



## Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Third Sunday in Advent

Good morning and welcome to our Carol Service which is being led by Mr James Frampton. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Joyce Wild. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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#### **Dates for your diary:**

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	10.45 am	Morning Worship at Blandford Methodist
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.15 pm</b>	Christmas Eve service to be held at Colehill Methodist – all are invited
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.45 am</b>	Christmas Day service to be held at Blandford Methodist led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45 am	Covenant Service followed by simple lunch in hall
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45 am	Local Arrangement
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30 pm	Church social afternoon of fun and games, with light refreshments – further details to follow

**Colehill Methodist: Every Monday**, 11.00 am to 12.00 noon(ish), Bible Study, coffee, prayers and plenty of chat. All welcome.

**Bible in a year:** 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December: Amos 7 – Nahum 3 and Revelation 8 – 14

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**Meet Reverend Dr Mark Kimber:** From 10.00 am every Friday beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November, Reverend Dr Mark Kimber can be found in either the Okeford Room or the Vestry should you wish to have a chat with him.

**Barnabas Aid:** A big thank you to those who donated money in lieu of giving Christmas cards to church folk. With your generosity we were able to purchase three food parcels for a Christian convert family in Uzbekistan and one amount of 20kg of unmilled rice from Christian farmers in South East Asia to mill and give to needy Christians.

*Joyce Wild*

**Covenant Service followed by simple lunch:** Our Covenant Service will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January and this will be followed by a simple lunch of soup, roll, cheese, cake and tea and coffee. There will be no charge for the lunch, but any donations on the day will be gratefully received. To help with catering, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you wish to come to lunch. We hope as many of you as possible will come to the Covenant Service and lunch.

**Blandford Foodbank** (updated as at 14<sup>th</sup> December .23) is **urgently** in need of -

Jam/marmalade                  Squash                  Rice pudding

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

Coffee (small jars)                  Tinned carrots                  Tinned green beans

Washing-up liquid

For those able to support the Foodbank with items, a box has been placed in the Narthex as a collection point.

*John Cornish*

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

If you know of anyone who would like prayer and be mentioned by name in The Link, please let me know (having obtained their permission first to mention them by name).

**Minister:** Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

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