

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 28th May

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Peter Ellis. The stewards are Joyce Wild and Rona Downes. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and thank you to Joyce for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

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| Saturday 3 rd June | 8.30 am | Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist |
| Sunday 4 th June | 10.45 am | Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch |
| Sunday 4 th June | 6.00 pm | “Going Deeper”, monthly meeting of prayer, worship and ministry at the Parish Church |
| Tuesday 4 th July | 2.00 pm | Stewards and Property and Finance meetings |
| 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: 28th May – 3rd June: 2 Chronicles 4 – 20 and John 10:24 - 13

Church Council 6th June 2023: The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for 6th June 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

It’s not too late to give a leaving gift for Pauline! Even though it is a few months yet until our Minister and Superintendent, Reverend Pauline Crispin, leaves us for pastures new, it would be good whilst she is on Sabbatical to begin thinking about a gift from our church which will form part of her leaving present. If you would like to make a monetary gift towards a leaving present, please pass this to Joyce before the end of May, and if you have any suggestions for a gift, please let Joyce know.

Colehill Methodist: Coffee morning, Saturday 3rd June, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Cakes and goodies. All welcome.

JOB VACANCY - Church Administrator (part-time): The Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit are looking for part-time Administrative Support to develop the life of the Highcliffe and Milford on Sea Methodist Churches in their local communities. The main responsibilities will be:

- * Acting as Lettings Officer
- * Coordinating information on church events
- * Assisting with presentation of worship resources
- * Acting as Safeguarding Officer
- * General administrative support

The successful applicant will mostly work independently from home, so internet access and Microsoft Office skills are essential. The hours are flexible, average 10 hours per week.

Salary - £6,532 per annum. Enquiries to John Cornish for further information.

Summary of Stewards Meeting and Property and Finance Meeting held on 23rd June:

- 11th June, Mission in Britain Sunday – service to be led by Deacon Glenda Sidding
- 2nd July, Local Arrangement service
- 23rd July, Farewell Service for Reverend Pauline Crispin at Trinity, Ringwood. Teas at 4.30 pm, followed by service at 6.00 pm
- August: Stewards hope to meet with Reverend Mark Kimber to plan how his time will be used at Blandford Methodist
- 27th August, Local Arrangement service to be a “Songs of Praise”
- 9th September, Ride and Stride
- 10th September, Welcome Service for Reverend Andrew Pottage at Barton on Sea. Also for Reverend Deborah Cornish (Wimborne Methodist) and Reverend Mark Kimber (Blandford and Colehill) and Reverend Peter McNeil (Pastoral Care)
- 8th October, Café Church to be led by Reverend David Vincent
- 24th October, Church Council meeting, 7.00 pm
- 29th October, United Service to be hosted by Blandford Methodist
- 3rd December, Salvation Army Carol Concert
- 9th December, Carols on the Green

- Lunch Club: several letters appealing for its continuation have been posted to Mr Simon Hoare, MP, the Ministry of Justice and the Probation Service. A meeting has now been planned for Friday 2nd June at Blandford Methodist, to be attended by Esther Schmidt (Head of Interventions), Laura Cairns (Operations Manager for Dorset), Joyce Wild and Rona Downes to discuss the future of the Lunch Club.
- Winterbourne Lounge: quotes being obtained to fix the damp.
- Storeroom walls to be cleaned and repainted.
- Davids of Wimborne to be contacted again to investigate the leak in the church roof.
- Fire risk assessment now carried out and John and Joyce to mark up an action plan.
- Agreed for safety reasons, the front row of the gallery not to be used and to be roped off.

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of -

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| Tinned fruit | Tinned vegetables | Coffee | Squash/Fruit juice |
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The following items are also running low and need restocking -

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| Tinned meat | Tinned soup | Jam/marmalade | |
| Rice pudding | Shampoo | Tea Bags | Toilet roll |

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).

As Reverend Pauline Crispin is currently on sabbatical, for any immediate problems and concerns, please contact Joyce Wild in the first instance.

Minister:

Reverend Pauline Crispin

Pastoral Support:

Joyce Wild: (Tel: 01258 454091)