

Christmas Shopping List

To help us run our food service, we always appreciate donations of in date, non-perishable food items and toiletries, but in particular we need the following items this Christmas:

- ☒ Corned Beef
- ☒ Sauce Jars
- ☒ Rice
- ☒ Longlife Milk
- ☒ Tinned Ravioli
- ☒ Pot Noodles
- ☒ Festive treats
- ☒ Biscuits
- ☒ Toiletries
- ☒ Hot Chocolate
- ☒ Tinned Custard
- ☒ Tinned Fruit

Items can be delivered to 65 Waterloo Road, WV1 4QU
Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm, Thank You.

If you'd like to chat about donating Christmas items or making a workplace contribution, please call us on: **01902 399955**.

This Christmas, your generosity can make double the difference. From **2 – 9 December**, we're taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge. **For one week only**, every donation you make to Good Shepherd will be **matched £1 for £1**, meaning your gift will go twice as far in helping people experiencing poverty, addiction and homelessness. Together, we can provide double the meals for people in need and support twice as many people in crisis.

**10.30am Holy Communion
& Gift Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

**10.30am Local Arrangement
led by Mrs Christine Pearson and Others**

The Road to Bethlehem

Welcome and Introduction

Advent Liturgy with 1st verse of
StF 165 Advent candles tell their story

Reading: Micah 5: 2 - 5 read by Maggie Marriott

StF 169 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,

Talk - The Road to Bethlehem

Song - The little road to Bethlehem - sung by Marilyn Bose

Poem - What is the message of Christmas?
by Pam Hodgson read by Lynne Hawkins

StF 180 O come, O come, Immanuel,

Intercessions - Hilda Evans

Offering

StF 172 Hills of the north, rejoice,

The Grace

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 Church.

**The Plants for November
are in loving memory of:
Rob Harris;
David Griffiths;
Son, David and
Granddaughter Evie,
Family of Keith & Mavis Nunn;**

Beckminster Centenary - Dates for your Diary:

As you are aware Beckminster will be celebrating 100 years of Ministry in Penn Fields and beyond next year. Many people over that time have gained inspiration to serve in many different ways. Several have grown up at, or spent time at Beckminster, and then gone on into the Ministry of the Church. These current or retired Ministers or Local Preachers have been approached and without hesitation all accepted the invitation to travel here from various parts to lead us in Worship during the year. **Please make a note in your diaries** to support them and share in their commitment and appreciation of Beckminster. For further information if required please speak to Brian Timmis.

Sunday, 8 February 10.30am Brenda Shuttleworth

Sunday, 22 February 10.30am Rev Paul Timmis

Sunday, 8 March 10.30am Rachel Starr

Sunday, 19 April 10.30am Rev David Shaw

Sunday, 10 May 10.30am Rev Richard Andrew

(President of the Methodist Conference)

Sunday, 7 June 10.30am Rev Paul Nzacahayo

(Anniversary Weekend)

**Wednesday, 10 June **Actual Anniversary Day for 100
Years of Beckminster****

Sunday, 14 June 10.30am Rev Neil Whitehouse

Sunday, 28 June 10.30am Iris Evans-Bjorno

Sunday, 12 July 10.30am Rev Eleanor Reddington

Sunday, 13 Sept 10.30am Rev Roger Leslie

Sunday, 20 Sept 10.30am Rev Emma Kendall

(nee Sergeant)

Sunday, 11 Oct 10.30am Rev Bryan Coates

**Beckminster Methodist Church
Christmas Services and Carol Singing**

Sunday, 7 December
10.30am Holy Communion & Gift Service

Sunday, 14 December
10.30am Morning Service including
Nativity Sketch by Sunday Club

Friday, 19 December
7.00pm Community Carol Service
with Gateway and Others.
This will be followed by mince pies & refreshments.

Sunday, 21 December
There will be no morning service but at
4.00pm there will be a traditional Carol Service

Wednesday, 24 December
4.00pm Christingle Service
9.00pm **Christmas Eve** Communion Service

Thursday, 25 December - **Christmas Day**
10.00am Joint Service to be held at
Cranmer Methodist Church

**Carol Singing with Churches Together
in Graiseley & Penn Fields**
will take place at Tesco, Marston Road on
Monday, 15 December 2025 from 6.30 - 7.30pm
raising funds for Action for Children;
Sainsbury's, St Marks, Wolverhampton on
Thursday, 18 December 2025 from 6.30 - 7.30pm
raising funds for The Good Shepherd Ministry and
Saturday, 20 December 2025 from 12noon - 1.00pm
at Tesco, Marston Road raising funds for
The Wolves Foundation

**All are welcome to join us at any
of these services and events.**

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.

CHURCH OFFICE will close on Wednesday, 10 December 2025 at 12.30pm and will re-open on Monday, 15 December 2025 at 9.30am. Sue.

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

UTILDA McFARLANE: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family following the death of Utilda our eldest member on Friday, 21 November 2025.

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 1 December 2025 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

EMMAUS GROUP: The next meeting will take place at 12 Wootton Road, Finchfield on Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent good wishes to Dave during his recent stay in New Cross. He is now back home and making a steady recovery. Sheila.

GIFT SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, 7 December: Apologies for having given out incorrect information last weekend. It is **NOT** toys, but men's toiletries and cash that are most needed. It may be that they have another source of gifts for young children, but they will certainly welcome any toiletries for men, or alternatively, cash that will enable them to give £10 vouchers to teenagers. We are confident that we shall be able to help in this way and that we can rely on your generosity as always.

MURIEL PARNABY (formerly Williams): Some of you may remember Muriel when, as Snowy Owl, she helped Mary Wilmot with the Brownies before starting up the Rainbows here at Beckminster around 1989. Muriel sadly passed away at home on 11 November 2025, aged 80, after a short illness. We send our prayers and thoughts to her husband Barry, sons Mark and Stuart, daughter Liz and all the family. Muriel's funeral will take place at Telford Crematorium on Thursday, 4 December at 11.30am. Family flowers only.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP: We will meet in the Epworth Room and the sessions will be led by Linda Hargreaves. All are welcome.

7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday, 4 December

7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday, 11 December

7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday, 18 December

JACK & THE BEANSTALK: Tickets priced at £10 are now on sale for Codsall Dramatic Society's Annual Play for Children & Families which is being performed from Thursday, 4 - Saturday, 6 December at Codsall Village Hall. Thursday - Friday performances at 7.30pm, Saturday at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

For tickets and more information, please visit the website www.codsalldramaticsociety.co.uk or telephone the hotline on 01902 267322 and leave a message.

CARER & TODDLER GROUP at Rake Gate Methodist Church, Renton Grove, Oxley WV10 6XG. We are having a taster session for parents and carers of children aged from newborn up to the age of 3. This taster session will be on Friday, 5 December 2025 starting at 9.30am and finishing at 11.30am. The group will be starting up in January 2026. For more details contact Marie Lane on 07767092986. All parents and carers are very welcome. Pop along and meet other people and have a cuppa and a chat.

The Beckminster Centenary Book 1926-2026: If you wish to purchase a copy at £10.00, please see Sue in the Church Office. Monies received will go towards the Beckminster Centenary Fund.

Beckminster Centenary Blog:

As you know, 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

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

AMPLIFY 2026 is a youth weekend run by West Midlands Methodist District and will be held at Whitemoor Lakes from the evening of Friday, 6th to the afternoon of Sunday 8th March 2026.

This event is a residential weekend for children and young people from the ages of 8 years to 18 years (if still attending school/college). The cost of the weekend is £55 which is heavily subsidised by the District, it includes the accommodation, meals and all the activities.

Wolverhampton Circuit will be attending.

For more details and to book your child's place, please go to [Book your place – Amplify 2026 – Whitemoor Lakes](#)

Please let Sarah Philpott 07812579940 or Lucy Cook know if you have booked a ticket for your child.

Please don't hesitate to message Sarah should you require any further details.

The circuit group leader for this trip is Lucy Cook, from Crossways Methodist Church at Springdale.

Crossways @ Beckminster Christmas Events:

Carol Singing on Monday, 15 December from 6.30 - 7.30pm at Tesco, Marston Road, Penn. (Supporting Charity - Action for Children). Thursday, 18 December from 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Sainsbury's, Raglan Street, Chapel Ash. (Supporting Charity agreed with Sainsbury's - normally the Good Shepherd). Saturday, 20 December 12.00noon - 1.00pm at Tesco, Marston Road, Penn, with Churches Together in Graiseley and Penn Fields. (Supporting Charity - The Wolves Foundation).

Community Carols to be held on Friday, 19 December 2025 at 7.00pm around our Gateway Group. This is always an excellent event and I invite you all to attend. We also have performers from Beck taking part. Refreshments will be served in the Main Hall/Coffee Bar following the service. Tim.

GRATEFUL THANKS to Phil H, George and Julie T, Graham L, Bernard H, John and Wendy A, Sue R. and of course to our very own Steve H. for their help in filling a skip with 8+ cubic metres of assorted rubbish (which is quite a lot) from around the church grounds and for decluttering a number of cupboards inside the property. Roy E.

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT at St John's Methodist Church, WV4 6AA on Saturday, 13 December 2025 at 7.00pm. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

Crossways Methodist Church at Beckminster
Birches Barn Road
Penn Fields
Wolverhampton WV3 7BQ
01902 344910

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN: Advent Service "How far is it to Bethlehem?" at Upper Ettingshall Methodist Church on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 at 2.30pm. There will be a Christmas Bring & Buy Gift Stall. Please bring a wrapped gift, value up to £3.00. All are welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM CODSALL:

Hi everyone. We would like to invite you all to our afternoon events at Trinity Methodist Church, Codsall, on Sunday, 7 December 2025. Please note there is no service at Trinity on the morning of Sunday, 7 December 2025 - instead this will be replaced by the following: 1.00pm: You will have the choice of bringing your own lunch, or enjoying Rev Ildiko Haraszi's homemade Hungarian Goulash! There will also be mince pies or similar, tea, coffee and squash available. This will be followed by a quiz.

The afternoon service will commence at 3.00pm, and will be headed up by Rev Ildiko and One Voice, consisting of worship songs, prayers and meditations

Please note that this event will be a fundraiser to help Trinity buy much-needed and safer equipment to help our worship, both in the Hub and outreach work in the community. We would be grateful if you could contribute a donation towards this equipment. We look forward to seeing you. Please email codsallmethodist@gmail.com and let Helen Share know if you would like to be with us.

WORLD MISSION: Christmas cards can be posted in the church post box for World Mission on 7, 14 and 21 December for church congregation only, to be collected after the service. Full name and address needs to be put on the envelope. If people want to write a card for the church that can also be done and they will be displayed on a board at the back of the church. Donations for World Mission need to be put in an envelope with persons details so they can gift aided. Val Pollard.

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 13 December 2025 from 10.30am - 12noon, when we will be supporting ABCD. Please come and support this small charity which works to support the lives of children with disabilities across Palestine, regardless of faith, race or gender.

FOLLOW THE STAR, WOLVERHAMPTON: A City Centre Nativity Parade on Saturday, 13 December 2025. Wanted—Stewards, Readers, knitted or crocheted stars. For further details see notice board in the Coffee Bar. If you can help in any way please contact, Lesley Cook 07840 128510 or lesleyvcook@btinternet.com Deacon Linda Gilson 07941 354958 or linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk

INCLUSIVE GATHERING WOLVERHAMPTON: **Connect** on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm. An inclusive space to explore spirituality and faith. Booking is available on Eventbrite or contact Deacon Linda Gilson 07941 354958 linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk **Inclusive Carols** will be on Thursday, 18 December 2025 at 7.00pm. Details to follow.

WOMBOURNE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY: Christmas Oratorio by Bob Chilcott and other festive classics conducted by Edward Caine. Saturday, 20 December 2025 at 7.30pm here at Beckminster Methodist Church. Tickets £15.00 (under 16 free) available online from website, box office 01902 590974 or on the door.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS 2025: Join this year's Amnesty campaign by sending a Christmas message of solidarity to those being persecuted or imprisoned for their beliefs. This year's campaign features indigenous communities trying to protect their environment, journalists targeted for exposing corruption, protesting students facing arbitrary detention and many others. Please speak to Phil Shuttleworth for individual case details. Every message we send will make a difference. Thank you.

On Sunday 28 December 2025, Beckminster will not hold a morning service. We have all been warmly invited to join in Café Worship with our friends at Springdale. The service begins at 10.30am and will be led by Rev Trevor Pratt. Please let us know if you would welcome a lift.

BECKMINSTER CRAFT GROUP: Once again, we would like to thank everyone who visited our Craft Stall, over the past two weekends, and we are delighted to announce that the total we have now raised is £505.50, which will be donated to Beckminster for the future upkeep of our Church. We do still have some gift boxes and tree decorations left, so please do ask if you would like to buy some. We hope to have our stall open again after some of the services during January and February when we will have a selection of cards and gifts for sale.

PAUL'S £5 CHALLENGE: Honey - most of my first batch of honey has now been sold - thanks to all those who have supported. I can now re-invest. If you would like a 1lb jar of local honey for £7 please get in touch. It would make an ideal Christmas present! Phil Healey 07876170972.

PAUL'S £5 CHALLENGE: I am making Apple Pies to sell at £2.50 each. If you would like to order, please contact Margaret Nicklin 01902 742537 or see me at church.

PAUL'S £5 CHALLENGE: I have compiled some paper quizzes for family fun and am selling packs of 6 for £3. Contact Wendy Bate 07929892254.

PAUL'S £5 CHALLENGE: I am making jars of Orange Marmalade at a cost of £3 or presented in a fabric Christmas Gift Bag for £5. To reserve a jar, please phone Jennifer Cromie on 01902 338320 or 07547103700.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: A lot of people now do not have a landline number and in order that I can update the church records, can you please advise me of your mobile number on which you can be contacted. Sue.