

Worship... Service ... Witness ... in the name of Jesus
Crossways Methodist Church at Beckminster
Welcomes You

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Worship and Fellowship
Sunday, 21 December 2025
Advent 4

What's On This Week....

Monday 22 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
12.30pm Funeral of Mrs Utilda McFarlane

Tuesday 23 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Wednesday 24 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
4.00pm Christingle Service
9.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service in the Epworth Room

Thursday 25 December
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed
10.00am We will join our friends at Cranmer Methodist Church for Christmas Day All Age Worship which will be led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

Friday 26 December
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Saturday 27 December

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord 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, 28 December 2025

Christmas 1

10.30am Cafe Worship
led by Rev Trevor Pratt
at Springdale Methodist Church
(See Notices)

**4.00pm Carol Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

Advent Liturgy with 4 verses of
StF 165 Advent candles tell their story

Introduction – **StF 180 O come, O come, Immanuel**
Verses 1 - 4 solos - Congregation remain seated and
sing Chorus and sing Verse 5

Prayers

Reading: Luke 1: 26 - 38 read by Linda Hargreaves

StF 214 Once in royal David's city
Verse 1 solo Amelia Kelly
Congregation sing Verses 2 - 4

Reading: Luke 2: 1 - 7 read by Ann Holt

Poem "Seeking the quiet places" by Pam Hodgson
read by Diane Vanderdoes

StF 213 O Little town of Bethlehem,
Reading: Luke 2: 8 - 20 read by John Ashwood

O, Holy night, (A. Adam) sung by Barbara Smith

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

StF 217 Silent night, holy night:
(Congregation remain seated)

WORLD MISSION: Christmas cards can be posted in the church post box in the Vestibule for World Mission TODAY 21 December for church congregation only, to be collected after the service in the Main Hall. Full name and address needs to be put on and a card can also be done to the Church Family which 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 be gift aided. Val Pollard.

On behalf of the **Circuit MWiB Committee**, I send you warmest greetings for Christmas and New Year. May your church worship and activities be a blessing to you and your community.

Many thanks for your support for our fellowship and fundraising over the year.

Our Winter Meeting is coming up very soon on Tuesday, 20 January 2026 at 2.15pm at Rakegate. (Please note the time.) Rosie Bryant will be speaking to us about her involvement with Waterways Chaplaincy so do try to come along - Rakegate are such willing hosts, and are always glad to see friends from across the Circuit.

With every blessing
Wendy Gould

PAUL'S £5 CHALLENGE: Honey. Having now sold the first batch of 12 jars, I shall now re-invest and make another 12 available. £7 for a 1lb jar. This could be your last chance! 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 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.

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.

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.

What might Mary and Joseph have been thinking?

“Meditation of Mary” by Nick Fawcett
read by Linda Hargreaves

“Joseph’s Lullaby” by Ron Klug
read by Pete Prescott

In the bleak midwinter
sung by Marilyn Bose and Amelia Kelly

Offertory (during which the recorder group will play) and Dedication

StF 222 Who would think that what was needed

Reading: John 1: 1 - 14 read by John Bate

StF 202 Hark! The herald-angels sing

Blessing

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.

**The Plants for December
are in loving memory of:**

**John Felton;
David Griffiths;
Alwin Ordidge;
Donald Rushton;**

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.

UTILDA McFARLANE: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family following the death of Utilda our eldest member on Friday, 21 November 2025. Utilda's funeral will take place here at Beckminster on Monday, 22 December 2025 at 12.30pm.

CHURCH OFFICE will close on Monday, 22 December 2025 at 12.30pm and will reopen on Friday, 2 January 2026 at 9.30am. Sue.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP will be held in the Church Hall at 10.30am from 4 January 2026 onwards. A warmer-than-ever welcome is guaranteed.

CAROL SINGING, ACTION FOR CHILDREN: Thank you to those who came to carol sing at Tesco this week. £97.00 was raised for Action for Children. Pete Prescott.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING will next meet on Wednesday, 7 January 2026 at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

ABCD Bethlehem: Grateful thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning on 13 December 2025, which raised at least £260.

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 5 January 2026 at The Two Greens, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton WV6 8BQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 17 January from 10.30am - 12noon when we will be supporting The Partnership in the Gambia.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: Many thanks to all who either attended or helped at the Christmas Social on Saturday, 6 December 2025. The event made a profit of £455. As the entertainers asked for a donation we have split this 50:50 with Beckminster and The Good Shepherd which was their chosen charity. Tim

CHRISTIAN AID is very appreciative of all the support in so many ways given by folk here at Beckminster and sends many thanks to our congregation. There are envelopes available at the back of the Church if you wish to add a donation to their Christmas Appeal. Wendy and John Bate.