

ON OUR GIFT SUNDAY, 12 December, we would welcome donations for the Good Shepherd Mission.

They currently have plenty of tins, cereals and pasta etc and Christmas goodies galore will arrive from Supermarkets and community groups.

We can best help by looking to the basic staples and the Pantry needs, donations of coffee, sugar, flour, long life milk, butter/spread and everyday cleaning products and toiletries.

Baby toiletries and nappies together with feminine hygiene products would also be welcome.

Good Shepherd organisers are always very grateful for our support - so many thanks! Wendy & John Bate.

11 December: Eco-Advent Retreat with the President and Vice-President. On Saturday, 11 December between 10am and 3pm there'll be the opportunity to join with Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton in an Eco-Advent Retreat at Wellington Methodist Church in the Telford Circuit. Details will be confirmed by next week but this is a "save the date" announcement. Online resources will also be produced for you to make your own personal retreat or to gather a group of friends locally.

Christmas Celebration also with the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference on Saturday, 11 December at 7.00pm at Fallings Park Methodist Church. Sing-along carols and songs with live band Eeek. Donations invited to support Action for Children.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS. Each Christmas Amnesty International invites us to send greetings and support to people across the world whose rights are being abused. Case details and addresses are available for many for whom a few words of encouragement can make all the difference. Please contact Phil Shuttleworth for more information.

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

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Worship and Fellowship

28 November 2021

1st Sunday in Advent

What's On This Week....

Monday 29 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 30 November
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas

Wednesday 1 December
10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
1.00pm Service of Thanksgiving for Lewis Cowan (See Notices)
7.30pm Zoom Advent Study (See Notices)
7.30 - 8.30pm Costley Dance Group

Thursday 2 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00am Circuit Staff Meeting
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 3 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It with Vanessa
7.00 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 4 December
10.15 - 12.15pm Horticultural Society Get Together

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 on Sunday, 5 December 2021

Second Sunday in Advent in Church and Live-Streamed

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo

12.30pm Baptism Service led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo

1.30 - 5.00pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Holy Communion
led by Rev. Glennys Bamford**

Holy Communion for Advent MWB p.117

ADVENT 1: TIME TO GO HOME

Reader One: We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don't know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner.

Reader Two: Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again?

Reader One: Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home.

Reader Two: We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It's time to go home.

Light the first candle on the Advent wreath

We Sing STF 178

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon:

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?***



**Beckminster Methodist Church
Christmas Services**



Sunday, 5 December
10.30am Morning Service
12.30pm Baptism Service

Sunday, 12 December
10.30am Gift & Nativity Service

Sunday, 19 December
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Carol Service

Friday, 24 December - **Christmas Eve**
4.00pm Christingle Service
11.15pm Christmas Communion Service

Saturday, 25 December - **Christmas Day**
10.00am All Age Worship

There will be no service on Sunday, 26 December

An Invitation to a Christingle

Telling the
Christmas Story
and Singing
Christmas Songs



Come along and join in the
fun at
**Beckminster
Methodist
Church**



There will be a collection
taken for the
Children's Society.

at 4.00 pm on
Christmas Eve

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

Grace

STF 177 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,

Prayers, Commands, Confession and Collect

Lessons: Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 read by Keith Cheetham

Luke 21: 25 - 36 read by Phil Healey

Sermon 'Advent Hope.'

STF 180 O come, O come, Immanuel,

Intercessions

Prayer of Humble Access and Peace

Offering

STF 568 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,

Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Breaking Bread

Sharing Bread and Wine

Final Prayer

STF 188 There's a light upon the mountains,

Blessing

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.

Our fellowship will continue after morning worship with tea and coffee served in the Coffee Bar.

The Plants in Church
for November
are in Loving Memory of:

Mrs Gillian Whilton.
Mr David Griffiths.
Mr Bill Wilkes and daughter-
in-law Mrs Susan Wilkes.
Mr Rob Harris.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. The service this morning will be live streamed. The camera focuses only on those taking part but the back of your head might be seen. If you wish to remain out of sight of the camera, please sit at the back of the church.

BAPTISM. There will be a Baptism following the morning service next Sunday, (5 December 2021) at 12.30pm which will be led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo. You are all invited to stay and join the family of Iris Elisabeth Hopkins who is to be baptised.

LEWIS COWAN. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dot, Sandra and the family following the death of Lewis on Tuesday, 26 October 2021. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, 1 December 2021. There will be a private cremation at 12noon at Bushbury Crematorium followed by a Service of Thanksgiving here at Beckminster at 1.00pm. All are welcome to stay for refreshments following the service.

BETTY CAUSER. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul, Andrew, Richard and all the family following the death of Betty on Sunday, 14 November 2021. There will be a private cremation for Betty at Bushbury Crematorium on Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 11.15am. This will then be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for Alan and Betty at Beckminster at 12.30pm. All are welcome to stay following the service for refreshments.

MINCE PIES AND MUSIC. You are invited to come and enjoy a mince pie and music by Marilyn Bose and her group Pro Tempora on Wednesday, 8 December from 2.45 to 4.15pm. Everyone is welcome. Please let Sue in the office (344910) or Wendy Ashwood (831637) know if you would like to come by Monday, 6 December.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. You are invited to join Gateway who are having their Christmas Carol Service at Beckminster Church on Friday, 17 December 2021 starting at 7.00pm. Further details to follow. Tim Lorimer.

ADVENT BAGS. For those of you who did not receive a cd in your advent bags and would like one, please contact Sue in the Church Office.

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY. All Welcome at St Peter's Collegiate Church on Monday, 29 November at 6.30pm "Care at Christmas Carol Service" with The Good Shepherd Ministry. Items of tinned and packet food will be gratefully received at this service. Normal Hours - Monday, 10.00am - 2.00pm -and Tuesday - Thursday, 12noon - 4.00pm.

ADVENT STUDY COURSE. An Advent study course will be held on Zoom on the four Wednesdays of Advent before Christmas beginning on 1 December. They will start at 7.30pm and will last about an hour. We are very fortunate in that Dr Rachel Starr, Director of Studies, Queen's Foundation, has agreed to lead these. The study chosen is Paula Gooder's, The Meaning is in the Waiting, the spirit of Advent. The book can be purchased from Canterbury press or other booksellers. The cost of a new book is around £7.50 - £9.00 but it is obviously much cheaper to purchase a second hand copy. If you want help with this, please get in touch. If you would like to join us please contact Sue in the Church Office for the zoom details. Janet Anderson.

The following email was received this week: **Greetings,** We are celebrating our 68th wedding from Beckminster! We met in Questors and Diana was guide captain. Very good memories of our church! Kind greetings from Australia, Keith & Diana Allison.

JMA CHRISTMAS POST: The red post box for Christmas post will return this year on 5, 12 & 19 December. Due to Covid still being around, we need to be vigilant and there are different ways to send cards.

1) One card to be sent to our church family to be put up on a notice board at the front of church over the Christmas season.
2) Christmas cards for individual church members please post in the box with full name and first line of address. Please can I ask for ease of sorting that they are put in alphabetic order and kept together in either an elastic band or put in a paper or small plastic bag. We must be mindful that there are fewer people in church able to deliver cards to those unable to attend church.

Christmas post donations for JMA please put in a sealed envelope with your name.

Please address envelope to Val Pollard, JMA donation and post in the red post box.

Cheques for JMA need to be made out to The World Mission Fund. You can make donations direct on line but these cannot then be added to Beckminster JMA total for the year.

Thank you to everyone for your support to JMA over the years. Val Pollard, JMA Secretary.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Wombourne & District Choral Society are holding their Christmas Concert here at Beckminster on Saturday, 11 December 2021 at 7.30pm. See notice boards and leaflets.