

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 4 June. Family BBQ, Games and Music to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from 2.00 - 5.00pm outside at Beckminster (inside if weather is bad). There will be a small charge. Anyone wishing to help please let me know.

Sunday, 5 June. 10.30am Morning Service led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo to include some commemorative musical items to mark the Jubilee.

Many thanks. Tim Lorimer.

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).

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.

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Worship and Fellowship

20 March 2022

Lent 3

What's On This Week....

Monday 21 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 22 March Office Closed 4.15 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga
Wednesday 23 March 10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open 9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices) 7.30pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices)
Thursday 24 March 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed 7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance
Friday 25 March 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group
Saturday 26 March 9.30 - 10.30am Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come and join us on Sunday, 27 March 2022

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday in Church and Live-Streamed

10.30am Parade Service led by Mrs Tina Kinch

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Christine Pearson**

CHOICES

Lent 3 - The Money Bag

In our temptations,
our weakness, our struggles,
with good over evil.
We seek God's strength.

Reading: Matthew 26: 14 - 16

In his wilderness moments,
and times of solitude,
Jesus sought his Father's protection.

**We look to God for guidance
in our moments of weakness.**

When his disciples were afraid
and one betrayed him.
Jesus remained obedient.

We look to God to light our way.

Place symbols round the cross

**Lord, in our temptations,
in our moments of greed,
in our lack of compassion,
in our selfish moments.**

**May your spirit empower us
to overcome the evils of the world.**

**Filling us with
the Father's love and truth.
Amen.**

StF 94 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
Verses 1 & 2 - Solo by Barbara Smith
Verse 3 - Congregation

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choices

StF 59 Lord, the Light of your love is shining,



**Beckminster Methodist Church
Lent 2022
Week 3**

Isaiah 55: 1 - 9, Luke 13: 1 - 9

'Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live'

Lent is a time to rethink our lives.

How many times has it been asked over the past 2-3 years why bad things happen to good people - first COVID with over 6 million deaths and now Ukraine which is too close for comfort? When Jesus was asked why the Galileans had been slaughtered by Pilate on their way to make sacrifices, he counters them with another story of 18 people who died when a tower collapses. Those asking were expecting Jesus to say - 'bad things happen to bad people', but no, and tells THEM to repent before it is too late. He then relates the parable of the failing fig tree: because it has borne no fruit for 3 years the owner wants to cut it down. The gardener asks for more time to dig around its roots and put in manure.

When we see injustice, evil that needs confronting, unfair practices, shattered lives, let us take up the shovel, for we can be the gardeners that pour in time, effort, comfort, love and hope to change not only ourselves but the world. Let us pray for strength to bear whatever befalls us in the meantime.

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

Show your Power

**By the coming of your Kingdom,
By the outpouring of justice and mercy,
By providing for our daily needs,
By imbuing us with your breath,
By defying our expectation,
Show your power.**

(Psalm 68:28)

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. Sadly, Brenda has now passed away so there will be a joint funeral on Friday, 1 April 2022 at 1.45pm at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel. All are welcome.

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.

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.

WOLVERHAMPTON FAIR TRAD. Wolverhampton Fair Traid have opened another pop-up shop in the Mander Centre. 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.

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.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, CODSALL will be hosting Tom Elliott on Saturday, 11 June 2022. Tickets £8. Further information will be available but please look at the details on the notice board in the Coffee Bar.

Reading: Numbers 6: 24 - 26 read by Linda Hargreaves

Children Leave

Wisdom Story - At the City Gates

StF 615 Let Love be real,

Reading: Luke 4: 1 - 15 read by Chris Reed

Reflections of Faith, Campbell Miller
read by Marilyn Bose and Keith Cheetham

Intercessions - Phil Shuttleworth

Offering and Prayer

StF 566 Take my life, and let it be

Prayer and the Grace Together

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.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday/Friday this week. I shall be working from home so please contact me there if needed. Sue.

ALL WE CAN (AWC) EMERGENCY UKRAINE APPEAL. Thanks to your generosity in the recent retiring collections, we have so far been able to send £1,045.63 to AWC. This is being used for humanitarian aid in Ukraine and the surrounding countries who are welcoming refugees. In addition there will be some gift aid to add to the total. Sue Reed.

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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