

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


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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 11 May 2025

Christian Aid Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 12 May

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 Joint Church Councils Meeting

Tuesday 13 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 14 May

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

Thursday 15 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

Friday 16 May

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 17 May

10.30am - 2.00pm Christian Aid Coffee

Morning (See Notices)

11.00am Wedding Rehearsal

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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, 18 May 2025**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo
followed at 11.45am by our
Annual General Meeting
(See Notices)**

**10.30am Joint Service with Cranmer
for Christian Aid Sunday
led by Wendy Bate and Ebere Ubah**

Welcome and Call to Worship

StF 703 In an age of twisted values

Opening Prayer

Aurelia's Story (Part One) - Christine Pearson

Prayer of Confession - Diane Van der Does

In Your Mercy
Forgive us and Help us

Aurelia's Story (Part Two)

Collect for Christian Aid Week

Reading: Joel 1: 17 - 20 read by Gillian Silvester

StF 256 When I needed a neighbour,

Film

Aurelia's Story (Part Three)

Reading: John 13: 31 - 35 read by Elaine Jones

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession - John Bate

We watch in hope for the Lord
Our God will help us

The Lord's Prayer

Aurelia's Story (Part Four)

Collection

StF 701 Heaven shall not wait

Prayer of Dismissal and Blessing

**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.

WOLVERHAMPTON PRIDE 2025:

You are all invited to join us at WOLVERHAMPTON PRIDE 2025 on Saturday, 7 June 2025. PARADE – PARTY – CREATE – PRAISE.

PARADE - Please let us know you are coming and if you would like a place in the Parade (25 places available) or to help with our stall in the Village Area.

If you would like a “Christians at Pride” T shirt these are available from christiansatpride.com costing £15 each or if you would like to borrow one from our stock please let us know.

PARTY - You don't need to buy a ticket for your place in the Parade, or to watch, but for entry to Pride Plaza and other events please visit www.pridewton.co.uk

CREATE - If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please support us by making hearts (5-6cm across) which can be given out on the day. These are always a huge success! Please contact us about collection points.

PRAISE – *New this year* – join us at Pride, Praise & Worship on Sunday, 1 June 2025 at 5.00pm. Free Tickets on WLGBT+Eventbrite or contact us below.

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Methodist City Centre Ministry Wolverhampton

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN: Circuit Quiet Evening led by Helen Cook at Cranmer Methodist Church WV6 0RF on Tuesday, 10 June 2025 at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served from 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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. 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 which will be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

MARGARET PHAZEY. Our thoughts and prayers are with Vee following the death of Margaret on Wednesday, 16 April 2025. Margaret's funeral will take place at East Chapel, Bushbury Crematorium on Monday, 9 June 2025 at 3.15pm. All are welcome.

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;**

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING: We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting next Sunday (18 May) at 11.45am following the morning service. Refreshments will be available immediately after conclusion of worship. Minutes of last year's meeting and a Treasurer's Report are available from this Sunday onwards. We hope you will be able to attend.

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).

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.

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 plus postage and packing if you require it to be posted to your home address.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sue and Graham Lloyd.

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 2 June 2025 at Albrighton Garden Centre, Newport Road, Cosford WV7 3EE from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

ACTION for CHILDREN: It's that time in the year when my role starts to get interesting!

Firstly, can all those of you who have an A for C collecting box please get them to me in the next 3 or 4 weeks for emptying and counting.

Secondly, it's the annual Wolverhampton Circuit A for C Sponsored Walk round West Park on Saturday, 14 June 2025 from 10.00am onwards. Once again I'm asking for people to sponsor me. If the hip replacement operation I'm waiting for gets in the way, I've arranged for Trish to take my place - I've already started getting her trained up for this in recent weeks.

Thirdly, the June Beckminster Coffee Morning on Saturday, 21 June 2025 will be in aid of A for C. I'm sure there will be the usual good turn-out in support of this event.

Many Thanks, Pete Prescott (Beck A for C Organiser).

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>

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