

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

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## Worship and Fellowship

19 November 2023

Ordinary 33

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

**Monday 20 November**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break  
5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

**Tuesday 21 November**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas

**Wednesday 22 November**  
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 23 November**  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open  
7.00 - 9.15pm St John's Ambulance

**Friday 24 November**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
10.30am - 12.30pm Blissful Dragon  
Therapeutic Sound  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

**Saturday 25 November**  
9.00 - 11.00am Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

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

Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 26 November 2023**

**Sunday before Advent**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Rev Peggy Heim**

**12.30pm Baptism Service  
led by Rev Peggy Heim**

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Bible reading – Isaiah 58: 6 - 11 read by John Bate

**StF 693 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,**

Introduction to City of Sanctuary

A Personal Story

**StF 707 Make me a channel of your peace.**

Bible Reading – Matthew 2: 1 - 16 read by Pete Prescott

Joseph's Story & Reflection

**StF 416 There's a wideness in God's mercy**

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**StF 465 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,**

Closing Prayers

**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

Dear All

11/11/23

Many thanks for all the lovely cards and sentiments from you all.

I was not too happy with the lack of cleanliness when we got the keys, but with kids and pets living here previously, it was to be expected! But with help of our family we are just about sorted, although we still have boxes to unpack. But the extra time we now get with our family more than makes up for that!

We are taking Mum to the local day centre next week to have a look around and discover what she can do there, and if there's any specific days that she would enjoy, so that we can all have some time apart, in a safe environment (which I am grateful for). As we are now living in a military town, there's a big parade on Remembrance Sunday, which is within walking distance of us, so weather permitting we will attend.

Many thanks to all our friends from Beckminster.

Sandra, Dot & Bob

**NOTICE BOARD.** Please look at the notice board in the Coffee Bar as there are lots of events happening in the Circuit in the coming weeks.

**JMA CHRISTMAS POST 2023.** We will be offering the Christmas Post service within Beckminster again this year. The post box will be available to post Christmas cards on 3, 10 & 17 December. Christmas cards can be collected after the morning service on 3, 10, 17 & 24 December.

1) Individual cards for church members. Please put full name and address on the envelopes for sorting the cards.

2) One card for the church members to be put on the board in church.

Donations for JMA will be initially collected by Beckminster and then passed onto JMA . Please can you use a Gift Aid Envelope provided and any cheques made payable to Beckminster Church. Please indicate on the envelope if Gift Aid can be received from your donation. Many thanks. Val Pollard, JMA Secretary.

**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](http://www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk) or call 01902 267322.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CIRCUIT SERVICE** of Thanksgiving for the Witness and Mission of Bilston Methodist Church **TODAY** 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.

**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. The funeral will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2023 at 2.00pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough. There will be a link notified in due course for the live streaming of the service.

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

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close on Thursday, 7 December 2023 at 12noon and will re-open on Friday, 15 December 2023 at 9.30am. Please send any notices in the usual way. Sue.

**BAPTISM.** There will be a Baptism following the morning service next Sunday, (26 November 2023) at 12.30pm which will be led by Rev Peggy Heim. You are all invited to stay and join the family of Jaxson Hopkins who is to be baptised.

**EMMAUS.** Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 28 November at 2.30pm at 3 Castlecroft Lane when we will be discussing the Lectionary readings for 3 December. All are welcome.

**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. Closing date for tickets and payment is 10.00am on Monday, 27 November 2023 please.

**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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE.** We are planning to hold our 10.30am Sunday morning services in the Church Hall during January and February 2024. Many members have commented favourable on the atmosphere created in the smaller space in the past. We can also be confident now that the space will be warmer than in church.

**ADVENT GROUP 2023.** You are invited to join the Advent Group! We will meet on zoom on Thursday evenings from 7.00 - 8.00pm. This year we will be accompanied in our Advent journey by different poets and mystics.

**All life is here, in God's hands** (Julian of Norwich) 30 November.

**When you dance with death, you must dance well** (Oscar Romero, Pedro Casaldáliga and Pablo Sosa) 7 December.

**Mary, surrounded by stars** (Lucille Clifton) 14 December.

**Making welcome the Christ Child** (Francis of Assisi) 21 December.

The sessions will be led by Rachel Starr and will include music, art, poetry and plenty of discussion.

Please let Sue Lorimer know if you would like to attend, so that you can be sent the zoom details. [info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk)

**ADVANCE NOTICE. Please put these dates in your diary.**

**Sunday, 10 December and Sunday, 17 December.**

Are you a keen gardener? Looking for a present for a keen gardener? Looking for an opportunity to support **West Midlands Air Ambulance**? If so Sue Lloyd will be in the Coffee Bar after the morning service on Sunday, 10 December and Sunday, 17 December with packets of seeds collected from her garden and a small selection of house plants.

Sue has been collecting donations for her seeds and plants throughout this year and has raised £459.01 for West Midlands Air Ambulance so far. Speak to Sue or Graham Lloyd if you want more details.

**SPONSOR FORM FOR THE HAVEN.** Anthony Draper (as part of a team of 35 people, including staff and members at Skills for Life) have chosen to raise money for The Haven this Christmas (for children up to and including 16 years). The monies will go towards buying new bedding, underwear and Christmas gifts as well. If anyone would like to sponsor Anthony, could you please see either Jean or Alan Draper. Your generosity and continued support for this charity especially this Christmas would be much appreciated.

**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.