

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

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Worship and Fellowship

4 December 2022

Advent 2

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What's On This Week....

Monday 5 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
10.45am - 12Noon Coffee Mates (See Notices)
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
4.15 - 7.00pm Dinky Divas
7.00pm Advent Course (See Notices)

Tuesday 6 December
Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 7 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 8 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 9 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 10 December
12.30 - 10.00pm Rehearsal and Concert,
Wombourne Choral Society (See Notices)

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our judge and our Savio9ur, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 11 December 2022**

**Advent 3
in Church and Live-Streamed**

**10.30am Own Arrangement -
Gift Service
led by Mrs Christine Pearson**

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

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

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy 2022 by Derek Weber



Second Sunday of Advent

STAND AS A SIGNAL

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Reader One: "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Reader Two: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Reader One: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

**Beckminster Methodist Church
Christmas Services and Carol Singing**

Sunday, 11 December
10.30am Gift Service

Sunday, 18 December
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Nativity and Carol Service

Saturday, 24 December - **Christmas Eve**
4.00pm Christingle Service
9.00pm Christmas Communion Service

Sunday, 25 December - **Christmas Day**
10.00am All Age Worship

***There will be no service on
Sunday, 1 January 2023***

Community Carols on Friday, 16 December 2022
at 7.30pm in conjunction with our friends from Gateway
which will be followed by mince pies and refreshments.

Carol Singing will take place at Sainsbury's,
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.

All are welcome to join us at any
of these services and events.

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.

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

StF 166 'Christmas is coming!'

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

1. 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.
2. The second for the prophets,
Who said that Christ would come
With good news for many
And angry words for some.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

StF 110 In the wonder of creation,

Prayer

Reading from Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 read by Stephanie Sherwood

StF 178 Long ago, prophets knew

Reading from Matthew 3: 1 - 12 read by Alan Marriott

Sermon

StF 180 O come, O come, Immanuel,

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

StF 171 Hark the glad sound!

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 December
are in Loving Memory of:**

**Donald Rushton
David Griffiths
Alwin Ordidge
John Felton**

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.

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. **12th Dec, 9th & 23rd Jan, 13th & 27th Feb.**

ENGELBERG will be having their Christmas Fair on Saturday, 17 December 2023 from 2.00 - 5.00pm. 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:

Service of Celebration

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

FOLLOW THE STAR WOLVERHAMPTON on Saturday, 17 December 2022. A City Centre Nativity & Lantern Parade... Beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3.00pm and ending in St Peter's Square at 4.30pm. Bring a lantern (LED lights only) and join Mary and Joseph and our alpacas for story telling and Christmas carols.

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. I look forward to seeing you at this event. Many thanks. Tim.

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.

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.

Sunday, 4 December – An easy way to support UKRANIAN Refugees

Looking for something different for Christmas gifts this year? If so Sue Lloyd will be in the Coffee Bar after the morning service TODAY with packets of seeds collected from her garden and a small selection of house plants.

Pick up a bundle of **12 packs** of seeds for a donation of £5 around **41p** per pack.

Select your own bundles from the packs available.

Any combinations/multiples of the two points above.

I have so far this year donated £447.43 to the Ukraine Appeal. After last Sunday's service I added £118.50 thanks to the kindness and generosity of Beckminster's Congregation. So the total now is standing at £565.93.

Seeds will be available again in the coffee bar after today's service. Please **take as many** packs as you'd like to give to family, friends or neighbours for Christmas presents this year. Put your donation in the box. Simple.

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.

CIRCUIT FAIR TRADE MARKET.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair trade market recently. 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 are still 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.

JMA CHRISTMAS POST. We will be running the Christmas Post again this year from Sunday, 4 December through until Sunday, 18 December 2023. Cards can be sent in the following ways:

1. One card to be sent to our church family to be put up on the notice board in the vestibule.

2. Christmas cards for individual church members, please post in the box with full name and address.

Christmas post donations for JMA put in a sealed envelope with your name or use the gift aid envelopes provided. 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. 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.

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