

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 8th April

Good morning and a very warm welcome to our morning worship which is being led by Reverend Barbara Jeffries. The Stewards are Grahame Downer, David Wild and John Cornish. It's a pleasure to welcome Sheila Besant as our pianist today – we hope this is the first time of many occasions when Sheila will accompany our singing. Thank you to Joyce Wild for the flowers. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service, so please do stay for coffee and a chat.

Today's readings are: John 1:1 and John 2:2 and John 20:19-31

Events Sunday 8th to 15th April

Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Saturday	10.00 am	Away Day at Holtwood Methodist Church
Sunday	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Reverend Gwyneth Owen

Bible in One Year: 9th – 15th April: 1 Samuel 13 – 29 and Luke 10 – 13:22

Diary Dates:

Thursday 26 th April	Bible Study, The Manse, 7.00 pm
Sunday 29 th April	Dementia friendly service, Parish Church, 3.00 pm
Monday 7 th May	Blandford Georgian Fayre: church open for refreshments, book stall and quiet contemplation
Thursday 10 th May	Bible Study, The Manse, 7.00 pm

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.

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 Alan Dymond has appealed for books which 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 13th 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:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. Psalm 98:1

Lord, You have done great things in my life. Even if my voice isn't one that would be heard on stage, I want to join the choir in thank You for the amazing things You've done.

God loves to hear the voices of His children.

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