

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.

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 Closing date for applications: Monday, 10 January 2022.

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 With many thanks and all good wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year. Pauline (Beattie) District President.

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

Beckminster Welcomes You

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Worship and Fellowship

5 December 2021

2nd Sunday in Advent

What's On This Week....

Monday 6 December
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 7 December
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas

Wednesday 8 December
10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
2.45 - 4.15pm Mince Pies & Music
7.30pm Zoom Advent Study (See Notices)
7.30 - 8.30pm Costley Dance Group

Thursday 9 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00am Circuit Staff Meeting
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 10 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 11 December
1.30 - 10.00pm Wombourne Choral Rehearsal and Concert

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, 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, 12 December 2021

Third Sunday in Advent in Church and Live-Streamed

10.30am Gift & Nativity Service led by Mr Gabriel Gidi

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

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

ADVENT 2: THE FEAR OF HOME

Reader One: For many of us, the call to head home is one of joy and of hope. We can't wait to reconnect with family, with history and tradition, with a wonderful time of freedom and loving support. We can't wait to go home.

Reader Two: There are those who fear going home, however, and there are times when going home brings back memories that are not so good, not so healing. We are reminded of when we didn't fit in, when we didn't measure up, when we weren't loved like we needed to be loved. Home can be a difficult place for some.

Reader One: The prophet Malachi tells us that even when we are in the hottest of fires, there is a presence who can make us better, who can refine and purify. John the Baptist tells us that the road home is always under construction, mountains levelled, and valleys filled in, to make smooth the path that leads us to our true destination, where we can live in peace and unity with all.

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace, as a sign of our assurance that though the road is hard, we believe it is worth the journey. It is time to go home.

Light the Second 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

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

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human:

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

Welcome

Prayer

StF 172 Hills of the north, rejoice,

Bible Reading: Malachi 3: 1 - 4 read by Tim Lorimer

Philippians 1: 3 - 11 read by John Ashwood

StF 185 Sing we the King who is coming to reign;

Bible Reading: Luke 3: 1 - 6 read by Ann Holt

Sermon

StF 231 The silent stars shine down on us

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer for our Giving

StF 619 Thanks for friends who keep on loving,

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**

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

Welcome

StF 100 All things bright and beautiful,

Prayer

Baptism of Iris Elisabeth Hopkins

Poem

StF 76 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Blessing

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.

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.

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.

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

CHRISTINE & JOHN PEARSON wish to thank all those who have called, sent cards and flowers, while we await tests, and for your prayerful support.

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

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.