

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.

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Worship and Fellowship

10 April 2022

Palm Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 11 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
2.00pm Church Alive
6.00 - 8.00pm Chequerfield Housing
6.30 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 12 April
Office Closed
11.00am Service of Thanksgiving for Jane Fuell (See Notices)
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 13 April
10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

Thursday 14 April
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.30am - 12.30pm Dinky Divas

Friday 15 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Saturday 16 April

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come and join us on
Sunday, 17 April 2022

Easter Sunday
in Church and Live-Streamed

8.00am Holy Communion
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

9.00am Easter Breakfast

10.30am Holy Communion
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mr Martin Rider**

Welcome

Lent 6 - The Palm Branches

In our silence, our shouting
our anger, our despair.
For those who face persecution
We seek God's truth

Matthew 21: 4 - 5

In the fulfilment of prophecy
Jesus is obedient to God's will
May God's will be done on earth.
In his triumphant entry he rode to his death,
defiant yet lowly, strong yet meek,
human and divine, the saviour came.
**May our voices bring to life
the hope of the world.**

Place symbols

**Lord in our confusion,
our weakness,
in a world of doubt and scepticism.
May your spirit guide and counsel us to have courage
to follow without reserve.
May your kingdom rule forever
Amen**

StF 264 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

StF 263 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Prayers of Intercession

Gospel Reading 1: Luke 19: 28 – 40 read by Diane Vanderdoes

WOLVERHAMPTON FAIR TRAIT. 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. 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.

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.

The Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District is looking for a replacement Synod Secretary. This post could be Lay or Ministerial (in the active work or Supernumerary). The Synod Secretary plays a vital role in the life of the District. The post carries the opportunity and challenge of becoming familiar with the full scope of the work of the District and connecting this with individual Circuits and the wider Connexion. The vital qualities required in this role are: • to be a people person - able to communicate with a variety of people and to work in collaboration with lay and ordained colleagues • to be able to develop relationships of trust, particularly with the District Chair • to be a good planner and to be able to pay attention to detail • to be willing and able to comply with Connexional guidance in CPD • to be willing to gain an overview of the life of the whole District. Please send an email expressing interest or for more information, to Andrew Beattie, synsec28@gmail.com Formal applications should be submitted as above by Friday 15th April 2022.

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).

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.

THANK YOU. The Ukrainian Church convey their grateful thanks to all the folk at Beckminster who contributed so generously to their appeal for practical goods for those fleeing the atrocities in Ukraine who are now in Poland.

JANE FUELL. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family following the death of Jane on Thursday, 24 March 2022. Jane died peacefully in Foxland Grange. We must also remember the people who have been visiting her on a rota basis especially during covid and for the time she had been in Foxland Grange.

Jane's funeral will take place on Tuesday, 12 April 2022. There will be a private cremation at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel at 10.00am followed by a Service of Thanksgiving here at Beckminster Church at 11.00am. This will be followed by refreshments in the Main Hall to which all are welcome. The service will be live-streamed and to access this, please locate YouTube on your device, search Beckminster and simply tune in.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available today and on Easter Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY. You are warmly invited to join us for a frugal lunch of soup and bread on Good Friday at 1.00pm following the morning worship. Donations for the work of Christian Aid will be much appreciated. John and Wendy Bate.

EASTER MORNING. We hope to follow the pattern of previous years, when Pastoral Visitors have delivered a houseplant to housebound members following the 10.30am service. Would those attending either service please bring along a pot of (**INDOOR**) flowers to make up an "Easter Garden" at the foot of the cross in the chancel. These will be the ones to be distributed later in the day. Please also try to bring along an individual flower to place on the cross itself, so that we can make it a blaze of bright colour.

DORIS CLOUGH. Our thoughts and prayers are with Roger, Janette and the family following the death of Roger's mum, Doris, on 21 March 2022 aged 98 years. The funeral will take place here at Beckminster on Thursday, 21 April 2022 at 1.00pm followed by a private burial at Penn Cemetery at 2.00pm. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the Main Hall.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 2 May 2022 at the Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley, WV6 7EQ from 11.00am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton tel. 07790272865.

Gospel Reading 2: Luke 23: 32 – 47 read by Janette Clough

StF 267 Jesus in the olive grove,

Address

Offertory Prayer

StF 287 When I survey the wondrous cross,
(During this hymn Palm Crosses will be distributed)

Benediction

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 via Ukrainian Catholic Church and
Lea Road (please join at any stage)
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
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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 April are in Loving Memory of:

Catherine;
Betty and Brownie
Carter-Brown;
Ven Venables;
David Boulton;
Anne Jones and her Parents;
Violet Watts;

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 6 - Holy Week

Philippians 2: 5 - 11, Luke 19: 28 - 41

'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- obedient to God's call'

Lent is a time to rethink our lives.

Whatever Holy Week is, it is not about a meek and mild, gentle Jesus. As Jesus enters Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday he becomes more and more distressed—not with the Romans but with the temple hierarchy. In contrast to the detail in his disciples finding him a donkey (to fulfil the prophesy of Zachariah) we read how he uses his entry into Jerusalem to emphasise that he has not come to fight against Rome but to protest about Israel's religious leaders in a series of provocations and disruptions. He wasn't against Judaism, for he was part of Judaism, but he was against what loyalty to the God of Judaism had become. There was the temple, very visible as descended into the city from the Mount of Olives, a place where God had made his home, and he wept at what he saw—a 'den of thieves', and he forecast its downfall.

Despite the loss, grief, pain, and humiliation - all that the world threw at Jesus in his last week, he still believed in his Father's love for him, and he gave us a pattern for our own lives. He was not immune from the gritty, messy, broken world.

Lord, give us the courage to speak out in love at the injustices we see in the world today.

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

Blessed is the one

Who comes in the name of the Lord,

Who weeps over Jerusalem,

Who turns over tables,

Who disturbs the powerful,

Who comforts the broken,

Who washes our feet,

Who cries 'take this cup from me - and drinks that cup?'

Blessed is the one (John 12: 13)