

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship on Easter Sunday which is being led by Rev Dr Mark Kimber. The stewards today are Joyce Wild, Pat & Brian Dryden and Jean Peck.

- **Easter Offering envelopes will be given out today** (please see the write up below)
There will be refreshments in the hall after today's service.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 31 st March	2-30pm	Service at Castleman House led by Mrs Joyce Wild
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
Sunday 28 th April	4-00pm	Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering Service at Highcliffe. Tea at 4-00pm followed by the service at 5-00pm
Thursday 9 th May	6.30 pm	Ascension Day service to be held at Holtwood – see details below
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

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: 31st March - 6th April: Judges 9 - 1 Samuel Ch6 and Luke Ch6 - Ch9 v 1-17

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.

Easter Offering Envelopes The Easter Offering envelopes are a means for congregations to give donations to the World Mission Fund. This fund supports mission partners in 65 Partner Churches outside Britain and Ireland. The money is used in diverse ways to include mission

appointments and scholarship and leadership training. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the form on the back of the envelope.

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.

Sunday 28th April: Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering Service this year is to be held at Highcliffe. Tea will be served at 4-00pm with the service beginning at 5-00pm. All are welcome to this service which offers stories as to how the money raised for the World Church makes a difference in the lives of people and communities where it is sent. This year the theme is “let Justice Roll” and shares stories prepared by people working around the world.

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

Ascension Day Service

Hallelujah and praise the Lord we now have a venue for our May 9th Ascension Day service. We shall meet at Holtwood Methodist Church at 6-00pm. and avail ourselves of the spacious grassed area around the church. Remember to bring your picnic tea, sufficient drinks for the evening and of course a chair or a blanket to sit on. Should it rain, we shall use the church. Thankfully there are no issues with access to toilets.

The Circuit Leadership look forward to seeing as many folk as possible from around the circuit coming together for food, fellowship and worship on this special day in the Christian calendar.

Joyce

Blandford Foodbank is **urgently** in need of (updated 28.3.24) -
The following items are also running low and need restocking -

- Peanut butter.
- Canned soup.
- Canned fruit.
- Canned vegetables.
- Canned stew.
- Canned fish.
- Canned beans.
- Pasta (most prefer whole grain)

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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