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

# Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

**12 December 2021**

**3rd Sunday in Advent**

### What's On This Week....

**Monday 13 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
 9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
 1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break  
 5.00 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas

**Tuesday 14 December**  
**Office Closed**  
 4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas  
 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

**Wednesday 15 December**  
**10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open**  
 9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)  
 12.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for Alan and Betty Causer  
 7.30pm Zoom Advent Study  
 7.30 - 8.30pm Costley Dance Group

**Thursday 16 December**  
**9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open**  
 10.00am Circuit Staff Meeting  
 7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

**Friday 17 December**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
 9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It with Vanessa  
 7.00 - 9.00pm Gateway Carol Service (See notices) followed by Gateway Meeting

**Saturday 18 December**

### 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 on  
 Sunday, 19 December 2021**

***Fourth Sunday in Advent  
 in Church and Live-Streamed***

**9.00am Holy Communion  
 led by Rev Glennys Bamford**

**10.30am Carol Service**

**1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church**

**10.30am Gift & Nativity Service  
led by Mr Gabriel Gidi**

**THEME FOR TODAY: THE JOY OF HOME**

**Reader One:** It's a reunion, every time we go home, every time we embrace those we love, no matter how long it has been. It feels like sunrise, like the clouds are parting and the rain has ended. It is joy, nothing less than pure joy to grab hold of those who are home for us, who make home for us. Whether we wake up to them every day, or travel many miles to see them again, it is joy to go home.

**Reader Two:** The prophet Zephaniah tells us to rejoice at the thought of going home. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then to live like that was our truth even now, even here. It is joy to go home.

**Reader One:** John the Baptist reminds us, however, that it takes choices to live in this joy. It doesn't just happen; we choose to make life a joy by how we love others, by how we serve and give and care for others, by how we do the job we do and how we impact the world around us. We build joy as we build a home in this world and the next.

**Reader Two:** We light these candles, the candle of hope, and of peace, and of joy, as a sign that we are on our way home, and we walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. It is time to go home.

*Light the Third candle on the Advent wreath*

**We Sing STF 178 Long ago, prophets knew  
(first 3 verses)**

Call to Worship: Isaiah 12: 2 – 6

**StF 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**

Prayers of Praise and Confession

Lord's Prayer

**StF 180 O Come, O Come, Immanuel,**

Phoebe Watson Presentation Sharon Lindsay

Cubs and Scouts Presentation John Ashwood



**Beckminster Methodist Church  
Christmas Services**



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

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

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Nativity

\*\*\*Please have your hymn books ready and join in the carols\*\*\*

**Congregational Hymn STF 190** Angels, from the realms of glory, (*verse 1*)

Poems about Angels

Prayers

*Mary's Encounter (Luke 1: 26 - 38)*

*Joseph's Encounter (Matthew 1: 18 - 25)*

Tableau: The Stable

**Congregational Hymn STF 191** Away in a manger, (*verse 1*)

*The Shepherds Encounter (Luke 2: 8 - 20)*

**Congregational Hymn STF 202** Hark! The herald-angels sing

Readings as used in the Nativity Presentation

Homily: **Encounters that change lives and the course of history**

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer for our Gifts

**STF 272** From heaven you came, helpless babe,

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 December  
are in Loving Memory of:

David and Anthea Griffiths  
Mr Alwin Ordige  
Mr John Felton

**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.

**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.

**GATEWAY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT.** Our Friends from the Gateway Group, who meet at Beck every Friday are inviting all Beckminster members to their Carol Concert here on Friday, 17 December at 7.00pm. They will be performing their own versions of favourite Christmas songs with some surprises thrown in!! I have agreed that due to current restrictions, we will not be able to join them afterwards. If you are thinking of coming could you please enter the Church from the normal entrance and sit from the middle towards the back. Please try and make it, you won't be disappointed. If you need any further information please contact Tim Lorimer.

**ADVENT IN A BAG.** On behalf of those who have received 'Advent in a Bag', thank you to all who are sharing with us their thoughts, their time and their creative talent as we journey through Advent. It is greatly appreciated.

**EMMAUS/OPEN WAY HOUSE GROUP.** Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 2.30pm at 222 Jeffcock Road. All are welcome.

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

**CTinG&PF.** We are looking for volunteers to distribute Christmas cards and the message of Christmas in the locality as in previous years. If you are able to help, please give your names to Sue Lorimer. Thank you in anticipation.

**BECKMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH** (registered charity 1128871) are looking to employ a Lay Worker for Older People to work 15 hours per week. Salary in the range (£19,760 - £21,506 ) according to experience. Pro rata to a 40 hour week. DBS (enhanced) disclosure required. Further details and application form available from: The Church Administrator, Beckminster Methodist Church, Birches Barn Road, Wolverhampton WV3 7BQ. Tel: 01902 344910. Email: [info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk) Closing date for applications: Monday, 10 January 2022.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who organised the Mince Pies and Music afternoon and to Marilyn Bose and Pro Tempora for the entertainment.

**JMA CHRISTMAS POST:** The red post box for Christmas post will return this year on 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.

**METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN.** Our December gathering is on Wednesday evening, 15 December on the usual Zoom platform at 7.30pm for one hour. We invite all to join us for an evening of Christmas readings and carols to sing along to at home. Please be prepared for a short Christmas quiz.

If anyone needs the Zoom details they can contact me by email: [andrewpauline.nbgriffin@googlemail.com](mailto:andrewpauline.nbgriffin@googlemail.com) With many thanks and all good wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year. Pauline (Beattie) District President.

**PRAYER IN THE CITY.** You are invited to join Deacon Linda and others @ Zuri's, 37 Lichfield Street on Saturday, 18 December 2021 at 4.00pm for prayer and conversation about city work. For an idea of numbers please let Linda know in advance on 07941 354958 or [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk) or just turn up. All welcome.

**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.