

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 2 March 2026 at Albrighton Garden Centre, Newport Road, Cosford WV7 3EE. from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST 100 CHAPTERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: Copies are now available 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 on a Sunday morning. Sue.

STAFFORD CIRCUIT: A vacancy has arisen for a Pastoral Support Worker to support two congregations going through a significant period of transition. 20 hours per week. Closing date is 12noon on 25 February 2026. Interview date 4 March 2026. For job description and person specification, please contact admin@staffmc.org.uk

ECUMENICAL LENT LUNCETIME TALKS 2026: "Faith through Art". All talks will take place in St Peter's Coffee Shop, 4 Exchange Street WV1 1TS from 12noon - 1.00pm. Soup and rolls will be available from 12noon and the talk will begin at 12.30pm promptly and finish by 1.00pm including time for discussion. These will take place on 23 February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March and 23 March. See notice board in Coffee Bar for further details of the speakers.

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Worship and Fellowship Sunday, 15 February 2026 Sunday Before Lent

What's On This Week....

Monday 16 February

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
1.30 - 3.30pm Take a Break

Tuesday 17 February

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group

Wednesday 18 February

9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
8.45 - 10.45am WeightWatchers
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
7.30 - 9.00pm Akido Japanese Martial Arts

Thursday 19 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

Friday 20 February

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

Saturday 21 February

10.30am - 12noon Coffee Morning (See Notices)

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come and join us on
Sunday, 22 February 2026

Lent 1

**10.30am Morning Worship
with Holy Communion
led by Rev Paul Timmis**

**10.30am Morning Service
led by Miss Nickie Hale**

Transfiguration – Sunday before Lent

Call to Worship Psalm 99 – Congregation to read together

*The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth
quake!*

*The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.*

*Holy is he!
Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.*

*Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!*

StF 83 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

Prayers of Adoration

Lord's Prayer

StF 362 Meekness and majesty,

Bible Readings:

Exodus 24: 12 -18 read by Alan Marriott

Matthew 17: 1 - 9 read by Maggie Marriott

Prayer of Confession

StF 157 God has spoken by his prophets,

Sermon – "Being Prepared"

Next Sunday returning into Church for Holy Communion, we welcome the second of our visiting Ministers of the Centenary Year. **Rev Paul Timmis** is a Superintendent Minister in the Wimbledon Circuit based at Worcester Park. Paul was born into the Timmis family in Wolverhampton to Doug and Sue, who having met in Questors, were involved in various activities at Beckminster particularly with Junior Church at the time. Paul was christened here at Beck and progressed through the Sunday School until the age of 10 when they moved to Balsall Common. Years later, Paul became a Local Preacher and then, after studying at Durham, went into the Ministry at Berkhamsted before moving to his current calling.

Paul's overriding memories as a child at Church though revolve around feeding the birds with Caretaker, Mrs George, with leftover bread following Communion Services. He also unashamedly recalls being in floods of tears on the day Rev Nigel Collinson left Beckminster, nowadays that is reserved for most Saturday afternoons following a Wolves match. Talking of which his other memory of Beck was playing football on the Church Lawn with all the other lads after Sunday School and if the weather was unsuitable gravitating around the Questors football table in the main hall. Not particularly things normally associated with a Church Minister maybe, yet as a number of the Congregation who have heard him preach will testify, we are fortunate to welcome Paul Timmis back to Beckminster.

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. If anyone has friends who were married here and you can obtain a photograph, please bring these in too. Also put your names and wedding date on the back and let us know if you need it returned to you. Many thanks.

ASH WEDNESDAY: You are invited to share in the Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Codsall on 18 February 2026 at 7.00pm.

Circuit MWiB Committee: Spring is just around the corner! Our **Spring Meeting** will be on Wednesday, 18 March 2026 at 2.30pm at Lanesfield. The Speaker will be Rev Alison Smith, United Reformed Minister from Wombourne. Bring and buy stall. All are welcome.

PARTNERSHIPS IN THE GAMBIA: There is a thank you letter received from the Trustees of Partnerships in the Gambia on the notice board in the Coffee Bar for the warm welcome and generous donations received from Beckminster from the Coffee Morning held on 17 January 2026 which raised £246.00.

LOGO: At the last Crossways Church Council Meeting it was decided to ask all members of Crossways to design a logo for our new joint church. We will then use these to design the logo we will use. All designs can be either emailed to me, or hardcopies given to church stewards to pass to me. They will then be presented at the next Church Council Meeting. This is a celebration of us joining together and we look forward to receiving as many entries as possible.

Email: janetfenney@hotmail.com

INCLUSIVE GATHERING: Praise & Worship on Sunday, 22 February 2026 at 5.00pm and on the last Sunday of each month at 5.00pm.

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

STF 55 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

Offertory

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

STF 553 I am a new creation,

Blessing

Prayer

Source of creation and love, move like air on the breeze within and amongst us today. Tend in us a spark of curiosity for what is growing in the earth around us. Stir in us a flicker of awe at the buds and shoots stretching steadily from trees and the bulbs springing up as we emerge from the harshness of winter. Prune from us all that we no longer need to take with us as we journey further towards the season of blooming and growth. Help us to see the ever-changing landscapes around us and the ever-changing landscapes within ourselves. May we feel our place in the wonder of creation, leaning into the coming days ahead as we move in our journey towards Lent. **Amen.**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: This is the last Sunday we will be meeting in the Church Hall at 10.30am. We will be back in the church next week when services will be live-streamed.

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

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;

LENT GROUP: On 20 February at 2.30pm in the lent group at Springdale, we will dip into the theme of the week, **Let go of idols, make room for God**, in the light of the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. And think about what are some 'idols' – visible or hidden – that we are tempted to trust more than God? You might like to prepare for the meeting by reading through the following:

Genesis 2: 15 - 17; 3: 1 - 7 Adam and Eve in the garden, **Psalm 32**, **Romans** 5: 12 - 19 Death through Adam, life through Christ, **Matthew** 4: 1 - 11 The temptations of Jesus. Robert Readshaw.

NORA VENABLES: Our thoughts and prayers are with Derry and the family following the death of Nora on Monday, 19 January 2026. Nora's funeral will take place on Monday, 23 February 2026 at 11.30am at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel followed by a wake at Wergs Golf Club. Please phone/email Sue in the Church Office if it is your intention to attend the service or the service and wake for catering purposes. The family require numbers by Monday, 16 February, thank you.

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.

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 2.30pm. 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%202026%20Worship%20Resource.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

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.
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