

**Forthcoming Meetings & Events at Beckminster**

- 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

Friday, 14 December  
7.00 - 8.00pm Community Carols

Sunday, 16 December  
9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
6.00pm Evening Service

Sunday, 23 December  
10.30am Nativity Service  
6.00pm Carol Service

Monday, 24 December - **Christmas Eve**  
4.00pm Christingle Service  
11.15pm Christmas Communion Service

Tuesday, 25 December - **Christmas Day**  
10.00am All Age Worship

**Christmas Services  
2018**



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

# Beckminster Welcomes You

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**What's On This Week....**

**Monday 10 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
 9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
 12.30 - 3.00pm Seesaws Nursery Nativity  
 2.00 - 4.00pm Art Group  
 6.15 - 7.45pm Brownies  
 6.30 - 8.00pm Cubs

**Tuesday 11 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed**  
 9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers  
 10.30am - 12noon Kairos Coffee Morning  
 1.30 - 4.30pm Art Group  
 5.15 - 6.15pm Dinky Divas

**Wednesday 12 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 Horticultural Society

**Thursday 13 December**  
**9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open**  
 9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers  
 2.00 - 4.00pm Take a Break  
 7.00 - 9.00pm St. Johns Ambulance

**Friday 14 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
 7.00pm Community Carols (See Notices)

**Saturday 15 December**  
 10.30 am - 12noon CTinG&PF Carol Singing at Waitrose  
 1.00pm Wombourne Choral Rehearsal  
 7.30pm Wombourne Choral Concert (See Notices)

## Worship and Fellowship 9 December 2018 Advent 2

**Collect for the Day**

**To ponder and pray .....**  
 God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**Come and join us next  
Sunday, 16 December 2018  
Advent 3**

**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 Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo**

**10.30am Gift/Small Toy & Parade Service  
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo**

**STF 483 We are marching in the light of God,**  
*(while young people's gifts are being received)*

**Advent 2 - The Prophets**

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.'

**Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

***The second 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.

Prophet voices loudly crying,  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message - challenged, shaken -  
hearts awoken:  
God is near!

Talk to Junior Church

**STF 774 The peace of the earth be with you,**  
*(Junior Church leave)*

The Gift by Christine Pearson

Bible Readings: Malachi 3: 1 - 4 read by Chris Reed

Luke 1: 68 - 79 read by Stephanie Sherwood

**STF 188 There's a light upon the mountains,**

Sermon

Prayers

Offerings

**STF 172 Hills of the north, rejoice,**

Blessings



**ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES**

Re-orienting your  
Christmas  
Compass



**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**

**CTinG&PF CHRISTMAS CARDS.** I would be grateful for volunteers to distribute the CTinG&PF Christmas Cards to our neighbours. We are depending on you to get the true Christmas message out into the community. Janet Anderson.

**INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON** Christmas Bring and Share Lunch will be on Tuesday, 18 December at the Darlington Street Methodist Centre, in the meeting room downstairs next to the Church Office. We do not envisage having a speaker but if anyone has some good news to share it would be good to hear about. The time will be 11.00am to 1.00pm so that folks can come and go as they please.

**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.

**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.

**WRITE TO RIGHTS 2018.** This year Amnesty International has produced a booklet telling the stories of 12 people or groups who have been attacked or threatened for defending human rights. We are invited to send a card with a message of solidarity to let them know we are thinking of them and/or to write a letter appealing to those with the power to stop the abuse. Booklets are available in the Coffee Bar after this morning's service.

**GIFT DAY.** Many thanks to all who contributed to our successful Gift Day by making individual donations and by sponsoring Richard Wilkes' marathon run from Market Drayton to Beckminster. The total raised has now reached over £8,500, which includes Gift Aid and sponsorship. (Richard's run alone brought in approximately £700, including Gift Aid). Thanks to all involved, including the meal and the entertainment. A small working group has been formed to plan the improvements to doors and vestibule, which will ensure that the entrance to church from Birches Barn Road is more welcoming to visitors.

**CIVIC CENTRE Car Park.** Check the closing time when using at night. Normal time is now 20.00 following their change of policy

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

Welcome/Call to Worship

**STF 185 Sing we the King who is coming to reign;**

Prayer of Adoration/Confession/Declaration of Forgiveness.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 3: 1 - 6 read by Hazel Graham

**STF 335 Rejoice, the Lord is King!**

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Holy Communion - **STF 579 Come, Holy Ghost, your influence shed,**

Notices/Offertory

**STF 81 Now thank we all our God,**

Benediction

**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)**

**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.

**COMMUNITY CAROLS** takes place **THIS FRIDAY, 14 December 2018 at 7.00pm.** 12 groups that meet at the church are represented and hopefully members of the congregation will be able to attend as well. After the service in the Main Hall coffee, tea and mince pies will be served.

**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.

**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.

The flowers in Church  
are in loving memory of:  
Mr David Griffiths

Your Welcome Team on the door  
next Sunday are:  
John Holt & Eric Fowlds (am)  
and  
Maude Smith (pm)

**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.

**CAROL SINGING AT THE HOLLYBUSH** on Tuesday, 18 December 2018 from 7.00 - 8.00pm. Please let us know if you are interested in singing and also will be stopping for a meal afterwards.

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

**COFFEE MATES** (new name for the coffee morning group) next meeting on Monday, 7 January 2019 11.00am onwards at Codsall & Wergs Garden Centre, Wergs Hall Road WV8 2HJ. Everyone welcome and bring along a friend in the New Year. Contact June Sutton 07790272865.

**LILIAN HOLMES** would like to thank friends at Beckminster for the lovely flowers received this week which were very much appreciated.