

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Brian Skelley. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Joyce Wild. Thank you to Tina for the flowers. Please join us in the hall after the service for refreshments.

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

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45 am	Mothering Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mr Barrie Knight – <b>there will be NO refreshments after the service</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	‘Fun with Mark’
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday: <b>Service at Colehill Methodist</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am	<b>Good Friday:</b> Service at Blandford Methodist to be led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00 pm	United service at the entrance to the Corn Market – all invited
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	10.45 am	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber ( <i>start of British Summer Time</i> )
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	10.30 am	United service at the Parish Church (for those who may wish to attend)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.45 am	Local Arrangement – service led by members of the congregation
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	‘Fun with Mark’
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Reverend David Vincent, followed by lunch in the hall

**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:** 25<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Numbers 12 – 27 and Mark 5:21 – 8:21

**Meet Reverend Dr Mark Kimber:** Most Fridays Mark will be available in the Okeford Room from 10.00 am to 11.00 am for anyone who wishes to have a chat with him. However, on the third Friday of each month –the next one being the 15<sup>th</sup> March – there will be a session entitled ‘**Fun with Mark**’ to which you are cordially invited. Please do come and enjoy this new venture.

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**Lent Challenge:** Joyce would like to donate Easter Eggs to the Blandford Foodbank and is asking members of the church and Lunch Club if they would like to make a donation of £3.50 towards the cost of an egg. Joyce would like to receive the money by 10<sup>th</sup> March, and once she has received the money she will go out and buy Easter Eggs and take them to the Foodbank for distribution.

**Third Friday 'Fun with Faith':** Perhaps your idea of fun is munching on those fun size chocolate bars you can buy or having fun in the sun, but for those of us gathered in the Okeford Room on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February well, 'Fun with Mark' was . . . well, fun! A bit like getting together for coffee after church but more structured. Those gathered with Mark around the table were not sure what to expect, but right from the start Mark's calm and friendly attitude was evident and helped put us all at ease.

Mark opened the session by asking us our middle name. It was surprising how many Margarets, Christines, and Johns there were. Then it was time to consider and share what our favourite place 'in the whole world was'. Water proved to be a common thread. This in turn led onto further discussions . . . culminating in an acrostic on the word Charis meaning Grace:

Christian reflection

How being a Christian helps you

Any insights

Reasons

Is it life enhancing?

Saying why it matters

The hour passed by too quickly, but as our time together ended I think we all felt it had been fun and we are all eagerly looking forward to the next session which takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am. Why not come and join 'Fun with Faith', the third Friday of each month - everyone is most welcome.

*Joyce Wild*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** This is Mothering Sunday and as quite a number of our congregation will either not be at church that day or will have to leave church immediately after the service, it seemed sensible to cancel refreshments.

**Colehill Methodist:** Coffee morning, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Donations of cakes and help appreciated. All welcome.

**Woodlands Methodist:** Jumble Sale, 9<sup>th</sup> March at Verwood memorial Hall. Any jumble gratefully appreciated. Further details on poster in hall.

**Holtwood Methodist:** On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Holtwood Sisterhood invite you to their special afternoon with entertainment provided by Colin Besant and the 'Open the Book' team. All are welcome for a chat, tea, coffee and cake.

**Blandford Foodbank** is **urgently** in need of -

Jam/marmalade                      Squash                      Rice pudding

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

Coffee (small jars)                      Tinned carrots                      Tinned green beans

Washing-up liquid

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 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).

**Minister:** Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

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