


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

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
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Worship and Fellowship

Christmas Eve Communion
and Christmas Day

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What's On Over the next 2 Weeks....

Monday 26 December
Premises and Office Closed

Tuesday 27 December
Premises and Office Closed

Wednesday 28 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 29 December
Premises and Office Closed

Friday 30 December
Premises and Office Closed

Saturday 31 December

Monday 2 January
Premises and Office Closed

Tuesday 3 January
Premises Open and Office Closed

Wednesday 4 January
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting (See
Notices)
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 5 January
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
2.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Rev
Stuart Davis (See Notices)

Friday 6 January
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.45 - 10.45am Move It or Lose It
12noon Funeral of Richard Watson
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 7 January

**There will be no Service in
Church on 1 January 2023
(see notices)**

**1.00 - 4.30pm
Hope City Church**

**9.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

Welcome and introduction

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy 2022 by Derek Weber



Christmas Eve

OUR CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us;
Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ
Candle.

**We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin
Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah
whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our
hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In
Jesus Christ, our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is
complete; and our peace is sealed.**

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

MARGARET FELLOWS. Margaret's family wanted to thank everyone
who came to Margaret's Thanksgiving Service . The collection in her
memory to Action for Children raised just over £1,000 which is
fantastic and will help improve the lives of children. Your generosity
is much appreciated.

COFFEE MORNING. The City Centre Coffee Morning at K Teas Cakes
is taking a two week break and will meet again on Friday, 13 January
from 10.00am to 12noon. Come and join us

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 2 January 2023 at Albrighton Garden
Centre (British Garden Centre Grp), Newport Road, Cosford, WV7 3EE
from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton,
tel. 07790272865.

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.

SUNDAY, 1 JANUARY 2023. There will be no service here at Beckminster but you are welcome to join in a New Year's Day Covenant Service which will be live-streamed at Lanesfield. The details to join the live stream are: <http://www.youtube/@lanesfieldmethodist> All are welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE AND PREMISES. The Church Office is now closed and will re-open on Wednesday, 4 January 2023 at 9.30am. You will also see on the front cover when the premises are closed too. Please send any emails in the usual way. Sue.

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

REV STUART DAVIS. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine, Ben, Sam and family following the death of Stuart on Wednesday, 14 December 2022, who passed away peacefully at home with his family around him. Stuart was the Minister here at Beckminster from 1996 - 2006. There will be a Thanksgiving Service here at Beckminster to celebrate the life of Rev Stuart Davis on Thursday, 5 January 2023 at 2.30pm. The service will also be live-streamed. All are welcome to join the family in the Main Hall following the service for refreshments.

THANK YOU to all who have sent me messages of encouragement and support following my knee operation. Wishing all friends at Beckminster and their families a peaceful Christmas. Best wishes David Jones.

Rejoice, a Saviour is born.
A saviour is born, indeed. Joy to the world!

StF 204 In the bleak mid-winter

Prayers

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 10: 1 - 4 read by Janet Anderson

Luke 2: 8 - 20 read by Christine Pearson

StF 217 Silent night, holy night:

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

StF 216 See him lying on a bed of straw;

Holy Communion

StF 221 While shepherds watched their flock by night,

Blessing

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 8 January 2023**

**Ordinary 1
in Church and Live-Streamed**

**10.30am Covenant Service
with Holy Communion
led by Rev Glennys Bamford**

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

**10.00am All Age Worship - Christmas Day
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

Welcome and introduction

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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.
3. The third is for the Baptist, who cried, 'Prepare the way. Be ready for Jesus, today and every day.'
4. The fourth is for the Virgin, who mothered God's own son and sang how God's justice was meant for everyone.
5. At last we light the candle kept new for Christmas Day. This shines bright for Jesus, new-born, and here to stay.

*Christ is among us.
The candles in the ring
remind us that our Saviour
will light up everything.*

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

StF 213 O little town of Bethlehem,

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 read by Christine Pearson

Luke 2: 1 - 14 read by Barbara Smith

Reflections

StF 222 Who would think that what was needed

Prayers of Intercession

StF 191 Away in a manger,

Blessing

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.