

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

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Worship and Fellowship

30 October 2022

Ordinary 31

What's On This Week....

Monday 31 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
5.00 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 1 November
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 2 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 3 November
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00am Ministers Meeting
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 4 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 5 November

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, you have knit together your chosen people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 6 November 2022**

*Ordinary 32
in Church and Live-Streamed*

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

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Family and Friends Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo and Dr Rachel Starr**

Welcome and Introduction to this mornings theme - ***God as a friend***

StF 110: In the wonder of creation,

Prayer

Reading from John 15: 12 - 17 read by Barbara Smith

Conversation with Libby, Sarah and Brian
(what qualities do you look for in a friend?)

StF 531: What a friend we have in Jesus,

Reading from Genesis 3: 8 - 13 read by Ann Holt

Conversation with Rachel
(on the friendship between Adam/Eve and God)

StF 563: O Jesus, I have promised

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

StF 619: Thanks for friends who keep on loving,

Blessing

**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.

HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Gracious God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Gracious God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
Gracious God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:
Gracious God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Gracious God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good: the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health our food. Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts, and, what you most desire, our humble, thankful hearts. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love. **Amen**

HARVEST REFLECTIONS

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. [All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above: then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love. Amen](#)

Matthew 6: 25 - 33 **Do Not Worry**

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (*New Revised Standard Translation*).

STORY A Ninety-three-year-Old Woman Talking About Apples

'In ancient times we used to get all types of apples. We used to get Thamey Sweets, St. Lawrence, crabs, russets, candy-striped, sheep's nose. Like a sheep's nose, yes. Sort of tapered. My mother would bake the Thamey Sweets – and the skin would shine. So sweet you didn't need sugar. You just left the stem on and added cloves. A squatty kind of apple. Oh! – the smell when they're baking,' sighed the woman, and closed her eyes. Like it suddenly all came back to her. On a wave. Thank you, God, for the wisdom of ninety-three-year-old women. Thank you for apples. For Thamey Sweet apples, St Lawrence apples, crab apples, russet apples, candy-striped apples, sheep's nose apples... Thank you for the precious and amazing diversity of your world. May we never take your world for granted. May we work to guard and secure it. May we be full of wonder. In the name of the one God: the one God of many apples. **Amen.**

(Neil Paynter *Angels and Archangels*)

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

UKRANIAN APPEAL for warm winter pyjamas. Required ladies size 10 - 16 and childrens age 5 - 11. Any donations would be gratefully received. Please leave with Sue in the church office. Many thanks.

Compton Care 40 for 40 Challenge Coffee Morning. A huge thanks to all the friends who attended, the helpers, and the cake makers. It was incredibly successful, great atmosphere, and we raised £300. I can only say, thank you, thank you. June Sutton.

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.

CHURCH ALIVE MEETING. The next Church Alive Meeting will take place on Monday, 7 November 2022 at 12.30pm in the Epworth Room.

BERNARD AND LETTIE HARRIS have now moved to Finchfield Lane and their new telephone number is 01902 560034.

Due to the abundant apple harvest, Reuben Peterson is offering to make to order, apples pies and apple crumbles for £4.00 each. All proceeds to his Scouting Jamboree Fund. Please contact Loraine Harris on 01902 332055 or 07812449320.

WOLVERHAMPTON FAIR TRAITD. We now have the charity Christmas cards that Traidcraft supply on behalf of Christian Aid, CAFOD, Sciaf and Traidcraft Exchange in stock. If you need supplies of these or Christmas food items before the mini-market on 19 November, do pop into our hub (the Creche Room) any Wednesday morning between 10.00am and 12noon. Brenda Shuttleworth.

ADVENT 2022. Our Advent course for 2022 will be led by Dr Rachel Starr. We will be using the Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2022 called 'Sleepers Wake' by Nicholas Holtam. The four sessions will be held weekly in the Worship Centre at 7.00pm beginning on Monday, 28 November 2022 and will hope to finish by 8.15pm. The book can be obtained from SPCK or Amazon but it is not essential that you own a personal copy. All welcome.

FUND FOR HUMAN NEED. The latest newsletter on the work of the Methodist Fund For Human Need, which Beckminster has supported with donations, is available at: <https://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Sep-22-A4.pdf> or from the Office.

CODSALL DRAMATIC SOCIETY presents Sleeping Beauty at Codsall Village Hall on Thursday, 24th - Friday, 25 November and Thursday, 1 - Friday, 2 December at 7.30pm and on Saturday, 26 November and Saturday, 3 December at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. Tickets available at www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk or via our ticket hotline 01902 267322. See notice board for further details.

A NEW VENTURE "BECK TOGETHER". We are planning a monthly programme of speakers or entertainment to be held on Wednesdays from 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Main Hall – open to everyone and followed by a cuppa and biscuits.

Our first meeting is planned for Wednesday, 23 November 2022 when our speaker will be Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo and his topic will be RWANDA.

On Wednesday, 21 December we will welcome "Marilyn (Bose) and the Boys" for an afternoon of musical entertainment.

A further programme of monthly meetings from January 2023 will be announced. You will be very welcome to join us with your friends and family in this celebration of "BECK TOGETHER."

Contacts - Wendy Bate, Wendy Ashwood & Janet Anderson.

Sunday Evening Music 7.00 - 8.00pm at Springdale. A new meeting for those of all ages who play instruments from electric guitars to oboes, drum kit to double bass or enjoy singing. It's informal, and will include learning and practising songs old and new as well as a time for prayers and reflection. Speak to James Peterson (07714 337955 or james.peterson@blueyonder.co.uk) for more details or just turn up.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. There will be a short Remembrance Day Service on Friday, 11 November 2022 at Trinity War Memorial at the junction of Crawford Road and Compton Road (on the site of the old Trinity Methodist Church). People are asked to assemble at 10.40am.

Dear Friends

As you are aware the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) has been working hard looking at the future of our Circuit, and at the Circuit Meeting we were informed of the progress that has been made. It is now the turn of the local churches to join in the reflecting process and to that end a Circuit Steward will be visiting each church. We are delighted that Ed Bridgewood will come and lead the vision meeting for us.

Beckminster and Cranmer are joining together for this meeting which will be held on Monday, 14 November 2022 at 7.30pm at Beckminster. Although it is important for Church Council Members to be present, I would warmly invite all interested parties to attend so that we are able to share the blessing of what God is doing in our midst and what He is calling us to do.

God Bless,

With Kind Regards

Ed Bridgewood

Circuit Steward

WOMBOURNE CHORAL SOCIETY presents a French Christmas. Traditional French carols and more on Saturday, 10 December 2022 at 7.30pm at Beckminster Methodist Church. Tickets £15 (under 16 free). Available from website, Box Office 744447 or on the door.

AUDREY GRAINGER. For those of you who knew Audrey who attended Springdale, Audrey passed away on Friday, 14 October 2022 in Atholl House at the age of 96. Audrey's funeral will take place on Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 11.00am at Springdale. The service will also be live streamed so for this information, please contact Wendy Gould on 01902 895904.

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.

CIRCUIT MWinB. Advent Circuit MWinB Carol Service on Wednesday, 7 December 2022 at 2.30pm at Cranmer Methodist Church, WV6 0RS. All are welcome.