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

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Worship and Fellowship

Third Sunday of Easter

18 April 2021

What's On This Week....

Monday 19 April
9.30 - 11.30am Office Closed
4.15 - 7.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 20 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
5.00 - 6.00pm Dinky Divas

Wednesday 21 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)

Thursday 22 April
2.00 - 5.00pm Office Closed

Friday 23 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Saturday 24 April
11.00am - 12.30pm Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; 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, 25 April 2021
at Church or on Zoom
Fourth Sunday of Easter
10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mr Gabriel Gidi**

**10.30 am Morning Service
led by Rev. Ivor Sperring
in Church and on Zoom**

Call to Worship

STF 296 Christ has risen while earth slumbers,

Prayers

Reading: Acts 3: 12 - 19 read by Phil Healey

STF 357 Jesus the name high over all,

Reading: Luke 24: 36b - 48 read by Stephanie Wilkes

Sermon

STF 319 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,

Intercessions

Offertory Prayer

STF 661 Give me the faith which can remove

Blessing

The Plants in the Church for April are in loving memory of:

Dennis and Isabel Pressey & Mildred Ingleton

Baby Kathryn Tonks

Betty and Brownie Carter-Brown

Ven Venables

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Corns

David Boulton

Anne Jones and her Parents

Violet Watts

Upper Ettingshall

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

Wombourne

Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Brenda Shuttleworth. Zoom link available on request from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila.

A STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HRH, PRINCE PHILIP, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit joins with sisters and brothers in this country and around the world in expressing our deep sadness for the death of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

During my walk around the circuit this week I have been reminded of two of the Prince's passions which have been shared by many within the circuit. I've been reminded that many young people and their leaders in church-affiliated groups have been positively impacted by the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and we are thankful for the opportunities the scheme afforded our young people. The Prince was also a consistent encourager of interfaith dialogue – both through the conversations and conferences at St George's House Windsor and through initiatives focusing on issues such as faith and international business ethics and religion and the environment.

Besides his great achievements, we must also remember that he was a family man and a family now mourns their loss of a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and uncle.

So this weekend, I encourage us all to pause and give thanks for Prince Philip's life, gifts of character, love for his family, country and the Commonwealth as well as his great achievements. Let us pray that he now rests in the peace of God and pray for Her Majesty The Queen and all of Prince Philip's family as they grieve his death.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; for they rest from their labours."

The Revd Christopher Collins
Superintendent Minister

<p><i>Coven</i> Sunday Service in Church. Local Arrangement. Spaces Limited.</p> <p><i>Cranmer</i> Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Maddy Coope. Zoom link available on request from Revd Sam Hagerman.</p> <p><i>East Park</i> Sunday Service in church at 11.00am with Martin Rider.</p> <p><i>Fallings Park</i> Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Maddy Coope. Zoom link available on request from Revd Sam Hagerman.</p> <p><i>Fordhouses</i> Sunday Service at 11.00am with Maddy Coope. Zoom link available on request from Revd Sam Hagerman.</p> <p><i>Hurst Hill</i> Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Steve Jackson. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.</p> <p><i>Lanesfield</i> Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Revd William Davis.</p> <p><i>Rakegate</i> Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Gill Silvester.</p> <p><i>St. Andrew's</i> Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Revd Barry Welch, also on YouTube. The YouTube channel is "ST ANDREWS CHURCH SEDGLEY" and is accessible during the week. www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrwvypBKFcY</p> <p><i>St. John's</i> Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Steve Jackson. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.</p> <p><i>Springdale</i> Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Brenda Shuttleworth. Zoom link available on request from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila.</p> <p><i>Stowlawn</i> Not open for worship but you are welcome to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.</p> <p><i>Stratton Street</i> Sunday Service in Church 11.00am. Leader Suzie Sale and Preacher Revd Chris Collins.</p>	
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<p>CHURCH OFFICE is closed at the present time so if you need to contact me ring on my home number or email. Many thanks. Sue.</p> <p>ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.</p> <p>DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. Our next gathering is on Wednesday evening, 21 April at 7.30pm. This will be an evening of readings for Spring and Easter, rather like our Christmas evening. If anyone has anything they'd like to contribute, please send details to Pauline at andrewpauline.nbggriffin@gmail.com For the first time, we plan to allow a short time for you to chat in small groups, selected at random by Zoom. Perhaps you can talk a little about the good things and the difficulties of the past 13 months. We look forward to seeing as many as possible! For zoom details please contact Sue.</p> <p>JAMES BEATTIE TRUST. This is the response we have received from the James Beattie Trust who donated funds for the Easter plants and Messy Church bags: "Thanks for the report and photos. I will make a post for the The James Beattie Charitable Trust website in due course. It's wonderful to see what you and your team have done/are doing for the community."</p> <p>ACTION FOR CHILDREN. Donations through Count Your Blessings April 2021 are £960 when Gift Aid is included. As I counted the offerings for Action for Children this week I was moved, impressed and grateful for the generous gifts you have made for the work of God in Action for Children. During the last 14 or 15 months there have been many times when we have heard how Charities' have suffered loss of income because of the "Lockdown." In our experience this has certainly been true and many of the Charities we support have issued appeals expressing how greatly their income has suffered in 2020/2021. Action for Children has not been exempt from this loss of income but your generosity will go towards helping make up some of this loss so THANK YOU on behalf of the Charity. Many Thanks on behalf of Action for Children. June (Sperring)</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS to Bernard & Lettie Harris from all your friends at Beckminster on the occasion of your Diamond Wedding Anniversary which took place on Thursday, 8 April 2021.</p> <p>THANK YOU to friends at Beckminster for all the lovely cards, gifts and flowers I received on the occasion of my 90th birthday which were very much appreciated. Pam Wilkes.</p>	
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INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON invites you to the next IFW Bring and Share Lunch time meeting on Tuesday, 20 April using Zoom from 1.00pm—2.00pm. Our speaker will be Sunny Dhadley who will speak about Census 2021 and his role in supporting Wolverhampton residents. Please contact Sue for zoom details.

Christian Aid - 300,000 Steps Challenge. Last year we were unable to reach out into the community with our Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection which is such a valuable source of income for the charity, and, although we learned very recently that a May 2021 house-to-house might be possible, UK supporters are encouraged to seek other means of fundraising too. Brenda Shuttleworth, a self-confessed couch potato, is taking the Christian Aid challenge to walk 300,000 steps (equivalent to about 120 miles) during May on behalf of the Wolverhampton Christian Aid committee. She will set out at 10am on Saturday, 1st May from the canal bridge at Newbridge, walking towards Compton.

If your church would like to support her, you can do so by going to her Just Giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Brenda-Shuttleworth> or by sending a cheque to John Bate, 79 Cranmere Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV6 8TR. If individual members would like to offer Gift Aid, they should include their name, address and post code with their sponsor money.

If you would like to walk with Brenda one day, (max. 4 miles), please ring her on 01902 330002 to arrange details.

RUTH PURSEHOUSE. It is with sadness that Ruth died in Cornwall on Wednesday following a stroke. Ruth grew up in Beckminster and was a member of Questors. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

"SOUL SPACE" a 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 further details contact Rev. 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: christopher.collins@methodist.org.uk

Midweek Opportunities

Circuit Morning Prayer

Available on the Circuit Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/500469540084007>) at 8.00am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. The video is also available.

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

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Worship on Sunday, 18 April 2021 - Easter 3

Beckminster

Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Revd Ivor Sperring. Zoom link available on request from Sue Lorimer.

Bilston

Sunday Service on Audio Phone at 11.00am with Revd William Davis. Telephone Number and Pin available from Revd William Davis, Jonathan Mtsambilwa or Andy Dale.

Bradley

Not open for worship but you are welcome to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Brewood

Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Trevor Starling. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Codsall

Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Trevor Starling. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.