

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.

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 25 January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary

What's On This Week....

Monday 26 January

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group
1.30 - 3.30pm Take a Break
5.00 - 9.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 27 January

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 28 January

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 29 January

9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00am Ministers Meeting
11.30am - 2.00pm Gro Health
7.00 - 8.30pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 30 January

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

Saturday 31 January

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 1 February 2026**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

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

**10.30am Morning Service
with Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzakahayo**

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

StF 88: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

Prayers

Readings:

Colossians 3: 12 - 17 read by Hazel Graham

John 13: 34 - 35 read by Barbara Smith

Sermon

StF 409: Let us build a house

Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors

StF 663: I, the Lord of sea and sky

Reveal: Paul's Challenge

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

StF 239: Sent by the Lord am I;

Blessing

WOLVERHAMPTON METHODIST CIRCUIT: A vacancy has arisen for Too Good to Chuck Pre-loved Project Co-ordinator (Customer Service Face to Face). This is a freestanding project of the Circuit that seeks to work with people and families experiencing crisis through poverty and deprivation. The project is housed within All Souls—Bilston Methodist Church WV14 7LR and will soon run a digitally focused shop in addition. It is hoped to eventually open 4 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are looking for a motivated and compassionate person to help co-ordinate and support the smooth daily running of this project delivered in partnership with Good Shepherd Relief in Need. Working closely with fellow co-ordinators, you will help recruit, train and encourage a dedicated team of volunteers, promoting the project's work within a welcoming Christian environment. The post will be for 15 hours per week with a fixed term until 31 May 2026 with the possibility of extension depending on funding and organisational need. The role will be based in Bilston & East Park Methodist buildings. The closing date for applications is 12noon on 30 January 2026 and interview date will be 9 February 2026. Salary will be £12.66 per hour.

For an informal discussion about this role contact Ed Bridgewood, Missional Project Development Manager by emailing edbridgewood@gmail.com To apply please complete the application form available at West Midlands Methodist District, Vacancies and email Ed before the closing date.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP will be held in the Church Hall at 10.30am during January/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.

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.

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.

The Plants for January
are in loving memory of:
John & Barbara Moxham;
John & Mary Tonks;
Billy & Martin Story;

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

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.

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