

**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).

**FUNERAL** of Rev David Wheeler will be on Wednesday, 24 September 2025 at 12noon at St. John's Methodist Church. This will be followed by Cremation at Gornal Wood Crematorium at 1.30pm.

**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.

**METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN:** Autumn Meeting on Thursday, 2 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!

**Crossways @ Wombourne.** We are having an evening at Wombourne on Friday, 10 October 2025 at 7.00pm with some items by our choir and others, followed by a light supper and an opportunity for everyone to share some favourite songs. Charge will be £5 to cover costs so we need to have an idea of numbers. Please contact Doreen Pike on 07982 867058 to book your place.

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

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## Worship and Fellowship

**Sunday, 21 September 2025**

**Twenty-Fifth in Ordinary**

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

**Monday 22 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break

**Tuesday 23 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 24 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
8.45 - 10.45am WeightWatchers

**Thursday 25 September**  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed  
9.45 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
10.00am Ministers Staff Meeting

**Friday 26 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

**Saturday 27 September**  
9.00am - 12noon Chaplaincy Taster (See Notices)  
9.30am - 12noon Church Decoration (See Notices)

Collect for the Day  
**To ponder and pray .....**  
Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as passed our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 28 September 2025**

**Twenty-Sixth in Ordinary**

**10.30am Harvest Festival  
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

**10.30am LA led by the Emmaus Group**  
'Prayer's Beautiful Messiness'

Call to Worship and Introduction to Today's Service

**StF 25: God is here!**

Prayer

God of the universe, and the microcosm,  
Of the expanse and the particular,  
God of the young and the old, the tall and the short,  
the brave and the frightened, all races and nationalities:  
you are unchanging and yet ever new.  
We try to contain you through our understanding,  
yet you break free, laughing like the leaves in the wind.  
When asked your name you gave us a riddle 'YHWH'.  
We know you as the God of love.  
As we meet and as we wrestle with what it means to pray,  
may our worship reflect your love and grace  
that we may grow in you and closer to you  
as we seek to learn through word, song and prayer. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer as Friendship

Prayer is friendship with God. Sometimes friendships can have difficult times, but that's fine because they are underpinned by love. But overall friendship shouldn't be exhausting. It has its ups and downs, but it is a relationship-communication is key.

Reading: John 15: 12 - 17 read by Carolyne Hurley

Reflection

**StF 20: Be still, for the presence of the Lord,**

Forms of Prayer

Sometimes when we meet with friends we have vibrant and energetic conversations; at other times we may simply 'be' in silence together. Is our experience always the same when we meet with God in prayer?

**Toiletries**

Shower Gel/Crème

Soap

Shampoo

Deodorant

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Sanitary Towels, Pads etc

The church will be open from 9.30am - 12.00noon on the morning of Saturday, 27 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.

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.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, 28 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

Reading: Romans 8: 18 - 27 read by Diane Vanderdoes

Reflection

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

Answering Prayers Ourselves

A friendship group often has 'roles' – the organiser, the carer, the campaigner, the memory holder. we know who will act and what they will do because of our shared history together. When you pray, whom do you expect to act? God, someone else, or yourself?

Reading: James 2: 14 - 16 read by Hilda Evans

Reflection

**StF 504: May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and Dedication

**StF 611: Brother, sister, let me serve you,**

Closing Prayer

God, my friend.

Help me to keep company with you.

Help me to pray at special times, and all the time.

Help me to communicate richly and deeply.

Help me to learn that you never leave me.

Help me to find beauty in the mystery.

And may we together bring healing and hope to the world.

**Amen.**

My God, the soul you have placed in me is pure and vulnerable. I am afraid that looking at today's news will be painful. Encircle me in a robe of light so that I can witness the wounds of the world without being overwhelmed by despair. I feel your protective light now as I open myself to the world's suffering and the world's joys. **Amen.**

**Rabbi Irwin Keller**

**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE** is now closed and will re-open on Monday, 29 September 2025 at 9.30am. Sue.

**MAIN HALL/COFFEE BAR (Beckminster)** will be out of bounds for a further 2 weeks due to the work being carried out to the floors not going as originally planned.

**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.

**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).

**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. There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Paddy on Thursday, 2 October 2025 here at Beckminster at 12.30pm which will be followed by refreshments.

**MABEL WELLS:** There will be a Memorial Service here at Beckminster for Mabel on Friday, 3 October 2025 at 12noon. Mabel lived opposite the church and attended Luncheon Club and Take a Break. This will be followed by refreshments.

**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.

**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](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk)

**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.

**PASTORAL MEETING:** The next Pastoral Meeting will take place on Monday, 6 October 2025 at 2.00pm in the Epworth Room. Sue.

**The Plants for September  
are in loving memory of:**  
**Frank & Joan Harriman**  
**Parents of Sue Lorimer**

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.