

Bostin' Beats is coming to Beckminster Methodist Church!
A community drumming circle will be held monthly on Wednesday evenings in the Coffee Bar. This is a friendly and fun gathering which is open to everyone of any age. No musical experience is required - just come along and enjoy spontaneous joy, connection, creativity, inspiration and laughter.
The dates are 24th April, 22nd May and 26th June from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Drums and percussion will be provided, or you can bring your own, and there will be refreshments served during the evening. The cost of taking part is £5 per person.
For further details contact Liz: email: music@blissfuldragon.com; or phone 07980320393.

Zoom Songs of Praise. Palm Sunday, 24 March at 6.00pm. Log in from 5.55pm and finish at 6.35pm. Zoom link from nicola.e.i@btinternet.com Members from Springdale, Wombourne and East Park usually join in but all are very welcome.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning. Thank you to all who supported the Fair Trade Coffee Morning at Beckminster last Saturday. We have sent £120 to Transform Trade in support of their appeal for funds to enable women to set up community shops in their villages, with a particular focus on Bangladesh. Special thanks to friends at Beckminster who hosted the event.

Christian Aid Week. Time to check out the Attic and get to the back of those drawers, and hire a table at **Beckminster Table Top Sale** to be held on Saturday, 18 May from 10am - 2.30pm. Tables cost £10 and then all the proceeds from your sale are your own. There will be Hot Drinks and Light Lunches available. Tables can be booked by contacting Jennifer Cromie on 01902 338320 or 07547103700.

PICNIC, PUZZLING AND PRAISE on Easter Saturday, 30 March 2024 at Trinity Methodist Church Codsall. Quiz starts at 5.00pm and music starts at 7.00pm. For further details see notice board in Coffee Bar.

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

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Worship and Fellowship

Lent 6 - Palm Sunday, 24 March 2024

What's On This Week....

Monday 25 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break

Tuesday 26 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 27 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
1.45 - 3.00pm Tea & Chat

Thursday 28 March
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service (See Notices)

Friday 29 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
10.30am Walk of Witness
11.30am Refreshments
12.45pm Good Friday Service
1.15pm Frugal Lunch (See Notices)

Saturday 30 March

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come and join us on
Sunday, 31 March 2024

Easter Sunday

9.00am Easter Breakfast

10.30am Morning Worship
with Holy Communion
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

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Welcome

Lent 6 - The Palm Branches

In our silence, our shouting
our anger, our despair.
For those who face persecution.
We seek God's truth.

Matthew 21: 4 - 5

In the fulfilment of prophecy
Jesus is obedient to God's will

May God's will be done on earth.

In his triumphant entry he rode to his death,
defiant yet lowly, strong yet meek, human and divine,
the saviour came.

**May our voices bring to life
the hope of the world.**

Place symbols around the cross.

**Lord in our confusion,
our weakness,
in a world of doubt and scepticism.
May your spirit guide and counsel us to have courage
to follow without reserve.
May your kingdom rule forever.
Amen.**

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

Wolverhampton Fair Trade (WFTS). Advert for the roles of Chair of Board of Directors and Company Secretary
Wolverhampton Fair Trade Supplies CIC, trading as W-ton Fair Trade (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@wolvesfairtrade.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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Wolverhampton Circuit Methodist Women in Britain. Tuesday, 16 April 2024 from 10.30am - 3.15pm at Springdale Methodist Church. Final MWiB District Gathering. (Thanksgiving Service at 11.00am). Wednesday, 24 April 2024, 2.30pm Upper Ettingshall. Circuit MWiB Spring Meeting. Sunday, 12 May 2024, 6.00pm at Springdale Methodist Church, Circuit Service for the Easter Offering Dedication.

StF 1 All people that on earth do dwell,

Prayer

Reading: Philippians 2: 5 - 11 read by John Bate

StF 262 All glory, laud, and honour

Reading: Mark 11: 1 - 11 read by Wendy Bate

Sermon

StF 263 Hosanna, hosanna

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

StF 345 And can it be

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

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.

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.

EASTER CROSS. Next Sunday, 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.

CHURCH OFFICE is now closed 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.

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.

EARL PHILLIPS. Our thoughts and prayers are with Utilda and the family following the death of Earl on 3 March 2024. Earl's funeral will take place here at Beckminster on Thursday, 11 April 2024 at 12.30pm followed by interment at Danescourt Cemetery.

JOHN WHILTON. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jenny, Jane and the family following the death of John on 7 March 2024. John's funeral will take place here at Beckminster on Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 1.00pm. This will be followed by a Cremation Service at Bushbury Crematorium, West Chapel at 2.15pm.