



EMBERS OF PEACE

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



Beckminster
Methodist Church
WV3 7BQ

8th May 2025
7pm

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

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

What's On This Week....

Monday 5 May

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Bank Holiday Premises Closed

10.45am - 12noon Coffee Mates (See Notices)

Tuesday 6 May

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas

7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 7 May

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 8 May

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open

10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It

10.00am Ministers Staff Meeting

7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

7.00pm Embers of Peace Meeting (See Notices)

Friday 9 May

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 10 May

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

God of live and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; 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, 11 May 2025**

Christian Aid Sunday

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Wendy Bate and
Ebere Ubah**

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

Welcome & Prayer of Invocation

Come, Jesus, come.

Draw near to me.

Walk with me, stay with me,

Today and always.

Here and everywhere. **Amen.**

StF 300 Hail the day that sees him rise,

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

StF 363 My Jesus, my Saviour,

Reading: Acts 9: 1 - 6 read by Carolyne Hurley

Reading: John 21: 9 - 17 read by Ann Holt

Sermon

StF 673 Will you come and follow me

Prayers of Intercession, The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Collection & Prayer of Offering

StF 574 Because you have said:

Communion Liturgy with response:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

StF 313 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

Blessing

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

or Richard Hall superintendent2803@gmail.com

**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.

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

CHURCH OFFICE is now closed and will re-open on Wednesday, 7 May 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. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving here at Beckminster on Thursday, 29 May 2025 at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

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.

JOINT CHURCH COUNCILS MEETING will take place at Beckminster at 7.00pm on Monday, 12 May 2025 in the church.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK this year is from 11 - 17 May 2025 and your support will be very welcome. Donation envelopes are available today and please return them by Sunday 18th.

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 May are in loving memory of:
Charles & Connie Sutton;
Parents of Loraine and the late Rob Harris;**

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

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 338320).

The Beckminster Centenary Book 1926 - 2026:

Thank you to everyone who has contributed information, pictures or memories for the "Beckminster Centenary Book 1926 - 2026".

The completed book is now with the printers for formatting and the production of a final proof copy before it goes for its print run - all 104 A4 pages of it.

If you would like to reserve a copy or copies of the book, please add your name to the list in Sue Lorimer's office stating clearly how many copies you would like to reserve - yes, it will make a fantastic Christmas gift for your family and friends and so easy to wrap!

An absolute bargain at £10.00 per copy.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sue and Graham Lloyd.

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.

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.

NIC ANDERSON: Nic and Charlotte (father and daughter combo) are looking to raise over £1,000 for the Alzheimer's Society. This society is working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. Charlotte's Grandpa (Nic's Dad, Lawrence Anderson) is in the early stages of dementia and so this cause is particularly close to their hearts. Please support us in this cause. Charlotte is a pro, having previously done a skydive for Beat, the eating disorder charity. This is Nic's first skydive! Thank you in advance. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/anderson-72#sharePage>

CIRCUIT SERVICE on Sunday, 18 May 2025 at Fallings Park Methodist Church at 6.00pm when the Easter Offerings will be gratefully received and dedicated.

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