

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

# Beckminster Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 27 April 2025

Easter 2

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

#### Monday 28 April

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

#### Tuesday 29 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 30 April

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers  
7.00 - 9.00pm Drumming for Fun

#### Thursday 1 May

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed  
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

#### Friday 2 May

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

#### Saturday 3 May

2.00 - 4.00pm WYCE Charity Cuppa Cake and Catch Up (See Notices)

Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray .....**  
Faithful God, the 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, 4 May 2025**

**Vocations Sunday**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
with Holy Communion  
led by Rev Trevor Pratt**

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

Welcome

**Song: This little light of mine**

(During this hymn, the Group flags will enter, followed by the Union Jack and St George flags - please remain standing, where possible, until all flags are received)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We will sing in peace,  
We will sing in harmony.  
We will sing in peace,  
We will sing in harmony.  
We will sing in peace,  
We will sing in harmony.  
We will sing in peace,  
We will sing in harmony.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



## EMBERS OF PEACE

Zoughbi Zoughbi  
shares stories from  
over 30 years of peace  
& reconciliation  
work from Bethlehem



Beckminster  
Methodist Church  
WV3 7BQ

8<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
7pm

**SHROPSHIRE AND MARCHES EXTEND AN INVITATION!**

We are planning a Day of Exploration with Rev Dr Gary Hall on Saturday, 17 May 2025 at Church Stretton Methodist Church.

The idea came from the Ludlow Church and has become a Circuit initiative. We very much hope friends from other Circuits and Ecumenical partners might join us to explore faith together

Gary is a Methodist Minister and Tutor in preaching and ethics at The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. He has a warm, approachable style and is committed both to informed dialogue and pastoral care in the local church. He will be returning to Circuit Ministry in September. The theme of the day is:

Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land:  
Holiness, Letting Go, and Being a Fully Present Church Today.

Please join us for a day of reflection and conversation as we explore what it means to be a faithful, present and adaptable church in today's changing world. Through insights on holiness, the challenge of letting go, and embracing the present moment, we will seek new ways to sing the Lord's Song in the unfamiliar territory where we find ourselves.

Church Stretton Methodist Church is just off the A49, and very close to the railway station.  
It is proposed to serve tea and coffee from 10am and to start the day at 10.30am. We expect to finish around 3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

It would be so good to open up fellowship across our area, and indeed what will be our new District. All those who have heard Gary speak are very enthusiastic .

Please can you advertise this among your preachers and churches. This day is intended for everyone.  
Further information can be had from  
Adrian Williams, 01584 875220 [AJWROSCROWDEN@gmail.com](mailto:AJWROSCROWDEN@gmail.com)  
or Richard Hall [superintendent2803@gmail.com](mailto:superintendent2803@gmail.com)

Let it shine around the world, We're gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine around the world, We're gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine around the world!

Let it shine, We'll all shine, We'll all shine, We'll all shine!  
Let shine, let it shine, let it shine!

*Harry Dixon Loes (1895—1965)*

Prayer

The Story of St George (*part 1*)

Dramatized reading of Ephesians 6: 10 - 17  
read by Maggie Marriott and Sue Reed

**Song: My Lighthouse**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

You are my light  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms

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My lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
I will trust the promise,

You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

*Chris Llewellyn & Gareth Gilkeson*

**Conference Sunday,  
29 June 2025**

Hello, you will see from the worship plan that most churches have a local arrangement on Conference Sunday. We thought if possible it might be an option either to go to Telford International Centre, International Way, Telford TF3 4JH for the Conference Service at 10.45am or if churches who could stream the service to their church invite congregations whose churches cannot. Details of these at a later date. This is always a special service.

Both for the Sunday morning worship and ordination services, tickets would be required. These are available from the Methodist Website (Just go to Methodist Conference 2025 and all the details will come up) from Monday, 7 April. No charge of course but to make sure you can get a seat... The ordination services all begin at 4.00pm.

**Venues**

St. Andrew's Church, Shifnal  
All Saints, Wellington  
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury  
Shrewsbury Abbey

Just let me know if anyone requires further information about these venues.

Shirley Tilston, Circuit Office.

**EASTER OFFERING 2025:** The Easter Offering is the annual opportunity to give to the World Mission Fund, which works with over a hundred of the Methodist Church in Britain's Partner Churches and organisations around the world.

Collection envelopes are now available for people to make their gift. All gifts will be gratefully received, and dedicated at a Circuit Service on Sunday, 18 May at 6.00pm at Fallings Park Methodist Church. Offerings can be brought to the service, paid in direct to the World Mission Fund or sent as a cheque to the Circuit MiBW Treasurer, Mrs Jean Oakley, 36 Parkfield Crescent WV2 2DE. The focus this year will be on every person's right to education. *Wendy Gould, Circuit MWiB Committee*

**SYNOD:** The Representative Session of Synod is in our W-ton Circuit and will be held at Old Fallings URC, Oldfallings Lane, Fallings Park, W-ton WV10 8BH. Parking will be available opposite at the Catholic Church Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, 542 Cannock Road, WV10 8PG. There will be limited parking at the Oldfallings URC for those that have mobility issues. We will be pleased to hear from anyone who can help on the day, Saturday, 10 May 2025. Please let me know if you can bake a cake or cakes. Also please let me know if you are able to volunteer to help steward the car park, directing people, serve tea and coffee at the start, lunchtime and end and to support in general. Shirley, Circuit Office, tel. 422100.

The Story of St George (*part 2*)

RENEWAL OF PROMISE

**StF 76: Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,**

Prayers

Offering

Blessing

**StF 476: One more step along the world I go,**

(Please remain standing, if you can, whilst the group flags are returned). Once the flags have left the church, all sections will parade out to the church green and await the Minister's parading of the colours and dismissal by Rev. Paul.

**GATEWAY** will be holding VE celebrations on Friday, 2 May 2025 between 7.00 - 9.00pm and wondered if the Beckminster Family would like to join us. The idea is that the tone of the evening will be to celebrate peace and happiness.

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:**

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

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close on Wednesday, 30 April and re-open on Wednesday, 7 May 2025. Please send any notices for Sunday, 4 May 2025 by Tuesday, 29 April 2025. Sue.

**PAM WILKES.** Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard, Jenny and the family following the death of Pam on Wednesday, 23 April 2025.

**MARGARET PHAZEY.** Our thoughts and prayers are with Vee following the death of Margaret on Wednesday, 16 April 2025.

**COFFEE MATES:** Meet Monday, 5 May 2025 at Essington Farm, Bognop Road, Essington WV11 2AZ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**CHANGE OF DATE AND PLACE:** Please note that the planned Joint Church Councils Meeting at Springdale on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 has been re-arranged. It will now take place at Beckminster at 7.00pm on Monday, 12 May, i.e. 24 hours earlier than previously planned. Church Council members have already been informed.

**PARTNERSHIPS IN THE GAMBIA** invite you to join us for Coffee, Cake and a Catch Up at Beckminster Church on Saturday, 3 May 2025 from 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Coffee Bar. Light refreshments will be served.

Please see the invitation 'Embers of Peace' at Beckminster Church on Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 7.00pm to hear Zoughbi Zoughbi. Zoughbi is the founder/director of Wi'am, the Palestine Conflict Transformation Centre. He is currently President of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation. His tour is sponsored by FoR and the Methodist Church Jerusalem Liaison Office.

**BECK MATTERS:** If there are any articles, poems or pieces of news that you would like to see in the next edition of Beck Matters, now is the time to let me have them. I am planning to publish the next edition of our Magazine in early June, and will be working on copy from early May onwards. Please email: [margaretmarriott2000@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmarriott2000@gmail.com)

Many thanks for your support at the **FRUGAL LUNCH** on Good Friday. It was well attended and we are forwarding £255.10 to the Christian Aid Myanmar Appeal. (£147 of this was gift aided which will add an additional £37 to the total). Wendy & John Bate

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Plans are in hand for a **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK FUND RAISING DAY** on Saturday, 17 May 2025 from 10.30am - 2.00pm. This will include Coffee, Light Lunches and a variety of stalls and your support will be very welcome. (Please contact Jennifer Cromie with offers of bric-a-brac - 01902 338342).