

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 5th March (2nd in Lent)

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Dr Christopher Slade. The stewards today are John and Margaret Cornish and Jean Peck. Thank you to Angela Walden for playing for us and also for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 27 th February	11.00 am	Lent Bible Study, Colehill Methodist
Sunday 12 th March	10.45 am	Local arrangement morning worship
Sunday 19 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill (Mothering Sunday)
Sunday 14 th May	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Reverend Gwyneth Owen, followed by lunch in the hall
Saturday 1 st April	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist
Sunday 9 th April	10.45 am	Easter Sunday service led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 16 th July:	10.45 am	Pauline's final service at Blandford Methodist, followed by lunch in the hall
Sunday 23 rd July:	4.30 pm	Leaving Service for Reverend Pauline Crispin at Trinity Church, Ringwood
Sunday 24 th September	10.45 am	Harvest festival service led by Reverend Nick Wood from Verwood Methodist, followed by lunch in the hall

Bible in a year: 5th – 11th March: Numbers 34 – Deuteronomy 16 and Mark 9:30 - 12

Congratulations on their **Wedding Anniversary** to Margaret and Alan Dymond.

Offertory: A reminder that there will not be an offertory taken up during the morning service: instead, plates will be available in the Narthex and on the table near the organ on which you may place your offerings.

Lent Bible Studies: These will take place on Mondays at 11.00 am at Colehill Methodist. Each study can stand alone, so if you cannot come to them all, you are most welcome to join for as many or as few as you are able. These gatherings are incredibly 'user friendly' and informal, sharing over a 'cuppa!'

6th March:	Earth shall cry glory – led by Joyce Wild
13th March:	Face to face – led by Colin Besant
20 th March:	Led by Joyce Wild
27th March:	Heart 2 heart: sorrow and joy – led by Colin Besant
3rd April:	Bound in love and sacrifice – led by Colin Besant and Joyce Wild



CAFÉ CHURCH - *Discover the difference !*

On Sunday 26th March our morning service will be using a rather different style of worship. We will gather around coffee tables for light refreshments, and then have an introduction, a hymn and a bible reading.

For the next half-an-hour we will explore the bible reading through a choice of either discussion or quiet reflection or creative activities. A variety of suggestions and resources will be available to inspire our explorations, and you should be able to spend some time in at least two of these different approaches to worship.

Finally, back together at the coffee tables, there will be opportunity for anyone to share something from their 'explorations', before the service concludes with further prayers and hymns. This may sound a little strange for Sunday morning, but a good number of other Methodist Churches are finding that this style of occasional service can be refreshing and enjoyable. We hope you will come and give it a try!

Reverend David Vincent (*Wimborne*)

Church Anniversary: We are really pleased that Reverend Gwyneth Owen has agreed to come and lead our Church Anniversary on Sunday 14th May. It will be a real pleasure to meet up with Gwyneth again. Following the service, we will join together for lunch in the hall. Further details of the lunch menu, cost and a sign-up sheet will be available in the near future. We hope that you will come and join us for this service and lunch.

Sunday Service, 16th July: Sadly, this will be Pauline's final service with us at Blandford before she moves on to her new post as Minister in the Fareham area. Following the service, we will join together for lunch in the hall. Further details of the lunch menu, cost and a sign-up sheet will be available near the time. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this service and lunch in order to wish Pauline every blessing in her new post.

Leaving service for Reverend Pauline Crispin: A leaving service for Pauline to thank her for her work in the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit and to wish her well in her new post, will be held on Sunday 23rd July at Trinity Church, Ringwood. There will be tea at 4.30 pm followed by a service at 5.00 pm.

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

Cook and Connect: Relax, cook and eat with others in your community, learn about other cultures and meet new friends. To be held at Blandford Parish Centre. Open day, Thursday 6th April 10.30 am – 1.30 pm, then once a month on Thursday evenings, starting 4th May, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. For further information, please see the poster in the hall.

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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