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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 2 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
2.00 - 4.00pm Art Group  
6.15 - 7.45pm Brownies  
6.30 - 8.00pm Cubs  
7.30pm Worship & Discipleship Group

**Tuesday 3 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed**  
9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers  
1.30 - 4.30pm Art Group  
5.15 - 6.15pm Dinky Divas  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

**Wednesday 4 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
11.30am - 3.00pm Luncheon Club  
5.45 - 6.45pm Rainbows  
7.00 - 9.00pm Scouts  
7.30pm Advent Course  
7.30 - 9.30pm Happy Feet Dance

**Thursday 5 December**  
**9.00am - 3.30pm Office Open**  
9.00am Circuit Staff Meeting  
9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers  
2.00 - 4.00pm Take a Break  
7.00 - 9.00pm St. Johns Ambulance

**Friday 6 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
10.30am Refreshments followed by MWinB  
Advent Service  
3.30 - 5.45pm Messy Church  
7.00 - 9.00pm Gateway

**Saturday 7 December**  
6.00 for 6.30pm Christmas Meal

## **Worship and Fellowship 1 December 2019 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, 8 December 2019  
Advent 2**

**10.30am Toy & Toiletries  
Service**

**led by Elizabeth Farley  
6.00pm Holy Communion  
led by Rev. Steve Singleton**

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

**ADVENT 1 - ARE WE THERE YET? – PEACE**

**Reader One:** Our Advent journey begins with rules of the road. We are on the way to where God would have us be, and we're not there yet. But how shall we go? We shall go together, as one body, living and trusting in one another. We shall go as this community of faith, working side by side, and leaning into the grace of God every step of the way. We shall go in peace.

**Reader Two:** Isaiah says that in days to come, the nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord, and there we will beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; there, we will learn war no more. God will teach us peace.

**Reader One:** We light this first candle to burn as sign of peace among all people.

**(Light one candle on the wreath.)**

**Reader Two:** Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace.

**Congregation;** O come, O come, Immanuel,

**STF 706: Longing for light (verse 1)**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
*Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.*



**Christmas Events to put in your diaries**

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| <b>7 December</b>  | <b>6.00 for 6.30pm Christmas Meal</b>                 |
| <b>11 December</b> | <b>6.00pm Carol Singing at Sainsbury's, St. Marks</b> |
| <b>13 December</b> | <b>7.00pm Community Carols</b>                        |
| <b>14 December</b> | <b>10.30am CTinG&amp;PF Carol Singing at Waitrose</b> |
| <b>14 December</b> | <b>11.00am Mince Pie Distribution</b>                 |
| <b>18 December</b> | <b>6.00pm Carol Singing at Waitrose</b>               |

**Further details will follow on these events  
in the Service Sheet**

**Forthcoming Meetings  
at Beckminster**

2 December 7.30pm Worship & Discipleship Group  
4 December 7.30pm Advent Course\*  
5 December 9.00am Circuit Staff Meeting  
9 December 2.00pm Messy Church Planning Meeting  
9 December 7.00pm BLT Meeting  
11 December 7.30pm Advent Course\*  
18 December 7.30pm Advent Course\*  
19 December 2.00pm District Property Consents

**\*Please note that the start time of the Advent Course  
has now changed to 7.30pm**

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

**STF 340: Ye servants of God,**

Prayers

Talk to Young People

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 and Romans 13: 11 - 14  
read by Chris Reed

**STF 485: When we are living, we are in the Lord,**

Matthew 2: 36 - 44 read by Sue Reed

Sermon

**STF 705: It is God who holds the nations**

Prayers of Intercession

Offerings

**STF 177: Lo, he comes with clouds descending,**

Blessing

**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 Refreshments  
Team today are:  
June & Ivor  
Sperring**

**ANNE RICHARDSON.** Our thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth and the family following the death of Anne on Monday, 25 November 2019.

**OFFERTORY TOKENS.** We would ask all members who contribute to church funds via standing orders etc. to take an offertory token when arriving at church for Sunday worship. During the offertory you are asked to place this token in a collection bag. In this way it will be clear that all of us are not only contributing to church funds but also taking an active part in the offering, which is a central feature of our worship.

**COFFEE MATES** next meeting at 11.00am on Monday, 2 December 2019 at the Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, WV6 7EQ. Come along for excellent company and good coffee. June.

**IBRA READING NOTES.** If you would like me to order you a copy of the IBRA daily bible reading notes "Fresh from the Word 2020" (£9.99), please let me know by 10 December. Wendy Bate

**JMA CHRISTMAS POST.** We will be running the Christmas Post again this year from **TODAY** through till Sunday, 22 December 2019. 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.

**COMMUNITY CAROLS.** Church Alive are organising another Community Carols on Friday, 13 December 2019 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. Please make a note in your diaries to attend. Refreshments will be served after the service. If you have any questions, please speak with Tim or Sue Lorimer.

**CIRCUIT OFFICE** will close at 5.00 pm on Thursday, 19 December and will reopen on Thursday, 2 January 2020 at 1.00pm



**Your Welcome Team  
on the door next  
Sunday are:  
Fiona Griffiths &  
Christine Pedley**

**TOYS AND TOILETRIES:** On Sunday, 8 December the morning service is our traditional Toy Service, during which our youngsters (including the uniformed organisations) have always brought treasured toys and games to give to others less fortunate than themselves. This year we shall take these to the Acorns Hospice Shop in Bilston, as we did last year. **Toys and games must be in good condition.**

In addition, we are inviting **all members of the congregation** to bring toiletries for us to donate to The Haven. Suitable toiletries would include shower and hand gel, shampoo and conditioner and toothpaste. Also, if you should have any spare bed sets (duvet covers, pillowcases and fitted sheets) they would be welcomed.

**THE BECKMINSTER YOUTH GROUP** will continue to run throughout the year on a monthly basis and the next one is Sunday, 8 December 2019 at 6.00pm at 3 Pentland Gardens.

**MINCE PIE DISTRIBUTION.** Please come and join us on Saturday, 14 December 2019 when we will distribute mince pies (kindly donated by Sainsbury's) 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. All are welcome.

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

**CAROL SINGING, ACTION FOR CHILDREN.** We will be singing Carols to highlight the Christian Message and to raise money for Action for Children on 11 December at Sainsbury's, St Marks at 6.00pm and on 18 December at Waitrose at 6.00pm. We will aim to finish in time to be at the Advent studies.

**NEED AN IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A FRIEND OR FAMILY?**

Why not give an Extraordinary Gift to the world's poorest by giving a life changing present by purchasing from All We Can. Catalogues available in the vestibule or go on line to [allwecan.org.uk/christmas](http://allwecan.org.uk/christmas) or telephone 02072244814. Make a difference in the world!!

**CAROL SERVICE.** The evening service on 22 December will be our Carol Service. We would like to have a group to lead the singing and to sing a couple of lesser known carols. If you would like to join this group, could you come for a rehearsal at 3.30pm to practise before the Service at 6pm. If you could let Johnny (772171) or Bernard (662296) know in advance it would be helpful, but if you just turn up at 3.30pm you will be most welcome.