

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 10th September

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship with Holy Communion which is being led by our new Minister, Reverend Dr Mark Kimber. The stewards today are Tina Wise, Pat and Brian Dryden and Jean Peck. Thank you to Tina for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 10 th September	3.00 pm	Welcome Service at Barton on Sea - all welcome
Friday 15 th September	10.00 am	Coffee and chat to meet Reverend Dr Mark Kimber on an informal basis in Okeford Room – see below
Sunday 17 th September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 24 th September	10.45 am	Harvest Festival service led by Reverend Nick Wood from Verwood Methodist, followed by lunch in the hall
Sunday 8 th October	10.45 am	Café Church led by Reverend David Vincent
Tuesday 24 th October	7.00 pm	Church Council meeting in Okeford Room
Sunday 29 th October	10.30 am	United Church Service, to be hosted by Blandford Methodist Church
Sunday 3 rd December	3.00 pm	Salvation Army Carol Service
Saturday 9 th December	5.00 pm	Carols on the Green
Sunday 17 th December	10.45 am	Carol Service at our church
Sunday 24 th December	9.15 pm	Christmas Eve service to be held at Colehill Methodist – all are invited
Monday 25 th December	9.45 am	Christmas Day service to be held at Blandford Methodist

Colehill Methodist: Every Monday, 11.00 am to 12.00 noon(ish), Bible Study, coffee, prayers and plenty of chat. All welcome.

Bible in a year: 10th – 16th September: Proverbs 8 – 26 and 2 Corinthians 3 – 9

Welcome Service this afternoon - Donation to MWiB: At the Welcome Service this afternoon at 3.00 pm at Barton-on-Sea, the offering will be donated to the charity, Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB). This will help the charity in their support of two Romanian orphanages this past year. Joyce or John will gladly receive any offerings this morning and then take it to the Welcome Service this afternoon.

Calling all members of our congregation. On Friday 15th September from 10.00 am until 11.00 am you are invited to come to the Okeford Room for a coffee and a chat in an informal setting with our new minister, Mark. All very welcome.

Harvest Festival Service: Our Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 24th September, and we do hope you will be able to join us for that service which will be led by Reverend Nick

Wood, Minister of Verwood Methodist. To make the church look suitably festive for the occasion, we would like volunteers to meet at the church on Saturday 23rd September at 10.00 am to help decorate the church. If you feel able to help, please have a word with Joyce. *All tins and packets received for the foodbank between now and harvest will be kept at church for our harvest display.*

On Sunday 24th September, the morning service will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the hall when we will enjoy a cooked lunch. The cost for lunch will be £5. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for Harvest, and a sign-up sheet can be found at the back of the church for you to book your place for the Harvest Lunch. Please indicate on the form if you have any dietary requirements.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal: Once again it is time to start thinking about the Rotary Shoebox Appeal. It would be good this year if we, as a church congregation, could fill 2 shoeboxes. One for a boy and one for a girl both aged 12-15.

It roughly costs £25 - £30 to fill a shoe box. The boxes are not large so filling them needs careful planning. To stop people worrying about purchasing items themselves it would be good if people would be willing to offer a £5.00 donation and I will buy all the goods. All monetary donations to be with Joyce as soon as possible, please. Every blessing and thank you in anticipation.

Joyce Wild

Woodlands Methodist: Worship for You service, September 17th, 6.00 pm. Led by Reverend Robert Prance. Everyone very welcome.

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).

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