

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 23rd July

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Brian Sturtridge. The stewards today are John Cornish and Pat and Brian Dryden. After the service, please join us in the hall for lunch.

Dates for your diary:

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| Sunday 23 rd July: | 4.30 pm | Leaving Service for Reverend Pauline Crispin at Trinity Church, Ringwood |
| Sunday 30 th July | 10.30 am | Ecumenical Service at Blandford Evangelical Church – there will be NO service at our church |
| Sunday 6 th August | 10.45 am | Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild |
| Sunday 13 th August | 10.45 am | Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeillo |
| Sunday 20 th August | 10.45 am | Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant |
| Sunday 27 th August | 10.45 am | Local Arrangement service – “A Service of Praise” – see below |
| 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: 23rd July – 5th August (two weeks): Psalms 33 – 69 and Acts 24 – Romans 8:21

Thank you: Last Sunday we enjoyed a lovely service which was followed by a wonderful lunch and great fellowship. I would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped prepare and serve the lunch followed by a great team who tidied up afterwards. *Margaret Cornish*

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*

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 can be found in the Narthex, 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 service of celebration.

Bourne2Sing: This popular male voice choir will be giving a concert at Verwood Methodist Church on Saturday 30th September at 7.30 pm. Further information, including where to buy tickets, can be found on the poster in the hall.

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 -

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| 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 -

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| 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).

Pastoral Support:

Joyce Wild: (Tel: 01258 454091)