

### Easter Arrangements 2024

#### Maundy Thursday, 28 March

7.00pm Service in the Epworth Room led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo and Rev Robert Readshaw.

#### Good Friday, 29 March

10.30am Walk of Witness to start from the car park of Jubilee Christian Centre. Stopping off at the Ukrainian Church, St Chads and Lea Road and finishing at Beckminster at around 11.30am for refreshments and Hot Cross Buns. 12.45pm Short Service in Church led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo. 1.15pm Frugal Lunch (for Christian Aid) in the Coffee Bar.

#### Easter Day, 31 March

There will be no 8.00am Communion Service. 9.00am Easter Breakfast in the Coffee Bar. 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo.

We will be joined by members of Cranmer Methodist Church.


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

## Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

**Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday, 10 March 2024.**

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

#### Monday 11 March

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 12 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas

7.00pm Lent Group (See Notices)

7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

#### Wednesday 13 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

1.45 - 3.00pm Tea & Chat

2.00pm Centenary Meeting

7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

#### Thursday 14 March

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open

12noon Funeral of Paul Hobson

7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

#### Friday 15 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It

10.30am - 12.30pm Wulfrun Warblers

6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

#### Saturday 16 March

10.30am - 12noon Coffee Morning

1.00 - 3.00pm Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us each day, that in joy and sorrow we may know your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 17 March 2024**

**Lent 5 - Passion Sunday**

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

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

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led by Members of the Congregation**

Welcome

**Lent 4 Crown of Thorns, Purple Robe**

In our quickness to judge, our lack of compassion,  
our voices of doubt.

In our fear, our disbelief, our silence  
for those longing for truth.

We seek God's justice

Mark 15: 16 - 20

In his obedience to the Father,  
he suffered the mockery the judgement, the humiliation.

**We seek the strength to be strong in our Christian living.**

Through the pain, he was silent,  
not vengeful but compassionate.

**Teach us your ways O God of love.**

Place the symbols around the cross.

**Lord in our fear of rejection, of public humiliation,  
we choose the easy option of familiarity and comfort.**

**But in our desire to serve you,  
may your spirit give us courage to walk the extra mile,  
to be a voice standing for justice and righteousness.**

**May your will be done.**

**Amen.**

**Wolverhampton Fair Traid (WFTS).** Advert for the roles of Chair of Board of Directors and Company Secretary  
Wolverhampton Fair Trade Supplies CIC, trading as W-ton Fair Traid (WFTS), was established as a community interest company in the mid-2000s, evolving out of a less formal group of volunteers.

It is governed by a Board of Directors which currently comprises nine members and the day-to-day oversight of work is done by the volunteer coordinator. We have approximately 20 volunteers who work in our shop.

At its inception WFTS acted as a catalyst for fair trade sales and education and sales were mainly to account customers such as churches and schools but the Board had a vision to increase its reach to retail customers across the city.

Despite major setbacks (including a major fire at its then premises in Darlington Street Methodist Church in 2014 and the closing of the church which coincided with the beginning of the Covid pandemic, when the shop was in a healthy position and beginning to see good profits) WFTS made a successful transition to permanent premises in the Mander Centre in July 2022 where it is beginning to see a growth in retail sales. At the same time WFTS found a willing host at Beckminster Methodist Church both to be our storeroom and from where we serve our account customers.

We are currently looking for two people to take on the roles of Chair of the Board of Directors and Company Secretary.

Job descriptions and application forms are available from [shop@wolvesfairtraid.org.uk](mailto:shop@wolvesfairtraid.org.uk). If you would like an informal conversation, please contact the volunteer coordinator, either at the above email address or on 07845 007931.

Application forms to be returned by email no later than Monday 15 April 2024. Interviews will take place in mid-May.

**Beckminster Methodist Church.  
Birches Barn Road,  
Penn Fields,  
Wolverhampton WV3 7BQ  
01902 344910**

**Codsall Dramatic Society's** next production is the hilarious play "Haywire" by Eric Chappell which is being performed as part of Codsall Arts Festival at Codsall Village Hall  
Performance dates are Wednesday, 13 March - Friday, 15 March at 7.30pm, Saturday, 16 March Matinee at 2.30pm  
Tickets £12.00 (£10.00 Wednesday & Saturday)  
Book your tickets now from [www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk](http://www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk) or [www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk)

**CHARITY CONCERT** 'Music for Memories' by Trinity Methodist Church Choir on Friday, 15 March 2024 at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 available from choir members, on the door or telephone 01902 843991/01902 758611. In aid of Compton Care and Macmillan Cancer Support.

**The City of Sanctuary Drop-in** is in need of a large tea pot. If you have one that is no longer in use and could donate it, please can you contact Deacon Linda on 07941 354958 or [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk)

There will be an **Ecumenical Walk of Witness** in the city centre on Good Friday, 29 March starting at 11.00am. It will begin outside the Wulfrun Centre in Dudley Street and end near the Man on the Horse. It will follow the Scriptural Stations of the Cross and last about an hour. All are welcome to join. If any young people would like to take part in the readings or you have any queries, please contact Deacon Linda on 07941 354958 or [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk)

**Sing a new Song to the Lord.** Would you like to learn some new songs from Singing the Faith or other songbooks? James leads us on the guitar and also in prayer. Next meet-up is on Sunday, 17 March 2024 from 7.00 - 8.00pm at Springdale Methodist Church. Ring or text James for more details or to join the WhatsApp group on 07714337955.

**StF 88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,**

Prayer

Reading Exodus 2: 1 - 10

Reflections

Song: Mothering God (sung by Barbara Smith)

Readings:

Matthew 21: 4 - 9 read by Ann Holt

John 3: 14 - 21 read by Hazel Graham

Conversation

**StF 503 Love divine, all loves excelling,**

Lent Meditation

**StF 440 Amazing grace**

Prayers of Intercession

Offerings & Prayer for Offering

**StF 536 He's got the whole world in his hand.**

Blessing/Sending Out

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 March  
are in Loving Memory of:  
Louise Wood;  
Rose Carr;  
Lilian Ashley;**

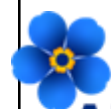
**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.** The service this morning will be live streamed. The camera focuses only on those taking part but the back of your head might be seen. If you wish to remain out of sight of the camera, please sit at the back of the church.

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

**COFFEE MATES.** Meet Monday, 1 April 2024 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT.** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 13 March 2024 from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All are welcome.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close on Friday, 22 March 2024 and will reopen on Maundy Thursday, 28 March 2024 from 9.30am - 3.30pm. It will then be closed over the Easter weekend and will re-open on Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 9.30am. Sue.



**Alzheimer's  
Society**

**Would you like the opportunity learn more about Dementia?  
Could you spare an hour which has the potential to help  
family, friends and members of your community.  
The Alheimers Society are kindly running  
an information session for Beckminster  
on Monday, 18 March 2024 at 10.30am in the Coffee Bar.  
Refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome.**

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next Beckminster coffee morning will be on Saturday, 16 March 2024, 10.30am – 12 noon. We will be supporting the work of Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange) who are currently supporting women setting up shops in villages in Bangladesh. There will be a quiz with prizes!

The Circuit Fairtrade Group will provide a sales stall with Easter gifts, cards, chocolates and so much more!

**ELAINE CHEETHAM.** Our thoughts and prayers are with Keith, Hilary, Anna and the Family following the death of Elaine on Wednesday, 14 February 2024. Elaine's funeral will take place on Monday, 18 March 2024 at 2.30pm at East Chapel, Bushbury Crematorium followed by refreshments at Beckminster.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GRAISELEY & PENN FIELDS** All Welcome, Act on Poverty, a journey through Lent. These will be held at Beckminster on 12 and 19 March 2024 at 7.00pm (1 hour sessions) in the Epworth Room. They will be in person or online. Zoom details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364890398?pwd=aTVrRmxHQ1JUMStvaW1uQU1wMHNMDz09>  
Meeting ID: 893 6489 0398 Passcode: 765650

**EASTER CROSS.** You are all invited to bring one or two individual flowers (narcissus, tulip, daffodil) to decorate the cross which will stand outside the church on Easter Sunday.

Spring is a shallow time generally for donations to the food pantry at **GOOD SHEPHERD** and this is also the case here at Beckminster. Obviously there is need for ongoing supplies and they would be very grateful for a return of your generosity Please help if you can - the green bin is in the foyer. Contact Wendy Bate.

**EMMAUS.** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 3 Castlecroft Lane, starting at 2.30pm. We shall use the lectionary readings for the following Sunday as a basis for our discussion. Everyone is welcome.