

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.

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Worship and Fellowship

Lent 5 - Passion Sunday, 17 March 2024.

What's On This Week....

Monday 18 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

10.30am Alzheimer's Society Talk (See Notices)

1.00 - 3.00pm Take a Break

2.30pm Funeral of Elaine Cheetham (See Notices)

5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 19 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 20 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 21 March

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open

7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 22 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 23 March

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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, 24 March 2024**

Lent 6 - Palm Sunday

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

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

PEACE

Welcome

Lent 5 – The Whip

In our silence, in our conforming,
in our anger, in our outrage
for those who are persecuted.
We seek God's mercy.

John 18: 38 – 19: 1

In his trial, Jesus is condemned,
his friends disown him,
the crowds stand against the Son of God.

**We look to God to help us stand strong against oppressors
and be a voice of hope in our world.**

In the misuse of power, the crowd wanting persecution,
Jesus bowed his head. When the torture came harsh and
full of hatred, Jesus stood silent.

In truth we stand for righteousness

Place symbols around the cross.

**Lord in our fear of getting involved
and our comfy ways being disrupted,
May your spirit empower us to stand firm,
to be unafraid, to be love in action.**

May justice prevail.

Amen.

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.

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

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. 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.

TREASURE HUNT. Join this Church Alive event at 3.30pm on Saturday, 13 April in the car park of “Two Greens” pub, Old Hill Tettenhall. The hunt involves clues on a 1.25 mile walk which visits Lower Green and returns to Upper Green. A table for meal has been provisionally booked for 6.00pm. Please contact Margaret & Gordon Nicklin, geejayen@aol.com (01902 742537) to book. Hunt & meal, Hunt only, meal only, by Monday, 8 April latest.

COFFEE MORNING. Gateway will be hosting the next Beckminster Coffee Morning on Saturday, 20 April from 10.30am - 12noon. Please come and enjoy a coffee and cake with the Gateway Group.

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.

Interfaith Wolverhampton. Bring and Share Lunch will be in person on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 1.00 - 2.00pm at Springdale Methodist Church, Warstones Road WV4 4LF. You are invited to join us and bring & share the lunch with IFW members and friends when our Guest speaker will be Sister Liberata with Sister Andrea and Sister Shanti. Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes. All are welcome.

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

StF 608 All praise to our redeeming Lord,

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

StF 102 For the beauty of the earth,

Psalm 148 read by Stephanie Sherwood

Meditation

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi for Peace - Linda

Eleanor's Story - Hilda

StF 712 Put peace into each other's hands - Marilyn

Intercessions - Hazel

Offertory

StF 696 For the healing of the nations,

The Grace together

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;**

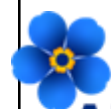
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. The service this morning will be live streamed. The camera focuses only on those taking part but the back of your head might be seen. If you wish to remain out of sight of the camera, please sit at the back of the church.

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, 27 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.**

GOOD FRIDAY. We will be offering a frugal lunch of soup and bread on Good Friday with donations in support of Christian Aid. We will be serving in the Coffee Bar at around 1.15pm following the morning worship and everyone is welcome. Contact Wendy Bate.

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. The last session will be held at Beckminster on 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

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.

Beckminster Centenary June 2026. We have started planning for the centenary and would welcome any suggestions as to what activities would be appropriate and also if anyone would like to be part of the Centenary group to put the plan into operation. Please let Sue know by email to info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk Many thanks Tim.

THANK YOU. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to make the February Coffee Morning and Cake Bring & Buy Sale such a success. A total of £265 was raised which has been donated to 'The Well Foodbank,' this will be used to help the most vulnerable people in Wolverhampton and the surrounding areas. Jennifer Cromie.