

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber. The stewards today are Tina Wise, Christine Lydford and Jean Peck. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10.45 am	Harvest Festival service led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by Harvest lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30 pm	Church Council meeting, Okeford Room

**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:** 28<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August: Psalms 46 – 65 and Acts 28 – Romans 6

**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 – there will be a session entitled '**Faith with Mark**' to which you are cordially invited. Please note: there will be **NO** 'Faith with Mark' in August.

**Woodlands Methodist:** Car Treasure Hunt, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30 pm. Further details on the poster in the hall.

**Woodlands Methodist:** 'Worship for You', August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm led by West Moors Gospel Voices. Everyone very welcome.

**Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 8.7.24) -**

Pasta sauce      Rice      Tinned chilli con carne      Tinned fish      Tinned fruit  
Tinned mince beef and onions      Tinned rice pudding      Tinned stew      Tinned sweetcorn

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

*John Cornish*

**News from Blandford Parish Church:** The C of E Church is pleased to announce that it has appointed Megan Bishop as Children and School's Minister. Megan is a qualified teacher who has been working as Children's, Youth and Families Worker for a large civic church in Coventry. Megan's time during the school term will be spent as a chaplain to the two primary schools within the town. This is a pastoral role seeking to support pupils, families and staff in what is now quite a complex, pressurised and challenging environment.

Alongside this, the remainder of Megan's time will be investing in the growth of Blandford Forum Parish Church's (BFPC) ministries to children and families in the town. Megan will be helping to lead our successful (and over-subscribed) toddler group, Little Peas, as well as heading up the team delivering children's work on a Sunday morning. We hope in time that the offerings for children and families at BFPC will grow and multiply, so we increasingly become a Church that reflects all ages.

All of the above is because we want to be a Church that makes a difference in our community. Obviously, we believe that faith in Jesus is life transforming, but equally we want to be a blessing to all no matter what they believe. Employing Megan is one way we can invest in that.

**Prayer:** Please can we remember to uphold in prayer those members of our congregation 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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