

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

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Worship and Fellowship

20 November 2022

Sunday before Advent

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What's On This Week....

Monday 21 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 22 November
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 23 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
2.00 - 4.00pm Beck Together (See Notices)

Thursday 24 November
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 25 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 26 November
9.30am - 12.00noon Hope City Church
? Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Come and join us on
Sunday, 27 November 2022

Advent 1
in Church and Live-Streamed

10.30am Holy Communion
led by Rev Glennys Bamford

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Morning Service
led by Dr Janet Anderson**

Christ the King

Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

Be still and know that I am God!
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though
the mountains shake in the midst of the sea.

(All) The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

StF 17 With gladness we worship,

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

"Stir-up, we beseech thee, O Lord" - Christine Pearson

StF 353 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,

Reading from Paul's Epistle to: Colossians 1: 11 - 20
Read by Carolyne Hurley

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33 - 43 read by Janette Clough

StF 362 Meekness and majesty,

An upside-down Kingdom

Prayers for Forgiveness

StF 250 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

Prayers for Others - John Ashwood

Offertory and Prayer

StF 312 The head that once was crowned with thorns

ADVANCE NOTICE. We are planning to hold our 10.30am Sunday morning services in the Church Hall during January and February 2023. Many members have commented favourably on the atmosphere created in the smaller space in the past. We can also be confident now that the space will be warmer than in church. All will be done to enable those who usually join us on-line to remain a part of our worship.

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.

#Follow the Star Wolverhampton. A City Centre Nativity and Lantern Parade on Saturday, 17 December 2022. A family friendly Walk beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3.00pm and ending at St Peter's Church, stopping along the way to tell the story of Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus, and to sing. Everyone is invited - Come and be part of it. Bring a lamp and join in the celebration of the Christmas Story.(LED lights only please.) There will be Alpacas joining us too! And look out for details of lantern making workshops... We are looking for stewards to help along the route from 2.30 - 6.00pm. If you can help, or would like to know more, please contact Deacon Linda on 07941 354958 or linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk

SENIOR ADVISER/TEAM LEADER VACANCY. We are seeking a proactive and organised individual to join the Ablewell Team for 16.5 hours per week. Ablewell Advice Walsall is an outreach project of the Central Hall Methodist Church. Central Hall is a registered charity and our services are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. For further details see notice board in Coffee Bar.

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.

We have been invited to sing Christmas Carols at K Tea Cakes, St George's Parade on Saturday, 3 December 2022 from 12.30 - 2.00pm. If you are able to come, please contact Deacon Linda on 07941 354958 or email linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk All welcome!

WARM SPACES. Lea Road URC is setting up a 'Warm Space' on Mondays for members of the community who are finding it difficult to stay warm in their own homes. Our Church Alive Committee has agreed to provide volunteers, who would be able to spend part of the day, on a rota basis, providing a warm welcome for people. Please speak to or contact Wendy Ashwood on 01902 831637 for more details.

BECK TOGETHER. You and your friends are warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship on Wednesday, 23 November 2022 from 2.00pm until around 4.00pm. This will include our Minister, Rev Paul, talking to us about the country of Rwanda and his early life spent growing up there. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be available with donations welcome. We look forward to your company.

For your diary: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 21 December 2022 and will include musical entertainment from Marilyn Bose and her friends.

Feeling crafty? Fancy an afternoon out? or just a cuppa and a chat.

If so you are welcome to Join us twice a month on **Monday afternoons 1.00 - 3.00pm** in the Coffee Bar at Beckminster along with tea, cakes and lots of chat. We will be providing a craft activity for you to participate in if you wish to do so, which will be accessible to both the seasoned crafters and newbs. Alternatively if you have a project that you are working on already you are welcome to bring that along to do. The cost of each session will be £2.50 to help cover the cost. **28th Nov, 12th Dec, 9th & 23rd Jan, 13th & 27th Feb.**

Next Sunday, 27th November and Sunday, 4th December. Are you a keen gardener? Looking for a present for a keen gardener? Looking for an opportunity to support Ukrainian refugees? If so Sue Lloyd will be in the Coffee Bar after morning service on Sunday, 27th November and Sunday, 4th December with packets of seeds collected from her garden and a small selection of house plants. Sue has been collecting donations for her seeds and plants throughout this year and has raised £447.43 for Ukraine so far. Speak to Sue or Graham Lloyd if you want more details.

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.

Blessing

Stir our hearts with all the ingredients of your love that we may go out to serve the King who gives himself for us, and help us to look at the world through his eyes.

Go with us Lord, as we celebrate your remarkable kingship that in true humility, we may be your servants. **Amen.**

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.

MARGARET FELLOWS. Our thoughts and prayers are with Simon, Rebecca & Family and Liz & Keith, following the death of Margaret on Friday, 11 November 2022 in Compton Hospice.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 5 December 2022 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

CAROL SINGING. After nearly three years, we are off Carol Singing again. We will be performing at Sainsburys, St Marks, Wolverhampton on Thursday, 15 December 2022 from 6.30 - 7.30pm raising funds for The Good Shepherd and Tesco (the old Waitrose) on Thursday, 22 December 2022 from 6.30 - 7.30pm, fundraising TBC. If interested, please let Sue or Tim know.

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

**Mrs Gillian Whilton
Mr David Griffiths
Mr Bill Wilkes and
Daughter-in-Law Susan Wilkes
Mr Rob Harris**

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.

EATING OR HEATING: Many thanks to all who knitted squares, borders and even whole blankets for this project. The response has been amazing. I will be putting all the completed blankets on display in Church on Sunday, 4 December next. These small 'cosy-wrap' blankets will then be ready for distribution, so if you know of anyone or any group in need, do please let me know. As this is an on-going project, any remaining and future blankets will be stored in a cupboard at Beckminster so that they are readily available when needed. If anyone would like to join this project, I still have some patterns available. K-e-e-p knitting! Ann Holt.

GIFT SERVICE. This year at our annual Gift Service on 11 December, we would welcome small sized gifts suitable for babies and children **up to the age of 13.** They can be new or very nearly new. These will be donated to Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary who are planning to give gift parcels to Sanctuary Seekers at Christmas. Suggested categories of goods are:-

Writing eg. Pens, pencils, crayons.

Washing eg. Soap, hairbrush, comb, toothbrush & toothpaste, facecloth.

Wearing eg. Socks, underwear, hat, scarf, gloves, mitts.

Playing eg. ball, yo-yo, frisbee, small kite, cards, games, doll or small cuddly toy, puzzles.

Eating - Sweets.

Adults will be given vouchers so they can choose what they most need themselves. Therefore gifts of money in the form of a cheque or direct donation would be very much welcomed as an alternative, perhaps by those who cannot donate goods. There will be more information in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, thank you in advance. Further information if needed from Sue Reed 762310.

OPEN MEETING: Together with representatives of Cranmer, we held our Open Meeting with Ed Bridgewood on Monday, 14 November. Our attention was drawn to the declining number of members in our Wolverhampton Circuit and the clear need to make decisions. We were asked for our responses, which Ed would take back to the Circuit Leadership Team.

If you would like to receive brief notes of this meeting and a summary of our responses, please contact Sue Lorimer or John Ashwood, who will provide these notes (either hard copies or via e-mail).

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

COMMUNITY CAROLS: Our Community Carol Service will be on Friday, 16 December at 7.30pm in conjunction with our friends from Gateway which will be followed by Mince Pies and refreshments. If anyone wishes to be involved in reading a lesson please let me or Sue know. I look forward to seeing you at this event. Many thanks. Tim.

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER, 3 December. Tickets for this event are now available at £8.50 to include Fish and Chips (or veggie option) and Mince Pies. Entertainment will be provided by Jacantas who will be playing a mixture of a wide range of light classical music including Christmas, songs from the shows, some religious pieces and some community singing. We will start at 6.30pm and should finish around 9.00pm. Any profit from the event will be split between Beckminster and Target Ovarian Cancer, a charity chosen by Jacantas. Please contact Sue in the Church Office to buy your tickets which need to be bought in advance of the event and by Monday, 28 November 2022. Tim.

Circuit Archivist: We are looking for someone to become the Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit Archivist. It is the policy of the British Methodist Church that all circuit and church records must be preserved when they are no longer required for regular reference.

Archivist's Responsibilities

1. To regularly alert the Circuit Ministers, Stewards and officials that they should pass to the Circuit Archivist all minute books, documents etc for preservation.

2. To regularly remind local church officials that the best way to securely preserve their minute books, account books, newsletters and documents is to pass them to the Circuit Archivist.

3. To list and deposit all documents received in the Wolverhampton City Archives.

This is a voluntary appointment ratified through the Circuit Meeting, and is subject to safer recruitment and DBS procedures in line with Methodist Safeguarding requirements. Anyone interested should contact Shirley Tilston in the Circuit Office (01902 422100).

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.