

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

## Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

24 December 2023

Advent 4 - Christmas Eve

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

Monday 25 December  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Tuesday 26 December  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Wednesday 27 December  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Thursday 28 December  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed

Friday 29 December  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Saturday 30 December

Collect for the Day

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

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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, 31 December 2023**

**First of Christmas**

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

***(We will be following a service  
that will be used  
throughout the Circuit)***



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

Welcome and Introduction

Candle 4

We listen as Advent reaches its fulfilment,  
we listen to the frenzied activity that is all around us,  
we listen to the travail and the trauma,  
we listen to joys and celebration.

God of all,

**listen to my cries and let me hear your voice.**

We listen in the midst of noise and silence.  
We listen in aloneness and togetherness.  
We listen to the everyday, the ordinary,  
and there within it all, we listen to the voice of God.

God of all,

**listen to my cries and let me hear your voice.**

We listen to messages new and old,  
from friends far and near.  
We listen to familiar words, hymns and songs,  
Bible stories telling all.

God of all,

**listen to my cries and let me hear your voice.**

On this Christmas Eve,  
let us open our selves afresh to listen  
ever more to the messages of God  
that lighten our paths, confirm our faith,  
embrace our being and call us to be messengers ourselves.

God of all,

**listen to my cries and let me hear your voice.**



**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. Unfortunately, live-streaming of services will not be possible during this time.

**THANK YOU** to all of my friends at Beck for the lovely cards you have sent me. I do appreciate them but I am sorry I can't get to see you all at the morning Service. Nora.

Dear All,

Many thanks to all for the lovely cards that you've sent. We're looking forward to spending our first Xmas living in Sandhurst, especially only having a 5 minute local journey, instead of battling through hours of holiday traffic!

It's been wonderful to attend the girls school festivities and days out, rather than seeing the photo's. Mum goes to the local day centre once a week, which gives us all a break from each other, whilst giving me peace of mind that she is in a safe environment and being in the company of other seniors! She has been 2 days this week, once for their celebration meal, and another day for musical entertainment.

We have been made welcome by the neighbours and the community as well, and in the new year (and warmer weather!) hope to partake of some of the activities in the community centre and library.

Seasonal greetings to our Beckminster friends for Xmas and 2024.

All the best,  
Sandra, Bob and Dot

**CHURCH ALIVE DONATIONS.** As you are aware 50% of any profits made at a Church Alive event is donated to a charity agreed by the Church Alive Committee. I can confirm that £85.50 raised at the Harvest Supper has been donated to the Elias Mattu Foundation.

50% of the profit raised at the Christmas Social amounted to £117.50 so £58.75 will be given to the ABCD Bethlehem Project and £58.75 to Crisis at Christmas.

As ever thank you for the continued support for these events. Tim

Advent God, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, that most extraordinary of gifts, let us open our ears to listen, our eyes to see, our hearts to love and our very beings to be enfolded in your Spirit.

**Let us listen and be open to our inner selves, to the world around us, to the sights, the sounds, the senses and the needs that surround us.**

**Let us listen to your still small voice and be open to your indwelling Spirit.**

**Let us be messengers of your good news that we have heard and let us be open, too, to listen to your good news that others share with us. Amen.**

**StF 174 Light a Candle in a darkened place (Verses 1 - 5)**

Baptisms of Mark Shepherd (MWB page 63) and  
Alice Shepherd (Baptism Leaflet)

**StF 82 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder**

Luke 1: 26 - 38 read by Barbara Smith

**StF 190 Angels, from the realm of glory,**

Membership of Mark & Rae Shepherd

Reflections

**StF 213 O little town of Bethlehem,**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

**StF 221 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,**

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 December are in  
Loving Memory of:**  
Mr Donald Rushton  
Mr David Griffiths  
Mr Alwin Ordidge  
Mr John Felton

**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.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

**TODAY CHRISTMAS EVE**

4.00pm Christingle Service

9.00pm Christmas Communion Service led by  
Rev Rachel Parkinson (held in the Epworth Room)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.30am Joint Service to be held at Cranmer Methodist Church  
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

**ZOOM PRAYER MEETING** on a Wednesday will resume on Wednesday, 3 January 2024 at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

**CHURCH PREMISES** will close on Friday, 22 December 2023 and will re-open on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close on Friday, 22 December 2023 at 12.30pm and will re-open on Wednesday, 3 January 2024 at 9.30am.

**COFFEE MATES.** Meet Monday, 1 January 2024 at The Two Greens, Tettenhall from 11.00am - 12noon. (Please note change of venue and time). Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT.** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 10 January 2024 from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All are welcome.

**SUNDAY CLUB** will not be meeting today and we will be back on Sunday, 7 January 2024.

**WEST MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE.** After having a variety of seed packs available after the service on 17 December 2023 to raise money for **West Midlands Air Ambulance**, I am delighted to inform you that we raised an additional £55.10.

Having added this to the previous total, the grand total raised for **West Midlands Air Ambulance** in 2023 is £514.11.

Thank you very much to everyone that has supported me. Merry Christmas. Sue Lloyd.

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the success of the ABCD Coffee Morning on Saturday, 16 December. We raised over £300, to which Gift Aid will be added, together with over £50 from our Christmas Social Evening. An excellent achievement for a thoroughly deserving small charity. John Ashwood.

**ADVANCE NOTICE.** A communion collection will be taken after our Covenant Service on Sunday, 7 January 2024. Proceeds will be sent to The Well, which is in great need of funds at the present time. Please give generously.

**JMA CHRISTMAS POST 2023.** Christmas cards can be collected after the morning service on 24 December. 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

**SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING.** Our next coffee morning will be on 20 January 2024 when we will be supporting Ukraine. Please come along and enjoy a coffee and cakes.