

### Centenary Events

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| <b>Saturday, 28 March</b>                        | Married's Tea (by invitation only)              |
| <b>Sunday, 10 May</b>                            | President's Visit                               |
| <b>Saturday, 6 June<br/>&amp; Sunday, 7 June</b> | Centenary Weekend                               |
| <b>Saturday, 20 June</b>                         | Organ Recital                                   |
| <b>Friday, 10 July</b>                           | Community Summer Event<br>with Gateway & Others |
| <b>September<br/>(date TBC)</b>                  | Treasure Hunt                                   |

Further details on each event  
will be given nearer the time

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

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### Worship and Fellowship Sunday, 22 February 2026

Lent 1

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

**Monday 23 February**  
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 24 February**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas  
7.00 - 8.15pm Lent Bible Study  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

**Wednesday 25 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 26 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 27 February**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

**Saturday 28 February**  
12noon - 5.00pm Room Booking

Collect for the Day  
**To ponder and pray .....**  
God of infinite mercy, grant  
that we who know your pity  
may rejoice in your forgiveness  
and gladly forgive others, for  
the sake of Jesus Christ our  
Saviour. **Amen.**

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

**Lent 2**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo.**

**We will be joined by our  
friends from Cranmer.**

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

**Lent 1**

Opening liturgy

**Object: a fake plant.** Please don't buy a new one, though!  
Place this near a cross at the front of the worship space.

**Voice 1:** We place this fake plant at the foot of the cross. It looks alive, but it isn't.

**Voice 2:** We name the things we trust that cannot really give life: success, image, control, comfort.

**Voice 3:** And we let them go. To make space for what is real, rooted and alive in God.

All: **O Lord our God, on this Lenten journey, help us let go of what is false, and grow in what is true. Amen.**

**WELCOME**

**StF 88 Praise to the Lord**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and  
defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore  
thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before  
thee,  
then to thy need he like a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

**Services during 2026 with Visiting Preachers  
who have past connections with Beckminster**

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|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday, 8 March</b>      | 10.30am Rachel Starr  |
| <b>Sunday, 19 April</b>     | 10.30am Rev David Shaw  |
| <b>Sunday, 10 May</b>       | 10.30am Rev Richard Andrew<br>(President of the Methodist Conference) |
| <b>Sunday, 7 June</b>       | 10.30am Rev Paul Nzacahayo<br>(Anniversary Weekend)                   |
| <b>Wednesday, 10 June</b>   | <b>**Actual Anniversary Day for<br/>100 Years of Beckminster**</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, 14 June</b>      | 10.30am Rev Neil Whitehouse   |
| <b>Sunday, 28 June</b>      | 10.30am Iris Evans-Bjorno   |
| <b>Sunday, 12 July</b>      | 10.30am Rev Eleanor Reddington  |
| <b>Sunday, 9 August</b>     | 10.30am Rev Peggy Heim  |
| <b>Sunday, 13 September</b> | 10.30am Rev Roger Leslie  |
| <b>Sunday, 20 September</b> | 10.30am Rev Emma Kendall<br>(nee Sergeant)                            |
| <b>Sunday, 11 October</b>   | 10.30am Rev Bryan Coates  |
| <b>Sunday, 6 December</b>   | 10.30am Rev Rachel Deigh<br>(Joint Chair of West Midlands District)   |

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday, 21 March at 10.30am in aid of FairTrade. Further details to follow.

**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 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

**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

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;

4. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,  
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,  
sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,  
saints with his mercy surrounding.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650–1680)  
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)  
and Rupert E. Davies (1909–1994)

#### **CONFESSION**

*Ending...*

Stay with us here, loving Jesus.

**Stay with us,  
even as we know the truth about ourselves,  
for we ask it in your name.  
Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Ending...*

*We are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SETTING THE SCENE**

Reading - Matthew 4: 1 - 11 read by Hazel Graham

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**StF 63 My Jesus, my Saviour,**

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord there is none like you  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter  
tower of refuge and strength  
let every breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.

**LENT BIBLE STUDIES:** As Crossways, we are offering two Lent Bible Studies, one at Springdale on Friday afternoons in the Fellowship Room on 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/len/> 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

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.  
Coffee Bar.

**LENT GROUP:** On Friday, **27 February** in the lent group at Springdale at 2.30pm, we will dip into the theme of the week, **Let go of form, embrace the spirit** in the light of the lectionary readings for the following Sunday, and think about Where in your faith life do you feel stuck in form – engaging with the Church’s rituals, words and structures, without sensing the Spirit? You might like to prepare for the meeting by reading through the following.

Lent 2. March 1st

**Genesis 12:** 1-4a Call of Abraham

**Psalm 121 Romans 4:** 1-5, 13-17. Abraham justified by faith

**John 3:** 1-17 Jesus teaches Nicodemus

**ECUMENICAL LENT LUNCHTIME 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.

**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.

**CROSSWAYS AT SPRINGDALE:** Coffee Morning & Jigsaw Sale on Saturday, 28 February 2026 from 10.30am - 12noon. All jigsaws 50p. If you have any jigsaws in good condition, bring them along and add them to the collection for others to enjoy.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing,  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down  
and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
Forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand.  
Nothing compares to the  
promise I have in you.*

*Darlene Zschech (b. 1965)*

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## **SERMON**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gracious God, there is no one who goes unnoticed as you tread the road with us. Bring to our prayers for others your eyes of wisdom and care:

*The people pray*

God, who leads us on,  
may we see the world as you see it.

**Show us ways of hearing the cries of the people  
and move us to justice and compassion.**

Show us ways of touching the lives of other people  
which take us deeper into relationship and celebration.

**And then, dear God, be our company  
as we dare to enter our own lives.**

**Invite us to change and grow  
in fullness of life and grander faith.**

**Make this year’s Easter journey  
one which we enter in Spirit and in truth. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN - StF 443 Come, let us sing**

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true;  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
2. Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,  
joyfully came;  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame;  
seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderer, home!  
Wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love,  
come and abide,  
lifting my life, till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride;  
seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Robert Walmsley (1831–1905)

**THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

**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.

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** As is our usual practice, there will be a retiring collection after our worship this morning, the proceeds of which are donated to our Benevolent Fund.

**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. Nora's funeral will take place on Monday, 23 February 2026 at 11.30am at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel.

**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.

**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.

**PASTORAL MEETING:** Our next Pastoral Meeting will take place on Monday, 2 March 2026 at 2.00pm in the Epworth Room. Sue.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when every human heart with love is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:  
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1857–1932)

### COMMISSIONING

Go in hope as the people of God.  
Go in faith into the journey towards Easter Day.

### BLESSING

And go in brave hope as those who are loved of God,  
forgiven in the power of the Spirit  
and accompanied by Christ in life's every journey.  
**Amen.**

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give our thanks and praise to the God  
who leads us on our journeys;  
you accompany us to the cross and steady us when we  
stumble,  
strengthen us when we wish to hide.  
You call us to follow you while you shoulder our burdens.  
You forgive our sins.  
In the forty days of Lent,  
we remember the love you made known  
in the birth, life and death of Christ.

In Christ's healing acts and radical teachings  
as he walked towards his own death,  
we recall the words that he spoke  
to call forth love, care and respect for one another.  
We are grateful for your assurance of love amidst human  
betrayal,  
care amidst hatred,  
and respect amidst oppression.

Therefore, we join together in saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to you, O God most high.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

We turn our hearts to you in this season of repentance and  
cleansing.  
As Jesus took time to be with you  
before he was taken to his trial and death,  
we take time now to humble ourselves before you  
in the hope of finding your transforming grace.

*Silent prayer*

We remember the last time Jesus and his disciples ate together at table; he broke the bread and shared the cup, blessing them and saying to his companions: 'Do this in remembrance of me.'  
So, today, we break the bread, we share the cup, and we remember the mercy and love of Jesus Christ. In gratitude for Christ's sacrifice for our sake, we offer ourselves to you.  
We share now in the meal which brings us together as disciples, and sends us forth as renewed people.  
Bless these elements we pray.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Breaking the Bread*

Take, eat. This is the body of Christ given for all.  
Do this in remembrance of him.

*Lifting the cup*

This cup is the new covenant in the blood of Christ.  
Drink from it and remember him.

Draw near to the holy table as a forgiven and redeemed people

*Bread and wine are shared*

**PRAYER**

**Redeemer of life, bless this table-gathering of your people.  
May the sacrifice that Christ chose for us make us thankful.  
May the supper that Christ shared with us today  
strengthen us in our witness to the world.  
In our Saviour's name. Amen.**

**StF 350 I cannot tell why he,**

1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, should set his love upon us, now or then, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when. But this I know, that he was born of Mary when Bethlem's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.
2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the cross was broken, the crown of pain to three-and-thirty years. But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted, and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear, and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden, for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.
3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage. But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory, and he shall reap the harvest he has sown, and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour, when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.