

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Good morning and a very warm welcome to our All Age Morning Worship which is being led by Deacon Alison McMillan. The Stewards are Tina Wise, David Wild and Anne Bennett. Thank you to our organist, Angela Walden, and also thanks to Angela 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:** Genesis 2: 18 – 24  
Mark 10: 1 - 12

### **Events Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday	9.45 am	Baby and Toddlers' Group
Monday	3.00 pm	Membership class, The Narthex
Tuesday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thursday	7.00 pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
Friday	11.00 am	Bible Study/Prayers, Church
Friday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Friday	7.00 pm	Close Encounters Youth Club (ages 8 – 12 years)
Saturday	8.30 am	Circuit prayers, Colehill Methodist Church
Sunday	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Deacon Glenda Sidding

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**Bible in One Year:** 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October: Isaiah 30 – 44 and Philippians 4 – 1 Thessalonians 2

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### **Diary Dates:**

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Methodist Women in Britain, Celebration Day – see poster in church hall for further details
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Salvation Army Christmas Concert in the church, 3.00 pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunch Club Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Holiday@Home
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Holiday@Home
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Carol Service, 10.45 am
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christingle Service, 4.00 pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve Communion Service in the church, 7.30 pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day service at URC, 10.30am
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Ecumenical Service at the Parish Church, 10.30am
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Church Anniversary: Preacher Reverend John Carne

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**Church Council:** please note the Church Council meeting at 7.00 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, to which you are all invited. This will be held in the church.

**Lunch at Colehill:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 12.00 noon – 2.00pm. 3 course lunch followed by tea/coffee and chocolates – all for £6, with all proceeds going to Future Pillars Zambia. If you would like to attend but need transport, please have a word with Barry to arrange.

### **Ecumenical Service Last Week**

We had a wonderful service last Sunday when the churches in Blandford joined together for morning worship here at our church. There were about 200 of us gathered and we shared in praising and worshipping God, celebrating all the amazing things that the churches are doing in the community and praying about where God is calling us to now. Thanks need to go to the worship band that joined us from the Evangelical church and to Alistair and Steve who joined us from Faithworks Wessex. Huge thanks also to the team from our church that came on Saturday to prepare the church and hall, those that stewarded, served refreshments, played the organ, counted money, and the many more jobs that are needed to enable worship to happen. The offering raised £530 for the Foodbank - huge thanks to all who gave generously.

The next ecumenical service will be on Sunday 30th December, 10.30am at the Parish Church - put the date in your diaries now!

*Alison McMillan*

**Future Pillars Zambia:** We are very grateful to all those who have already donated items for our next container which is about 50% full – absolutely brilliant! Have we stopped collecting.....No! So, we could still do with toys suitable for primary aged children at 'Future Pillars Zambia' such as Duplo, simple puzzles, toy cars, dolls, Playmobile cooking sets etc, as well as any resources and equipment suitable for classroom use. Computer equipment would be particularly useful. If you or friends and family are able to donate any of these items, please get in touch.

*Becky and Barry*

*Gransden*

**Lunch club:** people can come anytime from 11.30 am for a cuppa, and lunch is served at 12.45pm. This is a two course lunch and costs £3.00 and is for anyone over 55. Twice a month there is an afternoon fellowship. This is from 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm. Alison will be leading the fellowship hour on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Joyce will be leading the fellowship hour on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Community Kitchen** is held in the Parish Church Centre. Community Kitchen dates are 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Blandford URC, Women's Guild 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** a warm invitation is extended to all to the Blandford URC Women's Guild 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary which will be held at the URC on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 pm, followed by tea.

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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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### **Thought for the week:**

Lord, thank You for showing us that it means to love.

Help us to love like You.

*When we love Christ, we love others.*

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