

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 17th February

Good morning and a very warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild. The Stewards are John Cornish, David Wild and Stephanie Bishop. 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 readings are: Luke 24:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Events Sunday 17th to 24th February

Monday	9.45 am	NO Baby and Toddler group
Tuesday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Wednesday	10.00 am	Church Leadership Team meeting
Thursday	10.45 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	11.00 am	Bible Study
Friday	12.45 pm	Lunch Club
Friday	7.00 pm	NO Close Encounters Youth Club (ages 8 – 12 years)
Sunday	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Sturtridge
Sunday	12.30 pm	Church lunch in hall (NO coffee after the service)

Bible in One Year: 18th – 24th February: Leviticus 23 – Numbers 11 and Mark 1 – 5:20

Diary Dates:

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
Sunday 24 th March	10.30 am: Circuit service at Verwood Methodist Church to mark the long service of Grahame Downer, Colin Besant and Christine Thompson - NO service at Blandford Methodist Church
Sunday 31 st March	11.00 am: Ecumenical service at Blandford Evangelical Church – NO service at Blandford Methodist Church
Sunday 14 th April	Palm Sunday: Service to include infant baptism, followed by church lunch
Thursday 18 th April	7.30 pm: Maundy Thursday service
Friday 19 th April	11.30 am: Good Friday – church will be open for quiet reflection
Sunday 21 st April	11.00 am: Easter Sunday (note later start time for service)

Ad-Hoc Singing Group for Easter: Don't forget! If you would like to sing in the ad-hoc Easter Sunday singing group, please stay behind after today's service for a quick chat to discuss what we might sing. Any ability of singer will be welcomed.

Alison McMillan

The next **Church Leadership Team** meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th February. If anyone has any points they would like raised at this meeting, please speak to a steward.

Church Lunch: We are delighted at the number of people who have signed up and want to share in our church lunch and we are looking forward to a fun and relaxed time together. There will be no coffee after the service next week due to the church lunch taking place. Please could all people who are kindly making soups and desserts for lunch bring them to the kitchen by 10.15 am next Sunday before the service begins.

Becky

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Circuit Website: David Wild has recently taken on the responsibility for managing the Blandford pages of the Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit Website. This website is a useful tool for sharing all that goes on at Blandford Methodist Church, not only with other people in the circuit but with the rest of the world. So, if you have an event you wish to publicise or report on, please send the information (along with suitable photographs, if possible) to David, who will get it published onto the web.

Healing Service: Sunday 3rd March, 4.30 pm at Verwood Methodist. All are welcome to this gentle service, with an opportunity to offer or receive prayer if wished. Further details on the notice board in the hall.

Woodlands Methodist: A couple of events taking place at Woodlands: 10th March at 6.00 pm, an illustrated talk about the Taize community; Jumble Sale on 23rd March in Verwood Memorial Hall from 9.30 am – further details of both on the notice board in the hall.

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:

How have others' words encouraged me?

What opportunities do I have to give someone else the 'letter' of encouragement they need?

God, bring someone to my mind who needs encouragement.

Then help me act on Your prompting.

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