

Rev. Andrew Mann-Ray has been appointed United Reformed Church Minister for Wolverhampton and Smestow Brook Group Pastorate. A welcome and induction service for him is at Penn URC, Penn Road WV4 5BF on Sunday, 28 January at 3.00pm. If you would like to attend please email Rev. Peter Christie - peterchristie@btinternet.com It would be good as ecumenical partners to support him.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING. Our next coffee morning will be on 20 January 2024 from 10.30am - 12noon when we will be supporting Ukraine. Please come along and enjoy coffee and cakes.

Volunteers from **RAZOM**, the Welcome Centre for displaced Ukrainians, in Wolverhampton and surrounding areas will be selling their crafts at the Coffee morning on Saturday 20 January. They are raising funds for **The Campaign of Hope** supporting:

The Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal providing Ukrainians suffering from the war with food, shelter, warmth and other essential items.

The League of Ukrainian Women Children's Appeal working to repair a Children's home in the Dnipropetrovsk region, damaged by shelling, and is home to 130 boys with special needs, including Downs' Syndrome and other congenital illnesses.

Update from Neville, (Appeals & Collections Co-ordinator for Razom).

Dear Rev. Paul,
On behalf of "Razom" I am writing to thank you and your congregation of Beckminster Church for the wonderful ongoing support for the mainly women and children fleeing the Russian Invasion, the men folk remaining to fight for freedom of Ukraine. Your generous support of providing clothing, toiletries, kitchenware etc.etc. and your generous donations from your coffee mornings has enabled us to even supply help with "White Goods". All this help is channelled through our free "Razom" shop run totally by a dedicated team of volunteers, without your help we would not have been able to help the refugees to set up home in the U.K. helping them to regain dignity in safety. Though arriving as strangers, they found themselves in a land of friends. Thanking you once again for your unstinting Christian support. Let us pray that this war will soon be over and our refugee guests can return to their beloved homeland.

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Worship and Fellowship

14 January 2024

Second in Ordinary

What's On This Week....

Monday 15 January
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
12.30pm Pastoral Leaders Meal
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 16 January
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

Wednesday 17 January
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 18 January
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 19 January
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.30 - 11.00am Wulfrun Warblers
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
12noon Funeral of Mrs Zita Holness
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

Saturday 20 January
10.30am - 12noon Coffee Morning (See Notices)

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 21 January 2024**

Third in Ordinary

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

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mrs Iris Bjorno**

**10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Christine Pearson & Others**

Outside the "Box"

Introduction

Call to Worship

StF 102 For the beauty of the earth,

Prayers and the Lords Prayer

Outside the 'Box'

Piece from Brahms Requiem by Barbara Smith

StF 92 Think of a world without any flowers,
(Part 1, verses 1 and 2)

Psalm 148 read by Alan Marriott

"The 2 Pilgrims" adapted from the story by Leo Tolstoy
John 4: 19 - 23 read by Hazel Graham

StF 707 Make me a channel of your peace (seated)
Marilyn Bose singing the 1st verse and chorus

Prayers of Intercession by Phil Shuttleworth

The Offering

StF 92 Think of a world without any worship,
(Part 3, verses 7 and 8)

The Grace

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
for January are in
Loving Memory of:**

John & Barbara
Moxham;
Mr & Mrs F Hocking &
Mary Gale;
Billy and Martin Story;
Mr John Tonks;

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

JOHN DARBY. It is with great sadness that Nigel and I share the news that our lovely father John Darby passed away in the early hours of Saturday, 6 January after a recent decline in health. He was a wise loving and generous man and he will be greatly missed. The funeral is likely to be in Leicester and further details will be available once known. Alison Blane and Nigel Darby.

CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All are welcome.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 5 February 2024 at Farmer and Friends, Garden Village, Bridgnorth Road WV6 7EZ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

PASTORAL LAY WORKER. Unfortunately Liz has had to reduce the hours she is working with us. She will now work for one day only. Liz will focus her work on visiting and taking communion to the older members of our congregation who are unable to get to church.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Loraine Harris and her team of helpers for providing us with another lovely Chrismon Tree during Christmas 2023. As always, it was beautifully presented and appreciated by all the congregation, as well as by other groups, who used the sanctuary over the Christmas period. Many thanks.

CAROL SINGING TESCO. Thank you to all those who turned up for the Carol Singing at Tesco. We raised £81.60 for Action for Children. We will be notified in due course of how much we raised at Sainsbury's which will be donated to the Good Shepherd.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS. Congratulations to Brian Timmis, Lilian Holmes and Sue Lorimer who are celebrating special birthdays in the next couple of weeks.

Brian Timmis will be 70 on 20 January
Lilian Holmes will be 101 on 22 January
Sue Lorimer will be 70 on 29 January

WOLVERHAMPTON CIRCUIT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 1 February 2024 at 2.30pm at Springdale Methodist Church when the Speaker will be Rev. Alison Storer. Bring & Buy Stall for MWiB and World Mission Funds. Everyone is welcome.