

DISTRICT MWiB. The March gathering of our District MWiB will be on Zoom on Tuesday, 15 March at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Ruth Parrott, the Connexional President of Methodist Women in Britain. There won't be a gathering in April as Easter is in the middle of the month, but we are arranging our Quiet Day at Rock for Thursday, 19 May from 10.30am – 3.15pm as sufficient people have signed up to come. However, if you've not signed up yet but would like to come, it's not too late to let Pauline Beattie know on andrewpauline.nbgriffin@googlemail.com More information soon. She will also confirm the log in details for the March gathering from the same email address.

FREE CHURCH CHOIRS at Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday, 21 May 2022 at 6.30pm. Choir of 200 voices. There will be a rehearsal at Trinity Methodist Church on Friday, 13 May 2022 at 7.30pm for anyone wishing to join the choir. Please contact Marion edge - davrionedge@aol.co.uk (Trinity).

You are invited to Prayer in the City. Join Deacon Linda and others @ Zuri's (37 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG) on Saturday, 26 March 2022 at 4.00pm for prayer and conversation about city mission. For an idea of numbers please let Linda know in advance on 07941 354958 or linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk or just turn up. All are welcome.

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Worship and Fellowship

13 March 2022

Lent 2

What's On This Week....

Monday 14 March 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 15 March Office Closed 4.15 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga
Wednesday 16 March 10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open 9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices) 7.30pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices)
Thursday 17 March 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open 7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance
Friday 18 March 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group
Saturday 19 March

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
 Christ, Son of the living God, who for a season laid aside the divine glory and learned obedience through suffering: teach us in all our afflictions to raise our eyes to the place of your mercy and to find in you our peace and deliverance. We make our prayer in your name. **Amen.**

Come and join us on Sunday, 20 March 2022

Lent 3
in Church and Live-Streamed

9.00am Holy Communion
led by Rev Glennys Bamford

10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Christine Pearson

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

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

Lent 2 – Towel & Basin

In our work, our witness
our longing,
for the kingdom to come.
We seek God's will.

Reading John 13: 3 - 5

Through his actions,
breaking down barriers
and standing with the oppressed.
**We are taught to follow him,
seek those in need,
and serve without reserve.**

Through his teaching of love, compassion and forgiveness.
We learn to be a servant to all.

Place symbols around the cross

**Lord in our arrogance, our pride
our lack of compassion,
may your spirit bring to us
an awareness of others
and restore to us a loving heart.
Amen.**

Psalm 27

StF 357 Jesus — the name high over all,

Prayers

Reading: Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1 read by Sue Reed

StF 748 Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Reading: Luke 13: 31 - 35 read by Ann Holt

Sermon

Prayer for a world in pain, with special emphasis on Ukraine



**Beckminster Methodist Church
Lent 2022
Week 2**

Psalm 27, Luke 13: 31 - 35

'The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?'

Lent is a time to rethink our lives.

A timeless desire is to trust in God's goodness. Here in Psalm 27, we are urged to be strong, to let our hearts take courage and wait for the Lord.

Jesus in the gospel reading is on his way to Jerusalem to his death, but he still has work to do. He describes himself as a hen wanting to gather the people (the chicks) under his wings to protect them, but he knows that they will refuse his refuge. Jesus continues to offer the shelter of his wings—his desire is still to protect and will never stop offering. Today are we any different to those to whom this passage was originally addressed?

In difficult situations sometimes our only option is to pray as Jesus often did. Prayer is a place where we can admit our need of God, where we can admit our dependence on God and where we can shelter in his presence. Prayer is the practice of the presence of God.

A Breath Prayer (from 'Days to Lament'—Embrace the Middle East)

**Because of what you have done,
Because of who you are,
Because the source of my hope is the source for all.
Because I've lifted my eyes to see your light,
Because all others have failed,
I choose to say
'The Lord is my light and my salvation'.**

NEW LAY WORKER FOR OLDER PEOPLE. We are very grateful to the District and the Circuit for contributing to the salary of a Lay Worker at Beckminster for the next 3 years. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Liz Dean to the role and look forward to her working with us as from 1 April 2022.

COLLECTION. Please note that the collection will once again be part of our Sunday morning service as from today Sunday, 13 March. Those who use standing orders are invited to take the tokens provided.

COFFEE MATES are back after nearly 2 years in lockdown. Meet Monday, 4 April 2022 at the Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley, WV6 7EQ from 11.00am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton tel. 07790272865.

FAIRTRADE STALL. There will be a Fairtrade Stall after worship on Sunday, 3 April. This will be an opportunity to look at a range of Easter eggs, sweet treats, cards and decorations as well as stocking up on basics like tea and coffee. Cash sales only please.

LENT. We are holding a Lent course on Zoom on Wednesday evenings during Lent beginning on 9 March at 7.30pm with our Churches Together Group in Graiseley and Penn Fields. This will be on the latest York Course published by SPCK entitled 'God has no Favourites'. If anyone is interested in joining, please let Sue in the office know so that you can be sent the zoom details.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. The next meeting will be at Fallings Park Methodist Church on Monday, 14 March 2022 at 2.30pm when three speakers will tell their personal stories.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY FOR THE METHODIST CONFERENCE 2022 TELFORD. Thursday, 23 – Thursday 30 June 2022 at Telford International Centre, St Quentin Gate, Telford TF3 4JH. You are needed for the following: Stewards, Help Desk, Collators and Distributors, Creche (DBS essential). Interested? Please make contact with Carole Booth, Methodist Conference Volunteer Co-ordinator Email: Caroleabooth@hotmail.com Looking forward to your email. Thank you in anticipation.

WOLVERHAMPTON FAIR TRAD. Coming soon - Wolverhampton Fair Traid will be opening another pop-up shop in the Mander Centre on Saturday, 12 March. Opening hours: 10.00 am - 5.00pm, Mondays - Saturdays. We will remain open until Saturday, 23rd April. You will find us next to the YMCA shop in the Victoria Arcade - the passage leading from Beatties into Mander Square itself. Looking for Mothers' Day gifts? We will have plenty of ideas for you. Easter eggs, cards and decorations will also be available. We look forward to seeing you.

StF 611 Brother, sister, let me serve you,

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer for our Giving

StF 623 A safe stronghold our God is still,

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.

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

All We Can Ukraine Emergency Appeal. All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain have launched an emergency appeal in response to events unfolding in Ukraine. Donations will be used to support the response to the crisis happening in Ukraine and ensure that critical humanitarian assistance is available to those who need it. Please give generously, as you are able. We are collecting donations here at Beckminster this Sunday or you can give directly online on the All We Can website. Thank you. Sue Reed.

PAT WICKSTEAD. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Pat following her death during the early hours of Friday, 4 March 2022. The family of Pat Wickstead would like to thank Mary Groves and all Pat's friends at Beckminster for their love and concern in recent years. Pat's funeral will be held on Monday, 28 March at 2.30pm in the East Chapel at Bushbury Crematorium. You are invited to share in this Service.

ANTHONY NEWILL AND BRENDA NEWILL. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family following the death of Anthony on Thursday, 17 February 2022 aged 91. I have heard this week that Brenda has now sadly passed away. There will be a joint funeral on Friday, 1 April 2022 at 1.45pm at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel. All are welcome.

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 March
are in Loving Memory of:**

**Louise Wood
Rose Carr
Lillian Ashley**

Prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia, for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn swords into ploughshares and to seek peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace in Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen

Seeing the Spiritual

Spending time with the Methodist Modern Art Collection



An opportunity
to reflect on and respond to six works
from the Modern Methodist Art Collection

Led by Rachel Parkinson, Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District Chair

All Welcome. Sunday 20th March, 3pm till 6pm

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