

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

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Worship and Fellowship

26 February 2023

Lent 1

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What's On This Week....

Monday 27 February
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas
7.30pm BLT Meeting

Tuesday 28 February
10.15am - 1.15pm Office Open
10.00am - 1.00pm District Meeting
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 1 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 2 March
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00 - 9.00pm St John's Ambulance

Friday 3 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
6.00 - 9.30pm Hope City Church

Saturday 4 March
9.00am - 9.30pm Hope City Church

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 5 March 2023
Lent 2**

**10.30am Morning Worship
with Baptism
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo
1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church**

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mr Gabriel Gidi**

Lent 1



Welcome and Introduction to Worship

Call to Worship

Congregation to sing:
v 1 of StF 240 When we are tested and wrestle alone,

Reader 1

Today with Jesus begin our Lenten Journey to Jerusalem. As we travel alongside Jesus over these weeks we will reflect upon our own communities of today. On this first Sunday of Lent we go with Jesus into the wilderness as he reflects on his ministry. What is God calling him to do and be? What kind of Messiah is he?

Symbol to be put by the cross – large stones

Reader 2

These stones remind us of the stones Jesus was tempted to turn into bread. Feeding the hungry is such a worthy cause yet Jesus rejected the way of sensationalism to take the downward path of walking alongside and sharing with the needy and challenging those who promoted the status quo. Let us reflect on the journey of our faith into our communities. What is God calling us to do? Is it enough simply to feed the hungry?

Reader 1

Trussell Trust foodbanks have seen the biggest rise in numbers given emergency food since the charity began in 2000. Almost 350,000 people have received at least three days emergency food from Trussell Trust foodbanks during 2013, nearly 100,000 more than anticipated and close to triple the number helped in 2011-12. (Source Trussell Trust Website)

Reader 2

What might we do to challenge the causes of hunger and poverty today? What must change in our society for all to know fullness of life? Jesus turned his back on the easy life he was tempted to follow to take the path of self sacrificial love.

100 SKIPS. I'm going to take on 100 skips a day in February to help raise money for Cancer Research, although I haven't skipped in years!! I have a sponsor form available on the notice board in the Coffee Bar and you can show your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to my page. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hazels-skipping-challenge-giving-page-34> Thank you in advance. Hazel Graham.

EXPERIENCED PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR is required at Stratton Methodist Church Community Centre for 16 hours per week. Deadline for applications is 6 March 2023. For further details see notice board in Coffee Bar.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: It is hoped that our March event on 18th will have a number of stalls selling a range of goods, including some Easter treats. Fairtrade will be attending but please spread the word if you know of any other Charities or individuals who would like to sell their items. Also if you have a Charity which you would like to raise money for, please also get in touch. Liz Dean (email: lizdeanmeth@gmail.com or telephone Beckminster Office 01902 344910).

GIVING UP FOR LENT? WONDERING WHAT OR HOW?

Please will you remember the Good Shepherd Pantry and maybe substitute :-

Tins for your Treats. Cereals for your Cakes. Jars of Coffee for your Chocolate. Pasta for your Pastries or perhaps Soup for your Sweets?

Supplies are needed for the food stocks and maybe Lent is a good time for extra giving. The green box is available in church for all donations. Wendy Bate.

EVENING PRAISE AT FALLINGS PARK. Join us for contemporary worship and reflection from 6.00 - 7.00pm on Sunday, 26 February 2023 with music by Ian Holmes. All are welcome.

WOLVERHAMPTON & SHREWSBURY DISTRICT present **ENQUIRING MINDS.** An opportunity to ask questions about faith this lent on Sunday, 19 March 2023 from 3.30 - 5.00pm at Kingswinford Methodist Church, Stream Road, Kingswinford DY6 9NP. Open to all.

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.

Our fellowship will continue after morning worship with tea and coffee served in the Coffee Bar.

The Plants in Church for February are in Loving Memory of:

Mr & Mrs Collins.
Ron & Joan Beere.
Tom & Margaret Cay,
Parents of Wendy Healey.
Ken & Evelyn Healey,
Parents of Phil Healey.
Mr & Mrs Reg Cheadle & Mary Rose

Prayer

Leader:

Gracious God, you came in Jesus to walk alongside your people in all the experiences of their lives we pray for the communities in which we live.

May Christ be known and his love be shown

We remember those who struggle to feed their families, who face the indignity of the foodbank and pray that they be fed. We thank you for all who so generously give of themselves to feed the hungry

May Christ be known and his love shown

We pray too, for the changes that are needed in our society to bring about communities where foodbanks can become a thing of the past. Inspire us to ask the right questions as we seek to challenge a system that depends on them.

May Christ be known and his love shown.

Help us to be involved in making Christ known in all we are and do as we dedicate ourselves to his kingdom. **Amen.**

StF 332 Lord, I lift your name on high,

Prayers of Approach and Confession

StF 345 And can it be that I should gain

Romans 5: 12 - 19 read by Sue Reed

Matthew 4: 1 - 11 read by Chris Reed

StF 503 Love divine, all loves excelling,

Sermon

StF 254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Prayer

StF 673 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Blessing

SUNDAY SERVICE today (26 February 2023) will be on zoom in the Main Hall. As from next Sunday our services will return to the church and they will be live-streamed.

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

APPEAL. There is a wide range of opportunities for donating to the Turkish/Syrian Earthquake Appeal but if it is helpful to you, there are some Christian Aid envelopes which we will gladly process on your behalf. John Bate.

BARBARA MOXHAM. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy, Ian and family following the death of Barbara on 16 February 2023. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Barbara here at Beckminster on Monday, 20 March 2023 at 2.00pm which will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 6 March 2023 at Essington Farm, Bognop Road, Essington WV11 2AZ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

JENNIFER NASH. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brian and the family following the death of Jennifer on Monday, 23 January 2023. Jennifer's funeral will take place on Thursday, 9 March 2023 at 10.45am at Bushbury Crematorium.

EILEEN TAYLOR. Our thoughts and prayers are with Andy, Catherine and the family following the death of Eileen on Tuesday, 31 January 2023. Eileen's funeral will take place on Friday, 17 March 2023 at 2.30pm at Bushbury Crematorium.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING. Please note that this will be held in the Church Hall following morning worship on Sunday, 26 March 2023. Please try to join us that morning. In view of the shortened service, there will be no Sunday Club on that morning.

COFFEE MORNING at Engelberg Methodist Home on Saturday, 4 March 2023 from 11.30am—12.30pm. All are welcome.

LENT BIBLE STUDY. You are warmly invited to our Lent Bible Study which will take place on zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd March @ 7pm
Thursday 9th March @ 7pm
Thursday 16th March @ 7pm
Thursday 23 March @ 7pm
Thursday 30th March @ 7pm

The sessions will be led by our own Ministers, Peggy, Glennys, Janet, and Paul. A copy of the material we will use is available in the Office; please let Sue Lorimer know if you are interested so that you can be sent the zoom link.

ALL WE CAN. I've just sent another £135 from the sale of some of Stuart's theology books so the total amount given in his memory to All We Can is now £758.37..... so over £2,000 donated to both charities thanks to people's generosity. Christine x

WOLVERHAMPTON CIRCUIT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN will next meet on Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 2.30pm at Lanesfield Methodist Church when the Speaker will be Rev Peggy Heim. There will be a bring and buy stall for MWiB and World Mission Funds. All are welcome.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT on Saturday, 1 April 2023 at 7.00pm at St Johns, Parkfields. All are welcome.

CHURCH ALIVE SOCIAL EVENT - FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE postponed from January has been arranged for Saturday, 25 March 2023 at 6.30pm in our church hall. This event is suitable for all ages and will last for about 2 hours. There will be an interval when coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available, while you are welcome to bring your own light refreshments and snacks for this interval. The cost will be £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. So that we have an idea of numbers to prepare for, could you please let Sue Lorimer or Pete Prescott (746316) know if you are planning to attend. Pete Prescott.