

**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](mailto: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.


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

# Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

Easter 2, Sunday, 7 April 2024

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

**Monday 8 April**  
**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 9 April**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed**  
 9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
 4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas  
 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 10 April**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
 9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
 9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers  
 1.45 - 3.00pm Cuppa, Cake & Chat  
 6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal  
 7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

**Thursday 11 April**  
**9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open**  
 12.30pm Funeral of Earl Phillips  
 7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

**Friday 12 April**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open**  
 9.30 - 11.00am Wulfrun Warblers  
 10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
 12.30pm Wedding of Chris Mossop and Sarah Prescott  
 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

**Saturday 13 April**  
 3.30pm Treasure Hunt (See Notices)

Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray .....**  
 Faithful God, and strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; 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, 14 April 2024**

**Easter 3**

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

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Mrs Sue Readshaw**

Call to Worship

**StF 295 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**StF 316 When Easter to the dark world came,**

Readings: John 20: 19 - 31 read by Alan Marriott

First letter of John 1: 1 - 2.2 read by Maggie Marriott

**StF 296 Christ has risen while earth slumbers,**

Sermon

**Hymn - Safe, locked inside that upper room**

**Safe, locked inside that upper room,  
too scared to let the truth be known,  
disciples had to see their Lord  
before that truth could be their own.**

**And Thomas, still so full of doubt,  
would not believe the tales they told  
till Christ appeared, to show his wounds -  
then his conviction made him bold.**

**Yet doubts and fears returned again.  
Once more they locked themselves away  
until the Holy Spirit came  
on that inspiring, vital day.**

**The truth is now a living fact.  
The love of God can never die.  
So bold apostles stood their ground –  
their living Lord is not a lie.**

At the City of Sanctuary Drop-in, there is a popular sewing group which has asked if anyone has any cushion pads/inserts that they can donate. If you have any, please contact Deacon Linda on [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk) or 07941 354958. Thank you very much.

Are you a keen gardener? Looking for a present for a keen gardener? Looking for an opportunity to support **British Heart Foundation**? If so, I'm letting you know that I have:

Packs of seeds & Sweet Pea plants on my front garden wall from Tuesday, 2 April 2024 until they've all gone and if you'd like some please come along, help yourself and put your donation in the collecting box on the wall

Speak to Sue or Graham Lloyd if you want more details.

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

**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](mailto:music@blissfuldragon.com); or phone 07980320393.

**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.

**COFFEE MATES.** Meet Monday, 6 May 2024 at The Two Greens, Old Hill, Tettenhall, WV6 8BQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**Congratulations to  
Chris Mossop and Sarah Prescott  
who are to be married here  
at Beckminster  
on Friday, 12 April 2024  
at 12.30pm.**

**We have not seen, but we believe  
and we must witness by our faith  
to living truth we have received,  
awakened by the Spirit's breath.**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

**StF 418 We have a gospel to proclaim**

Benediction

Prayer:

Risen Lord, we praise you for the glory of your resurrection. With Thomas, we acknowledge you as Lord and God. We thank you for your love for us, that brought you to face and to conquer death. In the knowledge of that love we are bold to bring you our needs, knowing that our prayer is heard. Help us to know your presence and the power of your risen life, whoever and wherever we are, and to live in that power to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

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 April  
are in Loving Memory of:  
Ven Venables;  
Kathryn Tonks;  
David Boulton;  
Brownie & Betty  
Carter-Brown;  
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Corns;  
Anne Jones and her Parents;  
Violet Watts;**

**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.

**CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT.** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 10 April 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.

On Friday, 12 April, our daughter Sarah is getting married to her fiance Chris, here at Beckminster. If any of you would like to share in the ceremony with us you would be most welcome. The wedding service starts at 12.30pm. Trish and Pete Prescott.

**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, geejayan@aol.com (01902 742537) to book. Hunt & meal, Hunt only, meal only, by Monday, 8 April latest.

**HOWARD SHARPE.** Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and the family following the death of Howard on 20 March 2024. Howard's funeral will take place here at Beckminster on Monday, 15 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.

**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](mailto:info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk) Many thanks Tim.

**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. Speaker - Cllr Mark Evans *On his experience of delivering aid to Romania.* Bring & Buy Stall.

Sunday, 12 May 2024, 6.00pm at Springdale Methodist Church, Circuit Service for the Easter Offering Dedication.

**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.

Our Caretaker, Steve Harrington will be going into New Cross for a major procedure on 11 April and will then be convalescing for approximately six weeks after that. We are all aware of the excellent job that Steve does in keeping our premises clean and tidy. The Property Team are asking for volunteers to spend 30 minutes or so each week to undertake some of these necessary tasks whilst Steve is away. If you feel able to help, please let Roy Evans, Phil Healey or one of the stewards know A.S.A.P. Thank you.