

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Diana Middleditch. The stewards are John Cornish and Margaret & Alan Dymond. Thank you to Margaret for playing for us and thank you to Jean for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm	“Going Deeper”, monthly meeting of prayer, worship and ministry at the Parish Church
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	7-00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10-45am	Morning Worship Service led by Deacon Glenda Sidding (talking about the Romania project that MWiB are involved in this year)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	11-00am	Funeral service for Rev David Le Poidevin *
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm	Stewards and Property and Finance meetings
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July:	10.45 am	Pauline’s final service at Blandford Methodist, followed by lunch in the hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July:	4.30 pm	Leaving Service for Reverend Pauline Crispin at Trinity Church, Ringwood
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 am	Harvest festival service led by Reverend Nick Wood from Verwood Methodist, followed by lunch in the hall

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**Bible in a year:** 4<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> June : 2 Chronicles 21-36 and John 14- 19 v 1-22

**Church Council 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> 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*

**11<sup>th</sup> June Methodist Homes for the Aged Sunday.** Envelopes for donations to this worthwhile charity will be given out before the service.

**Good News** on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 4-47pm Eliza Lily Pottage was born weighing in at 7lbs 2oz. Congratulations have been sent to Andrew & Laura Pottage from the Circuit.

**\*Sad News** Rev David Le Poidevin passed away last week. His funeral service is at The Spire in Poole on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 11-00am. All are 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> June, Mission in Britain Sunday – service to be led by Deacon Glenda Sidding
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Local Arrangement service
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 27<sup>th</sup> August, Local Arrangement service to be a “Songs of Praise”
- 9<sup>th</sup> September, Ride and Stride
- 10<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 8<sup>th</sup> October, Café Church to be led by Reverend David Vincent
- 24<sup>th</sup> October, Church Council meeting, 7.00 pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> October, United Service to be hosted by Blandford Methodist
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Salvation Army Carol Concert
- 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 -

Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables

Coffee

Squash/Fruit juice

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

Tinned meat  
Rice pudding

Tinned soup  
Shampoo

Jam/marmalade  
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)