

St. Andrew's. 10.30am. There is a simple weekly YouTube service that is pre-recorded and lasts about 30 minutes. The YouTube channel is "ST ANDREWS CHURCH SEDGLEY" and is accessible during the week.

St. John's. Sunday service on Zoom at 10.45am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

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

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

Stratton Street. There will be a short Act of Remembrance at 10.55am from the Cenotaph in St Peter's Square which you can watch here: <https://www.facebook.com/WolverhamptonToday> (note: physical attendance is by invitation only). An ecumenical service involving St. Peter's Parish Church, St. Peter and St Paul Catholic Church and Methodist Circuit broadcast from St Peter's from just after 11am on Sunday. Rev Chris is taking part in this service and you can watch live using the St. Peter's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPetersChurchWolverhampton>

Upper Ettingshall. Sunday service on Zoom at 10.45am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

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

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What's On This Week....

Monday 9 November 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
Tuesday 10 November 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
Wednesday 11 November 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed 9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting (See Notices)
Thursday 12 November 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed
Friday 13 November 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
Saturday 14 November

Worship and Fellowship

8 November 2020

Remembrance Sunday

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations many find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



Come and join us next
Sunday, 15 November 2020
Thirty-third in Ordinary Time
10.30am Morning Worship
on Zoom
led by Mr Gabriel Gidi

**10.30am Morning Worship - Remembrance Sunday
led by Rev. Peggy Heim**

GATHERING

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Lamentations 3:21-23.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in faith and hope for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together live in justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

HYMN StF 696 For the Healing of the Nations (all 4 verses)

PRAYERS

Living God, your voice is not silent your arms still reach out to each and every one of your children. We know too that your voice speaks to the nations and your arms embrace all people. As we worship you this day, fill us with a strong sense of your presence.

Help us to see you in all your glory, so that we are moved as you are with deep compassion, angered as you are with human prejudice and anger, active as you are in peace and reconciliation, close as you are to the victims of injustice.

Then we can dare to be called the people of God. **Amen.**

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 8 November 2020 Remembrance

Beckminster. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available on request from Sue Lorimer.

Bilston. A service is available via audio conferencing at 11am. Details available from Revd William Davis.

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

Brewood. Sunday Remembrance service on Zoom at 10.30am with Lt. Ben Norton. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Codsall. Sunday Remembrance service on Zoom at 10.30am with Lt. Ben Norton. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

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

East Park. An ecumenical service involving East Park Methodist, St. Matthew's CofE and St. Joseph's Catholic Church (available from the St John Henry Newman Cluster Youtube channel from about 10.50am on Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7isFrSaGEF2WosTpAdJr4A>)

Fallings Park. Sunday open for private prayer 10.30am – 11.30am. Act of Remembrance

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

Hurst Hill. Sunday service on Zoom at 10.45am. 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.

"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. Please pass this invitation on to as many as possible!

The Zoom link is:
Chris Collins is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Soul Space
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89113740799?pwd=eHA5UFI0TGdsNnJQUWdXWCtzR1BOZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 1374 0799

Passcode: 340160

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcNrpffNZr>

Opportunities for worship and prayer around the circuit

If you need help accessing information for on-line worship, please contact Revd Christopher Collins: christopher.collins@methodist.org.uk

Midweek opportunities

Circuit morning prayer

Available on the Circuit Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/500469540084007>) at 10am 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.

God of grace, we confess to you that although we long for justice for ourselves, we are slow to seek justice for others, especially if we must pay a cost. And we confess to you that, although we pray for peace for our nations and our world, we find it hard to live in peace with each other.

Saving God, you alone can help us to break down the barriers that divide us, the barriers that we build, the barriers that separate us from your Kingdom of justice, peace and love.

We ask your forgiveness for all our sins against humanity and against you.

In a moment of silence we open our hearts to God...

Hear then the words of grace...Our sins are forgiven. ***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

With the confidence of the children of God we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us.

READING Micah 6:6-8

What God Requires

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

REFLECTIONS

I REMEMBER VERY CLEARLY MY FIRST EXPERIENCE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN ENGLAND. IT TOOK PLACE HERE AT BECKMINSTER, OF COURSE. I WAS DEEPLY MOVED BY THE TRADITIONS AND RITUALS OF THE SERVICE. ARMISTICE DAY IS AKNOWELEDGED AND CELEBRATED IN CHURCHES IN AMERICA BUT IT FELT VERY DIFFERENT HERE. UNTIL THAT DAY IN 1996 MY EXPERIENCE OF WAR AND REMEMBRANCE WAS VERY DIFFERENT THAN YOURS. MY EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN ENRICHED BY 24 YEARS OF MINISTRY.

I GREW UP IN A VERY PEACEFUL MIDWESTERN TOWN DURING THE 50'S AND 60'S. TO ME THE GREAT WAR AND WORLD WAR II WERE SOMETHING FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS. MY FATHER WORKED IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY, WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A 'RESERVED OCCUPATION,' THOUGH I NEVER HEARD HIM USE THAT TERM. MY UNCLE SERVED ON THE WEST COAST OF AMERICA AFTER PEARL HARBOR. THERE IS A PICTURE OF HIM IN UNIFORM IN THE FAMILY ARCHIVES, BUT I NEVER HEARD HIM SPEAK ABOUT THE WAR. MY EXPERIENCE IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE EXPERIENCE OF ENGLISH FRIENDS BORN THE SAME YEAR I WAS BORN. THEY REMEMBER RATIONING AND THE DEVASTATION OF AIR RAIDS.

FOR MY GENERATION OF AMERICANS, WAR MEANT THE DRAFT, THE VIETNAM CONFLICT AND THE DEBATES WE PARTICIPATED IN AS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. I KNOW THE LOSS OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATES IN THAT WAR. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I VISITED WASHINGTON DC ON ONE OF MY VISITS BACK TO THE STATES. FOR THE FIRST TIME I SAW THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL. EACH OF THE TWO STONE WALLS OF THE MEMORIAL IS 75 METRES LONG. THE NAMES OF THE 58,000 MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED ARE INSCRIBED ON THOSE WALLS. THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MEMORIAL ARE PEOPLE WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM. ONE HELPED ME FIND THE NAME OF A FRIEND OF MINE CALLED STEVE. AS I THANKED HIM AND TURNED TO GO, THE VOLUNTEER SAID: 'THANK YOU FOR VISITING HIM TODAY.' I WON'T EVER FORGET THAT MOMENT. THE EXPERIENCE EMPHASISED TO ME THE NEED TO REMEMBER.

GRACE ARCHER. We have received the following message, together with a donation to Beckminster in memory of Grace Archer:
To the Beckminster family
Thank you for your support and prayers and love over many years.
Love The Archer family.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN. Many thanks to all the people who, through their donations, support Action for Children throughout the year. I have now emptied the boxes of those who support the Charity through home collection boxes. Once again the generosity of donors has been wonderful and this year I have been able to forward £415.50 to Action for Children on your behalf. Many Thanks to all our generous supporters.

I'm grateful to George Tonks, the Church Treasurer, who, because there are no local branches of the appropriate Bank, paid in the money at the Newport Branch of the Bank.

I have recirculated the boxes and if you would like to be involved in supporting Action for Children at this strange and difficult time, please contact me via jvor20240@hotmail.co.uk and I'll get a box to you as soon as possible. June Sperring

EASYFUNDRAISING. As Beckminster is a charity registered with Easyfundraising we receive donations through them when items are bought online by anyone recognised as a supporter of Beckminster. These donations are made by the online retailer at no extra cost to you. If you are buying anything online please consider checking if the retailer is listed on Easyfundraising, accessing through that and being a supporter of Beckminster so that we receive additional funds for the church. If you want any more information on this please contact George Tonks.

ADVENT CIRCUIT SERVICE

Begin the journey of Advent together as a Circuit by joining our Circuit Advent service:

29 November 2020, 6pm, on Zoom:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87408060766?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87408060766?pwd=b1U5bFZTRzVHYldlQjZMznZlVWZTd09)
[pwd=b1U5bFZTRzVHYldlQjZMznZlVWZTd09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87408060766?pwd=b1U5bFZTRzVHYldlQjZMznZlVWZTd09)
By telephone: 0203 901 7895
Meeting ID: 874 0806 0766
Passcode: 425684



Support for Wolverhampton Fair Traid (WFTS):

Dear friends,

In previous years Rita and Glyn Powell have held a Christmas craft stall at church, offering the congregation the opportunity to support Traidcraft and other suppliers of fair trade goods. Beckminster was one of the best account customers of Wolverhampton Fair Traid! This year we are having to do things differently! Using the Traidcraft catalogue or by visiting the Traidcraft website, we invite you to order Christmas cards, foods and gifts. If you would like a catalogue, please get in touch with Phil or Brenda **as soon as possible**. You can then place your order with us for delivery by mid to late November. Church Council has kindly agreed to allow WFTS to use part of the creche as a storage/collection point and we hope to finalise these arrangements very soon.

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MARY HARRIS. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mary who sadly passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, 28 October 2020. Mary's funeral will take place on Monday, 16 November 2020 at 10.45am at Bushbury Crematorium and because numbers are very limited the service will be live streamed. (The log in details for the service are in the email attached to this service sheet). There will also be a service of Thanksgiving at Beckminster at 12.45pm. Due to Covid restrictions this will be for invited family and friends only.

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 is closed this week from Monday - Thursday and will reopen on Friday, 13 November 2020 at 9.30am. Please send in any notices in the usual way. Sue

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

FOR TWO DECADES NOW I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN REMEMBRANCE SERVICES IN ENGLAND. IN HASTINGS I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CHAPLAIN AND TAKING PART IN THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE AND REDEDICATION. OVER THE YEARS I HAVE LISTENED TO STORIES FROM THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES, THOSE WHO SERVED AT HOME AND THOSE WHO KEPT HOME AND FAMILY LIFE GOING. HERE IN WOLVERHAMPTON I REMEMBER VISITING A WOMAN WHO SPOKE OF THE BOMBING OF COVENTRY AND HOW SHE AND HER COUSINS SLEPT IN THE CUPBOARD UNDER THE STAIRS. IN NORWICH, A WONDERFUL MAN WHOSE FIRST TWO NAMES WERE 'JOHN WESLEY' WAS A PRISONER OF WAR IN THE FAR EAST. ON A PASTORAL VISIT IN IPSWICH I NOTICED A DELAPADATED KITCHEN CHAIR IN AN OTHERWISE IMMACULATE LOUNGE. AS SHE TOLD HER STORY SHE SPOKE ABOUT THE BOMB THAT DESTROYED HER FIRST HOME SHORTLY AFTER HER MARRIAGE. SHE POINTED TO THE CHAIR AND SAID: 'THAT CHAIR WAS THE ONLY THING WE SAVED.' I HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL. MY UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY HAS GROWN AND CONTINUES TO GROW.

ON A VISIT TO CHICHISTER CATHEDRAL I SAT IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. GEORGE. THE CHAPEL HAS BEEN THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL FOR THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT SINCE 1921. A CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEER EXPLAINED OT ME THAT THE PANELS ALONG THE WALLS OF THE CHAPEL CONTAIN NEARLY 7000 NAMES...NEARLY 7000 LIVES LOST FROM ONE REGIMENT IN WORLD WAR I. THE WORLD WAR 2 MEMORIAL BOOK CONTAINS OVER 1000 NAMES. AS I SAT IN THE CHAPEL TRYING TO COMPREHEND THE COST OF THOSE CONFLICTS THE WORDS OF THE POET JOHN DONNE CAME TO ME:

'No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece
of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the
sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were,
as well as if a manor of thy friends of thine own were;
any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee.'

WHILE I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT 'I AM INVOLVED IN MANKIND' AND LOSS OF LIFE ON SUCH A SCALE DIMINISHED MY LIFE, THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO MADE SACRIFICES ALSO ENRICHED MY LIFE AND MY STORY. THEIR LOSS BOTH DIMINISHES AND ENRICHES YOUR LIVES. THIS IS A TENSION BETWEEN OPPOSITES THAT WE MAY STRUGGLE WITH BUT IN THE END MUST ACCEPT. THEY ARE PART OF OUR CORPORATE STORY...OUR HISTORY. WE ARE WHO WE ARE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED.

THE PROPHET MICAH LIVED NEARLY 3000 YEARS AGO. HE SPOKE OF A WORLD WHERE JUSTICE, KINDNESS AND HUMILITY WILL RESTORE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD. IT IS FOR THAT RESTORATION THAT I PRAY IN MEMORY OF ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE, FOR THOSE WHO SERVED AND FOR THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY. **AMEN.**

REMEMBERING
THE EXHORTATION

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. ***We will remember them.***

THE LAST POST
SILENCE
REVEILLE
THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

When you go home tell them of us and say, 'For your tomorrow we gave our today.'

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
In peace let us pray to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation that they might have discipline and discernment, courage, and compassion. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and respect. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the refugee, that in all their trials they may know your love and support. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace, and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

HYMN StF 705 It is God Who Holds the Nations (all 4 verses)

BLESSING
God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to all people unity, peace, and harmony. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us always. **Amen.**