

Easter at Beckminster

Maundy Thursday, 14 April

7.00pm Passover Seder led by Rev Peggy Heim
in the Epworth Room

Good Friday, 15 April

10.00am March of Witness from Jubilee to
Beckminster
From 11.00am Hot Cross Buns and Coffee
11.30am CTinG&PF Morning Service and Activities
1.00pm Frugal Lunch for Christian Aid

Easter Sunday, 17 April

8.00am Holy Communion led by
Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo
9.00 - 10.00am Easter Breakfast
10.30am Holy Communion led by
Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

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

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Worship and Fellowship

27 March 2022

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 28 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 29 March
Office Closed
4.15 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 30 March
10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
5.00 - 8.00pm Esteem Theatre Academy
7.30pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices)

Thursday 31 March
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 1 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.45 - 10.45pm Move It or Lose It
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 2 April

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of compassion, whose Son Jesus
Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life
of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us
each day, that in joy and sorrow we
may know your presence; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 3 April 2022**

**Lent 5 - Passion Sunday
in Church and Live-Streamed**

**10.30am Morning Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo
1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church**

**10.30am Mothering Sunday
led by Mrs Tina Kinch**

Welcome

Lent 4 - Crown of thorns, purple robe

In our quickness to judge, our lack of compassion, our voices of doubt
In our fear, our disbelief, our silence
for those longing for truth.
We seek God's justice.

Mark 15: 16 - 20

In his obedience to the Father,
he suffered the mockery the judgement, the humiliation.
We seek the strength to be strong in our Christian living.
Through the pain, he was silent,
not vengeful but compassionate.
Teach us your ways O God of love.

Place the symbols round the cross

**Lord in our of fear rejection, of public humiliation, we choose the
easy option of familiarity and comfort. But in our desire to serve
you, may your spirit give us courage to walk the extra mile, to be a
voice standing for justice and righteousness.
May your will be done.
Amen.**

StF 81 Now thank we all our God,

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Oh, WHOOPS!!!

StF 672 Where can we find you,

Lesson: Luke 1: 46 - 54 read by Maggie Marriott

StF 186 Tell out, my soul,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND INFORMATION

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.

JUBILEE WEEKEND. Many thanks to those who responded to my request to make Bunting. The youngest to make Pennants and others to knit red, white and blue squares (and a few borders) with the bags of wool supplied. There is no need to join up any of these pieces and you can give them to me at any time, as long as I have all these by Sunday, 15 May please. I also asked that, if anyone has any spare double knitting wool, you could also knit some squares and borders in any other colours. I will be pleased to receive these at any time between now and the Autumn. Once the Jubilee celebrations are over, I will then be stitching all the squares together to make small blankets. If you would like to help, do please ask me for a pattern and a list of instructions. The whole purpose of this is so that these 'Jubilee' blankets can be distributed to those in most need, in Wolverhampton, and to offer them some warmth and comfort at a time of rising prices in the cost of heating. If you would like to help please see me after the service, or contact me on 01902 650812. Thank you. Ann Holt.

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.

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.

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.

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).

Offertory and Dedication

Quite a story....

StF 193 Born in the night,

Prayers of Intercession

StF 359 Lord Christ, we praise

Blessing

The young people will distribute lavender bags for all the women of the church at both doors, as we leave to go home or for coffee.

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 (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



Beckminster Methodist Church Lent 2022 Week 4

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11b - 32

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lent is a time to rethink our lives.

How often do we identify with one character in a story to the detriment of another? Does the parable of the Good Samaritan help us in our discipleship? Does it help us recognise that sometimes it is only when we have reached rock bottom that we turn to God? Are we like the older brother, unable to see that God loves us just as much as he loves those who come late to him? Do we recognise that God's grace and mercy is for all?

We all need to be aware of our brokenness and our need for God: identifying the need to forgive ourselves to enable us to experience God's forgiveness. As Desmond Tutu said, 'Self forgiving is truly at the heart of peace-making, we cannot build peace with others if we are not at peace with ourselves.' The father in the parable reached out to both of his sons — not to humiliate either but to enter into a new relationship with them. Hopefully both sons reached out to the other, both becoming new creations in the active reliable love of their father. Let us reach out in love to all who we meet as Jesus commanded us.

Paul says, 'For Christ's love compels us to no longer live for ourselves but for the one who died for us.'

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

Jesus, Master, have mercy

We name the wrongs we have done...

We name the burdens we carry...

We name the injustices we see in our world...

Before the name which is above every name.

Jesus, Master have mercy