

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 4th December

Good morning and a warm welcome to our morning worship on the 2nd Sunday in Advent which is being led by Mrs Margaret Havers. The stewards today are John and Margaret Cornish and Rona Downes. Thank you to Angela Walden for playing for us and thank you, also, to Angela for the flowers. **Please note:** there will be no refreshments after the service today as we prepare for the Salvation Army Concert this afternoon.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 3 rd – 17 th December		Highcliffe Christmas Tree Festival – further details on poster in hall
Wednesday 7 th December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Saturday 10th December	4.00 pm	Carols on the Green
Sunday 11 th December	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Robert McBain
Sunday 11 th December	5.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight, Parish Church
Sunday 11 th December	6.00 pm	“Worship for You” at Woodlands
Monday 12 th December	11.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Colehill – see note below
Sunday 18 th December	10.45 am	Carol Service at Methodist Church
Sunday 18 th December	11.00 am	Christingle Service in the Parish Church
Monday 12 th December	11.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Colehill
Wednesday 21 st December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Saturday 24 th December	6.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service , United Reformed Church
Sunday 25 th December	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service , Blandford Methodist Church
Saturday 7 th January	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist
Sunday 8 th January	10-45 am	Covenant Service
Sunday 29 th January	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service at the Parish Church

Don't forget: The Salvation Army Carol Concert in church this afternoon at 3.00 pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bible in a year: 4th – 10th December: Ezekiel 47 – Hosea 4 and 1 John 4 – Revelation 1

Bible Study: The weekly Advent Bible Study will now be held at Colehill at 11.00 am on Monday 12th and Monday 19th December rather than at Blandford on a Wednesday.

Carols on the Green: This is a community carol service on 10th December at 4.00 pm on ‘The Green’ (Alner/Cobham Road, Blandford), followed by hot dogs, mulled wine and mince pies. Further details on the poster in the hall.

Highcliffe Christmas Tree Festival every Saturday from 3rd - 17th December: Please see the poster on the hall noticeboard for all the details about this exciting outreach.

Woodlands “Worship for You” on Sunday 11th December. There will be carols by candlelight with the Verwood Concert Brass Band. This is followed by tea/coffee and mince pies. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Cards: We welcome the giving and receiving of Christmas Cards to friends at Church. However, we would be grateful if you could arrange to give your cards in person and not to leave them on a table for others to deliver for you. Thank you for your consideration.

The Stewards

Christmas Day Meal: For those who are own their own whether they are single or a couple the church is opening for Lunch at 12.30 pm on Christmas Day. The cost is £5.00 and booking with payment is essential. Contact Joyce Wild on 07817 505543.

Morning Offertory: It was agreed at the last Church Council Meeting that from the beginning of January 2023 an offertory would not be taken up during the course of the morning worship. Instead, plates will be placed in the Narthex and at the entrance to the hall so you can place your offertory on one of the plates – either as you come in to church, or as you move into the hall for refreshments after the service. This will be a trial and will be reviewed at Easter when a decision will be made whether or not to continue with this method of offertory.

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of -

- Deodorant
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

- Porridge
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned soup
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

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

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).

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