

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 29th October

Good morning and welcome to our United Church Service which is being led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber. We offer a very warm welcome to those who are visiting from other churches in Blandford: The Parish Church, Blandford Evangelical Church, the United Reformed Church and Blandford Camp. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 5 th November	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Sunday 12 th November	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 19 th November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 26 th November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Andrew Pottage
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	10.45 am	Morning Worship at Blandford Methodist
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: 29th October – 4th November: Jeremiah 18 – 33 and 2 Timothy 3 – Hebrews 1

Barnabas Aid: I have had the Christmas catalogue from Barnabas Aid. Reading through it made me wonder if anyone would like to donate what they would spend on Christmas cards for others in our congregation to one of the excellent ideas in the catalogue. Please see Joyce if this is something you would like to support.

Joyce Wild

Christmas Tree Festival: At the Church Council meeting it was decided not to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival, but we will have a Christmas Tree in the window in the Winterborne Lounge as usual.

Singing Group: I would like to try and get together a small group from our congregation to sing at our Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. The idea would be to meet at about 10.00 am each Sunday to go through the carol, starting on Sunday 5th November. This will give us six weeks to get note perfect! If you would like to join the singing group, please have a word with me after the service.

Margaret Cornish

Decorating the church for Christmas: I am happy as always to decorate the church for Christmas. However, this year on the 2nd December I have prayer meeting at Holtwood at 8.30 am then coffee morning at Colehill. I would therefore like to decorate the church in the afternoon at 2.00 pm. If you would like to help please just let me know. *Joyce Wild*

Walking with Micah: God, whose nature is just, yearns for justice in the world. As Christians, we are called actively to do justice, show loving kindness and walk humbly with God. This invitation is at the heart of a Methodist way of life. Methodists, now and in the past, have challenged injustice, worked for change, and supported people experiencing injustices. As the Church in Britain faces new challenges – economic, ecological, political, social and those of declining membership – the time is right for a renewed focus on justice and a fresh approach for our Church. The justice-seeking Church report entitled “Walking with Micah” proposes a framework to support the Methodist Church’s action for justice over the next five years. Reverend Dr. Mark Kimber has given us a copy of this report for us to read which can be found in the Vestry. Please ask John Cornish if you would like to read this and then return the copy for others to read.

John Slow, a member at Wimborne Methodist and a Local Preacher, died on Wednesday. His funeral will be at 2.30 pm on Friday 10th November at Wimborne Methodist Church.

Blandford Foodbank (updated as at 26.10.23) is urgently in need of -

Tinned stew Tinned soup Tinned chicken in white sauce
Coffee in small jars Jam/marmalade Porridge Squash

The following items are also running low and need restocking - Washing up liquid
Deodorant (men and women) Tinned mince and onions Toilet rolls

For those able to support the Foodbank with items, a box has been placed in the Narthex as a collection point. *John Cornish*

Artsreach presents seasonal music and carols in Blandford Parish Church, entitled ‘Icicles and Inglenooks’ by the Narthen Trio. 7.30 pm Friday 8th December 2023. Further details can be found on the poster in the hall.

Prayer: Please can we remember 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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