

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 16th July

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend Pauline Crispin. The stewards today are Joyce Wild and Alan and Margaret Dymond. Thank you to Angela Walden for playing for us and thank you to Tina for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for lunch.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 23 rd July	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Sturtridge
Sunday 23 rd July:	4.30 pm	Leaving Service for Reverend Pauline Crispin at Trinity Church, Ringwood - see below
Sunday 30 th July	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service at Blandford Evangelical Church – there will be NO service at our church
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: 16th – 22nd July: Psalms 16 – 32 and Acts 20 - 23

Calling all Mission in Britain box holders. It is time for the end-of-year emptying so can all boxes be with Joyce no later than July 30th. If I am not at church when you bring your box in, please give it to David Wild or John Cornish.

Joyce Wild

Leaving Service for Pauline: As previously mentioned, you will see that there is a circuit service on 23rd July at Ringwood Trinity Church which will be the leaving service for Pauline. The service itself will be at 6.00 pm but it is preceded by an afternoon tea at 4.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Ecumenical Service: On Sunday 30th July at 10.30 am, Blandford Ecumenical Church in Alfred Street will host the next ecumenical service. The sermon will be given by Reverend Will Burditt who is the new Curate at the Parish Church. The Blandford Ministers have asked if there is anyone from the Methodist Church prepared to read the bible at this service. We will know the details of the bible passage nearer the time. If you are willing to do the reading, then please let me know. Thank you.

John Cornish

A Service of Praise: Sunday 27th August will be another Local Arrangement service, taken by the stewards and members of the congregation. As a change, we will be holding a 'Service of Praise for the Beauty of the Earth' on the 27th August, so if you have a favourite hymn, a favourite reading or poem (Christian-based, but not necessarily from the bible), etc., please let us know. A request slip is attached to this copy of the Link, so please fill it in and return it to any steward by Sunday 13th August at the latest and we will try to include as many of your favourites as possible. We look forward to a wonderful celebratory service.

Request from the Salvation Army: The Salvation Army has asked us to be aware that when homeless persons are rehoused, they are in dire need of sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers and towels. If you have any linens that you no longer require, please let Joyce have them and she will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of -

Tinned fruit	Tinned vegetables	Squash/Fruit juice
Tinned baked beans	Tinned sausages/hot dogs	Tinned corned beef/ham
Tinned macaroni cheese	Tinned meatballs/ravioli	

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

Tinned soup	Jam/marmalade	Jelly	Tea Bags
Toilet roll	Coffee	Pasta sauce	

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).

Minister:

Reverend Pauline Crispin

Pastoral Support:

Joyce Wild: (Tel: 01258 454091)