

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 25th August

Good morning, and a very warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild. Unfortunately, Reverend Elizabeth Rundle was unable to take this morning's service, so thank you to Joyce for stepping in at very short notice. The Stewards are Grahame Downer Jean Peck and David Wild. Thank you to our organist, Angela Walden, and thank you, also, to Angela for the flowers. When the candle is lit at the front of the church before the start of the service, may we ask you to remain silent as you prepare yourselves for our time of worship.

Today's bible readings are: Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Luke 13:10-17

Events Sunday 25th August to 1st September

Tuesday		NO Lunch Club
Tuesday	10.00 am	Holiday@Home
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Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Friday	7.00 pm	Welcome Service for Reverend Pauline Crispin, to be held at Wimborne Methodist Church
Sunday	10.45 am	All Age Morning Worship led by Mrs Margaret Havers

Bible in One Year: 26th August – 1st September: Psalms 119:89 – 136 and 1 Corinthians 8 - 12

Diary Dates:

Saturday 14 th September	Ride and Stride, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm
Sunday 29 th September	Ecumenical service to be held at the Parish Church at 10.30 am
Sunday 13 th October	Harvest Festival followed by harvest lunch
Sunday 1 st December	Salvation Army Carol Service, 3.00 pm

Welcome service for Reverend Pauline Crispin: This will be held at Wimborne Methodist this Friday, 30th August at 7.00 pm. The service will be led by Reverend Nigel Deller and the preacher will be Dr Andrew Wood. If anyone would like a lift to Wimborne, please have a word with one of the stewards.

Ride and Stride: This year's event is on Saturday 14th September. For anyone new to it, the idea is that you walk or cycle between a number of churches, and you seek sponsors: the proceeds are half for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, half for our church. We received a grant from the DHCT towards the cost of our refurbishment a while ago. Jean Peck has taken part for several years, and hopes to do so again. Let me know if you would like to follow her example. But also - we aim to keep the Winterborne Lounge staffed between the opening hours of 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. There is a list in the Narthex: please sign up if you are willing to help in this way, for a period of an hour or two.

Grahame Downer

Latest from Zambia: Thank you again for all your support and encouragement over the past year, on so many levels, enabling the Family Futures Community School to move forward significantly. Copies of the Future Pillars Zambia August 2019 Newsletter are soon to be available in the Narthex for detailed updates of all our activities.
Becky and Barry Gransden

The Blandford Conversation: Faithworks Wessex (FWW) is now working with local organisations and charities to celebrate community action in Blandford Forum. This conversation plans to identify challenges we face and find local solutions by working together across the community in the public, private and voluntary sectors. FWW is inviting these groups to join a celebration of their contributions and to ask for their views on the priorities for the town and the surrounding area. This Blandford Conversation will be held on Saturday 19th October at the Sealy Suite, Crown Hotel, West Street, Blandford DT11 7AJ. Please talk with John Cornish if you would like to know more.

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:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8
How is it comforting to know that God never changes? When have you needed that assurance?

Reverend Robert McBain – Telephone Number 01202 887698 (July and August only)