

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 3rd February

Good morning and a very warm welcome to our All Age Morning Service which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild. The Stewards are Barry Gransden, David Wild and Stephanie Bishop. 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 reading is: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Events Sunday 3rd to 10th February

Monday	9.45 am	Baby and Toddler group
Tuesday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	10.45 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	11.00 am	Bible Study
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
Saturday	12.00 noon	Lunch, proceeds to Future Pillars Zambia, Colehill Methodist
Sunday	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Gwyneth Owen

Bible in One Year: 4th – 10th February: Exodus 34 – Leviticus 10 and Matthew 22:23 – Matthew 25

Diary Dates:

Sunday 24 th February	Church Lunch
Saturday 9 th March	Church Away Day, to be held at Horton Heath church premises – further details in due course
Sunday 17 th March	Church Anniversary: Preacher Reverend John Carne

Mission in Britain Boxes: It is time for the Mission in Britain boxes to have their half yearly empty. Please could all boxes be with Joyce by February 24th. If I am not at church, please leave your box with a steward.

Joyce Wild

Church Lunch: After a successful and enjoyable 'church family' lunch during the autumn, we would like to extend an invitation to you, your family and friends to share a ploughman's lunch after our morning worship on **Sunday 24th February**. Invitation leaflets are available at the back of the church detailing time and menu. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex to book your place and to indicate how many will be attending. We are asking for a donation of £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children to cover our costs, which will be payable on the day of the lunch. Please make sure that you have made your booking by **Sunday 17th February** at the latest - thank you.

If anyone would be willing to provide a pot of soup or a dessert, please contact Becky Gransden.

Becky Gransden

Ad-Hoc Singing Group for Easter: I am hoping that we will be able to have a group to sing in our Easter Sunday Service this year. Everyone is very welcome - whatever standard (!). The idea is to rehearse for a few weeks leading up to Easter and to have a good time learning a couple of songs

together. In order to get an idea if we will have enough people to go ahead, we thought it would be good to have an initial meeting after the service on **Sunday 17th February**. We will then be able to discuss when might be a good time to meet to practise and have a think about what we might like to sing, so do come ready to make some suggestions. If you aren't able to make this first meeting but are interested in singing, then do let me know.

Alison

McMillan

Verwood Methodist: 'Bourne2Sing", male voice choir at Verwood Methodist on Saturday 16th February at 7.30 pm. The choir will be raising funds in aid of Future Pillars Zambia. Further details can be found on the poster in the hall.

A Zest for Zambia: On 4th February, Barry and Becky Gransden will be coming to St Nicholas School, Child Okeford to give an illustrated talk under my chairmanship about Zambia, their involvement in education there, and, of course, the container! You will be very welcome to come: please book seats (price £5, or £3 for under 16s). Start time is 7.30 pm.

This will be a chance to learn about the outstanding work which Barry and Becky have been doing in Zambia.

Grahame Downer

Musical evening in Blandford: There is a musical event taking place in the near future which church members might be interested in attending. A Gala Charity Concert, with all ticket sales supporting Blandford Community Kitchen and Blandford Community Hospital, is being held in the Parish Church on **Friday 15th February at 7.30 pm**. Songs from Musicals and Classical hits are being performed by talented Music Scholars from Bryanston School. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained on the door, or by phone on 01258 484649, or music@bryanston.co.uk. Becky Gransden

JOB VACANCY: Cleaner at Blandford Methodist Church

We are in need of a Church cleaner.

This is a part-time appointment - 6 hours per week. £9 per hour.

For further information and an application package,
please contact John Cornish.

Tel: 07799 516 735 or Email: fww@cornish54.plus.com

Closing date for applications: Monday 18th February

Interviews: Friday 22nd February

Appointment by 25th March or as soon as possible thereafter.

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

Prayer for the week:

O Jesus, we pray today for Christians who cannot meet together to worship You. We think of those whose hostile, unbelieving families will not let them go to church; of those who live so far from any other Christian that there is no-one to come together with in Your Name; of those who are secret believers, their faith known only to You. Please speak to each one, by Your Holy Spirit, encourage, teach, guide and strengthen them. Bless them with the knowledge of Your presence as they abide in You.

(from Barnabas Prayer for the persecuted church)

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