

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 6th February

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led for us by Reverend Robert McBain. The stewards are Margaret Cornish and Margaret and Alan Dymond. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and thank you to Margaret for the flowers. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service, so please do stay for a coffee and chat. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of refreshments, which will go towards church funds, then please put your donation in the bowl on the hatch.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 13 th February	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Dr Chris Slade followed by Church lunch – see below
Thursday 17 th February	2.30 pm	Property & Finance Committee meeting
Sunday 27 th February	10.45 am	Café Church – see below
Tuesday 1 st March	2.30 pm	Stewards meeting
Monday 7 th March	10.00 am	Lent Bible Studies to start (until 4 th April)
Tuesday 8 th March	7.00 pm	Church Council meeting
Tuesday 12 th April	2.30 pm	Stewards meeting

Today's readings are: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Luke 5:1-11

Bible in a year: 6th – 12th February: Exodus 39 – Leviticus 13 and Matthew 23:23 – 26:50

Church family lunch: This has now been re-arranged for Sunday 13th February (sorry for the short notice). Following our morning service, we will move into the hall for a roast lunch, followed by pudding, which will have been cooked for us by Mark and Nadia who cook the meals for the lunch club. The cost will be £5 per head (children under 10 are free). If you would like to join us for a time of fellowship and lunch, please speak to me after the service.

Margaret Cornish

Mission in Britain boxes: It is time for the half yearly emptying of Mission in Britain boxes. If you feel your box is full then please hand it to Joyce before the end of February. However, should you still have space in your boxes please feel free to hold on to them until July. If you would like a box to begin collecting for Mission in Britain then please speak to Joyce.

Joyce Wild

Café Church: On the Circuit Plan for Sunday 27th February, Blandford Methodist Church is listed as a Local Arrangement. The service on offer on this occasion is Café Church which is a more relaxed way to spend time together as the family of God worshipping God. We shall use the hall which will be set up with tables and chairs. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served and through the medium of contemporary prayer, singing, Bible study and craft activities we will share worship together thinking specifically about what it means for each of us to be a part of God's Family. *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. Can we particularly remember in prayer those in our congregation about to go into hospital for an operation within the next few weeks.

If you know of anyone who would like prayer and be mentioned by name in The Link, please let me know (having obtained their permission first to mention them by name).

Summary of stewards meeting held on 26th January:

- Café church to be held on 27th February in the hall. Joyce to make arrangements.
- Agreed that the following Covid restrictions should be eased in line with UK Government advice:
- Wearing of face masks to be left to one's own discretion
- Face masks can be removed when singing
- Organ can be used
- Offertory can be taken up during the service
- Communion rail can be used during Holy Communion services
- Attendances no longer to be registered
- No restrictions on seating arrangements in church
- Lent Bible Studies to start on Monday 7th March by Zoom.
- No refreshments after service on Easter Sunday.

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