

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship. Our service today is being led by Mr Brian Sturtridge. The stewards are Tina Wise and John Cornish. Thank you to Tina for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	<b>Ecumenical Service at the Parish Church</b> – there will be <b>NO service</b> at our own church
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Reverend David Le Poidevin
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00 pm	Church Council meeting, Okeford Room
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00 pm	Stewards meeting followed by Property and Finance meeting
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00 am	Lent Bible Study, Colehill Methodist – see below
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Reverend Gwyneth Owen, followed by lunch in the hall

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**Bible in a year:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February (2 weeks): Exodus 4 – 35 and Matthew 14:22 - 22

**Circuit News:** Following the third round of stationing, the western end of our Circuit was unsuccessful in securing a minister for Wimborne, Colehill and Blandford who would have started in September 2023. The way forward will be discussed at a Circuit Leadership Team meeting in February. The CLT will also prepare a plan to provide Pastoral cover for the above churches whilst Reverend Pauline Crispin is on sabbatical in spring 2023. *Joyce Wild*

**Lent Bible Studies:** These will take place at 11.00 am at Colehill Methodist on the following dates: 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March with the final study on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Church Council Meeting:** The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm in the Okeford Room. All members of the church and congregation are welcome to attend, but only Trustees will be permitted to vote. *David Wild*

**Methodist Women in Britain:** Last Monday I attended a meeting at Verwood Methodist Church of the Methodist Women in Britain representatives from our Circuit. The partnership this year which MWiB have opted to support is a Romanian Orphanage. Deacon Glenda Sidding will come and chat to us about this on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June during our morning service. It would be good if, as a church, we could raise some funds for this charity. As Lent is just around the corner would you be interested in the six weeks leading up to Easter in filling empty Smartie tubes with any money which can be popped in there? The money raised will go directly to the orphanage via the Methodist Minister in Romania who Glenda knows well and in the past she has visited both the church and the orphanage. The Smartie tubes will be available at church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you in anticipation.

*Joyce Wild*

**Helpers for Presbyteral Synod meeting:** On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March the Presbyteral Synod will be held at Wimborne Methodist Church and help is needed to cater for the 90 attendees. There are three sessions:

9.00 am -11.00 am to serve refreshments, collect in empty cups, wipe tables down and wash and dry up

12.00 noon -2.00 pm to serve refreshments, collect in empty cups, wipe tables, and wash and dry up

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm to serve refreshments, collect in empty cups, wipe tables, wash and dry up and tidy away tables

Those who volunteer will only be asked to undertake one session. Is this something you feel able to help with? If it is please email [joyce.wild156@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.wild156@gmail.com) or ring Joyce Wild on 07817 505543 by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

*Joyce Wild*

**Circuit Concert:** On the afternoon of either Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> (date to be confirmed) we shall hold a Circuit Concert at Ringwood Trinity.

You might be musical, love drama, can recite poetry, juggle, tell jokes, be a ventriloquist or offer something I have never even thought of, but please come and share your gift with others. An audience, too, will be most appreciated. If you are interested speak to either Joyce or John. This will be an excellent way to showcase the talent around our Circuit of which I am sure there is much. Dates of any rehearsals will follow shortly. I look forward to hearing from as many folk as possible.

*Joyce Wild*

**Woodlands Methodist:** Worship for You service, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 6.00 pm. Further details on the poster in the hall.

**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*

### **Bible Studies at Mudeford Lane church:**

Starting on Thursday 2nd February, Reverend Peter McNeill will be leading a series of Bible Studies at Mudeford Lane. The Bible Studies will be on Thursdays from 1.30 pm. He welcomes people from other churches who would like to join in.

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Character</i>	<i>Background Reading</i>
Session 1	I'm not up to the job	Moses	Exodus 4:10-17
Session 2	Just give me one more sign	Gideon	Judges 6 and 7
Session 3	As usual it all falls on me.	Elijah	1 Kings 19
Session 4	What's the point anyway?	Jonah	Jonah 3 and 4
Session 5	We don't do that!	Peter	Acts 10
Session 6	Facing up to the cost	Jesus	Luke 22:39-46
Session 7	Rekindling the gift	Timothy	2 Timothy 1:1-14

**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 those in our congregation who have recently been bereaved, that they may feel the Lord's presence and peace at this particularly sad time. Also to bring to the Lord in prayer those who may be facing an operation in the near future.

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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