

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 17th March

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Diana Middleditch. The stewards today are Joyce Wild and Rona Downes & Christine Lydford. There will be refreshments in the hall after today's service.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 24 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Thursday 28 th March	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday: Service at Colehill Methodist
Friday 29 th March	11.00 am	Good Friday: Service at Blandford Methodist to be led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Friday 29 th March	2.00 pm	United service at the entrance to the Corn Market – all invited
Sunday 31 st March	6.30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Milldown
Sunday 31 st March	10.45 am	Easter Sunday: Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber (<i>start of British Summer Time</i>)
Sunday 31 st March	10.30 am	United service at the Parish Church (for those who may wish to attend)
Sunday 7 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 14 th April	3.00 pm	Local Arrangement – service led by members of the congregation followed by afternoon tea – SEE BELOW
Friday 12 th April	10.00am	'Fun with Mark'(Now 2 nd Friday not 3 rd)
Sunday 21 st April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 28 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Thursday 9 th May	6.30 pm	Ascension Day service to be held at Ringwood – further details to follow
Sunday 19 th May	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Reverend David Vincent, followed by lunch in the hall
Sunday 26 th May	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by a General Church Meeting in the hall – further details to follow

Happy birthday to Chris Ovey 20th March.

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: 17th – 23rd March: Deuteronomy 30-31 and Mark 15 v 1-25

Lent Challenge: Joyce is very pleased to let us know that through the generosity of church members and the Lunch Club, she has been able to donate 73 Easter Eggs to the Foodbank.

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 12th April– there will be a session entitled ‘**Fun with Mark**’ to which you are cordially invited. Please do come and enjoy this new venture.

Sunday 14th April: At the recent Church Council meeting it was agreed that our Local Arrangement service on the 14th April will take place at **3.00 pm** and this will be followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. There will be **NO** morning service. We do hope as many of you as possible will join us for our Local Arrangement Service and then join us for tea.

General Church Meeting, 26th May: Your General Church Meeting is for you! Everyone who is part of the Blandford Methodist Church community is welcome.

So, dear reader of the Link, **you are invited** to come along and enjoy the General Church Meeting after morning worship on Sunday 26th May. Please bring yourself, your ideas, and your own picnic lunch!

Church Council asked for suggestions of charitable organisations we might support as part of Harvest celebrations this year . . . so please bring two Charity names that we might consider. Maybe something around the corner and something around the world. We'll get those suggestions up on post-it notes on Sunday morning. Later, there might even be some sticky dot voting system to help the Stewards work out the way forward.

We will also briefly affirm and celebrate the appointment of the Church Stewards and other Church Council members for the coming Connexional year (we have the list sorted already!). Then we will get on to the main event - sharing, thinking, and exploring together about who we are as individual followers of Jesus, and who we are together as Blandford Methodist Church. I am hoping we will bring to life a sort of Agenda . . . for mission, impact, and growth.

Light and life, Mark

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 4.3.24) -

Coffee (small jars)	Pasta sauce	Tinned fruit
Tinned stew	Tinned mince	Tinned stewing steak
Tinned sweetcorn		

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

Instance hot chocolate 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).

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