



## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Carol Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent which is being led by Reverend Pauline Crispin. The stewards today are Joyce Wild and Margaret and Alan Dymond. Following the service, please do stay for refreshments in the hall.

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### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Colehill
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> , United Reformed Church
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service</b> , Blandford Methodist Church
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45 am	Covenant Service
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30 pm	Stewards meeting followed by property meeting
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service at the Parish Church

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**Bible in a year:** 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December: Obadiah – Habakkuk 3 and Revelation 9 - 15

**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.

**Treads:** Having supported Treads by a donation from our recent Salvation Army carol concert, Libby from Treads has sent in the following information regarding the Treads organisation:

*Treads aims to equip young people from aged 10 to 20 (up to 25 in special circumstances) to better deal with life's ups and downs. We offer advice, information, guidance and support so they may achieve their full potential and become more emotionally resilient.*

*As well as working in schools we also run a free weekly creative activity group where young people can come to relax, make new friends, receive support and have fun.*

*For more information, please visit our website [www.treads-youth-blandford-forum.com](http://www.treads-youth-blandford-forum.com) or call 07766224165*

I have a Christmas Card one of our young people has made to thank the congregation of your church for their kind donation. I hope to be able to pop it round to the church this week if I can: if not it may have to go in the post! I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy new year.

*Regards, Libby Lloyd  
Treads Young People's Advice & Information Centre*

**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
- Bars of soap
- Cleaning products such as washing up liquid, surface cleaner, cleaning sponges

For those able to support the Foodbank with items, a box has been placed in the Narthex as a collection point.

*John Cornish*

**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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