

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

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

3 April 2022

Lent 5 - Passion Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 4 April
 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
 9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
 4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 5 April
 Office Closed
 2.30pm Emmaus/Open Way, 32 Church Hill
 4.15 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 6 April
 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

Thursday 7 April
 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
 7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 8 April
 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 9 April

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
 Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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, 10 April 2022

Lent 6 - Palm Sunday in Church and Live-Streamed

10.30am Morning Service led by Mr Martin Rider

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

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

Lent 5 – The Whip

In our silence, in our conforming,
in our anger, in our outrage
for those who are persecuted.
We seek God's mercy.

John 18: 38 – 19: 1

In his trial, Jesus is condemned,
his friends disown him, the crowds stand against the Son of God.
**We look to God to help us stand strong against oppressors and
be a voice of hope in our world.**

In the misuse of power, the crowd wanting persecution, Jesus bowed
his head. When the torture came harsh and full of hatred,
Jesus stood silent.

In truth we stand for righteousness

Place symbols around the cross

**Lord in our fear of getting involved
and our comfy ways being disrupted,
May your spirit empower us to stand firm, to be unafraid,
to be love in action.
May justice prevail
Amen.**

Psalm 126

StF 117 Sing praise to God who reigns above,

Prayer

StF 423 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 read by Carolyne Hurley

John 12: 1 - 8 read by Stephanie Wilkes

THANK YOU to my friends at Beckminster for making my 90th birthday a memorable day with the good wishes, many cards and gifts of flowers. I really had a happy weekend. Thank you again for those days. Love Jean.

THANK YOU for the lovely Hydrangea that John and Ann brought to me after Sunday's service this week. It's kind of you to think about me and lovely to have the support of your prayers during this frustrating time. In the right season I hope to add this plant to our garden where it will be a constant reminder of your friendship. Many thanks. Ivor.

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.

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.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available on the next two Sundays.

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.

FAIRTRADE STALL. There will be a Fairtrade Stall after worship next 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.

WOLVERHAMPTON FAIR TRAITD. 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.

THE UKRAINIAN CHURCH in Penn Fields are collecting the following items to send to Poland, particularly for women and children. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, nappies, soaps, body wash, (shaving gel), sanitary wear, tissues, first aid kits, cough/flu treatments, paracetamol, ibuprofen, plasters, bandages, antiseptics, hand wash, small cuddly toys. Please bring them to Beckminster as soon as you can — if you would like the items you donate collected, please let the Stewards know. Thank 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).

Sermon

StF 610 Best of all is God is with us,

Welcoming our Pastoral Worker, Liz Dean

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

StF 465 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,

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 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.

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.

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 5 Passiontide

(the name for the last two weeks of Lent)

Philippians 4: 4 - 9, John 12: 1 - 8

'Whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pleasing or worthy, think on these things'

Lent is a time to rethink our lives.

We continue with Jesus as he reaches Bethany on his fateful journey to Jerusalem. He has reached the house of his friends and Mary performs a lavish act — no second-rate soap to wash Jesus's feet but an expensive fragrant perfume. He had, of course, raised her brother from the dead and she offers on her knees her most valued possession and no doubt her love.

Judas' interjection however leads us to consider the delicate balance between worship and social justice. How can her costly act be justified when so many were living in poverty? Our spend on ourselves and church property needs to be held in tension with our calling to serve the poor, to welcome the stranger and the refugee. But in her anointing of Jesus's feet, Mary reminds us that we are called to fragrant worship as well as to wash one another's feet — acts of love and kindness where no expense is spared.

Paul exhorts to think on the good things that we are doing and to keep on doing them, for God is faithful and we shall find His peace in our giving.

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

Ekah! How can this be?

With this cry we offer our own wordless pain,
Our neighbour's inexpressible suffering,
Our world's endless groaning,
And our lingering hope
To the Silent One.

Ekah! How can this be? (Lm1;1)