

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

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Worship and Fellowship

24 September 2023

Ordinary 25

Harvest Weekend - 30 September and 1 October 2023

We know that our whole congregation sees Harvest as a time not only to give thanks for God's bounty, but also as a time to give to others who are in need. We are delighted that our District Chair is going to lead our Sunday morning worship; she also plans to join us for our Harvest meal and entertainment on the Saturday evening.

The Church is always decorated beautifully: we are grateful that Trish Prescott has agreed to co-ordinate the decorations, but she relies on lots of people for their support and skill in achieving what we the congregation invariably appreciate so much. Please read carefully what Trish has written in these notices relating to the gifts that are most needed.

In addition to this, we are looking to Beckminster's financial needs this year and are incorporating a Gift Day into the weekend. Whilst our financial situation at present is not a major concern, we are facing a difficult time ahead, having lost in recent times some members who have given most generously to Beckminster. You will have noticed that we have in August 2023 improved lighting in the sanctuary, at a cost of nearly £6,000. It would be lovely to raise funds to defray most of that sum and towards the cost of other necessary work on our property.

Gifts (in sealed envelopes please) may be brought to either the Saturday evening event or to Sunday worship. All gifts will be gratefully received.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Rev Paul.

HARVEST. Our Harvest Service this year will be held on Sunday, 1 October at 10.30 am. We will be supporting The Pantry Food Bank at the Good Shepherd Centre again this year. There will be a token display of fresh produce but the rest of our gifts will be tins, packets etc that can be given out to families through The Pantry. Please ask me for a list of suitable items that are needed.

The church will be open on Saturday, 30 September from 9.30 - 11.30am. This will enable you to bring your harvest contributions to be displayed at the front. If this is not convenient you can leave your gifts with Sue when the office is open. Those of you who have kindly offered to decorate a window sill will be able to do this on Saturday morning or make your own arrangements when the church is open during the week.

Don't forget to get your tickets which are £5.00 from Tim or Sue for the Harvest Supper on Saturday, 30 September 2023 at 6.30pm. Final numbers for tickets are required by Tuesday, 26 September (contact Tim or Sue). Many thanks, Trish Prescott .

What's On This Week....

Monday 25 September
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 26 September
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 27 September
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
1.45 - 3.00pm Tea & Chat (See Notices)

Thursday 28 September
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 29 September
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
10.30am - 12.30pm Blissful Dragon
Therapeutic Sound
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 30 September
6.30pm Harvest Social (See Notices)

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 1 October 2023
Ordinary 26**

**10.30am Harvest Festival
led by Rev Rachel Parkinson**

Forthcoming Meetings

2 October	7.30pm Zoom Church Council Meeting
16 October	2.00pm Pastoral Meeting
6 November	2.00pm Church Alive Meeting

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

MWB, HC, p211, 3rd Order

Grace

StF 297 Christ is alive!

Prayers, Confession, Collect

Lesson: Psalm 145: 1 - 8 read by Alan Marriott

StF 423 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'

Lesson: Matthew 20: 1 - 16 read by Maggie Marriott

Sermon 'God's Justice'

StF 254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

Intercessions & Peace

Offering

StF 572 Author of life divine,

Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread & Wine

StF 462 Come with me, come wander

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
September
are in Loving Memory of:
Phoebe Smith;
Frank & Joan Harriman
parents of Sue Lorimer;**

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, 2 October 2023 at The Two Greens, Old Hill, Tettenhall, WV6 8BQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT on Wednesday, 27 September 2023 from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All are welcome.

THE WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP GROUP would like to prepare a list of people willing to help with Local Arrangements (LA's on the plan). If you are interested, would you please let Sue Lorimer know. It would be very helpful if you let us know what part you would be willing to play in these services. Please contact Sue even if you have helped with LA's before. Thank you.

UKRAINE REFUGEE AID are appealing for mens and ladies deodorants, soaps, shower gels, shaving cream etc. Please leave at the back of church. Many thanks Neville.

CALLING ALL JIGSAW FANS!! We have been given a selection of puzzles and are introducing a Beckminster JIGSAW LIBRARY with donations for Christian Aid. Puzzles will be displayed in the Coffee Bar on Sunday mornings, beginning in October. Everyone is welcome to browse and borrow and we would hope for a donation of perhaps £1 for each loan. Also, we would welcome any gifts of puzzles to add to the supply. For further info - contact Trish Prescott or Wendy Bate.

COFFEE MORNING: Thank you to all those who attended the Septembers Coffee Morning run by the Wolverhampton Trefoil Guild in aid of Macmillian.

COFFEE MORNING - 21 October from 10.30 - 12noon. As this is Harvest time, we have chosen the Good Shepherd in Wolverhampton to be our Charity for October. The Good Shepherd provide a range of support for people who are homeless including providing hot meals and a food bank. Please help by bringing tinned and packet items to the coffee morning which we can send to the Good Shepherd as well as money raised from refreshments.

Suitable items are: *small jars of coffee, tea bags, breakfast cereal, rice, pasta, tinned goods such as meat, ham, vegetables, fruit, soups, toiletries. Thank you for your ongoing support.*