

LENT COURSE: Our Lent Course continues exploring themes from Selina Stone's book 'Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith' (SPCK, 2023). We will meet on the following dates at Beckminster for a 7.30pm start and finishing by 9.00pm.

Wednesday, 26 March - Chapters 5 and 6
 Wednesday, 2 April - Chapters 7 and Epilogue

If you are planning to come along, you might want to watch the videos for the relevant chapters ('sessions) on The Big Church Read website: <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/tarry-awhile/>

CITY CENTRE MISSION: City Centre Ecumenical Lent Talks will take place at St Peter's Church on Monday's starting on Monday, 10 March 2025 from 12noon - 1.00pm. Soup and bread will be served from 12noon and the talk will begin at 12.30pm. This year's theme is: **The God Who Speaks - Deepening our understanding of the Word of God in Lent.** Speakers will reflect on one of their favourite books of the Bible:
 Monday, 24 March - Alexis Pottinger, The Book of Ruth
 Monday, 31 March - Mgr Canon Mark Crisp, The Book of Job
 Monday, 7 April - Deacon Linda Gilson, The Gospel of Luke

Rev Rachel Parkinson is leaving the District at the end of this connexional year. As part of her leaving service, we want to offer her prayers of thanks and blessing from across the district. **Could people please write a 1 sentence prayer of blessing or thanks for Rachel and her ministry, and send it to Rev Jo (or via Shirley) by 13 April.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES IN THE CIRCUIT will be held at Wombourne 12noon, Cranmer 7.00pm and St John's 7.00pm. All are welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL; On Tuesday, 13 May there will be a meeting of 4 Church Councils together at Springdale Methodist Church. This meeting will discuss the formation and constitution of a new Crossways Methodist Church Council to replace our existing structures. Church Council Members have received an invitation to this meeting, which begins at 7.00pm.

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 23 March 2025

Lent 3

What's On This Week....

Monday 24 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
 1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group
 1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
 5.00 - 9.00pm Dinky Divas
 7.00pm Wedding Meeting

Tuesday 25 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
 9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
 4.15 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas
 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 26 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
 9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
 9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers
 7.00 - 9.00pm Drumming for Fun
 7.30 - 9.00pm Lent Study Group (See Notices)

Thursday 27 March

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
 10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
 10.00 - 11.00am School Visit
 2.30pm MWinB Meeting (See Notices)
 7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 28 March

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
 12noon Funeral of Mrs Hesselin Anderson
 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 29 March

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
 Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
 Sunday, 30 March 2025**
Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday
**10.30am Local Arrangement -
 All We Can Service
 with Guest Speaker
 Becca Byass**

**10.30am Local Arrangement - Shared Service
led by Mrs Christine Pearson**

Welcome

StF 440 Amazing grace
chosen by Claudette Brown

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Desiderata - Ann Holt

Reading: 1 John 4: 7 - 12 read by Stephanie Wilkes

StF 455 All my hope on God is founded;
chosen by Christine Pedley

Alan Marriott

Carolyne Hurley

StF 518 Father, hear the prayer we offer:

Prayers of Intercession - Hilda Evans

The Bells Carol remembering Ukraine

Offering

StF 476 One more step along the world I go,
chosen by Fiona Griffiths

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 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.

PAM WILKES would like to thank all her friends for their good wishes and cards following her recent stay in hospital.

WOLVERHAMPTON CIRCUIT: Methodist Women in Britain will be holding their meeting on Thursday, 27 March 2025 at 2.30pm at Beckminster Methodist Church. The Topic will be "My Favourite Things" (Please bring an item – or more than one!) 'Bring and Buy Stall' for MWIB and World Mission funds. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 7 April 2025 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley, WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

SEEDS FOR GROWING IN SPRING:

Dear Friends

As many of you will know, each year since lockdown, I have brought a variety of seed packs to church to raise money for various charities.

2021 – Marie Curie

2022 – Ukraine Appeal

2023 – West Midland Air Ambulance & Christian Aid

2024 – British Heart Foundation & Christian Aid

2025 – Guide Dogs & Christian Aid

I have collected and packeted the seeds from my plants and hope that you may feel able to make a donation for Guide Dogs and take as many packs of seeds as you would like to give to your friends & loved ones as an Easter gift.

Sue and Graham Lloyd will be in the Coffee Bar after the morning services on **Sundays, 30 March & 6 April 2025** with a selection of packs of seeds as I am just starting fundraising for Guide Dogs and would appreciate your support.

Please note: I DO NOT put a price on the seed packs as this is illegal so you take as many packs of seeds as you'd like & make your donation – the more you take, the better I like it.

Thank you so much for your support.