

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Rona Downes. Thank you to Angela Walden for playing for us, and thank you to Angela for the flowers.

After the service, please join us in the hall for lunch.

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

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Local Arrangement service – “A Service of Praise” – <b>see below</b>
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:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August: Psalms 70 – 86 and Romans 8:22 – 12

**A Service of Praise:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Thank you from Pauline Crispin:**

Dear Friends, I would like to say an enormous thank you to those who organised, prepared, and came along to the farewell lunch after my final service at Blandford Methodist Church. It was such a wonderful occasion to see folk, to share communion and fellowship with you all. Richard and I were also delighted to receive the gift experience, plus the gifts to both of us, which were thoughtfully chosen. You will always be in our hearts.

I very much appreciated that some of you were able to come to the Circuit farewell tea and service at Ringwood, which was a real blessing.

Every Blessing, Pauline

**Pauline's Farewell Service:** On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit gathered at Ringwood Trinity United Church to say goodbye to Reverend Pauline Crispin and her husband, Richard.

The proceedings began with excellent tea and refreshments for about 80: thanks must go to Ruth and Peter Ellis and Ann Waddington and her team. Tea was followed by a service in the church with musicians and singers from around the circuit led by Peter Aston, and a small group of thespians including Pauline and Richard who took on the roles of Ruth and Boaz. We then had goodbye and thank you speeches from Pauline's churches, the CLT, Jackie Burgess (Children and Families worker at Ringwood), Rob White in his role as Circuit Administrator (spoken by Nick) and Nick Wood on behalf of the Ministers.

As part of the evening's celebrations the CLT felt it was very important to recognise the hard work of several of our supernumeraries who over the past 18 months have been real God sends. Gifts were presented to Reverend David Ellis, Reverend Peter McNeill, Reverend Barbara Jeffries and Deacon Glenda Sidding, with gifts for Reverend Robert McBain and Reverend Linda Chester to be delivered this week as they were unable to attend.

Finally, Pauline and Richard were asked to come forward and receive from the Circuit tokens of appreciation for the four years they have been in situ.

Pauline then shared a few words before they were wished all the best for the new appointment at Fareham, Havant, Stubbington and Lee on Solent, with a quote from Deuteronomy Ch:33 v 27.

The most poignant words of the evening, written by Mark Twain and read by Jackie Burgess, were:

Dance like no one's watching  
Love like you've never been hurt  
Sing like nobody's listening  
Live like its heaven on earth

Goodbyes were spoken, hugs shared and best wishes abounded. May they know God's presence as they move forward on their journey of life in Christ.

*Joyce Wild*

**Bourne2Sing:** This popular male voice choir will be giving a concert at Verwood Methodist Church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 -

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).

**Pastoral Support:**

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