

ECUMENICAL LENT LUNCHTIME TALKS

"Where we stand together"

Soup and rolls will be available from 12.00 pm, the talk will begin at 12.30 pm promptly and finish by 1.00 pm to allow time for questions and discussion.

Monday 13th March – St Peter and St Paul's Church
Fr. Sean Gough

Curate, Church of St Peter and St Paul

The Kerygma: the Shared proclamation of the Christian Faith

Monday 20th March – St Peter's Collegiate Church
The Rev'd Linda Gilson

Methodist Minister for the City Centre

Faith in Action

Monday 27th March – St Peter and St Paul's Church
Clare Whitney

Licensed Reader, St Peter's Collegiate Church

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Monday 3rd April – St Peter's Collegiate Church
The Rev'd Preb. Sarah Schofield

Senior Chaplain, University of Wolverhampton

More in Common

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Worship and Fellowship

12 March 2023

Lent 3

What's On This Week....

Monday 13 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group (See Leaflet)
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 14 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 15 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 16 March
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices)
7.00 - 9.00pm St John's Ambulance

Friday 17 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It

Saturday 18 March
10.30am - 12.30pm Coffee Morning & Cupcake Competition (See Leaflet)

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come and join us on
Sunday, 19 March 2023
Lent 4

9.00am Holy Communion
led by Rev Glennys Bamford

10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Christine Pearson

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

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led by Rev Glennys Bamford**

**Lent 3
Holy Communion MWB, Lent p148**



Welcome

Congregation sing verse 3 of StF 240

Reader 1

On our Lenten Journey to the Jerusalem of yesterday we reflect upon our own communities of today. We recall today how Jesus conversed with a Samaritan woman and reflect on the divisions within our society.

Symbol of a Peruvian circle or other symbol of friendship to be placed by the cross

Reader 2

This symbol of friendship and welcome reminds us that Jesus welcomed the one who was so different, the one his countrymen and women despised. Let us reflect on the divisions and differences in our communities between people of different race and faith.

Reader 1

What changes of attitude and policy do we long for? How can we make Christ in the stranger more welcome? How can we truly celebrate our multicultural nation? As Jesus received from the Samaritan woman how can we be more open to receive the gifts of those who are different to us?

Prayer

Leader:

God of Justice, you came in Jesus that all might discover life in all its fullness we pray for the communities in which we live.

May Christ be known and his love be shown

We remember those who feel excluded because of race, colour or faith. For victims of hate crimes; for those disadvantaged in education or career or status because they are different.

May Christ be known and his love shown

We pray for the changes that are needed in our lives, the life of our nation and the policies of our leaders to bring about a society where all are welcome.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 3 April 2023 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

ALL WE CAN. Thank you for your presence and generosity at the All We Can coffee morning recently. £166 was raised, with Gift Aid to be added on to many donations. All We Can is working with partners in Syria and Turkey following the earthquake, in Ukraine and surrounding countries, as well as on longer term projects in desperately poor corners of the world. Sue Reed.

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.

METHODISTS FOR UKRAINE PROJECT. People are still fleeing Ukraine because of the dreadful war. Methodist folk have been very supportive and have offered to host a family or individual during this time. The Ukraine Support Officer from the Connexional Team is asking if there is anyone in our Circuit who might be able to help in this way. If this is something you might be able to do, please let your Church Steward know.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Partnerships in the Gambia (formerly WYCE) invite you to a Kurling (without ice) and Fish & Chip supper event on Saturday, 29 April at Beckminster Methodist Church. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 (payable in advance) are available from Sue in the Office.

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.

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.

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.

CHURCH ALIVE and BECK TOGETHER - BOOK THE DATE. We are arranging a group visit to Tong Church on the afternoon of Saturday, 22 April 2023. This will offer a guided tour of this beautiful and historic church for £5. Afternoon Tea will then be available for those who wish, for a further £7. We will link up our car transport so everyone can be included. More details to follow. Numbers will be limited but final numbers and your payment will be needed by Sunday, 16 April 2023. Contact Wendy Bate

CORONATION LUNCH, Sunday, 7 May 2023. A working group is now arranging this event and they may ask people individually to help in some way. It will be a ticket only event at £5.00 per head and tickets will be available from Sue. Can we ask for payment to be made with receipt of tickets so the catering team can have an idea of numbers and that you purchase tickets by Sunday, 23 April 2023. Many thanks. Tim

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.**

Grace

StF 25 God is here! As we his people

Commands, Confession, Collect

StF 495 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Lessons:

Exodus 17: 1 - 7 read by Janette Clough

John 4: 7 - 15, 39 - 45 read by Hazel Graham

Sermon - A meeting place

StF 611 Brother, sister, let me serve you,

Intercessions and Peace

Offering

StF 566 Take my life, and let it be

Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread & Wine

Final Prayer

StF 748 Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Blessing

**The Plants in Church for March
are in Loving Memory of:**
Louise Wood
Rose Carr
Lillian Ashley

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.

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.

JANET ANDERSON. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lawrence, Nicholas, Mark and the family following the death of Janet on Friday, 3 March 2023. Janet's funeral will take place on Thursday, 23 March 2023 with a private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service here at Beckminster at 11.00am. Refreshments will be served after the service in the Main Hall to which all are welcome. The service will be live-streamed. To access our live-streamed services, please locate YouTube on your device, search Beckminster and simply tune in. You are advised to share transport if at all possible. Dress code is smart casual.

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. Prior to the Thanksgiving Service, there will be a service at Bushbury Crematorium (West Chapel) at 12noon. All are welcome. It is not necessary to wear black.

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. All are welcome.

BARN DANCE, 1 April - The next (and final) fundraising event for Reuben Peterson's trip to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea is a Barn Dance at The Victory Hall, Lower Penn. Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 adults, £7.50 kids, including supper available from Reubenjamboree@gmail.com or by calling James Peterson on 07714337955.

LENT GROUPS. You are warmly invited to Beckminster's Lent Study Group which will take place on zoom on the following dates:

Thursday, 16 March 2023 - 7.00pm

Thursday, 23 March 2023 - 7.00pm

Thursday, 30 March 2023 - 7.00pm

The sessions will be led by our own Ministers, Peggy, Glennys 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.

If you cannot make the Beckminster Lent Groups you are invited to join Lea Road either in person or on zoom and the details are as follows:

The Lea Road Lenten Study Group – Edgy Saints will take place as follows:

Tuesday, 14 March 2023 - 2.00pm

Tuesday, 21 March 2023 - 2.00pm

Tuesday, 28 March 2023 - 2.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85376932523?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85376932523?pwd=VnRhamRFRjdNTINDSIRseXVJT2IGUT09)

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Meeting ID: **853 7693 2523**

Passcode: **EdgySaints**

The meeting information will be the same for all 5 weeks and John is planning to record them (with participants' agreement) for anyone to come back to at any point, so please contact John on johnschristensen77@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving that.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING. We shall hold our Annual Meeting in church soon after the end of morning worship on Sunday, 26 March 2023 but you will have the opportunity of a cuppa and biscuit before the meeting starts. We are not planning a "Bring and Share" meal afterwards. All members are invited to attend. We usually end soon after 1.00pm. We no longer think it appropriate to produce a Booklet of Church Life prior to the meeting but hope that members will give brief verbal reports on past, present and future church activities if they wish. If you would like to read the minutes of last year's meeting, they are available in the vestibule on the next two Sundays. Also, financial details for the year ended 31 August 2022 are available (already distributed to members of Church Council). Please try to be there if you can. In view of the shortened service, there will be no Sunday Club on that morning. John Ashwood.