

## Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### ***Christ has risen – this changes everything!***

Good morning and a very warm welcome to our Easter Sunday morning worship with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend Gwyneth Owen and Deacon Alison McMillan. The Stewards are Barry and Becky Gransden and Stephanie Bishop. Thank you to Becky Gransden for decorating the cross at the front of the church.

**Today's reading is:** Mark 16: 1-8

#### **Events Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Sunday	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Reverend Barbara Jeffries

**Bible in One Year:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April: Judges 16 – 1 Samuel 12 and Luke 7 - 9

#### **Diary Dates:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April                      Church Away Day, Holtwood Methodist Church

**Easter Offering:** Every Easter, the Methodist Church in Britain invites donations to the World Mission Fund through Easter Offering envelopes. If you did not take an envelope last week, please take one today: by using these envelopes this will enable tax to be reclaimed through Gift Aid where possible. Your giving to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund helps support mission partners working overseas, nationals in mission appointments and overseas students in ministry training. It also allows the Church to make grants to Partner Churches for special projects.

**Church Away Day:** This will soon be with us, and those of us who have prepared the day are looking forward to a great time of fellowship, friendship and fun. If you wish to come and haven't already spoken to Alison, then there is still time for you to join us: please let Alison know so that we can cater accordingly and arrange transport if required.

**Di Browning:** Just a reminder that Di Browning (along with her mother) will be joining us next Sunday so that we can wish her well in her retirement. We do hope that you will be able to come and join us.

*Joyce Wild*

**Georgian Fayre:** On May 7th the church will be open from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm selling coffee, tea, squash, homemade cakes and filled rolls. There will also be a book stall, so any unwanted books will be gratefully received. Volunteers are needed to make and sell rolls, serve drinks and cakes. If you feel you could help then please speak to Joyce.

*Joyce Wild*

**Methodist Women in Britain:** The local Easter Offering Service is prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund. It is being held at Verwood Methodist Church on 6th May at 6.00 pm. Blandford Methodist Church has been asked if a member of our congregation could read the opening prayer of adoration at the start of the service. If there is anyone who would like to participate and read this short prayer, please have a word with Becky Gransden who has a copy of the service.

*Becky Gransden*

**Food Bank fund raiser:** Blandford Community Promotions is putting on a fund raiser for the Food Bank, for which we are absolutely thrilled! It is an evening of comedy with Jo Enright at the Corn Exchange, Market Square, Blandford on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. As with any fund raiser, funds can only be raised if there are sufficient people attending to cover the costs and then a little left over to go to the Food Bank funds. Jo Enright is hilariously funny; you can see her on Youtube to give you a flavour of her comedic work. Tickets are available on the door: £15.00 for a premium ticket and £11.00 for a standard ticket. Please come with family and friends and enjoy a wonderful evening listening to an artist at work here in Blandford. Further details can be found on the poster in the hall.

*John Cornish*

**Prayer for the week:**

**Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns. Revelation 19:6**

*Father in heaven, we all stand in need of Your forgiveness. We stand, too, in awe of Your Son, Jesus, who was despised and rejected for our sins. Thank You for coming to us in Jesus 2,000 years ago so that we might know You now.*

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