

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 7th January 2024

Good morning and welcome to our Covenant Service with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Margaret and Alan Dymond. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and also to Angela for the flowers. There will be NO normal refreshments after the service; however, please join us in the hall for a simple lunch.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 14 th January	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 21 st January	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 28 th January	10.45 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 4 th February	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 11 th February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Saturday 17 th February	2.30 pm	Church social afternoon of fun and games, with light refreshments – further details below
Sunday 18 th February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Friday 23 rd February	2.30 pm	Church Council meeting
Sunday 25 th February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley

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: 31st December – 6th January: Malachi 1 – Genesis 17 and Revelation 22 – Matthew 5

Meet Reverend Dr Mark Kimber: From 10.00 am every Friday, Reverend Dr Mark Kimber can be found in either the Okeford Room or the Vestry should you wish to have a chat with him.

Thank you from Reverend Peter McNeill: Thank you for the church's good wishes. I am not quite sure what was happening last weekend, but I seem ok now, although I am having blood tests done and further investigations. I finally got home from the hospital at 7.30 on Sunday morning! I am glad Sunday went well although from my knowledge of Blandford Methodists I am not surprised - you seem well able to cope and, as you say, God is both good and faithful. However, I was sorry to miss seeing you all.

My thanks go to Christine and Margaret for stepping into the breach and also to Joyce for supporting with her sermon notes.
Every blessing, Peter

Church Social Afternoon, 17th February: Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter on Saturday 17th February from 2.30 pm when Mr Alan Dymond will be hosting an indoor boules competition on his own home-made indoor professional standard pétanque pitch. There will be easy table games to play as well. No experience is necessary, although the ability to enjoy a laugh and a bit of fun is essential! During the afternoon, light refreshments will be served. A donation of £3 towards the cost of the refreshments will be appreciated. A sign-up sheet can be found at the back of the church for you to book your place. Please indicate on the form if you have any dietary requirements. We would appreciate it if names could be added to the list no later than Sunday 11th February to assist us with our catering. If you are able to pay when signing up, it will be a great help. Family and friends are also very welcome.

Margaret Cornish

Blandford Foodbank 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).

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