

DIARY DATES. Please note updated information for the following events that will be taking place in the run up to Christmas.

Saturday, 2 December 2023 6.00 for 6.30pm - Christmas Social. Turkey Baps/Puddings and Entertainment from "Just in Time". There is a vegetarian alternative, please advise when purchasing tickets. Tickets are now available at £10 each from Tim and Sue.

Friday, 15 December 2023 - Beckminster's Carol Service at 7.30pm. This will be held in conjunction with Gateway, Blissful Dragon Therapeutic Sound and Others. Mince Pies and refreshments will be provided by Gateway after the service.

Carol Singing with Churches Together in Graiseley & Penn Fields at Tesco, Penn Road on **Tuesday, 19 December 2023** from 6.30 - 7.30pm raising funds for Action for Children and at Sainsbury's, St Marks, Wolverhampton on **Thursday, 21 December 2023** from 6.30 - 7.30pm raising funds for The Good Shepherd Ministry. All are welcome.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY. We are pleased to inform you that once again we will run the Advent Bible Study and Dr Rachel Starr has kindly agreed to lead this year's series. These will be on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm on zoom on the following dates:

30 November Julian of Norwich – All Life is Here, In God's Hands

7 December Oscar Romero, Pedro Casaldagla and Pablo Sosa – When You Dance With Death You Must Dance Well

14 December Lucille Clifton – Mary, Surrounded by Stars

21 December Francis of Assisi – Making Welcome the Christ Child

In order that the zoom link can be communicated to you, please let Sue in the office know that you would like to join the Study Group.

CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. Invitation to join the Telford Circuit at Newport Methodist Church on Tuesday, 28 November at 2.00pm. Speaker, Mrs Barbara Murray. Our own Circuit Advent Carol Service at East Park Methodist Church on Wednesday, 6 December at 2.30pm. There will be a "bring and buy" gift stall. Please bring a wrapped gift, value up to £3, and be prepared to buy one! All welcome, men and women.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Codsall Dramatic Society's next Children's Play will be performed at Codsall Village Hall, Thursday, 23 – Saturday 25 November and Thursday, 30 November – Saturday, 2 December. It's a tale as old as time and the perfect way to kick off the festive season! For more information or to order your tickets go to www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk or call 01902 267322.

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Worship and Fellowship

12 November 2023

Ordinary 32 - Remembrance Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 13 November
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 14 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 15 November
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
7.00pm Local Preachers Meeting

Thursday 16 November
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00 - 9.15pm St John's Ambulance

Friday 17 November
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 18 November
10.30am - 2.30pm Fair Trade Christmas
Market (See Notices)

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Come and join us on Sunday, 19 November 2023

Ordinary 33 - Safeguarding

9.00am Holy Communion led by Rev Glennys Bamford

10.30am Morning Worship led by Deacon Linda Gilson and Members of the City of Sanctuary

**10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mr Gabriel Gidi and Others**

Call to Worship: Psalm 85: 4 - 7

StF 18 Be still and know that I am God.

Prayers of Praise and Confession

StF 141 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

Children's Address - Brian Timmis

Children will leave after Children's Address.

The Stories of Conflict:

Family at War - Christine Pearson

Conflict and Service - Val Pollard

The Berlin Wall - John Bate

2 minute silence at 11.00am with the Last Post playing

Reading: Micah 4: 6 – 8 read by Stephanie Sherwood

Reflections: Out of darkness cometh light

StF 351 In Christ alone my hope is found,

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Gifts

StF 611 Brother, sister, let me serve you,

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 November are in
Loving Memory of:**

Rob Harris;
David Griffiths;
Gillian Whilton;
Mr Bill Wilkes and
daughter-in-law
Susan Wilkes;
Son, David and
Granddaughter Evie,
Family of
Keith & Mavis Nunn

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.

NEXT SUNDAY. Our service on Sunday, 19 November 2023 will be led by Deacon Linda Gilson and members of the City of Sanctuary charity. Linda is the City Centre Methodist Minister and part of her work is with the City of Sanctuary. They offer a welcome and much more to people who are living in Wolverhampton either as asylum seekers or refugees. Do come along and find out about the work of the charity, as we worship together.

REV. DONALD WILKES. We are sorry to inform that Rev. Donald Wilkes former Minister of Beckminster Methodist Church between 1990 - 1996 died on Friday, 3 November 2023 surrounded by his family. Please remember Elizabeth, Ian, Stephanie and Martin and the rest of the family in your prayers. We will let you know the arrangements for the funeral service once these are in place.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 4 December 2023 at The Inn at Shipley from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 22 November from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All are welcome.

CIRCUIT FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET. Join friends on Saturday, 18 November 2023, 10.30am – 2.30pm here at Beckminster for a chance to do all your ethical Christmas shopping! There will be a wide range of gift items: crafts, clothing, chocolate, Christmas cards supporting Transform Trade and Embrace the Middle East. Teas, coffees and light lunches available. Please come and bring a friend.

WOMBOURNE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY presents "On Christmas Night" here at Beckminster on Saturday, 16 December 2023 at 7.30pm and also on Saturday, 9 December 2023 at 7.30pm at St Benedict Biscop Church, Wombourne. Tickets are £15.00 (under 16 free). See notice board for further details.

CIRCUIT SERVICE of Thanksgiving for the Witness and Mission of Bilston Methodist Church to be held on Sunday, 19 November 2023 at 2.30pm led by Rev Rachel Parkinson. This will be an opportunity as a Circuit to show our love and support the members as they prepare to cease to meet at the end of November. Refreshments will be served following the service.