

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 1st March
(First Sunday in Lent)

Good morning, and a very warm welcome to our morning worship which is being led by the Reverend Elizabeth Rundle. The Stewards are John and Margaret Cornish and Rona Downes. Thank you to our organist, Angela Walden. 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. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service, so please do stay for coffee and a chat.

Today's readings are: Psalm 23 and Matthew 4:1-11

Events Sunday 1st to 8th March

Monday	9.45 am	Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study
Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Friday	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Friday	2.05 pm	World Day of Prayer, St Mary's Church, Charlton Marshall
Sunday	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Pauline Crispin

Bible in One Year: 2nd – 8th March: Numbers 26 – Deuteronomy 7 and Mark 8 – 11:18

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 10th March	Church Council Meeting, 7.00 pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Stewards meeting, 11.00 am
Saturday 28 th March	Friends and Neighbours: 'Who Dun It' murder mystery evening, 6.00 pm
Sunday 29 th March	Ecumenical Service, Blandford Methodist Church, led by Reverend Pauline Crispin
Thursday 9 th April	Maundy Thursday Service, 7.30 pm
Friday 10 th April	Good Friday Service, 11.45 pm
Sunday 10 th May	Church Anniversary, followed by lunch
Saturday 19 th September	Circuit Prayer event, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm – further details to follow
Monday 21 st September	Circuit Prayer event, 9.00 am – 12.30 pm – further details to follow

Church Council Meeting: The Church Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 10th March** at 7.00 pm. A copy of the Agenda is available in the Narthex. Any matters of Any Other Business should be given to The Chair (Pauline Crispin) no later than Sunday 8th March. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch Club – Call My Bluff: On Tuesday 17th March after Lunch Club our Fellowship Hour is hosting a Call My Bluff session. This begins at 1.30 pm and we would love it if folk from the church congregation and any of their friends would join us for this special afternoon of fun and laughter.

The more the merrier. The three gentleman who run the event are very entertaining and the whole hour will be a hoot.

Joyce Wild

Lent Challenge, Action for Children: Sheets are now available in the Narthex for this year's Lent Challenge for Action for Children. Please do take one and then return all proceeds to me on Easter Sunday. Many thanks in anticipation.

Joyce Wild

Woodlands Methodist:

- Jumble sale in Verwood Memorial Hall, 7th March, 9.30 am. Jumble is still needed (but not large items), so if you have anything, please contact 01202 822066.
- Worship for You service, March 8th, led by Reverend Pauline Crispin.

Further details on poster in hall.

Verwood Methodist:

- The Musical Comedy Quiz, 7th March, 7.30 pm. Further details on poster in hall.
- Riding Lights Theatre Company present 'The Narrow Road' – for dates and more information see poster in hall.
- 'Sometimes, Always, Never', a film for Holy Week, Wednesday 8th April, 7.15 pm. Further details on poster in hall.

Marriage and Relationship Proposal: At Wimborne Methodist Church on Wednesday 19th February the first of two meetings in the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit was held to discuss the Marriage and Relationship Proposal that will be voted on at Synod in July this year. The proposal relates to the authorisation of same sex marriage in the Methodist Church. There are booklets entitled 'God in Love Unites Us' available for people to read and a copy of the report can be found on the Methodist Church website at

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/themethodistchurch/marriage-and-relationships-2019/>.

A few copies are also available in the Narthex if you wish to take one home to read: however, please return your copy so that others may read it also.

If you would like to attend the second meeting, it takes place on Thursday 12th March, 7.00 pm at Highcliffe.

Please can I urge all members of the church to read the report and if you feel strongly one way or another then contact your local synod representative so that the thoughts of local congregations are heard.

Our Synod reps are: Margaret Havers, Chris Lusher, David Morgan, James Peachey, Kate Phillips, Elizabeth Ward.

Joyce Wild

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:

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails (Proverbs 19:21)
All-knowing God, give me the faith to listen to You when my plans are disrupted, knowing that You have a greater purpose for my life.

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