

**REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST 100 CHAPTERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:**

Copies will be available from Monday, 2 February 2026 priced at £15.00 in aid of Paul's challenge. You can collect your copies from the office during office hours or they will be available from next Sunday morning 8 February 2026. Sue.

**WEST MIDLANDS DISTRICT PILGRIMAGE:** Easter Week, 5 - 10 April 2026. Everyone will gather in Hereford on the evening of Easter Sunday and finishing in Hereford the following Friday. A contribution of £140 is asked for to cover food, accommodation and luggage transfer. Numbers are restricted so if you are interested please contact Roger Dunlop to book your space. [roger@telfordmeth.org.uk](mailto:roger@telfordmeth.org.uk)

**RAKEGATE METHODIST CHURCH** are starting a new Carer & Toddler Group on Friday mornings from 9.30 - 11.30am. Children from birth up to the age of 3 years are welcome and also any SEND children. There will be no charge and there will also be free drinks and healthy snacks. For more information contact Marie Lane on 07767092986.

**GARDENING TOOLS:** Does anyone have any spare gardening tools that are no longer required, please? Maggie and I have a friend who is struggling financially in these difficult times and wants to develop her garden to grow food. We are willing to collect. Telephone Alan Marriott 07847277233 or Maggie Marriott 07305852100. Thank you.

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

## **Crossways Methodist Church at Beckminster Welcomes You**

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### **Worship and Fellowship**

**Sunday, 1 February 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary**

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

**Monday 2 February**

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
10.45am - 12noon Coffee Mates (See Notices)  
1.30 - 3.30pm Take a Break  
5.00 - 9.00pm Dinky Divas

**Tuesday 3 February**

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas  
7.00pm Circuit Leadership Team Meeting  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

**Wednesday 4 February**

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
8.45 - 10.15am WeightWatchers  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
7.30 - 9.00pm Aikido Japanese Martial Arts

**Thursday 5 February**

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open  
9.45 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
10.00am Ministers Meeting  
11.30am - 2.00pm Gro Health  
7.00 - 8.30pm St Johns Ambulance

**Friday 6 February**

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

**Saturday 7 February**

Collect for the Day  
**To ponder and pray .....**  
God of heaven and earth,  
whose power is made fully  
known in your pardoning  
mercy: ever fill us with your  
grace, that, entering more fully  
into your promises, we may  
come to share in the good  
things of heaven; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 8 February 2026**

**Racial Justice Sunday**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by  
Mrs Brenda Shuttleworth**

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

**Looking Back—Looking Forward**

Welcome and introduction

**StF 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him (Omit verse 4)**

Prayer

Reading: John 14: 1 - 11 read by Stephanie Wilkes

**StF 210 Love came down at Christmas,**

The Heart of Christmas by Rev Gwen Blandford  
read by Wendy Bate

It's a Wonderful Life

**StF 251 Jesus Christ is waiting**

Reading: John 14: 12 - 21 read by Carolyne Hurley

**StF 250 Jesus calls us!**

Intercessions - Chris Reed

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

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  
worship with tea and coffee  
served in the Coffee Bar.

**LENT BIBLE STUDIES:** As Crossways, we are offering two Lent Bible Studies, one at Springdale on Friday afternoons in the Fellowship Room on February 20th, February 27th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th at 2.00pm. The one at Beckminster will be on Tuesday evenings in the Epworth Room on February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th and March 17th at 7.00pm.

The Bible Study at Springdale will be led by Rev. Robert Readshaw and will be looking at the Methodist resources for Lent and Easter on the theme '**Pause. Breath. Make space for God**'. You can find an overview of what will be available on the following link. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/lent/> You can also use the link to sign up for weekly emails in Lent and daily emails in Holy Week and join with others in the Methodist Connexion preparing for Easter.

The resources are available on this link  
[https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Lent\\_2026\\_Worship\\_Resource.pdf](https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Lent_2026_Worship_Resource.pdf)

The Bible Study at Beckminster on Tuesday evenings will be led by Dr Rachel Starr and will be following Paula Gooder's book *Lentwise. Spiritual Essentials for Real Life*.

You don't need to buy your own copy, but if you would like to, it is available for £9 via Church House Publishing: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/books/9781781405451/lentwise>

Please feel free to join either of those two, or both, as your time and commitments allow you.

Teddy and Paul

During the Centenary Year, we will be welcoming back previous members of the Congregation who have gone on to serve in the ministry of the Church. For our first, on Sunday, 8 February 2026 we welcome a Local Preacher.

**Brenda Shuttleworth** joined Questors in 1968, for four fun-filled, thought-provoking years which gave her a firm foundation for her Christian faith.

Returning to Wolverhampton in 1977 she joined Young Beck, a group inspired by Rev Jim Hutchens for the 'young twenties'.

Married Phil Shuttleworth in 1988, and subsequently daughters Catherine and Rosie came along and were baptised at Beckminster.

Taught in the Senior Department of the Junior Church a few years later.

Helped establishing Beckminster as a Fairtrade Church. Fair trade continues to be important to her and Phil volunteering at Wolverhampton Fair Traid helping to organise fair trade events around the Circuit.

Worked as Circuit Administrator and then as District Administrator and Synod Secretary which opened up some wonderful opportunities to work with inspiring Christian people.

Currently a steward at Crossways Methodist Church at Wombourne serving on its church council.

She became a Local Preacher in 1982 serving in the Wolverhampton Circuit and happily accepted the invitation to lead worship as part of our Centenary celebrations.

God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes,  
And in my looking:  
God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;  
God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking  
God be at mine end,  
And at my departing.

The Grace

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** will be held in the Church Hall at 10.30am for the next few weeks and then we will be back in church on Sunday, 22 February 2026. A warmer-than-ever welcome is guaranteed. The service will not be live-streamed.

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

**NORA VENABLES:** Our thoughts and prayers are with Derry and the family following the death of Nora on Monday, 19 January 2026.

The Plants for February  
are in loving memory of:  
Mr & Mrs Collins;  
Ron & Joan Beere;  
Tom & Margaret Cay, Parents of Wendy Healey;  
Ken & Evelyn Healey, Parents of Phil Healey;  
Mr & Mrs Reg Cheadle & Mary Rose;

**COFFEE MATES:** Meet Monday, 2 February 2026 at Farmer and Friends, Garden Village, Bridgnorth Road, WV6 7EZ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next coffee morning will take place on Saturday, 21 February 2026 from 10.30am - 12noon in aid of 'The local Ukraine support group'.

I cannot believe that we are into four years of war and still no nearer to peace. Wolverhampton "RAZOM" are still taking in more refugees from Ukraine and helping to house them and set them up with the basic necessities of life, be it clothing, household and personal hygiene products. This coming coffee morning in February will be the fourth time your wonderful church and congregation have supported us in this mammoth task. We provide a free shop every Friday to help supply their needs and help in any which way we can. Your donations and Financial help from these and coffee mornings help considerably and on behalf of them all I would like to thank you once again. Neville Collins "RAZOM" Appeals Co-ordinator.

**LICHFIELD DIOCESE COMMUNITY OF EVANGELISTS** presents Jassica Castillo-Burley "Welcoming worship with a Wow, a Why and a Who!" Saturday, 7 February 2026 from 10.30am - 12noon followed by a shared lunch and a walk for the more energetic at St Matthew's, East Park Way, Wolverhampton WV1 2DN. To book your place contact Warden, Lynne Mills at [lynne@fpe-network.org](mailto:lynne@fpe-network.org)

**SUNDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2026:** Cranmer Church Anniversary. Worship will be led by the Revd. David Blintoff, Superintendent of the Stafford Circuit and Deputy Chair of the West Midlands District. 11.00am start and all are welcome.

**CENTENARY EXHIBITION:** Can someone loan an original Beckminster chair for Saturday, 28 March and also 7 - 10 June? Collection and return can be arranged. Johnny Pearson 772171.

**CITY of SANCTUARY:** There is a great need for children's shoes for refugees and asylum seekers who go to the City of Sanctuary Wednesday support group. Do you have any, or know of anyone who would be able to pass on, wearable children's shoes including trainers? If so, please bring them on Sundays and there will be a container for collection close to where you pick up your notice sheet. For further details please contact Sue Reed on 01902 762310.

**CENTENARY MARRIED'S TEA:** We are planning to display wedding photographs at this event and keep it in church during the centenary celebrations. Could anyone attending the tea on 28 March, and happy to provide a photograph, kindly give to one of the stewards on a Sunday morning or to Sue in the office. Please put your names and wedding date on the back and let us know if you need it returned to you.