

**CHURCH COUNCIL.** For various reasons it has been necessary to alter the date of our next Church Council (Zoom) meeting. It will now be held **on Wednesday, 22 June at 7.30pm.** Church Council members will receive notification separately.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (Sunday, 15 May).** We are still planning to hold this in Church following a short morning service. **Please stay if you can.** Refreshments will be available between the service and the meeting, but there is no plan to provide a bring and share lunch after the meeting, which should ensure that Hope City Church are able to meet as usual. Minutes of the last (March 2020) General Church Meeting and relevant financial information, will be available prior to the meeting.

**METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN.** Easter Offering Circuit Dedication Service is to be held at St John's Methodist Church on Sunday, 22 May 2022 at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

You are invited to **PRAYER IN THE CITY.** Join Deacon Linda and others @ Zuri's (37 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG) on Saturday, 28 May at 4.00pm for prayer and conversation about city mission. For an idea of numbers please let Linda know in advance on 07941354958 or [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk) or just turn up! All Welcome!

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## Worship and Fellowship

**1 May 2022**

**Easter 3**

### What's On This Week....

<b>Monday 2 May</b> 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed Bank Holiday - Premises Closed
<b>Tuesday 3 May</b> Office Closed 4.15 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga
<b>Wednesday 4 May</b> 10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open 9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
<b>Thursday 5 May</b> 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed 7.00am - 10.00pm Polling Station
<b>Friday 6 May</b> 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed 9.45 - 10.45pm Move It or Lose It
<b>Saturday 7 May</b>

### Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray** .....  
 God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
 Sunday, 8 May 2022**

*Easter 4  
 in Church and Live-Streamed*

**10.30am Local Arrangement  
 led by Rev Ivor Sperring**

**1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Mrs Iris Evans-Bjorno**

Welcome and Introduction

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope, He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness, He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed Alleluia.**

**StF 305 Low in the grave he lay,**

Children's Talk

Prayer

**StF 76 Give me joy in my heart,**

Psalm 30 read by Hazel Graham

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us the perfect example of self control. When the disciples were slow to understand, you were patient. When the sick crowded round with their incessant demands, you gave your healing power freely. When false accusations were brought against you, you kept silent. When men nailed you to the cross, you forgave them.**

**Holy Spirit, enter our hearts now to teach us humility and self control, so that anger will be subdued by patience, irritation will be replaced by generosity, hurt will give way to that love which endures.**

Gospel: Acts 9: 1 - 6 read by Stephanie Wilkes

Sermon

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND**

**Saturday, 4 June**

From 2.00 - 5.00pm we are planning to have a Family Picnic with Games for the Children. Please bring your own picnic. If the weather is bad we can move inside.

**Sunday, 5 June**

10.30am Morning Service led by Rev Paul Nzacahayo to include some commemorative musical items to mark the Jubilee.

Light refreshments will be available at both events.

**COMMEMORATIVE DISPLAYS**

We would like to have a display over the weekend so if you have any items that could be included, please contact Roy Evans

Finally we will be distributing leaflets in the local area so if you are able to spare some time doing this and also help over the weekend, please let me know. Many thanks. Tim Lorimer.

**KNITTED SQUARES**

It would be appreciated if all Red, White and Blue squares could be given to me no later than 15 May 2022 please, so that I have time to make them into Bunting for our Jubilee Celebrations.

I will be delighted to receive squares in other colours between now and the Autumn.

Many thanks for your support.

Ann Holt 01902 650812.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 - 22 May.**

We are no longer doing house to house collecting but still wish to support this special week as a church. Please will you consider taking two or three envelopes for friends and family - or maybe donate the cost of a "virtual" coffee or lunch when you are having a treat?

We are planning a Fund Raising Day at Beckminster on Wednesday, 18 May. This will include coffee, light lunches, a grand Bring and Buy Sale and a Book Stall. Offers of help on the day would be welcome.

All donations will be gratefully received. More details later.

There will be a Christian Aid Service on Sunday, 22 May at 10.30am. Wendy and John Bate.

**ACTION for CHILDREN.** You may already be aware that I took over from June Sperring as the Beck representative for this charity at the end of last year. If any of you have collecting boxes, which you have been filling during the last few months, I will be pleased to receive the contents from you. Also I am pleased to announce that there will be an Action for Children "Step Out" sponsored walk again at West Park on Saturday, 11 June from 10.00am to 12.00noon, after a 2 year absence. I will be walking on behalf of Beck and will be attempting as many of the 1 mile laps of the park during the 2 hours as possible. I will have a sponsor form with me each Sunday if any of you would be kind enough to sponsor me. While if any of you would also like to take part, either to join me or to walk round on your own, for any number of circuits round the park, I will happily provide you with further information and a sponsor form. Pete Prescott.

**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.

**StF 306 Now the green blade rises**

Offertory

Prayers of intercession

**StF 81 Now thank we all our God,**

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.

**COFFEE MATES.** Meet Monday, 2 May 2022 at the Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley, WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. (Please note change of time). Everybody welcome. June Sutton tel. 07790272865.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 4 May 2022 and will reopen on Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at 10.00pm. Please send anything in the usual way but any notices for 8 May need to be with me by 9.30am on Wednesday, 4 May 2022. Sue.

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**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 May**

**are in Loving Memory of:**  
Charles and Connie Sutton:  
Parents of Lorraine and the  
late Rob Harris:  
Dennis & Isabel Presley and  
Mildred Ingleton;

## 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

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.** We are holding a Memorial Service on Saturday, 11 June 2022 at 4.00pm to remember members of our church family, biological families and friends who died recently. To help with arrangements, could you please email/telephone Sue Lorimer at the Church Office if you would like to join us. All are welcome.

**THE BECKONER.** Keith Cheetham and his editorial team are now starting to put together the Summer edition of the church magazine. Would anyone who would like to write us an article or make a contribution no more than one page in length, please telephone Keith on 762894.

**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](mailto:davrionedge@aol.co.uk) (Trinity).

**WOLVERHAMPTON CITY OF SANCTUARY** - Charity Film Night. This will be held at the Lighthouse, Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, WV1 1HT on Tuesday, 24 May 2022 at 6.00pm. Tickets: Adults £12, Students and under 18's £6. Reservations - Interfaith Office 07853251929, The Lighthouse 01902 716055, email [admin@ifwton.org.uk](mailto:admin@ifwton.org.uk) or Erik Pearse 07817637567. All proceeds to Interfaith Wolverhampton and City of Sanctuary.