

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

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Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, 17 May 2026

Ascension Day

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

Monday 18 May
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
1.30 - 3.30pm Take a Break
5.00 - 9.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 19 May
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
1.00 - 2.00pm IFW B & S Lunch (See Notices)
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

Wednesday 20 May
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 21 May
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 22 May
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 23 May
9.00 - 11.00am Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day
To ponder and pray
Eternal and gracious God,
grant that as we believe your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to have ascended with triumph
into your kingdom in heaven,
so may we also in heart and
mind ascend to where he is
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 24 May 2026**

Pentecost

**10.30am Morning Service
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

**10.30am Morning Service for Christian Aid
led by Christine and Johnny Pearson and Church Members
with Batanai Padya from Christian Aid**

Welcome and Introduction

StF 410: Lord, your Church on earth is seeking

Call to Worship

Fridah's Story

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Fridah's Story (Continued)

Reading: Isaiah 61: 1 - 4 and 8
read by Hazel Graham

Prayer for Christian Aid Week

StF 256: When I needed a neighbour,

Film

Belinda's Story

Reading: Matthew 7: 7 - 11
read by Barbara Smith

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

(as once previously) using members who volunteer to bring exciting meals along in their slow cookers etc. Donations on the day are requested, but there will be no charge for this; however, tickets must be acquired in advance from Sue Lorimer. They will be available after 24 May, 2026.

We hope to see you and many others on both days of our special weekend.

WEST MIDLANDS METHODIST DISTRICT: We're really excited to share that the District will be hosting a brand new festival called Bloom which takes place on Saturday, 4 July 2026 at Trinity Methodist Church, Codsall. This will be a one-day festival for all ages, bringing together worship, workshops, creativity and community from across the District. We're looking forward to what will be a really special day of connection and shared life across the District. For further information and to book a place, go to wmmethodists.org.uk/bloomfestival.html

Centenary Weekend

Saturday, 6 June 2026, 2.00 - 5.00pm - Community Event

Outdoor pioneering activities will be demonstrated on the Church lawn by scouts, beavers, squirrels and scout leaders. We are indebted to Lucy Wingrove for both instigating and arranging this. The event will be widely advertised in the local community, including advertisements in shops and leafleting of local residents. We want our community to know that it is an open, public event in which we welcome our neighbours and the parents of the performers.

Please come along at any time in the afternoon to mingle with our friends and neighbours in a genuine attempt at outreach. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon in the Coffee Bar,

Please also come along to make your contribution to our Centenary Gift Day if you have not already done so. Our fund is already approaching £18,000 and we hope it will receive a substantial boost in the course of our weekend of celebration.

Sunday, 7 June 2026, 10.30am - 2.30pm

We have extended an invitation to various ex-members, friends as well as our local community to join us in worship together at 10.30am, so we expect a higher number of worshippers than usual. Our Minister, Paul, will lead our service and we can look forward to something very inclusive and very special. Soon after worship ends, a hot meal will be served which will be expertly organised by June Sutton

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

StF 693: Beauty for brokenness,

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dismissal

Blessing

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.

EASTER OFFERING: All gifts will be gratefully received, and dedicated at a Circuit Service **TODAY** Sunday, 17 May 2026 at 6.00pm at St John's Church, Parkfields.

DAVID SMITH: Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathleen and the family following the death of David on Thursday, 7 May 2026 at home.

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 May
are in loving memory of:
Charles & Connie Sutton;
Parents of Loraine and
the late Rob Harris;**

ELIZABETH (BETTY) Eccleshall (formerly Jenkins): Our thoughts and prayers are with Michelle & Nicola and the family following the death of Betty on 6 May 2026. The funeral will be at Bushbury Crematorium on Wednesday, 10 June 2026 at 12noon. All are welcome.

CHURCH GROUNDS: If any members would be prepared to help with the maintenance of the church grounds during the Spring and Summer, any assistance would be much appreciated. Further details from Phil Healey on 07876170972.

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.

CRAFT GROUP will be taking a short break and so our next meeting will be on Monday, 8 June 2026. We look forward to seeing you then. New members are always welcome.

CROSSWAYS AT SPRINGDALE: Coffee Morning, Books and Jigsaw Sale - 23 May from 10.30am - 12noon in the hall or atrium.

COFFEE MATES: Meet Monday, 1 June 2026 at 10.45am - 12noon at The Two Greens, Old Hill, Tettenhall WV6 8BQ. Everyone welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

CROSSWAYS AT SPRINGDALE are holding their Summer Fayre on Saturday, 13 June 2026 at 12noon until around 1.30pm. This is usually a lovely community event with Hot Pork Sandwiches, Cakes, Face Painting, Book Stalls, Gift Stalls, Toy Stall and all sorts and the kitchen serves home made cakes, hot and cold drinks. Entrance is free and you are all welcome. If anyone would like to be involved and either help out or hold a stall with all proceeds going to Crossways Methodist Church, Nicola would love to hear from you. Tel: 07704674697.

HANDEL TO HOLLYWOOD: On Saturday, 20 June 2026 at 7.30pm, Dr. Jonathan Clarke will give an organ recital of music to suit many tastes. He is well known to many of us by his work with Wombourne & District Choral Society. Refreshments will be available and the proceeds will be shared between Compton Care and Beckminster Centenary Appeal.

HERITAGE WEEK: Wolverhampton City Council is supporting Heritage Week from 11 - 20 September 2026. With this being our Centenary, linking up with Heritage week seems an idea worth pursuing. I would ask if there are any Beck people who would be interested in forming a small group to look at what we can do to support Heritage week, to contact me. Many thanks Tim.

WOLVERHAMPTON PRIDE 2026 will be on Saturday, 6 June 2026. **Parade** - please let us know you are coming (20 places available) around midday or to help with our stall at the Pride Market in West Park. **Create** - if you enjoy knitting, crocheting, crafting, please support us by making hearts (5-6m across) which can be given out on the day. **Praise** - Join us at Pride, Praise & Worship on Sunday, 31 May 2026 at 5.00pm. Free tickets on WLGBT & Eventbrite. For further details contact Lesley Cook/Deacon Linda Gilson and see poster on notice board in the Coffee Bar.

CROSSWAYS LOGO: In the vestibule you will see a board with the logos which have been submitted. Can you please let Sue Lorimer know which you prefer and/or which bits of each one you prefer. This matter will then be discussed at the next Church Council on 23 June 2026, so that a decision on the logo can be made.

PENN SINGERS will perform Sun Moon & Stars on Saturday, 4 July 2026 featuring Vocabella at Penn United Reformed Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £10.00 available from Brian 01902 652992 or Alex 01902 338570.

IFW - BRING & SHARE LUNCH: Interfaith Wolverhampton's Bring & Share Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at Beckminster Methodist Church, Birches Barn Road, WV3 7BQ. The guest speaker will be Surinder Sandhu a Senior Personal Banker from Nat West bank and will deliver workshops and on-site Financial Health Checks designed to help customers become financially fitter. These usually include:

Financial Health Checks: One-to-one sessions covering budgeting, borrowing, saving, and planning ahead.

Workshops: Group sessions focused on building financial confidence, understanding key money topics and providing practical tools people can use straight away and answer any questions.

SUNDAY CLUB: There will be no Sunday Club next Sunday, 24th June 2026.

Wolverhampton Circuit MWiB invite you to their Quiet Evening at Beckminster on Tuesday, 9 June 2026. This will take the form of Taize Worship led by Christine and John Pearson. Refreshments will be served in the Coffee Bar from 7.00pm, worship in church at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. *Wendy Gould.*

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

- 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)

Centenary Events

Saturday, 6 June

2.00 - 5.00pm Centenary Event.....Outdoor
Pioneering Activities by Scouts, Leaders, Beavers and
Squirrels. Refreshments will be served in the Coffee Bar.

Sunday, 7 June

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

Wednesday, 10 June

An invitation to all members on Centenary Day:

The 10th of June marks the actual centenary anniversary
of our church. We have been asked whether those who
usually meet online for our prayer meeting might instead
gather in person at the church at 10.00am for a short act
of worship focused on intercession. We warmly invite you
to join us for this time of worship, which will be followed
by tea, coffee, and cakes. Rev. Paul Nzacahayo

Saturday, 20 June

7.30pm Organ Recital.

Friday, 10 July

7.00pm Community Summer Event with Gateway &
Others.

Saturday, 12 September

Treasure Hunt around the area of the church.

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