

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

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 8 March 2026

Lent 3

**Crossways Methodist Church
 at Beckminster
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What's On This Week....

Monday 9 March
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 10 March
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 11 March
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
 8.45 - 10.45am WeightWatchers
 9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
 7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

Thursday 12 March
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
 9.45 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
 10.00am Ministers Meeting
 7.00 - 8.30pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 13 March
8.00 - 11.00am Office Open
 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 14 March

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
 Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
 Sunday, 15 March 2026**
Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday
10.30am Local Arrangement

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Dr Rachel Starr**

Welcome and Introduction

Lent 3

Opening liturgy

Object: a measuring jug. Place it at the foot of the cross.

Voice 1: We place this jug at the foot of the cross. It's a small vessel for measuring, limiting, holding back.

Voice 2: We've been shaped by scarcity; by the myth there's not enough to go around.

Voice 3: But God's love overflows. More than we can measure. More than we can hold.

All: O Lord our God, on this Lenten journey, fill us with your living water, and teach us to overflow with love. Amen.

Call to worship (a version of Psalm 95)

1. O come, let us sing to our steadfast God;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise
3. For God is a great God
great above all gods.
4. In her hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5. The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which her hands have formed.

Centenary Events

Saturday, 28 March Married's Tea (by invitation only)

Sunday, 10 May President's Visit

**Saturday, 6 June
& Sunday, 7 June** Centenary Weekend

Saturday, 20 June Organ Recital

Friday, 10 July Community Summer Event
with Gateway & Others

**September
(date TBC)** Treasure Hunt

**Further details on each event
will be given nearer the time**

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

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

6. O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us stand before the Creator, our Maker!
7. For this is our God,
**and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of her hand.**

Prayers of Praise and Lament

StF 74: For the music of creation,

Sharing Stories

StF 254: Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

Exodus 17: 1 – 7 read by Christine Pearson

John 4: 5 – 42 read by Barbara Smith

StF 109: In the darkness of the still night,

Gathering at the Well (a Sermon)

Prayers of the people, including a version of the Lord's Prayer which addresses God as Abba Amma - our father and mother.

*When invited, please respond: **Abba Amma***

StF 524: Listening God, you hear us when we cannot speak

Receiving our Offering

StF 545: Be thou my vision,

A blessing as we go on our way

Psalm 95, NRSV using alternative ways of speaking the divine name, as suggested by Wilda Gafney, *A women's lectionary for the whole church*. New York, 2021.

Nicola Slee, 'Of whose family we are' in *Abba Amma: improvisations on the Lord's prayer*. Norwich, 2022, page 2.

**The Plants for March
are in loving memory of:
Louise Wood;
Rose Car;
Lilian Ashley;**

**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.

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.

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

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 6 April 2026 at The Inn at Shipley, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley, WV6 7EQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

Churches Together in Graiseley and Penn Fields: Our morning worship service on **Sunday, 22 March**, led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo, will be a pulpit exchange service and we look forward to welcoming members from Lea Road and Jubilee Christian Centre to join us in worship, here at Beckminster.

Have you thought about becoming a Chaplain?

Chaplaincy Taster

Come and find out about Chaplaincy in different contexts - Further Education, Business, Retail, Waterways, Coffee Morning & more.

When: Saturday, 21 March 10am to 12noon
Refreshments from 9.30am
20 minute presentation at 10am and again at 11am.
If you are at Beck for the Coffee Morning - pop in for a conversation at any time.

Where: Beckminster Methodist Church -
Epworth Room

Led by: Deacon Linda Gilson and Maggie Everett

For further information contact Deacon Linda
07941 354958 or linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk

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.

CANTORAS CHOIR will perform Stabat Mater and Sanctum on Friday, 13 March 2026 at 7.00 for 7.30pm at St Paul's Square, Birmingham B3 1QZ and on Saturday, 21 March 2026 at 7.00 for 7.30pm at St Peters Collegiate Church, Lich Gate, Queen Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1TY. Tickets are priced at £15.00 and tickets for children/students are £5 and available on the door. For further information see notice board in the Coffee Bar.

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

OUR STORY, OUR SONG: Growing your Calling in Worship with the President of the Methodist Conference. Do you feel called to lead worship or see it flourish in your church? Join us for a day designed to encourage, equip and inspire everyone involved in worship across our churches. This will be on Saturday, 9 May 2026 from 9.30am - 3.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster DY10 2JL.

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 9 March, 16 March and 23 March. See notice board in Coffee Bar for further details of the speakers.

CIRCUIT PLAN: There has been an alteration to the new plan that was circulated recently. The service on Easter Sunday will be at Beckminster, led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo and we will be joined by our friends from Cranmer.

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.

Big Brew Fairtrade Coffee Morning: Saturday 21 March, 2026 from 10.30am – 12.00 noon.

Friends at Crossways@Beckminster are hosting a Big Brew coffee morning, raising funds for the development work of Transform Trade.

There will be an opportunity to taste new fair-trade products and the Circuit Fairtrade Steering Group will be holding an Easter fairtrade market with a selection of Easter cards, chocolates and crafts.

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT: Saturday, 21 March 2026 at 7.00pm at St John's Methodist Church, WV4 6AA. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

LENT BIBLE STUDIES: As Crossways, we are offering two Lent Bible Studies, one at Springdale on Friday afternoons in the Fellowship Room March 13th, March 20th and March 27th at 2.30pm. The one at Beckminster will be on Tuesday evenings in the Epworth Room on 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

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

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: janetfenny@hotmail.com

LENT GROUP: On Friday, **13th March** in the lent group at Springdale at 2.30pm, we will dip into the theme of the week, **Let go of appearances, and embrace what's inside** in the light of the lectionary readings for the following Sunday, and think about how does Jesus' offer of 'living water' challenge the idea that we must work hard to earn God's presence or grace? You might like to prepare for the meeting by reading through the following.

Lent 4. 15th March

1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13 Samuel anoints David.

Psalm 23, Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 Be imitators of God

John 9: 1 - 41 Jesus heals a man born blind. Spiritual blindness.

Volunteer Role: Community Link Chaplain.

Connexus Methodist Church (Brewood, Codsall, Coven & Rakegate).

We are seeking a Community Link Chaplain to help build relationships with the many people who use our buildings and with the wider community. This voluntary role (up to 16 hours per week) offers the chance to be a warm, pastoral presence and support opportunities for faith exploration and community engagement.

Safer Recruitment:

This role requires a satisfactory DBS check, two references, completion of safeguarding training, and a probationary period of up to three months.

For the job description and application form, please contact Helen Share at codsallmethodist@gmail.com.

Completed application forms must be received by **31 March 2026.**

CROSSWAYS AT SPRINGDALE: Coffee Morning, Books and Jigsaw Sale - March 28th, April 18th, May 23rd. 10.30am -12noon in the hall or atrium.