

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 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

26 March 2023

Lent 5 - Passion Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 27 March
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

Tuesday 28 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas

Wednesday 29 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 30 March
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices)
7.00 - 9.00pm St John's Ambulance

Friday 31 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 1 April

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 2 April 2023
Palm Sunday**

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Ivor Sperring**

1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church

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

**Lent 5
Passion 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. Today is Passion Sunday and we recall how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, liberating him from the tomb, awakening him to new life.

Symbol of a flower – is placed by the cross

Reader 2

As we place this flower, a symbol of life and new life so we reflect on all places in our society where hope is dead. In the light of Jesus' gift of life to Lazarus and his compassion for Mary and Martha we think of all who need a helping hand. The lonely; the dying; the bereaved. We reflect on those who need to rise above poverty, poor educational opportunities; dead end jobs; a life of crime or addiction.

Reader 1

What changes can help our society to be a place of life and living for those in need? What policies can lift the poor out of poverty, improve their chances in life, enable rehabilitation and new life to those who have taken the wrong path? We think of our prisons, our schools and the world of work and dream of a society where all can find freedom to really live.

Prayer

Leader:

Liberating 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

We remember those whose lives are deadened by the circumstances of their living who need to be awakened to new life.

The City of Sanctuary Drop-in is requesting donations of pushchairs, food processors, blenders, liquidisers etc. If you can help, please can you contact Deacon Linda on 07941 354958 or linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk Thank you very much.

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

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, 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.

BARBARA MOXHAM'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE. Judy, Ian, Nina and Hannah would like to thank ALL those who helped in any way at Barbara's Thanksgiving Service on Monday. The cakes and tea afterwards helped to complete the occasion in a joyful way. Beckminster meant so much to mum and dad and we really appreciate that mum was able to continue attending, even when she was at Sunrise, because of people's kindness in giving her lifts.

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

BECK TOGETHER will welcome Rev Samantha Hagerman on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 at 2.00pm. Sam's talk is entitled "Roots and Routes" and she will speak about her early life in South Africa and her recent visit there. Everyone will be very welcome to join us for fellowship and a cuppa.

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.

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.

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 that brings freedom from all that seeks to constrain and bind and offer fullness of life.

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**

Psalm 130: 1 - 5

StF 357 Jesus the name high over all,

Prayer

Gospel Reading:

John 11: 1 - 25 read by Barbara Smith

John 11: 26 - 45 read by Christine Pearson

Sermon

StF 303 I know that my Redeemer lives

Prayers of Intercession

Offerings and Prayer

StF 345 And can it be that I should gain

Blessing

General Church Meeting: This meeting will take place after this morning's service. We hope that you will stay if you can. Please help yourself to refreshments in the Coffee Bar upon conclusion of the service and then make your way back into church so that we can start as soon as possible. Feel free to bring drinks back with you. All relevant papers will be supplied. John Ashwood.

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.

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

SUNDAY CLUB will remain in Church with their families to celebrate Easter in worship celebration together on Sunday, 9 April, and also due to school holidays will not meet separately on 16 April. Normal activities will resume on 23 April.

100 SKIPS IN FEBRUARY. A massive thank you to everyone who sponsored me for my skipping challenge! In total, I did 3186 skips and raised, altogether from Beckminster, the salon, friends and family, a total of £903.25 including Gift Aid for Cancer Research UK. My initial target was £150.00 so you've helped me smash that out of sight. Thank you again for your contributions and support. Hazel Graham x

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.

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

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.

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.

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