

**Re-engage.** This is a national charity that seeks to support housebound elderly people by providing them with an opportunity to meet others in a welcoming space, either in people's homes or in a community room. Wolverhampton has a small group which organises such meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month between 3pm and 5pm. They are currently in urgent need of venues. Could you as an individual or your church offer a room for about 8 people and car drivers on a very occasional basis. The offer of the provision of sandwiches and cakes would be a bonus but is not crucial. Initial details from Brenda Shuttleworth (01902) 330002.

**FLOODING IN RWANDA.** You may have read or heard reports in the news about the floods in Rwanda. You may have seen on Facebook, (Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Chair page) that not only have there been many deaths, but the devastation caused by loss of homes, hospitals, fields where crops have all been washed away to name a few affects. Rev Teddy Siwila, Church and Society Secretary, has asked that I send you the following and ask that if at all possible you could arrange an emergency retirement collection at your churches. We hope to send money to Rwanda as soon as possible. This news may quickly be replaced by another story, but we hope to help. Janet.

The devastating floods have caused unimaginable damage to the most vulnerable communities in Rwanda. Our District is appealing for a retirement collection so that we can help in some small way to alleviate the difficulties that our friends in Rwanda find themselves in. Congregations can donate to Rwanda by sending money to the District Account. Co-op Bank, sort code 08-92-99, Bank Account 65495391, Account name Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Methodist District.

If they pay on line can they send an email to [janet@wsmethodist.org.uk](mailto:janet@wsmethodist.org.uk) stating the amount they have paid and that it is to support our people in Rwanda after the floods. If they wish to send a cheque can they send to the District Office, Beckminster Methodist Church, Birches Barn Road, Wolverhampton WV3 7BQ and to enclose a note stating the purpose of the donation. Teddy.

**Proposed District Merger with Birmingham - come and have your say**  
There was strong support at both Synods recently for continuing conversations with a view to merger in September 2025. A next step will be determining a preferred model of District leadership and any structures flowing from that. Can you help be the architect of these plans? You are invited to a joint meeting of both Districts which is open to anyone in the District at **2.30pm on Sunday 21st May at Walsall Central Hall**. Just come along and have your say. Additionally, any suggestions or feedback about the merger proposals will be gratefully received at any time. Please send them via Richard Lockley at [admin@wsmethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@wsmethodist.org.uk)

**WOLVERHAMPTON PRIDE 2023.** Saturday, 10 June 2023 at Old Market Square from 12noon - 10.00pm. See notice board for further details.

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

# Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

14 May 2023

Easter 6 - Christian Aid

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

**Monday 15 May**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break  
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas  
7.30pm Open Meeting (See Notices)

**Tuesday 16 May**  
10.15am - 1.15pm Office Open  
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 17 May**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group  
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

**Thursday 18 May**  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed  
7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

**Friday 19 May**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
10.00am - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

**Saturday 20 May**  
10.30am - 1.30pm Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid (See Notices)

Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray .....**

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; 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, 21 May 2023**  
Easter 7 - Aldersgate

**9.00am Holy Communion**  
led by Rev Glennys Bamford

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

**1.00 - 4.30pm Hope City Church**

**6.00pm Circuit Easter Offering Service**

**10.30am Own Arrangement - Christian Aid Service  
led by Wendy Bate and Anne Danks from Christian Aid**

Call to Worship "I Want to live"

**StF 685 In Christ there is no east or west,**

Prayer of Approach

The Lord's Prayer

Kumbya led by Marilyn Bose (*Congregation join in last line of each verse*)

Dramatised Reading: Joel 1: 10 - 12: 2: 18 - 29  
read by Hazel Graham, Phil Healey and John Bate

Introduction to Esther and Film

The Mustard Seed - Short Introduction

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 31 - 32 read by Diane Vanderdoes

Reflection

**StF 703 In an age of twisted values**

Offering and Prayer

Intercessions

**StF 701 Heaven shall not wait**

Sending and Blessing

Go into the world  
working together for change  
so that everyone can thrive  
and share life in all its fullness  
And in all we do  
let us show the love of Jesus

Let us treat everyone with dignity  
**We will show the love of Jesus**

Let us stand up for equality  
**We will show the love of Jesus**

Let us fight for justice  
**We will show the love of Jesus**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing  
so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**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.

**COFFEE MATES.** Meet Monday, 5 June 2023 at Albrighton Garden Centre Newport Road, Cosford, WV7 3EE from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 14 - 20 May 2023.** Please consider donating this year as generously as you are able, either directly on line or using the envelopes available in church.

In addition, the church Coffee Morning on 20th May will be extended into a Christian Aid Fundraising Day with light lunches and a variety of stalls available for your support.

Gifts of books, crafts and good quality bric - a - brac will be gratefully received and bakers are particularly asked to offer something for the cake stall via Jenny Cromie.

Everyone will be very welcome together with friends and family. Contact Wendy Bate with any queries.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close on Tuesday, 16 May at 1.15pm and will reopen on Wednesday, 24 May at 9.30am. Any notices required for the service sheet on Sunday, 21 May 2023 should be received by Monday, 15 May as the service sheet will be printed on Tuesday, 16 May. Any queries get in touch. Sue.

**EASTER OFFERINGS DEDICATION SERVICE** will take place here at Beckminster on Sunday, 21 May 2023 at 6.00pm.

**CORONATION LUNCH.** On behalf of the Church Alive Committee, can I thank everyone who helped in any way to make this such a success and to those that purchased tickets to support it. Tim.

**CIRCUIT VISION DOCUMENT.** Please try to come to our important Open Meeting tomorrow evening Monday, 15 May at 7.30pm in the Epworth Room.

**The Plants in Church for May  
are in Loving Memory of:  
Charles and Connie Sutton;  
Parents of Loraine  
and Rob Harris;**

**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.