

**This message comes to us from Darlington Street Methodist Church**

Dear friends,

You may be aware that the Good Shepherd Ministry announced this week that they are hoping to move to new premises. Since finding a home in Darlington Street in 2003, the work of GSM has expanded beyond the space we can offer. We wish them well as they plan for the move and for their future work in helping our sisters and brothers in need of their help and we hope to do our part in continuing to serve the people of Wolverhampton in partnership with GSM.

This news comes at the same time that the Church Council have progressed consideration on the future of the building that houses Darlington Street Methodist Church. With the help of the circuit, district and wider connexional resources, the church building will shortly be marketed to potential partners to explore repurposing all or parts of our site to enable the Methodist Church to serve the gospel of Christ in this current age.

We are aware that the options open to us, should this marketing plan bring us no viable results, are very limited and the Church Council will then need to consider whether we can continue to operate out of the building at all. We are acutely aware of the impact of these decisions on other centre users and we will continue to work with them as we discern our future.

On the tenth day of the month, our circuit prayer diary invites prayers for Darlington Street and so we ask that you pray with this in mind when we come around next in the cycle.

These are not steps we have taken lightly and we bear the weight of the responsibility for this work in faith. In the words of Joseph Hart, "we praise God for all that is past, and trust him for all that's to come".

If you have an queries about this news, please contact Rev'd Chris (01902 422100).

In faith,  
Christopher Collins

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

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

**Monday 8 April**

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**

9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

2.00 - 4.00pm Art Group

2.00pm Messy Church Meeting

6.15 - 7.45pm Brownies

6.30 - 8.00pm Cubs

**Tuesday 9 April**

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed**

9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers

1.30 - 4.30pm Art Group

5.15 - 6.15pm Dinky Divas

**Wednesday 10 April**

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**

11.30am - 3.00pm Luncheon Club

5.45 - 6.45pm Rainbows

7.00 - 9.00pm Scouts

7.00pm Lent Group (See Notices)

7.30pm Horticultural Spring Show & AGM

**Thursday 11 April**

**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 12 April**

**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**

7.00 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

**Saturday 13 April**

The flowers in Church  
are in memory of:  
**Baby Kathryn Tonks;**  
**Betty & Brownie**  
**Carter-Brown;**

## Worship and Fellowship

### 7 April 2019

### Passion Sunday

### Lent 5

#### 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 next**  
**Sunday, 14 April 2019**  
**Palm Sunday - Lent 6**  
**10.30am 'We have a King...'**  
**led by Sunday Club**  
**(See Notices)**

**6.00pm Holy Communion**  
**led by Rev. Glennys Bamford**

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

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

**Lent 5 – The Whip**

In our silence, in our conforming,  
in our anger, in our outrage  
for those who are persecuted.  
We seek God's mercy.

John 18: 38 – 19: 1

In his trial, Jesus is condemned,  
his friends disown him, the crowds stand against the Son of God.  
**We look to God to help us stand strong against oppressors and  
be a voice of hope in our world.**

In the misuse of power, the crowd wanting persecution, Jesus bowed  
his head. When the torture came harsh and full of hatred,  
Jesus stood silent.

**In truth we stand for righteousness**

Place symbols around the cross

**Lord in our fear of getting involved  
and our comfy ways being disrupted,  
May your spirit empower us to stand firm, to be unafraid,  
to be love in action.  
May justice prevail  
Amen.**

**STF 117 Sing praise to God who reigns above,**

Prayers

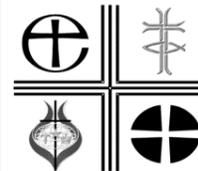
Talk to Junior Church

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 read by Wendy Bate

Philippians 3: 4 - 14 read by Sheila White

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GRAISELEY AND PENN FIELDS**



**Lent Groups 2019**

Come and join a journey through



***'The Mystery of God'***

***A CTIBJ resource. Six weeks of study into rediscovering  
what draws us in so deeply in our search for God  
at Beckminster***

The last lent group will take place on:

Wednesday, 10 April 2019:

**The Mystery of Love and Sacrifice.**

Reading: John 12: 1 - 8 Glennys Bamford

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**INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON.** Each year Interfaith W-ton hires the Lighthouse Cinema for an evening film show to which people of all faiths and none are welcome. This year the film chosen is the 2017 comedy 'Finding your Feet' starring Imelda Staunton and Timothy Spall and is to be shown on Monday, 29 April.

It is the main fundraising event for Interfaith and tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children under 12. Included in this cost are light refreshments from 5pm. The film will be shown at 6pm. The Lighthouse Cinema is situated in the Chubb Building, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1HT.

Tickets are available from:-  
The Interfaith Office 01902 427601  
The Fairtrade Shop, 24 School Street  
Lighthouse Cinema 01902 716055  
or from myself 01902 762310

Hope you are able to support this event. Sue Reed.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT.** Many thanks to those who supported the Traidcraft stall to mark Fairtrade Fortnight - sales amounted to £292. Rita Powell.

**CODSALL DRAMATIC SOCIETY** latest production will be "The Vicar of Dibley" at Codsall Village Hall on Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th April at 7.30pm and Saturday 13th April at 2.30pm. £9.00 on Wednesday and Saturday, £9.50 on Thursday and Friday. Reserve tickets by phone on 01902 267322 Or online via [www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk](http://www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk), Buy from our Box Offices Ian Rigby Jewellers, Birches Bridge. Village Crafts, The Square, Codsall.

#### **Forthcoming Meetings at Beckminster**

**8 April 2.00pm Messy Church Planning Meeting**  
**10 April 7.00pm Lent Group**

#### **STF 423 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'**

Gospel Reading:

John 12: 1 - 8 read by Glyn Powell

Sermon

#### **STF 634 Fight the good fight**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

#### **STF 465 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,**

Blessing

### **The Service will be followed by the General Church Meeting at 12noon**

#### **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.

**Your Welcome Team on  
the door  
next Sunday are:  
Sheila White &  
Stephanie Wilkes (am)  
and  
Jean Ordidge (pm)**

**No Evening  
Service TODAY.**

**WE HAVE A KING!** Sunday Club are to lead worship and fellowship on Palm Sunday morning (14 April). The shortened service will concentrate on the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem seen from the eyes of children in the crowd. You will then be led either into the Main Hall where you can be involved in craftwork provided by members of the Church or to the Epworth Room for considered reflection. All will gather together again in the hall at about 11.35am for the Blessing and then coffee will be served and any craftwork can be finished off. We look forward to sharing a typical Sunday Club morning with you.

**URGENT APPEAL.** Donations are urgently requested to support the aid effort following the catastrophic floods in Mozambique and surrounding countries. You can give via Christian Aid and envelopes are available today and next Sunday. Don't forget to Gift Aid where possible to increase the value of your donation.

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN.** Would anyone who has an Action for Children League of Light Collection Box please hand it to June Sperring for opening as soon as possible please. Many thanks.

**MONDAY FOCUS** - 15 April at 8.00pm in the Coffee Bar. Watercolours - join us to enjoy an evening of watercolours by bringing one you have painted yourself or a favourite watercolour you appreciate. Plus - 'A personal journey with my watercolour paintbox' by Christine Pearson.

**HOT CROSS BUNS.** We will again be giving out hot cross buns, the majority being donated by Asda Molineux, to those who we meet around the shops, on the street and in Bantock Park. We will go out in two's and people are very appreciative. It is a wonderful opportunity to get the Easter message out into the community. So why not join us, we will meet on Easter Saturday at church 11.00am. If you are able to help distribute, please let me know. Sue.

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

**EVENING WORSHIP.** As agreed by Church Council on 12 February 2019, the pattern for Sunday services is now:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30 Morning Worship  
6.30pm Springdale

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10.30 Morning Worship 6.00pm Holy Communion

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30 Morning Worship  
6.30pm Springdale

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.30 Morning Worship - Holy Communion  
5.00pm Café Worship

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Where applicable) 10.30 Morning Worship  
6.30pm Springdale

**15TH WOLVERHAMPTON SCOUT GROUP.** Do you know any 5/6 year old boys/girls who would like to join us at Beaver Scouts? If so please contact **Sheila White** 01902 332134, 07792425582, [ahmeek15th@hotmail.com](mailto:ahmeek15th@hotmail.com) for further information. Thanks.

**LEIGH'S FAREWELL - 28 July 2019.** As you no doubt know Leigh will be leaving the District Office this coming Summer after being stationed (subject to Conference) to the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit. There will be a Farewell Service at 3pm on Sunday, 28 July 2019 at Central Methodist Church, Spring Head, Wednesbury, WS10 9AD. To make sure there is enough cake, please RSVP via text to 07388 083488 or email [leigh.maydew@methodist.org.uk](mailto:leigh.maydew@methodist.org.uk)

**DARLINGTON STREET LENT GROUP.** For anyone attending this group the remaining dates will be **THURSDAY, 11 APRIL AT 1.30pm NOT MONDAY** and Monday, 15 April at 1.30pm.

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.** It's that time of the year again when we spend restless nights thinking about what to give up for Lent. Spare yourself the agony this year and commit yourself to COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS to do some good and raise funds for ACTION FOR CHILDREN. There are resources in the church vestibule to help make it easy to do something positive. You can then return the results of your commitment to me, June Sperring, on Easter Sunday. Thanks in anticipation. June.