

Centenary Events

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**

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

Crossways Methodist Church at Beckminster

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 5 April 2026

Easter Sunday

What's On This Week....

Monday 6 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
Easter Monday - Premises Closed
10.45am - 12noon Coffee Mates (See Notices)

Tuesday 7 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

Wednesday 8 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
8.45 - 10.45am WeightWatchers
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
7.00 - 9.00pm Horticultural Society

Thursday 9 April
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed
10.00am Ministers Meeting
12noon Funeral of Mrs Lilla Bernard

Friday 10 April
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
10.00am Wedding Rehearsal
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 11 April
2.30pm Wedding of Justin Bowerman and Kate Lorimer

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and earth to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 12 April 2026**
Second Sunday of Easter
10.30am Morning Service
led by Mrs Wendy Gould

**10.30am Easter Morning Service with Holy Communion
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

Easter Day

Object: A real plant. Place it near the fake one from week one (do not remove the fake plant). Arrange chocolate mini eggs around it, making sure there are enough for everyone (and some tasty alternatives for people who can't eat chocolate).

Voice 1: We place this living plant beside the fake one. What was fake is now outshone by what is real.

Voice 2: We scatter these eggs – symbols of joy, of life, of surprise. There is enough for everyone.

Voice 3: Christ is risen. Love has the last word.

All: O Lord our God, our Lenten journey is complete. Let joy take root. Let life burst forth. Alleluia! Amen.

Psalm 118: 1 - 2

StF 298: Christ the Lord is risen today;

Prayers

Readings:

Colossians 3: 1 - 4 read by Hazel Graham

Matthew 28: 1 - 10 read by Stephanie Sherwood

StF 314: This joyful Eastertide,

Sermon

StF 309: See, what a morning, gloriously bright,

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

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)

Volunteers needed at Wolverhampton Fair Traid!

Wolverhampton Fair Traid is staffed entirely by volunteers. We are currently looking for people who could join the rota at our Mander Centre shop. Our current volunteers tell us that they are finding this very rewarding since we joined with Shop in the Square and we benefit from a much greater footfall. Shifts are mostly afternoons, 1.30 – 5.00pm although we do cover Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10.00am – 1.30pm. We will also be looking for somebody with good IT skills to support our computer network. Input would be on an ad hoc basis to support both our retail and account bases. People with an interest in media or publicity would also be most welcome. Please share amongst your colleagues - I would be happy to have an initial conversation with anybody who is interested. I can be contacted on shop@wolvesfairtraid.org.uk. Brenda Shuttleworth: 07845 007931

LETTIE HARRIS would like to thank all her friends at Beckminster for all the cards, flowers and good wishes she has received since her accident a few weeks ago. I am recovering slowly and hope to be back at Church in the near future.

THANK YOU for the lovely card and flowers received which were very much appreciated. Wendy Healey.

On 19 April 2026 we welcome back the Rev David Shaw as part of our Centenary. David and Penny started attending Beckminster as newly weds back in 1980 and were original members of the Young Beck group that existed. David entered Queens College in 1983 but still attended the Church. In 1984 they left Wolverhampton as he followed his calling into the Ministry. He is a Supernumerary Presbyter serving in the Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit. We will learn more no doubt!

JUNIOR CHURCH: Over the next few weeks until after Easter, as discussed with parents, there may be some Sundays where the children are asked to remain in Church. These include Easter Sunday (5 April). The children's table at the front of the Church is always available should they wish to entertain themselves quietly during services.

Prayers

Offerings

StF 311: The day of resurrection,

Holy Communion

StF 313: Thine be the glory,

Blessing

*We shall be joined this morning by
our Friends from Cranmer*

The Plants for April
are in loving memory of:
**Kathryn Tonks;
David Boulton;
Brownie & Betty Carter-
Brown;
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Corns;
Anne Jones & her Parents;
Violet Watts;**

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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE will only be open next week on Wednesday (8 April) and will then reopen on Wednesday, 15 April 2026 at 9.30am. Any notices please for Sunday, 12 April need to be with me by Tuesday, 7 April at the latest. Many thanks. Sue.

CENTENARY MARRIEDS' TEA: Our first organised Centenary social event, the Marrieds' Tea was a fantastic success with over 120 people being present. Many people gave a lot of their time in going the extra mile to make it such a memorable occasion and there are too many to mention individually. Suffice to say, can I thank everyone who contributed in whatever way in being part of the success of this event. Tim.

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

WOMBOURNE & DISTRICT CHORAL: On Saturday, 25 April 2026 at 7.30pm Wombourne & District Choral Society will be performing Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana' and Tippett's five spirituals from 'A Child of Our Time' at St John's in the Square. Tickets are available online from the Society's website or contact Stephanie Sherwood on 01902 742887.

CENTENARY: Centenary Books, Reflections on the First 100 Chapters of the New Testament and cards of Beckminster are available priced at £10.00, £15.00 and £2.00. You can collect your copies from the office during office hours or they will be available on a Sunday morning. Sue.

CENTENARY YEAR WEDDING: Our daughter Kate and Justin are getting married here at Beckminster on Saturday, 11 April 2026 at 2.30pm. You are all invited to join us at the church service which will be led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo. Sue and Tim Lorimer.

Celebration Gift Day: All friends and members of Beckminster are invited to make a financial contribution to our Centenary Gift Day on Saturday, 6 June 2026. You have all received a letter and please read carefully and prayerfully.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: We are holding a 'Brainstorming Evening' on **Thursday, 23 April 2026** (7.00 - 8.30pm) at Springdale to hear your thoughts on how we might do some things better at Crossways. If you are happy to be involved in discussions (not volunteering to do anything necessarily) do please come along. Items to be discussed are Christian Aid, Action for Children, All We Can, Worship, Mission, Music, Technology, Youth Work and social gatherings and anything else we/you can think of. If you are already involved in these things we will definitely welcome your input. We will plan a rather informal gathering, and you can go from one group to another if you wish. If you are happy to chair a topic, please let Paul or a steward know.

EASTER OFFERING: The Easter Offering is the annual opportunity to give to the World Mission Fund, which works with over a hundred of the Methodist Church in Britain's Partner Churches and organisations around the world. Collection envelopes are now available at the back of church for people to make their gift on Easter Sunday or one of the Sundays following. All gifts will be gratefully received, and dedicated at a Circuit Service on Sunday, 17 May 2026 at 6.00pm at St John's Church, Parkfields. The theme this year will be "Unbound: a gospel that breaks barriers." *Wendy Gould, Circuit MWiB*