

DAVID WILMOT. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah, Emma, Chris and family following the death of David in hospital on Tuesday, 22 December 2020. David used to be the Caretaker here at Beckminster for many years.

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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. As you will appreciate, only family members are allowed at the funeral but we will have them in our thoughts especially on the day of the funeral.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS. There will be no prayer meeting on Wednesday, 30 December but will return on Wednesday, 6 January 2021 at 9.00am. For further details please contact Sue.

CHURCH OFFICE. The Church Office will close on Wednesday, 23 December 2020 at 12.30pm and will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2021 at 9.30am. If you need to make contact at all during this time either telephone me on my home number or send an email in the normal way. Sue.

THANK YOU. Once again I must thank the Leadership Team and the Luncheon Club Team for a lovely goody bag for Christmas and wasn't it lovely to get the Beckoner well done Keith and all who put in the articles. I can't think of another Church that has done so much for the members in these difficult times. We do appreciate it particularly the members who can't get to Church. Thank you. Nora.

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to JMA through the Christmas Post either by cash or cheque or directly on line. To anyone who has donated directly on line could you please let me know to add your donation to our final total please. To date JMA post this year has raised £365 - including on line donations I have already been made aware of. There will also be some further Gift Aid to be added on by Methodist Head office. Thank you all for your support. Val Pollard JMA Secretary.

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What's On This Week....

Monday 28 December
9.30am - 11.30pm Office Closed
Premises Closed

Tuesday 29 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
Premises Closed

Wednesday 30 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
Premises Closed

Thursday 31 December
2.00 - 5.00pm Office Closed

Friday 1 January
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
Premises Closed

Saturday 2 January

***There will be no
morning service
on Sunday,
27 December 2020.***

**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 Christmas Day 2020

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, you have given us your
only-begotten Son to take our nature
upon him and as at this time to be born
of a pure virgin. Grant that we, who
have been born again and made your
children by adoption and grace, may
daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 on
Sunday, 3 January 2021
Second Sunday of Christmas
10.30am Covenant Service
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo**

**10.00am Christmas Day Service
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo**



Advent 5: Christmas Day

Love-shine, your moment has come.
In the dark of the womb you waited.
Bathed in the balm of the star, you rest.
Into a world sorely in need of your light, you are born.
When you knock on our door looking for room, may we welcome you
Like the herald of your birth, call us to share your good news first with
those who are poor, excluded and afraid.

All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out.

Light the Christ candle and all four Advent candles.

The love of heaven has come to Earth.
The call of Christ begins in a baby's cry.
Listen and respond.

All: We light the Christ candle. May it light the way

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!**

**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.'**

**Mary's gift, beyond all telling,
was to give Christ room.
She gave God a human dwelling
in a mother's womb.
Who could guess the final story?
cross and glory;
empty tomb!**

**Advent candles tell their story
on this Christmas Day.
Those who waited for God's glory:
they prepared the way.
Christ is with us: loving, giving,
in us living,
here today!**

Mark Earey (1965)

Welcome

StF 214: Once in royal David's city

Prayer

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 52: 7 - 10 and John 1: 1 - 14 read by John Bate

StF 191: Away in a manger,

Reflections

Prayers

StF 330: Joy to the world,

Blessing

There will be a retiring collection today for Christian Aid