

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.

WOLVERHAMPTON FAIR TRAIT. 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.

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).

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Worship and Fellowship

6 March 2022

Lent 1

What's On This Week....

Monday 7 March 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group 2.00pm Church Alive Meeting 4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas
Tuesday 8 March Office Closed 4.15 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga
Wednesday 9 March 10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open 9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices) 7.30pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices) 7.00pm Horticultural Society
Thursday 10 March 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open 7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance
Friday 11 March 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It with Vanessa 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group
Saturday 12 March

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
 Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
 Sunday, 13 March 2022**

*Lent 2
 in Church and Live-Streamed*

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

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Peggy Heim

Lent 1 - Bread & Wine

Matthew 4: 1 - 2

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness
to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted for forty days and forty nights,
and afterwards he was famished.

Prayer

Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise,
stripping away all that distracts us from worship. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

StF 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him (v, 1 - 3)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Readings: Psalm 91 read by Keith Cheetham

Luke 4: 1 - 13 read by Hazel Graham

StF 638 Through all the changing scenes of life,

Sermon

All We Can Ukraine Relief Fund - Sue Reed (Retiring Collection)

Ukranian National Anthem played by Bernard

Prayer for Ukraine

StF 681 Community of Christ,

Prayers of Intercession

Dedication of Gifts

StF 88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

Blessing



Beckminster Methodist Church
Lent 2022
Week 1
Luke 4 : 1 - 13

'Jesus full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for
forty days he was tempted by the devil.'

So what is Lent about?

It's a time when we can:

Rethink our life

Change direction — change the world

Look again at what part God has in our lives

Make amends

Prepare to celebrate that Jesus is alive

In the desert Jesus learned how to discern God's presence in that
bleak and lonely landscape and had to trust that he could be
beloved and yet hungry, valued and yet very vulnerable at the same
time—that God lived within his flesh and blood. Jesus had three
opportunities to walk away from what his destiny would be, but he
did not. He had to face what life would be like if he did not succumb
to those temptations and embrace his humanness. But he came to
know that he had to trust that God would not abandon him in his
hour of need and so must we believe that too.

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

Here I am,
In this place and not elsewhere,
Now and not then,
With these burdens, not those,
With these gifts, not another's,
With this body, through your breath

Here I am (Isaiah 6:8)

(Thanks to Rev. Graham Smith for this Lent idea)

Gillian & Keith and family wish to thank everyone at Beckminster for all their love, support and practical help which made the thanksgiving service for Gillian's Mum, Marion Paley, such a special celebration of her life. Thank you also for your prayers, cards, letters and kind donations. Up to date, we have over £1,100 to be shared between the Macular Society and Calibre Audio, including those donations via 'Just Giving'. Marion would have been very touched.

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.

NEW YOUTH CLUB FOR SENIOR SCHOOL CHILDREN. There is a proposed new youth club starting at Springdale Methodist Church in Warstones Road on Thursday, 10 March 2022 and then fortnightly going forward from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. This is **for senior school aged young people and not just restricted to Springdale**, indeed our very own Sheena is an enthusiastic participant of its inauguration. The cost involved is £1 entry (maximum £2 per household) that will include a drink and snack. A parental consent form will need to be completed prior to young person attending for the first time. For further details please contact: sarahjphilpott@hotmail.com 07812579940 or have a chat with Sheena Griffiths.

SISTER BETTY VAUGHAN has the following books to pass on to any one. If interested, please email Lesley Cook lesleyvcook@btinternet.com

Tom Wright – 'Everyone Series' – all of New Testament
William Barclay – some new – all of New Testament
Companion to the Revised Lectionary – Henry McKeating
Years A, B, C
Drama Dialogues
Prayers before Worship
Psalms for Now – Leslie Barratt?
Quite a lot by Trevor Dennis
Into the Foothills of Tradition – Donald Eadie
Palm Sunday to Easter – William Temple
Sounds of the Passion – David Owen
They Met at Calvary – William Sangster

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: Carolebooth@hotmail.com Looking forward to your email. Thank you in anticipation.

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 and next, 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.

ANTHONY NEWILL. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and the family following the death of Anthony on Thursday, 17 February 2022 aged 91. The funeral will take place on Friday, 1 April 2022 at 1.45pm at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel. All are welcome.

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

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, could you please let Sue in the office know so that we can order sufficient course booklets and let you know the zoom details.

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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