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

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What's On This Week....

Monday 30 November 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
Tuesday 1 December 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
Wednesday 2 December 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed 9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting (See Notices)
Thursday 3 December 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed
Friday 4 December 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
Saturday 5 December

Worship and Fellowship

29 November 2020

1st Sunday in Advent

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, 6 December 2020
2nd Sunday in Advent
10.30am Toy Service
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo

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

Advent 1: Wait with Expectation

Reflection

God acts on behalf of those who wait for him. So, we wait with alert expectation and anticipation for God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - to return in all glory.



Prayer for this week

Gracious God, in the face of many troubles at home and abroad it is easy to lose heart. Help me to have expectant hope of a new world that is promised by the birth of Jesus. May my hope bring light and peace to difficult places.
Amen.

Call to Worship

STF 455: All my hope on God is founded;

Prayer

Readings:

Isaiah 64: 1 - 9 read by Phil Shuttleworth

Mark 13: 24 - 37 read by Ann Holt

'When out of poverty is born' (Christian Aid video)

Reflections

STF 204: In the bleak midwinter

Prayers of Intercession

Blessing

Springdale. Sunday service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila.

Stowlawn. The church is currently not open. Folk are invited to join in with other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Stratton Street. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Christopher Collins. For Zoom details please contact Revd Chris Collins.

Upper Ettingshall. Sunday service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Wombourne. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available on request from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila

Brewood. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Codsall. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Coven. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Cranmer. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available from Revd Sam Hagerman

East Park. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Christopher Collins. For Zoom details please contact Revd Chris Collins.

Fallings Park. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available from Revd Sam Hagerman.

Fordhouses. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available from Revd Sam Hagerman.

Hurst Hill. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Lanesfield. Not open for worship. Folk are invited to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Rakegate. Not open for worship. Folk are invited to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

St. Andrew's. 10.30am there is a simple weekly YouTube service that is recorded and lasts about 30 minutes. The YouTube channel is "ST ANDREWS CHURCH SEDGLEY" and is accessible during the week. The Revd Rachel Parkinson will be leading this worship.

St. John's. Sunday service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Christmas 2020

Christmas this year will be a vastly different experience for all of us. At Beckminster we plan to adapt what we do to our present circumstances whilst encouraging a genuine spirit of celebration of Nativity. Of course we realise that arrangements may have to be changed, but here are some details of what is planned:

From Sunday, 6 December, we shall worship together in church and then those who cannot be with us physically can join us on zoom. Details will be sent out in the usual way.

Sunday, 6th December at 10.30am: Toy/Gift Service. Please bring good-quality toys or gifts of money, which will be donated to the Acorns Shop in Bilston. Paul will lead and dedicate our gifts.

Sunday, 13th December at 10.30am: Nativity Service led by Ivor. Young people will be asked to contribute poems and stories for this service. We hope to show a video of the nativity.

Sunday, 20th December at 10.30am: Carol Service, co-ordinated by Bernard. Various singers will contribute and YouTube Carols will be heard.

Thursday, 24th at 4.30pm: Christmas Eve Communion led by Ivor. (Retiring Collection for Action for Children)

Friday, 25th December at 10am: Christmas Day Service led by Paul. (Retiring Collection for Christian Aid)

There will be no service on Sunday, 27th December

HILARY BROSTER. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine, David and the family following the death of Hilary on Sunday, 22 November 2020. Hilary passed away peacefully in The Cedar Grange Nursing Home.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Revd Chris Collins. I am pleased to announce that (subject to the Conference which meets in July 2021) I have accepted the invitation of the South Worcestershire Circuit to take up the role of Superintendent Minister from 1 September 2021. The Circuit covers the area including Malvern, Worcester, Droitwich and Evesham. Alongside being Superintendent, I will have pastoral charge for churches in Evesham, Broadway and Willersey. We expect to move during August 2021.

Inevitably, this news is tinged with the sadness of saying goodbye to the Wolverhampton Circuit. Until then, there is still much work to do in Wolverhampton as we journey on bearing witness to Christ in our city and communities. I would like to encourage you continue to pray for us and for the Circuit.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS are still taking place on a Wednesday morning at 9.00am and all are welcome to join. For further details please contact Sue.

CHURCH OFFICE. Please check the calendar on the front of the service sheet each week to see when the Church Office is open. The days when I am not in I will be working from home so please contact me on my home number on those days. Sue

Exploring the Climate Crisis in the Prophets is an ongoing course. Please contact Revd Chris for details.

INK CARTRIDGES. Revd Peggy has a set of HP 951/950XL colour ink cartridges to give away. Please contact Peggy if you can use them or know of anyone who can.

ADVENT CIRCUIT SERVICE. Begin the journey of Advent together as a Circuit by joining our Circuit Advent service **TODAY** at 6.00pm. For zoom details please contact Sue.

"SOUL SPACE" is a new Sunday evening gathering for quiet and reflective worship lasting about forty minutes. We will share simple prayers, readings, poetry, quietness and reflective music. We meet on Zoom at 6.30pm. For Zoom details please contact Revd Chris Collins.

Opportunities for worship and prayer around the Circuit
If you need help accessing information for on-line worship, please contact Revd Christopher Collins:

Midweek opportunities

Circuit Morning Prayer

Available on the Circuit Facebook page at 10.00am each morning Monday - Saturday.

Brewood. Evening prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

Codsall. Evening prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

Coven. Evening prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

Cranmer. Cranmer is open for private prayer on Tuesdays from 10am - 12noon.

Worship on Sunday 29 November 2020

Beckminster. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available on request from Sue Lorimer or Revd Paul Nzacahayo.

Bilston. A service is available via audio conferencing at 11.00am. Details available from Revd William Davis.

Bradley. Not open for worship. Folk are invited to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.