

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

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Worship and Fellowship

19 March 2023

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 20 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
2.00pm Thanksgiving Service for Barbara Moxham (See Notices)

Tuesday 21 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 22 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 23 March
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
11.00am Thanksgiving Service for Dr Janet Anderson (See Notices)
7.00pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices)
7.00 - 9.00pm St John’s Ambulance

Friday 24 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 25 March

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of compassion, who Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us each day, that in joy and sorrow we may know your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come and join us on
Sunday, 26 March 2023
Passion Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo
this will be followed by our
Annual General Meeting
(See Notices)

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

**10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Christine Pearson**

**Lent 4
Mothering Sunday**



Welcome

Congregation sing verse 4 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 healed a man born blind and reflect on the ways in which our society cares for the sick and disabled. And on Mothering Sunday we think of the needs of families.

Symbol of walking stick and pair of glasses or picture of a 'disabled' parking badge is placed by the cross

Reader 2

This symbol of disability reminds us that Jesus gave sight to the blind man and so often restored the health and vitality of those who were sick or disabled. In the light of Jesus' compassion let us reflect on the treatment of the sick and disabled in our communities. And as Jesus showed compassion to the children let us reflect on all that makes for a good childhood within loving families and in educational opportunities

Reader 1

What changes can we envisage to enable our society to be more compassionate towards those who are sick, elderly or disabled? We think of the disabled denied appropriate benefits. We think of the National Health Service and give thanks but ask what policies might help it be more efficient and effective. We think of families and children and all who work with them in schools and social care and reflect on their needs.

Prayer

Leader:

Compassionate God, 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

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

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT UPPER ETTINGSHALL METHODIST CHURCH. "The History & Art of Town Crying-Allegedly" presented by Adrian Holmes (him who rings that bell), Town Crier for Lichfield & Former Town Crier for Sandwell on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 at 7.00pm. Admission £4.00 to include refreshments. An amusing and entertaining speaker. Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy for Christian Aid on Saturday, 22 April 2023 from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

CHURCH ALIVE SOCIAL EVENT - FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE, 25 March 2023.

Unfortunately due to the low sale of tickets we are having to cancel this event. Thank you to those who had let us know you wished to attend. Tim.

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. tickets by Sunday, 23 April 2023. Many thanks. Tim

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

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, 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.

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

We remember those who are sick; those who struggle because of disability; the frail elderly; those who feel they receive inadequate care for their needs; children and families that all may have the opportunity to become all that they can be.

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 compassionate society where all feel their needs to be met. Where healing is seen in the love and care for all in need.

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 608 All praise to our redeeming Lord,

Mothering Sunday

StF 426 Hark, my soul! It is the Lord;

Prayer

Song by Marilyn and Amelia

Mary, the Mother of Jesus

StF 793 - The Magnificat (*said together*)

Reading: John 2: 1 - 11 read by Ann Holt

Reading: Luke 8: 19 - 21 read by Diane Vanderdoes

Reading: John 19: 25 read by John Bate

Prayers of Intercession - Wendy Bate

The Lords Prayer

Offering and Prayer

StF 615 Let Love be real, in giving and receiving,

The Grace

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony Draper from all your friends at Beckminster on the occasion of your 50th birthday on 18 March 2023.

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.

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.

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.

Easter Arrangements 2023

Maundy Thursday, 6 April

7.00pm Service led by Rev Paul in the Epworth Room

Good Friday, 7 April

10.30am Walk of Witness to start from the car park of Jubilee Christian Centre. Stopping off at the Ukrainian Church, St Chads and Lea Road and finishing at Beckminster at around 11.30am for refreshments and Hot Cross Buns
12.45pm Short Service in Church led by Rev Paul
1.15pm Frugal Lunch (for Christian Aid) in the Coffee Bar

Easter Day, 9 April

There will be no 8.00am Communion Service
9.00am Easter Breakfast in the Coffee Bar (Donations in aid of All We Can)
10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Peggy Heim