

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Good morning and a very warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Colin Besant. The Stewards are Tina Wise, Rona Downes and John Cornish. Thank you to Tina Wise for the flowers. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service, so please do stay for coffee and a chat.

**Today's reading is:** John 6:1-21

### **Events Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Tuesday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Sunday	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Miss Elizabeth Ward

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**Bible in One Year:** 30<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August: Psalms 51 – 69 and Romans 2 – 8:21

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### **Diary Dates:**

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Ecumenical family fun day, 12.30 pm, Stour Meadows
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Mrs Mary Randall, Salvation Army at Woodlands Methodist, 6.00 pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Rustic Fayre, Woodlands Church
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Welcome service to two new ministers, Highcliffe Church, 6.00 pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Bible Study, The Manse, 7.00 pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Bible Study/ prayers, Church, 11.00 am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Ecumenical service, 10.30 am, Blandford Methodist Church

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**Prayer:** Please can we continue to uphold in prayer those members of our congregation who we know are ill or suffering in some way.

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**Works at church:** some essential works to the premises are due to start in the immediate future. The workers have been advised of the various groups using the premises during the week. We apologise for any inconvenience, but hope you will bear with us during this time.

**Bible Studies:** From September there will be Bible Studies on the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month and every Friday morning. The Tuesday evening studies will be held at The Manse, and the Friday morning studies will be in the church.

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**Synod - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with our District Synod being held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne. If you haven't already offered to help out I would encourage you to do so, if you are able. It is a good opportunity to have a glimpse of the wider Methodist Church which we are a part of. See the sheets in the Narthex for timings and what is needed (including cake making!). Many thanks. *Alison McMillan*

**Food Bank:** The summer holidays are here and the food bank *desperately* needs your help. Many families who receive free school meals for their children get no extra provision for meals in the holidays and consequently find it a struggle to afford the extra food needed to feed their families. This is where the food bank can help: during the past couple of years the Blandford Food Bank has been privileged to have helped vulnerable families with extra food parcels during the six-week summer holiday period, but we need your support. To ensure our stocks of essentials are maintained throughout the summer in order to accommodate these extra parcels, we would be extremely grateful to receive supplies of basic food items, together with some extras to give "treats" to the children to make their summer holidays extra special. A list of those items we would be grateful to receive, can be found overleaf. Items can be left in the green box in the Narthex. Since January 2018, the Blandford Food bank has helped more than 380 adults and children with 183 food parcels. Together we can help our local families enjoy a wonderful summer.

*Margaret Cornish*

**Ride and Stride:** The church has regularly taken part in this annual event, in which people are sponsored to ride or walk to raise money for Dorset's historic churches. This year's event is on 8<sup>th</sup> September. We are able to help in two ways -

1. By opening our church to welcome Riders and Striders and to sign their sponsor forms. If you are able to help in this, by taking a turn on the rota between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm, please sign the form in the Narthex.
2. By walking or cycling yourself. If you would like a sponsor form, please contact me.

*Grahame*

*Downer*

**Woodlands Methodist events:** We have been asked to encourage our congregation to collect the following items for the Salvation Army: socks, hats, gloves, scarves, toothpaste only and small bars of chocolate, and we are invited to go along to Woodlands Methodist and hear Mrs Mary Randall from the Salvation Army on 12th of August at 6.00 pm.

**VACANCY:**

**PA to the Rector and Administrator  
for the Benefice of Blandford Forum and Langton Long**

*This is a part time post at 20 hours per week.*

An excellent opportunity exists for a proactive and organised professional to provide vital support to the Rector, assisting with forward planning, diary management and the smooth running of the systems and processes within the Parish Church. You will also provide excellent administration of the Parish Office overseeing all administrative tasks to enable the smooth and efficient running of the Benefice.

Salary: £10,920 per annum plus 28 days holiday (20 hours p/w)

There will be a requirement for working some unsociable hours.

For further information on this position and details on how to apply, please contact

Revd Canon Jonathan Triffitt, 01258 721754, email: [jonathan@bfpc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan@bfpc.org.uk)

Closing date for applications 7th August, interviews w/c 13th August 2018.

**Thought for the week:**

When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases . . . for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**Minister:** Rev Gwyneth Owen – Telephone Number 01202 883461

**FOOD BANK:** To ensure our stocks of essentials are maintained throughout the summer, we would be extremely grateful to receive supplies of the following items:

**Tinned meat and fish** including curry, hot dog sausages, corned beef, ham

Tins of **vegetables** and tins of **fruit**

Tins of **potatoes** and instant **Smash**

**Pasta sauces** (bottles or packets)

Tinned **tomatoes**

**Tea**

**Coffee**

**Sugar**

**Cereals**

**Toilet rolls**

**Ketchup / mayonnaise / salad cream**

**Fruit juice** (cartons, not fizzy and not from the chilled cabinets)

**Jam / honey / peanut butter**

**Biscuits**

**Baked beans**

And in order to give the children those “treats” to help make their summer holidays extra special, we would especially welcome supplies of:

Packets of **Angel Delight**

Ready-made **Jellies** (those made in individual pots)

Individual pots of **fruit**

**Pot Noodles / Mug shots**

**Mini Pringle pots**

**Crisps**

**Snack bars**

**Chocolate bars**

**Fruit juice** (in individual-sized cartons, or individual-sized plastic bottles)

**Freezer pops**

We do hope you will be able to help. Food donations can either be left in the green box in the Narthex, be brought into the food bank between 10.00 am to 12.00 noon every Tuesday or Thursday, or there is a trolley for donations in Tesco and a basket for donations in Morrisons: these donations are collected by Food Bank staff each week and we are indebted to both Tesco and Morrisons for allowing us to have a donation point in their stores. *Unfortunately, we are unable to accept donations of home-made produce.*