

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

# Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

5 March 2023

Lent 2

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### What's On This Week....

**Monday 6 March**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
10.00am - 12noon Gateway Meeting  
10.45am - 12noon Coffee Mates (See Notices)  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break

**Tuesday 7 March**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed**  
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky divas  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 8 March**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group  
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers  
7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

**Thursday 9 March**  
**9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open**  
7.00pm Lent Group on Zoom (See Notices)  
7.00 - 9.00pm St John's Ambulance

**Friday 10 March**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

**Saturday 11 March**

### Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray .....**  
Christ, Son of the living God, who for a season laid aside the divine glory and learned obedience through suffering: teach us in all our afflictions to raise our eyes to the place of your mercy and to find in you our peace and deliverance. We make our prayer in your name. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 12 March 2023  
Lent 3**

**10.30am Holy Communion  
led by Rev Glennys Bamford**

**1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church**

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



**Lent 2**

Welcome

Congregation sing verse 2 of StF 240

**Reader 1**

On our Lenten Journey to the Jerusalem of yesterday we reflect upon our own communities of today. As Nicodemus approached Jesus in the dark of the night so we reflect on the struggles and difficulties many experience in their lives today.

**Symbol to be put by the cross – picture or model of a new-born baby**

**Reader 2**

This image of a new-born baby reminds us that Jesus called upon Nicodemus to be born again. Let us reflect on where we need to see new birth in our communities. Where do we find the face of Christ and long to make him known?

**Reader 1**

According to the office of National Statistics information gleaned from the survey arising from David Cameron's commitment to find a measure of well being shows that people in the West Midlands are amongst the most discontented people in the country. (source: Centre for Local Government WM State of the West Midlands Working Paper May 2013)

**Reader 2**

What changes can we envisage so that all may discover that new life? How can we bring about a society without food banks and exorbitant payday loans? What unjust practices go to create further inequalities in our society? How can we support the weak and encourage the able?

**Prayer**

**Leader:**

Living loving 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 who struggle to make a living; who rely on benefits and handouts; who visit the payday lenders; who live in a perpetual nightmare of debt.

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:lizdeanmeth@gmail.com) or telephone Beckminster Office 01902 344910).

**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.

**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.

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

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.** We will be organising a Sunday lunch to commemorate the coronation of King Charles on Sunday, 7 May 2023. Further details will follow soon but it will be a ticket only event. Please keep the date free. Tim.

**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 that abundant life for all.

**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.**

Baptism of Sebastian and Rosie

**StF 103 God is love: let heaven adore him;**

Prayer

Bible Readings:

Genesis 12: 1 - 4a read by Maggie Marriott

John 3: 1 - 17 read by Stephanie Sherwood

**StF 463 Deep in the shadow of the past,**

Sermon

**StF 503 Love divine, all loves excelling,**

Prayers of Intercession

Offerings and Prayer

**StF 476 One more step along the world I go,**

Blessing

**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 March are in Loving Memory of:**

Louise Wood  
Rose Carr  
Lillian Ashley

**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.

**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. 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.

**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.

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

Thursday, 9 March 2023 - 7.00pm  
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, 7 March 2023 - 2.00pm  
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?pwd=VnRhamRFRjdNTINDSIRseXVJT2IGUT09>

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](mailto:johnschristensen77@gmail.com) if you are interested in receiving that.

**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.