

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

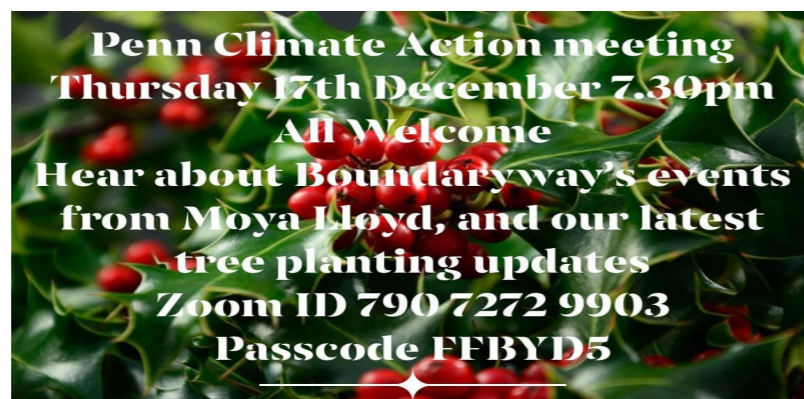
Springdale. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available from Janet Fenney or Rev. Teddy Siwila.

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 Rev. Christopher Collins. For Zoom details please contact Rev. Chris Collins.

Upper Ettingshall. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available on request from Rev. Steve Jackson.

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



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What's On This Week....

Monday 14 December
9.30am - 11.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
5.00 - 7.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 15 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Wednesday 16 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting (See Notices)

Thursday 17 December
2.00 - 5.00pm Office Closed

Friday 18 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

Saturday 19 December



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.

Worship and Fellowship

13 December 2020

3rd Sunday in Advent

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God for whom we wait and watch, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of the Messiah. Inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you; that, when Christ shall come again in glory to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before him, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

Come and join us next Sunday, 20 December 2020
4th Sunday in Advent
10.30am Carol Service
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo

**10.30am Nativity Service
led by Rev. Ivor Sperring**

Advent 3: Candle of Waiting with Joy

We light these candles as a sign of our joy in the beautiful things of this season – not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of the heart and the soul, the beauty of love shared in service and hospitality. We light this candle of joy because company is coming.

Come, O Come Emmanuel

The first, second and third candles are lit and this response is used:

Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.

Reflection

God chose Mary for one of the most important acts of obedience demanded of anyone and she rejoices that God should choose someone so lowly. The Good-News has come for all. God chooses you, saves you and welcomes you.

Prayer for this week

Lord Jesus, keep me abiding in you so that your joy may be in me and that my joy may be full. **Amen**

We Sing StF 165:

**Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness
on that Day**

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken –
hearts awaken:
God is near!**



Worship on Sunday, 13 December 2020

Beckminster. Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am, Nativity Service. Zoom link available on request from Sue Lorimer.

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

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

Brewood. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Rev. Rachel Parkinson and Rev. Jo Cox-Darling. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Codsall. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Rev. Rachel Parkinson and Rev. Jo Cox Darling. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Coven. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Rev. Rachel Parkinson and Rev. Jo Cox Darling. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

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

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

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

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

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

Lanesfield. Open for worship at 10.30am.

Rakegate. Open for worship at 10.30am.

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.

DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. Our last gathering which took place on 19 November is now on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/WqyJsbqnbS4> Our next gathering is on Tuesday evening, 15 December at 7.30pm. The Officers are planning an evening of Christmas readings/funny/interesting/thought provoking etc with a short Quiz. Our devotions will come towards the end of the evening. Please invite all you can to join us and if possible, please 'dress up' for this event, perhaps a Christmas jumper or something smarter than what we've been used to wearing during the pandemic. We've had so few opportunities to wear our "best things". For zoom details please contact Sue. On Tuesday morning, 19 January 2021 at 10.30am our speaker will be Barbara Easton from our Wolverhampton Circuit, who is the Vice President Elect of the Methodist Conference. On Tuesday evening, 16 February 2021 at 7.30pm Phoebe Parkin, the Methodist Youth President from our Telford Circuit, has agreed to speak to us. More details of these gatherings will be sent in due course, and we're delighted to welcome each of them, especially as they are from our District.

"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 8.00am 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.

**John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready
for the Lord.'**

Mark Earey (1965)

Prayer

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 11 read by Christine Pearson

John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28 read by Keith Cheetham

StF 186: Tell out, my soul,

'Lockdown Nativity' Intro

Christmas This Year by Libby, Elissa, Isabella and Thomas

Action Replay: The Hotel Inspector (Nativity Film)

Poem: Elissa

Reflections

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

StF 181: Of the Father's love begotten

Blessing

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.

Can anyone help please. One of our Luncheon Club members is no longer able to look after her cat and is anxious to find a good home for him. Dave is a small black very friendly cat. If you or you know someone who could give Dave a home, please contact Wendy on 01902 831637.

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.

FRED DUDLEY. Our thoughts and prayer are with Sylvia and the family following the death of Fred on Tuesday, 8 December 2020. Fred's funeral will take place at Lower Gornal Crematorium on Wednesday, 6 January 2021 at 12noon.

JANE FUELL. Very many thanks to all friends at Beckminster for all the good wishes, cards, prayers and support at this difficult time. All are appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID very much values the support of the congregation at Beckminster and sends greetings at Christmas. As you will realise, funds are very much depleted this year - but the need is still great and any donations would be most gratefully received. Envelopes for cash or cheques are available at the back of the church or you could contact John Bate directly on 01902 750663.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GRAISELEY AND PENN FIELDS CHRISTMAS 2020. As we are unable to Carol sing for local charities at Waitrose this year, we have asked if they will extend their 'Give a little Love' charity programme to the food banks that three of our churches have. They are already supporting the Adventist Food Bank which St Chad and St Mark's support and now they have also agreed to support the Lea Road Food project and Jubilee Compassion Food Bank. All these charities provide meals and gifts of food to the needy local residents of Penn Fields. Already these charities have each received two trolley loads of food - as soon as we asked! If you shop at Waitrose please support. Janet Anderson.

JOHN COPE. Members will be sorry to read that John Cope died last week. John was a keen member of Questors in the 50's. Marlies and John retired to Craven Arms, both being involved in the church and community there. John Pearson.

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME VOLUNTEERS. You may have seen in the recent news that the vaccination programme is going to begin on 14th December. For the South Staffordshire areas, there are two locations offering the vaccine: Stafford showground, and Trinity Codsall. In order to deliver this programme, the NHS are recruiting people to volunteer as Marshalls and vaccinators. Follow this link for more details: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLKTTSP>

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, 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, Various singers will contribute and You Tube 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