

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

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Worship and Fellowship

27 November 2022

Advent 1

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What's On This Week....

Monday 28 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft & Chat (See Notices)
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas
7.00pm Advent Course (See Notices)

Tuesday 29 November
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 30 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 1 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00am Circuit Ministers Meeting
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 2 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 3 December
6.30pm Fish & Chip Supper (See Notices)

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 4 December 2022**

**Advent 2
in Church and Live-Streamed**

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

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Holy Communion
led by Rev Glennys Bamford**

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy 2022 by Derek Weber



First Sunday of Advent - Hope

UP TO RESTORATION

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

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:

Service of Celebration

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

Eco - Beck. As part of our commitment to Eco - Church status, we are trying to encourage the recycling of small household items. Many people do this at home already but we are offering the opportunity to recycle batteries, crisp packets, stamps and blister packs at Beckminster. We will place containers marked for these purposes in the vestibule and hope you will find them helpful as we try to live more sustainably. Thank you for your ongoing support for our Eco - Church initiative.

INCLUSIVE CAROLS at Gorgeous Night Club on Thursday, 8 December from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Come and join us as we sing carols and Christmas songs, accompanied by a live band in a safe and inclusive space. There will be plenty of festive Spirit, mulled wine, and mince pies to share. Christmas jumpers desirable! Please book on Eventbrite for this free event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inclusive-carols-tickets-473934840867> presented by Methodist City Centre Ministry, Wolverhampton LGBT+ & Gorgeous Night Club.

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.**

#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

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

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

StF 166 'Christmas is coming!'

*'Christmas is coming!
The Church is glad to sing,
and let the advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.*

The first is for God's promise
to put the wrong things right,
and bring to earth's darkness
the hope of love and light.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

HC Advent p.117 MWB

Grace

StF 185 Sing we the King who is coming to reign;

Collect, Commands, Confession, Collect

StF 169 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,

Lessons: Romans 13: 11 - 14 read by Hazel Graham

Matthew 24: 36 - 44 read by Diane Vanderdoes

Sermon 'Be prepared'

StF 696 For the healing of the nations,

Intercessions, Prayer of Humble Access, Peace

Offering

StF 594 Lord Jesus Christ,

Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Breaking Bread

Sharing Bread and Wine

Final Prayer and 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.

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. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Margaret on Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 12noon at Beckminster. All are welcome.

Margaret's family would like to thank her many friends of Beckminster for their kindness, lovely cards and messages of support which has helped immensely and is much appreciated.

**The Plants in Church
for November
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.

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.

WARM SPACE at BECKMINSTER. Due to the vagaries of the heating system we presently have, when heating the parts of our building where the upstairs offices are, The Epworth Room is also heated. A suggestion was made at a recent Church Alive Meeting, and has since been discussed and fully supported by the Beck Leadership Team, that during these times the room is made available to Beck members as a warm space during the winter months.

Therefore, starting from week-beginning 5 December, on **MONDAYS** from 9.00am to 2.00pm and **THURSDAYS** from 9.00am to 4.00pm you are welcome to utilise this space as an alternative to providing heating in your own home. You can come on your own (though you may wish to arrange to come with another person for company), you can bring your spouse (though you may wish to escape from them for an hour or two!), or bring other members of your family or close friends. You are welcome to bring reading matter, puzzle books, small games, knitting etc or just come for a chat. Flasks of hot water and drink making items will be provided, while you are welcome to bring packed lunch type food items if spending lunch-time in the room. If you plan to take up this offer please let Pete Prescott know, either by speaking to him on Sunday mornings or ringing him on 01902 746316, so that we have an idea as to the number of drinks resources to provide. Pete Prescott on behalf of the Beck Leadership Team.

Lantern Workshop at Springdale Methodist Church on Sunday, 4 December. Drop in anytime between 2.00pm and 4.00pm to make a lantern. All materials provided.

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.

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).

CODSALL DRAMATIC SOCIETY presents Sleeping Beauty at Codsall Village Hall on Thursday, 1 - Friday, 2 December at 7.30pm and on 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.

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!

CHURCH OFFICE will close on Thursday, 8 December 2022 at 3.30pm and will reopen on Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 9.30am. Please send notices in the usual way. Sue.

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.

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.

TODAY and NEXT Sunday, 4 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 the morning service **TODAY** and next Sunday, 4 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.

CIRCUIT FAIR TRADE MARKET.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair trade market last Saturday. Sales of food and craft items amounted to over £1400. Donations from the lunches have enabled us to send over £130 to Transform Trade (better known to us as Traidcraft Exchange). This was a fabulous effort which has such an impact on the lives of marginalised people in the Global South.

Particular thanks to those who prepared and served such lovely refreshments.

If you were not able to be there on Saturday and are looking for fair trade Christmas cards and gifts, don't forget that we are at the Beckminster hub each Wednesday from 10am – 12 noon.

Brenda Shuttleworth.

HYMNS & COFFEE on Thursday, 1 December 2022 from 10.30am - 12noon at Wombourne Methodist Church, Common Road. During 2023 they will be held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome.

JMA CHRISTMAS POST. We will be running the Christmas Post again this year from Sunday, 4 December through until Sunday, 18 December 2023. Further details to follow. Val Pollard, JMA Secretary.

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, raising funds for Action for Children. If interested, please let Sue or Tim know.

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.

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 is 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. See separate sheet. Further information if needed from Sue Reed 762310.

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.