

Fairtrade Fortnight is running **22 September - 5 October 2025**. This year's theme is "**Brew It Fair**" - we're asking you to take action and call on the UK Government to ensure the people growing our tea can plan for their futures, and are protected from the impacts of climate change. As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, could you run a Tea Party in your local community - and invite your MP along, too - or just invite some friends round for a cuppa and a biscuit. To help you out, there are fliers and website with all you need to know to run a fantastic tea party. From games to videos, influencing MP guides to suggested social media captions, it's all there. And every action helps grow support for a fairer deal for tea farmers.

**METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN:** Autumn Meeting on Thursday, 9 October 2025 at 2.30pm at Springdale Methodist Church when the speaker will be Iris Evans-Bjorno. There will be a bring & buy stall. Everyone welcome, not just women!

Inclusive Gathering Wolverhampton **Connect** meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. An inclusive space to explore spirituality and faith. Booking is available on Eventbrite or contact Deacon Linda Gilson [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk) 07941 354958.

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

# Crossways Welcomes You

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## Worship and Fellowship Sunday, 14 September 2025 Twenty-Fourth in Ordinary

### What's On This Week at Beck

**Monday 15 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break

**Tuesday 16 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 17 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
8.45 - 10.45am WeightWatchers

**Thursday 18 September**  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open  
10.00am Ministers Staff Meeting  
12.30pm Funeral of John Hastings

**Friday 19 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

**Saturday 20 September**

Collect for the Day  
**To ponder and pray .....**  
God our Redeemer, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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 afternoon worship with tea and coffee served in the Coffee Bar.

**Liturgy for the Inauguration of Crossways Church Council  
– four churches in one church  
on Sunday, 14 September 2025 at 3.00pm  
led by Rev Novette Headley**

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Leader:**

Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord -  
not as four, but now as one.

**People:**

***We come as one body, joined by Christ, our cornerstone.***

**Leader:**

There is one body and one Spirit -  
just as we were called to one hope.

**People:**

***One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father and  
Mother of all.***

Opening Scripture

**Psalm 133:** How good and pleasant it is when God's people  
live together in unity.

**StF 691: What shall our greeting be:**

**Ritual of Merging (Symbolic Act)**

**Blending Waters**

Four vessels of water are poured into a single common  
bowl, symbolizing the joining together of our churches' lives  
and ministries.

**People**

***We are no longer four congregations, but one in Christ.  
May our gifts, our history and our future be blended by  
the Spirit.***

**PENN SINGERS** are performing "*French Connections*" at  
Penn United Reformed Church on Saturday, 11 October  
2025 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £11 and are available from  
Joy - 01902 429468 or Alex - 01902 338570.

**OTHER NOTICES:**

**INTER-FAITH WOLVERHAMPTON** Bring and Share Lunch  
1.00 - 2.00pm on Tuesday, 23 September 2025 at  
St Bartholomew's Church, 57 Church Hill, Penn, W-ton WV4  
5JB. The guest speaker will be Suffia Perveen, LEAD for  
Wolverhampton Equalities Partnership (WEP) and will tell us  
about the CARE (Community Assistance & Resilience  
Empowerment project).

**CHAPLAINCY TASTER:** Come and find out about Chaplaincy  
in different contexts - Further Education, Business, Retail,  
Coffee Morning & more on Saturday, 27 September 2025  
from 10am - 12noon in the Epworth Room at Beckminster.  
Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. This will be led  
by Deacon Linda Gilson and Maggie Everett. For further  
information contact Deacon Linda on 07941354958 or email  
linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk

**Fancy a Church Retreat in 2026?**

Maybe you would like a day retreat where you can take a  
day out of your busy life to relax, have fellowship with other  
Christians, and connect with God; or would you prefer a  
night away?

We are looking to see if people would be interested in a  
retreat of some kind.

If you would like to know more, please contact Beckminster  
Church Office, or email Liz Dean, [lizdeanmeth@gmail.com](mailto:lizdeanmeth@gmail.com)  
by 31 October (you are not committing to attending at this  
stage, just lodging your interest).

**SPRINGDALE:**

**The funeral of Jill Wilson** will be held at Springdale next Tuesday, 16 September 2025 at 12.30pm followed by committal at Bushbury Crematorium at 2.00pm. The family will then be returning to Springdale for refreshments. It was Jill's wish that people should wear bright colours, not black. Donations if desired are for Christian Aid or Cats Protection League.

**Harvest Festival and Parade Service** next Sunday, 21 September 2025 at 10.30am - the Good Shepherd will be receiving the donations of food. Tinned, cartons and packet food are always gratefully received. Kindly bring your donations on the Sunday morning. In the meantime, any harvest items (not necessarily foodstuffs) you could bring along to decorate the windowsills, would be much appreciated. *Samantha.*

**THANK YOU** for your continued support for flower donations each week. The list for the rest of the year is in the atrium, please check and change your date if it is not suitable. As you will see there are a lot of blank spaces, apologies if I've left your name off. If you would like to contribute, please add your name to a blank date and you can pay me nearer the time. Many thanks, *Jacqueline*

Brenda Turton - 21 September  
Shiela Evans - 28 September  
Sheila Priest - 5 October  
**Free** - 12 October  
Lucy Cook - 19 October  
Ruth Duce - 26 October  
Nicola Jones - 2 November  
Penny Baldwin - 9 November

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Prayers

**Scripture Readings:**

**OT: Exodus 18: 10 - 24 read by Barbara Smith**

**NT: Matthew 13: 24 - 33 read by Janet Fenney**

**StF 615: Let love be real,**

Sermon

**StF 676: Christ, from whom all blessings flow,**

Prayers of Intercession

Offertory

**StF 351: In Christ alone** *(Introduced by Springdale)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Leader:**

God of all generations, we thank You for the faithful witness of our congregations.

We honour the memories, the ministries, the people.

**People:**

***May we now walk forward as one church, guided by your Spirit.***

**Leader:**

Bless this new beginning.

Unite our hearts, multiply our efforts, and deepen our love.

**People**

**Amen.**

**Leader:**

Do you commit to walk together in faith, hope, and love?

**People:**

**We do, with God's help.**

**StF God who set us on a journey**

God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
in the desert long ago;  
journey inward, journey outward,  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,  
love for God and self and neighbour  
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack –  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side;  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine (1937 - 2001)© Rev Mervyn Dine

The church will be open from 9.30am - 12.00noon on the morning of 26 September for you to bring your harvest gifts and arrange your displays. You can arrange to come on Friday to arrange your display if it's easier. You can also bring your gifts with you for our Harvest Service on the Sunday morning.

Thank you so much and I look forward to all the offers of help. Trish Prescott.

**Beckminster Centenary Blog:**

As I mentioned last Sunday, I have created a Beckminster Blog as a diary of events leading up to and for our Centenary. If you put the following address into Google, it should take you to it:

**[beckminstercentenary2026.com](http://beckminstercentenary2026.com)**

It's a work in progress so I would value any comments and suggestions you might have. Graham Lloyd.

**15th WOLVERHAMPTON SCOUTS:** Open Event Squirrels. Aged 4 - 6? Are you looking for a new adventure? Do you want to have fun with new friends? Excited to learn new things? Like to make a difference in your community? Come and see what Squirrel Scouts has to offer. Open to girls and boys from all backgrounds. Everyone is welcome. Sunday, 28 September 2025 from 10.00 - 11.30am at The Cottterell Hall, Skidmore Avenue, Wolverhampton WV3 7AN. To register, email: [clare.vas@scouts.org.uk](mailto:clare.vas@scouts.org.uk).

**HARVEST FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER:** The theme for the displays in church this year will be centered on 'for the beauty of the earth'. I am reminded of the many talented folks that worship at Beckminster and join in the various activities during the week. We have flower arrangers, singers, painters, musicians, knitters, crafters, writers, poets, story tellers, photographers, bakers, to name a few! I'd like your help to make our church spaces look beautiful to celebrate Harvest together.

There are 6 window sills to decorate, the font, the vestibule, the steps and other spaces can be used if needed. Please let me know if you'd be willing to contribute to the displays. We will continue to support The Pantry, the food bank operating from the Good Shepherd Ministry. There seems to be an even greater need for food items to be shared with families and individuals in our city. Suggested food items and toiletries that are needed are listed and be as generous as you can:

**Items needed for the Pantry Foodbank**

Small Jars of Coffee

Tea Bags

Hot Chocolate

Long Life Milk

Sugar

Breakfast Cereal

Pasta, Rice

Pasta Sauces

Tinned Goods – Meat, Ham, Vegetables, Fruit

Soup, Beans

Ready Meals

Rice Pudding, Custard

Jam, Marmalade

Biscuits, Crackers

Healthy Snacks eg. Raisins, Apricots, Cereal Bars

**Toiletries**

Shower Gel/Crème

Soap

Shampoo

Deodorant

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Sanitary Towels, Pads etc

**Blessing**

**Leader:**

May the God who makes all things new bless this union.

May the Spirit empower you for love and service.

And may Christ walk before you in all your days.

**All:**

Amen.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE:** The service this afternoon 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.

**The Beckminster Centenary Book 1926-2026:** You will be able to purchase copies in the Coffee Bar following the service at a cost of £10.00 per copy, which will go towards the Beckminster Centenary Fund launched by George Tonks a few weeks ago.

**MAIN HALL/COFFEE BAR (Beckminster)** will be out of bounds for 2 weeks commencing Monday, 15 September 2025 due to work being carried out to the floors.

**Come and Join us on  
Sunday, 21 September 2025**

**Twenty-Fifth in Ordinary**

**Beckminster**

10.30am Local Arrangement  
Led by the Emmaus Group

**Cranmer**

11.00am Local Arrangement  
Peace Sunday

**Springdale**

10.30am Harvest Festival and Parade Service  
Led by Rev Steve Jackson

**Wombourne**

10.30am Morning Worship  
Led by Rev Teddy Siwila

**BECKMINSTER:**

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

**CHURCH ALIVE MEETING** will take place on Monday,  
15 September 2025 at 2.00pm. The meeting will take place  
in church and please use the ramp door for access.

**JOHN HASTINGS:** Our thoughts and prayers are with Lesley  
and the family following the death of John on Sunday,  
3 August 2025. John's funeral will take place here at  
Beckminster on Thursday, 18 September 2025 at 12.30pm  
followed by burial at Danescourt Cemetery at 2.00pm.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will close on Friday, 21 September 2025 at  
12.30pm and re-open on Monday, 29 September 2025 at  
9.30am. Sue.

**PADDY RIX:** Our thoughts and prayers are with Jocelyn and  
the family following the death of Paddy on Monday,  
8 September 2025 after a short illness.

**COFFEE MORNING:** We will be holding our next Coffee  
Morning on Saturday, 4 October 2025 from 10.30am -  
12noon. This will be a MacMillan Coffee Morning and will  
include a cake stall. Donations of cakes will be welcome.

**COFFEE MATES:** Meet Monday, 6 October 2025 at  
Albrighton Garden Centre, Newport Road, Cosford, WV7  
3EE from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June  
Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**Crossways Church Council:** We are in the process of  
appointing members of the new Crossways Church Council.  
If you would like to become a Church Council Member (and  
thereby a trustee) please come and have a word with me.  
John Ashwood.