#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GRAISELEY & PENN FIELDS**



# **Lent Groups 2020**

Come and join a journey through



# 'Opening the Scriptures'

--Setting our hearts on fire

A CTiBI resource. Six weeks of study based on the Emmaus Road experience

JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, Tuesday at 7.30 pm

LEA ROAD CHURCH COMMUNITY CHURCH, Thursday at 11.00am

BECKMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH, Wednesday at 7.00pm

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

#### Monday 16 March 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group 2.00 - 4.00pm Art Group

2.00pm Messy Church Planning Meeting 6.15 - 7.45pm Brownies

6.30 - 8.00pm Cubs 7.00pm BLT Meeting

8.00pm Monday Focus (See Notices)

#### Tuesday 17 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

9.45am - 11.15am Toddlers 1.30 - 4.30pm Art Group 5.15 - 6.15pm Dinky Divas

7.00pm Open Way at Engelberg 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

#### Wednesday 18 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

11.30am - 3.00pm Luncheon Club 5.45 - 6.45pm Rainbows

7.00pm Lent Group 7.00 - 9.00pm Scouts

7.30 - 9.30pm Happy Feet Dance Group

#### Thursday 19 March

9.00am - 3.30pm Office Open

9.45 - 11.15am Toddlers 2.00 - 4.00pm Take a Break

6.15 - 7.15pm Beavers

7.00 -  $9.00 \mathrm{pm}$  St. Johns Ambulance

#### Friday 20 March 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

7.00 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 21 March

# Worship and Fellowship 15 March 2020 Lent 3

## Collect for the Day

No Services here at Beckminster on Sunday, 22 March 2020.
Services will be held at Fallings Park, Codsall,
Springdale or St. Johns as per the notice in the service sheet.



# 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Denis Beaumont

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

## Lent 3 - The money bag

In our temptations, our weakness, our struggles, with good over evil. We seek God's strength.

Reading: Matthew 26: 14 - 16

In his wilderness moments, and times of solitude,
Jesus sought his Fathers protection.
We look to God for guidance in our moments of weakness.
When his disciples were afraid and one betrayed him.
Jesus remained obedient.
We look to God to light our way.

Place symbols round the cross

Lord, in our temptations, in our moments of greed, in our lack of compassion, in our selfish moments.

May your spirit empower us to overcome the evils of the world.

Filling us with the Fathers love and truth.

Amen.

Call to Worship

STF 27 Jesu, tawa pano;

Prayer

YP Spot

#### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AT BECKMINSTER**

Monday, 16 March at 2.00pm Messy Church Planning Meeting

Monday, 16 March at 7.00pm BLT Meeting

Wednesday, 18 March at 7.00pm Lent Group

Tuesday, 24 March at 1.00pm
District Supervision Training

Wednesday, 25 March at 7.00pm Lent Group

Wednesday, 1 April at 7.00pm Lent Group

**PANCAKE PARTY.** At the Pancake Party held here on 25 February, £198.65 was donated for **ALL WE CAN.** In addition, gift aid will be added to much of this. It is an amazing total. Thank you for your generosity once again. Thank you to those who were able to come along, the pancake makers, and especially to the team in the kitchen, who made it all happen. A great occasion, made through the sharing of gifts and talents. Sue Reed.

The classic radio show **THE NAVY LARK** is currently on stage in a national revival tour. Presented in the style of a radio performance in front of a live audience (featuring Linda Hargreaves), this much loved comedy classic will be docking at: The Old Rep Theatre, Station Street, Birmingham, B5 4DY on Tuesday, 31 March at 7.30pm. For tickets telephone 0121 359 9444.

**DISTRICT.** For further details on District Children's Support Fund and Thy Kingdom Come Grants, please see District Newsletter on the notice boards in the Coffee Bar and by the Epworth Room.

**MONDAY FOCUS** - 16 March at 8.00pm in the Coffee Bar. Our Speaker is Revd. Samantha Hagerman from Cranmer Church. She will give an illustrated talk on her life and ministry entitled "Chapter by Chapter". Everyone welcome to attend.

**NOTICE BOARDS.** Please look at the notice boards for further details of events happening around the District and Circuit. Sue.

THE BECKMINSTER YOUTH GROUP will continue to run throughout the year on a monthly basis and the next one is TODAY Sunday, 8 March 2020 at 6.00pm at 3 Pentland Gardens.

**CIRCUIT LENT** "Care for Creation". During Lent all evening services in the Circuit will be looking at the theme of caring for creation using the book *Saying Yes to Life* as a guide. Three Lent Groups open to all will also support this theme. See notice boards for details of these groups.

**LEAGUE OF LIGHT.** It's that time of the year again when holders of League of Light Boxes for Action for Children are asked to hand them to June Sperring, the local Action for Children Secretary, so that they can be emptied, the money counted and sent on to the Charity. Please let me have your box at the first opportunity so that I can forward the money to the Charity. If you are wondering what this is about it probably means that you haven't yet got a box. I have a good supply of boxes for new subscribers and I'll be very happy to let you have your own brand new shiny box.

**PENN CLIMATE ACTION MEETING,** the third Thursday of every Month. Next meeting Thursday, 19 March at 7.30pm at Springdale Methodist Church. Tips for reducing the amount of plastic we use. All are welcome.

#### STF 44 Come on and celebrate

YP Blessing

OT Lesson: Exodus 17: 1 - 7 read by Janette Clough

Psalm 95 (StF 818)

Gospel: John 4: 1 - 26 read by Phil Healey

and 27 - 42 read by Barbara Smith

STF 464 God it was who said to Abraham,

Sermon

STF 498 God of all power, and truth, and grace,

Collection

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

STF 465 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,

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: Lindy Beere & Roy Evans How we are responding to the COVID-19 Outbreak

Circuit Leadership Team Guidance for Gathering for Worship

Heeding the current advice from the Methodist Church, we recommend for **Sunday 15 March**:

That people who are over 70 or vulnerable or who are feeling ill should temporarily stay away from church.

People who fall into the above categories should not feel they must attend out of a sense of duty.

Churches which rely on people in this category and there are no alternatives, it is advisable for the church not to open.

Ministers will be in touch with stewards to help discern how we apply this guidance in our own localities.

We anticipate a *different* approach for **Sunday 22 March** and we are communicating that now so we can appropriately plan and communicate. On Sunday 22 March we advise that we <u>only</u> gather for worship in the following churches:

## Fallings Park Codsall Springdale St. Johns

Worshippers from other churches are invited to join in those gathered places. These services will be led as they have already been planned if possible. Again, ministers will be in touch with stewards to discuss the implications of this. This approach removes the burden of running services on fewer officers being available enabling us to continue to offer gatherings for worship.

These approaches have consequences such as how we mitigate social isolation and continue to care for each other physically, emotionally and spiritually. We do not and should not diminish this impact. We encourage churches to keep in regular and sustained contact with people who can't make it to church through appropriate means paying attention to the people on the fringes of our communities. Other things we can do:

Offer help for those who are unable to go out such as shopping trips.
Offering advice on getting onto Skype and other video calling technology to keep in touch with families and friends.

The CLT have appointed a **small group** to continue how we respond to the developing situation. This group is:

the Revd Christopher J Collins

the Revd Joanne Cox-Darling

Mr James Peterson.

Please look out for further updates.

Rev. Chris Collins Superintendent of Wolverhampton Circuit **CARA GRIFFITHS** (Sheena's daughter) is aiming to swim 200 lengths in under 3 hours on 27 March and would be very grateful for anyone who is able to sponsor her. All proceeds will go to cancer charities. You can sponsor Cara at <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cara-griffiths">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cara-griffiths</a>, or by speaking to Sheena. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close on Friday, 20 March and reopen on Thursday, 26 March 2020 at 9.30am. Please send any notices in the usual way to be received by Wednesday, 25 March by 9.30am. Sue.

**ENGELBERG METHODIST HOME** is now closed for visitors for the foreseeable future.

**DOREEN WRIGHT.** Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Doreen following her death on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. Doreen was a member of Beckminster and attended Luncheon Club. Doreen's funeral will take place on Tuesday, 18 March 2020 at 10.20am at Gornal Wood Crematorium. All are welcome.

**BAGS FOR LENT.** Please take a brown paper bag today and "Give Out" during Lent for a person in need. Each week put in a donation - toiletries, small items of clothing, food, toys or just money. (Gift Aid envelopes enclosed) or take up the Action for Children challenge. Gifts will be dedicated at Easter so please bring your bag back to the Easter Sunday Morning Service.

COFFEE MATES next meeting at 11.00am on Monday, 6 April 2020 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road WV6 7EQ. Come along for excellent company and good coffee. June.

INTERFAITH, WOLVERHAMPTON now have a new location which is The WVSC Building, 16, Temple Street, Wolverhampton WV2 4AN.