

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

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Worship and Fellowship

22 May 2022

Easter 6

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What's On This Week....

Monday 23 May
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
2.00pm Church Alive Meeting
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas
7.00pm Property & Finance Meeting
(on Zoom)

Tuesday 24 May
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 25 May
10.00am - 1.00pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)

Thursday 26 May
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00am - 1.00pm Consultation Meeting
7.00am - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 27 May
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 28 May
10.00am - 12.30pm Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; 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, 29 May 2022

Easter 7
in Church and Live-Streamed

10.30am Baptism Service
with Hope City Church
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo
and Pastor Graham Phillips

6.00 - 7.30pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Kate Ormerod**

Introduction

Christian Aid Week
Zimbabwe – Climate Crisis – Hunger

Call to worship

‘On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.’

(Revelation 22:2)

Let us come to the river

and be like trees planted by streams of water,
putting our roots down deep into God’s word,
bearing good fruit that will last not withering from fatigue,
stretching out to receive and be a source of healing.

Amen.

StF 620 Thou God of truth and love, (v 1 - 4)

A Gathering Prayer

Creator, Son and Spirit,
we gather together,
to seek Your presence
in our time of worship.

WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOU

Meet us at our point of deepest need.
Connect us with the needs of others.
Equip us to join in your creative work.
Transform us more into your likeness.

WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

PENN CLIMATE MEETING. The Guest Speaker will be Steve Downes “Penn in Bloom, what would we need to do?” on the last Thursday of the month 26 May at 7.30pm at Springdale Methodist Church on Warstones Road, Penn. There is a bus stop outside the building, and plenty of parking if needed. The venue is also supportive of those with different mobility needs. The meeting will be a blended one, in person and on zoom with the zoom details being Zoom ID 720 8164 6932 Passcode NZw43p

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

BUNTING:

Many thanks to all our younger members in Sunday Club who have made some lovely bunting for our Jubilee celebrations. All your hard work is greatly appreciated. Also, a big thank you to all those who have made offers of bunting which I am sure Tim will be delighted to receive.

KNITTED SQUARES:

As we have had so many offers of bunting, I decided to use all the red, white and blue squares to make a 'Platinum Jubilee Tree', the 'Fruits' of which will be 'Harvested' and made into 'Cosywrap' blankets which will be given to those in most need in our city.

Squares and borders in any colours will be greatly appreciated up until the Autumn so that we can produce as many of these small blankets as possible. If anyone would still like to have a pattern or if you have any queries, please contact me on 01902 650812 .

Many thanks to all who have already responded, I have been overwhelmed by the response to my original request.

Ann Holt

We gather with Jessica and Janet and their communities in Zimbabwe at the end of this Christian Aid Week.

May their stories make us hungry for justice and even more impatient for change.

WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOUR JUSTICE

We gather with all of creation; with the mountains and the hills.

We shall burst into song, with the trees of the field we will clap our hands.

WE ARE HUNGRY TO PRAISE YOU AMEN.

Prayer of Confession

Good God of creation, we sing praise to you.

But even as we raise our voices we know we have faltered and failed.

Walking on paths that turned our hearts inward, sitting with those who scoffed at the cries of people in poverty, mocking those on the margins, denying the earth in her distress.

Too often our leaves have withered our branches are barren.

We have failed to be pruned and the axe is now poised.

Poised to cut down the excesses that crucify all creation, the systems that impoverish all people, the privileges that diminish our faith.

But even now it is not too late.
For in the face of judgement
comes the offer of grace
and the hope that deadwood can spring to life.
Where we have failed to bear good fruit
and share your abundance for the earth
GOD HAVE MERCY
When our actions and intentions
have been as chaff for the winds of heaven
GOD HAVE MERCY
Forgive us.
Restore us.
Inspire us now
to delight in your purposes,
to embrace your possibilities,
to inhabit your promises,
to flourish as fruit for the world you so love
and bring healing for all the nations.
AMEN.

Film - Janet's Story

Children's Blessing

StF 727 God in his love for us lent us this planet

Reading: Psalm 1 read by Christine Pearson

Reading: Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22:5 read by Maggie Marriott

StF 256 When I needed a neighbour

Address - The Leaves

Post-Pandemic Activities: Those members who were present at the General Church Meeting will recall that we are keen to hear ideas about any church activities which might be re-activated or indeed new activities which we might set up now that the worst of COVID 19 is behind us. This will be an agenda item at our next Church Council meeting on **Wednesday, 22nd June**. Any ideas should be brought to the meeting, either personally or via a CC member. **All suggestions will be welcomed.**

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

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 or Erik Pearse 07817637567. All proceeds to Interfaith Wolverhampton and City of Sanctuary.

TAKE-A-BREAK are living up to their name and taking a SUMMER BREAK. Hopefully we will resume bowling in the Autumn

LOOKING TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT? If the answer is Yes, then come along and try Walking Hockey on Wednesday from 11.00 - 11.45am starting on 18th May at WV Active Aldersley (on the Astro pitch) followed by a FREE hot drink in Costa. No equipment required. Cost is £1.00 per session with first two sessions free. Interested? Then contact Tim Lorimer 761322.

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.

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 or just turn up! All Welcome!

The Ukrainian Community are collecting again for refugees in Poland and elsewhere. They are asking for soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, non prescription drugs — paracetamol and ibuprofen etc, vaseline, ladies sanitary wear, baby wipes, nappies, changing mats, plasters — all sizes, peanut butter, protein bars, soft toys. You can bring any of these items to Beckminster as Neville is happy to collect from here. Alternatively, donate to the Ukrainian British Red Cross or DEC.

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.

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.

WOLVERHAMPTON FAIR TRAD has temporarily closed its pop up shop. Meanwhile you may be aware that we open our hub in the Creche on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon for our account customers. You would be very welcome to call for any personal purchases at that time.

StF 611 Brother sister let me serve you

Offering put leaves and donations into offering

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

StF 483 We are marching in the light of God

Blessing

In the name of God who plants the seed of justice:

Be hungry.

In the name of Christ who hangs on the tree of love:

Be fruitful.

And in the name of the Spirit who inspires

God's will in our hearts and our lives:

Be celebrated.

You are Christ's people,

here and throughout the world

now and forever.

Amen.

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;

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, 6 June 2022 at Farmer & Friends, Garden Village, Bridgnorth Road WV6 7EZ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. Easter Offering Circuit Dedication Service is to be held at St John's Methodist Church **TODAY** at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

Sunday, 29 May: On this morning we plan to hold Beckminster's very first full-immersion baptism during a joint service with Hope City Church. Several young people will be baptised, including our good friend Arjun Kahlon. It is, for many of us, an exciting prospect and we plan to continue our celebrations after our service with a joint Bring and Share Lunch. Please try to join us for both the service and the lunch, which will provide an opportunity to meet members of Hope City Church, who enjoy and appreciate the use of our premises each Sunday afternoon.

In time-honoured tradition, we would ask those planning to attend the meal to bring mains (surnames beginning A - L) or desserts (surnames beginning M - Z). Food items should be left in the Coffee Bar before the start of morning worship.

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 by Monday, 6 June 2022 if you would like to join us. All are welcome.

EASYFUNDRAISING: If you shop on-line, please would you consider using Easyfundraising so that Beckminster can receive donations from the retailers you use? It doesn't cost you anything, apart from a couple of extra "clicks", but the retailers who are registered make a donation to the charity you nominate each time you shop with them. A few of our members already use this and we recently received £26 as a result of their shopping. If you would like to join as a supporter of Beckminster, please email me (george.tonks@btinternet.com) and I will send you an invitation link, or see/call me for more details. George Tonks.

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