Tim Lorimer (am)
and
Hazel Graham (pm)

**6.00pm Circuit Advent Service
at Cranmer Methodist Church.
All are welcome.**

ACTION FOR CHILDREN 2018. **YOU** are invited to join with us in helping raise funds for the Charity Action for Children this Advent. We have had fun and raised considerable amounts of money in past years and it would be good to have **YOU** with us in our efforts this year. We've changed one of the locations. On Tuesday, 18 December we are going to the Hollybush Pub on Penn Road. We'll gather at 18.45 hours (6.45pm for Mr Mainwaring) we'll sing for about 45 minutes and then we'll stay on for a meal together. So come and join us and have a good night out.

Two days later, when our voices will be in really good form, we are going to **WAITROSE** at 1845 hours to sing to the customers doing their last minute Christmas Shopping. We need **YOU** to join us on that evening too so that we can make a noise big enough to drown the sound of the tills. Everybody is welcome to sing or hold a tin so you really do have something to contribute. This is the time for you to put these evenings in you diary or on your calendar. Don't miss out on the fun and do some good, having a good time in the process. Looking forward to having you with us on these dates. June Sperring.

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.

COFFEE GROUP. Christmas will be very near. The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, WV6 7EQ have lovely log fires. Meet there on Monday, 3 December 2018 from 11.00 - 11.30am and bring a friend.

COMMUNITY CAROLS. Church Alive are organising Community Carols on Friday, 14 December 2018 from 7.00 - 8.00pm. All of the organisations that use the Church have been invited to attend and select a carol or reading they would like included. The response so far has been very positive. Please make a note in your diaries to attend. A working party will be required to rearrange the Church, put it back and serve refreshments, so volunteers to do this are most welcome. If you have any questions or are able to help, please speak with Tim or Sue Lorimer.

TOY AND GIFT SERVICE, Sunday 9 December. This year we are supporting the Good Shepherd Ministry's Christmas Appeal. They would welcome donations of second-hand toys in good condition, new men's and ladies' gloves, hats, socks and pants, 100g chocolate bars, deodorants and shower gels. We are asking all members of the congregation to support the appeal. Thank you.

CAROL SINGING AT THE HOLLYBUSH on Tuesday, 18 December 2018 from 7.00 - 8.00pm. Please let me know if you are interested and will be stopping for a meal afterwards. Many thanks. Tim.

SYBIL CHAMBERS would like to thank friends at Beckminster for the lovely plant/flowers received whilst and following her recent stay in hospital. Also thank you for the visitors I received including Rev. Paul.

WOMBOURNE CHORAL presents 'The Spirit of Christmas' on Saturday, 15 December 2018 at 7.30pm here at Beckminster. Tickets £10 each.

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

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM. As a Kairos Community, Beckminster is supporting all efforts for a just peace in the Holy Land. Please join the Emmaus Group which is holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 11 December, 10.30am - 12 noon to raise funds for ABCD, a charity in the West Bank which helps children with physical and mental disabilities. You can also buy olive wood tree decorations made in Bethlehem and sign a Christmas card which will be sent to Christian communities in Bethlehem to reassure them that they are not forgotten during the Christmas season. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

JMA CHRISTMAS POST. We will be running the Christmas post again this year during December. All JMA post collection money should be put in one of the JMA envelopes that will be next to the post box and posted with your cards. Thank you. Val Pollard JMA Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON CIRCUIT MWinB Advent Service on Wednesday, 5 December 2018 at Darlington Street Methodist Church at 11.00am preceded by coffee at 10.30am. There will be a Christmas parcel bring and buy stall. All are welcome.

ALL WE CAN Coffee Morning on Thursday, 6 December. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a coffee, mince pie (or cake) and a chat with friends, in the Coffee Bar between 10.30am and midday. Donations for All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development) will be welcome, to support self help projects in the very poorest areas of our world. All are welcome. Sue Reed.

CHRISTINGLE MAKERS. Volunteers are needed to construct Christingles on Christmas Eve from 9.30am. No experience necessary, young and older volunteers are welcome. Please contact Wendy Ashwood if you can help. Thank you.