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

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Worship and Fellowship

16 October 2022

Ordinary 29

What's On This Week....

Monday 17 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
2.00pm Pastoral Meeting
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 18 October
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

Wednesday 19 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 20 October
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 21 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It
11.30am - 1.30pm Macmillan Coffee Morning (See Notices)
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 22 October
9.00 - 10.30am Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 23 October 2022**

**Ordinary 30
in Church and Live-Streamed**

**10.30am Holy Communion
led by Rev Glennys Bamford
1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church**

**10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Iris Evans-Bjorno**

Welcome

Creator God, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving , we give thanks for the blessing of food, provision, and nourishment. Grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion, and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. Amen.

StF 353 Jesus is Lord!

Children's Talk

Prayer

StF 364 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Reading: Psalm 119: 97 - 104 read by Janette Clough

Almighty God, creator of all things and giver of all life, we acknowledge your greatness and majesty as we marvel at the works of your hand.

Thank you for all the happy times we have had since we last met, for the times of rest and relaxation, for the long summer days and for the joy of being able to be out of doors.

We are glad to be together again Lord as we look forward to our future, trusting that whatever befalls we are in your loving arms.
Amen.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.**

Lord of the harvest who has given us so much; help us to be generous like you, that the world may know your goodness and blessing. And may the blessing of God, Maker, Son and Holy Spirit, remain on us, and be made known through us. Amen.

(Simon Taylor Acorns and Archangels)

Rev Peggy Heim

One of the travellers said: 'Stone soup is good but it is always a bit better with carrots.' A woman appeared from behind a door and handed them some carrots which they added to the pot. 'Oh, I would dearly love a bit of cabbage,' said another traveller. A young man brought them some cabbages which they chopped up and added to the simmering soup. The same thing happened when they asked for some onions, potatoes and even a bit of meat!

Soon a table was set in the middle of the village. The villagers said to one another: 'We should have some bread and cider too!' The villagers and the travellers sat down to a feast fit for a king! They ate and drank and danced and sang until everyone was tired. Someone found a comfortable place for the travellers to sleep. Such wise men deserved the best!

The next morning the whole village turned out to say, 'Thank you.' They realised the strangers had taught them a valuable lesson about sharing.

HYMN

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4.5
read by Stephanie Wilkes

StF 563 O Jesus, I have promised

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 1 - 8 read by Keith Cheetham

Sermon

StF 479 The King of love my shepherd is,

Offertory

Prayers of Intercession

StF 317 At the name of Jesus

God the Father, who created the world, give us grace to be wise stewards of his creation. God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire us to go out as labourers into his harvest. God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help us to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. Tend the earth, care for God's good creation and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Amen.

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.

**The Plants in Church
for October
are in Loving Memory of:**

**Parents and Sister of
Pete & Tricia Prescott**

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.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

PASTORAL MEETING. The next Pastoral Meeting will be on Monday, 17 October 2022 at 2.00pm in the Epworth Room. Sue.

CHURCH OFFICE will close on Wednesday, 19 October 2022 at 12.30pm and will reopen on Wednesday, 26 October 2022 at 9.30am. Any notices required for Sunday, 23 October should be received by Tuesday, 18 October at the latest. Sue.

A CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ EVENING is to be held on Friday, 21 October 2022 at the Goodyear Pavilion, Stafford Road, WV10 6AJ at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshments and Bar available. (Please do not bring your own as the venue costs us nothing and their only profit is from their sales).

Tickets are £4 each and are now available from John Bate (750663) or Sue in the office.

LINDA HOLLINS, HEATHER MACEY AND PAT JONES (Weightwatchers Buddies) are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in respect of the loss of a friend and relative to cancer. This will be on Friday, 21 October 2022 from 11.30am - 1.30pm in the Coffee Bar. Lots of lovely cakes! Please support our cause.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 7 November 2022 at The Two Greens, Old Hill, Tettenhall WV6 8BQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

INTERFAITH, W-TON. Virtual Bring and Share Lunchtime Meeting on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 1.00 - 2.00pm when the speaker will be Mr Denis Beaumont a member of Interfaith Wolverhampton. Meeting ID: 847 7893 0509. All are welcome.

harvest that he has given me.' "Then set the basket down in the LORD's presence and worship there. ¹¹Be grateful for the good things that the LORD your God has given you and your family; and let the Levites and the foreigners who live among you join in the celebration. (Good News Translation).

STORY 'Stone Soup'

The story is told of three travellers who arrived in a village one evening tired and hungry. The villagers saw them coming and locked their doors and hid their food.

The travellers knocked on the door of the first cottage. A man peeked out of a crack in the door and said: 'We do not have enough food for ourselves and we have given our beds to travellers who arrived before you.' Every house they visited had a similar story. No-one had any food to share and they offered good reasons. The grain they did have was to be used for seed. The sick and the elderly of the village need their help. A father spoke of feeding his many children.

One of the travellers called out: 'Good people, we are three hungry travellers in a strange land. We have asked you for food and you have no food. We will have to make stone soup!'

The villagers were quite intrigued and gathered around the travellers. They asked for wood to build a fire, a large pot and some water. The strangers dropped three smooth round stones into the pot. They asked for some salt and pepper to season the soup. Some children ran to fetch the seasonings.

HARVEST REFLECTIONS

From the ear the seed, from the seed the shoot,
from the shoot the stem, from the stem the leaves,
from the flower the seed.

Lord of every season, from seed-time to harvest, we give
our offering of praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Harvest Offerings

26 "After you have occupied the land that the LORD your God is giving you and have settled there, ²each of you must place in a basket the first part of each crop that you harvest and you must take it with you to the one place of worship. ³Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, 'I now acknowledge to the LORD my God that I have entered the land that he promised our ancestors to give us.'

⁴"The priest will take the basket from you and place it before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵Then, in the LORD's presence you will recite these words: 'My ancestor was a wandering Aramean, who took his family to Egypt to live. They were few in number when they went there, but they became a large and powerful nation. ⁶The Egyptians treated us harshly and forced us to work as slaves. ⁷Then we cried out for help to the LORD, the God of our ancestors. He heard us and saw our suffering, hardship, and misery. ⁸By his great power and strength he rescued us from Egypt. He worked miracles and wonders, and caused terrifying things to happen. ⁹He brought us here and gave us this rich and fertile land. ¹⁰So now I bring to the LORD the first part of the

CHURCH ALIVE. We have two events coming up which I would ask that you add to your diaries please. The first is a Fish and Chip Supper with entertainment from Jacintas on Saturday, 3 December. Further details coming soon but this promises to be an enjoyable night.

The second is the return of our Community Carol Service on Friday, 16 December in conjunction with our friends from Gateway.

I look forward to seeing you at either or both of these events. Many thanks. Tim.

CIRCUIT MWinB afternoon meeting on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 2.15pm at Rakegate Methodist Church, 16 Renton Grove, WV10 6XG. The speaker will be Mrs Mal Pratt and there will also be a bring and buy stall. Advent Circuit MWinB Carol Service on Wednesday, 7 December 2022 at 2.30pm at Cranmer Methodist Church, WV6 0RS. All are welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD 50th ANNIVERSARY. This year marks the 50th anniversary since the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd first arrived in Wolverhampton. To celebrate this milestone, there are two events which you are invited to:

Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday, 22 November 2022 at 7.00pm, St Michaels Church, Wolverhampton. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass.

Service of Celebration

Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 2.00pm, St Peters Church, Wolverhampton. Refreshments will be provided after the Service.

GREETINGS to everyone at Beckminster. I really appreciate being still included as part of the "congregation at home" and many thanks for the special wishes at Harvest time.

Blessings and Best Wishes from Connie Owen.

The letter below has been sent to Family & Friends on behalf of Beckminster Methodist Church. This service will be led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo and Dr Rachel Starr. Please do join us for the service to welcome them.

Dear Friends

We are delighted to invite you to join us for a 'Family and Friends' Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday, 30 October 2022 at 10.30am**. The service has been arranged especially for all those who have used our church premises in various ways over the last 4 years or more: it might have been a wedding, a christening, or a funeral, and all who meet on the church premises for art, bowling, exercise, or other activities are most welcome too.

Covid has prevented us from offering this invitation before, but we would love you to join us for a special celebratory worship with your parents, partners, children, and anyone else you would like to bring.

A light lunch will be serviced in the hall after the service. Please let Sue Lorimer in the church Office know by noon on Thursday, 27 October 2022 if you would like to join us for food.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Grace and peace to you all.

Rev. Dr Paul Nzacahayo

WOLVERHAMPTON HOME REQUEST. I am currently helping out with English classes for refugees at Wolverhampton's Ukrainian Club. A single Ukrainian lady, currently living in Walsall with her Swiss White Shepherd dog, is seeking accommodation in Wolverhampton where she is studying at Wolverhampton College.

Maryna is 57 years old, a lawyer by profession, and has an excellent command of English. She has been with her hosting family for five months now, and has just one month to find alternative accommodation. Her current sponsors wish to disengage from the scheme for the time being.

I have seen several pictures of her dog, who is particularly friendly towards cats, having lived with three felines in Kiiv! My research on the breed's temperament tells me that they are very intelligent, loyal, are 56-66 cm tall (weight 22-44 kg) and are good with children. They need plenty of walks.

She is hoping that an older couple or single person would be willing to host her and her pet dog, ideally in a house with a garden.

As a woman on her own, she would want to meet a prospective landlord in a neutral, public space before viewing – I'd be happy to accompany her on a visit.

I would be grateful if you could put the word out amongst your friends and relations who live within the Wolverhampton boundary. My phone number is 01902 650641/0730 585 2100 and I will then facilitate a meet-up.

Maggie Marriott