

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild.

The stewards today are John Cornish and Philippa Daffern. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and also thank you to Angela for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

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:** There will be **NO** Bible Study during August. This will recommence on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Bible in a year:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August: Psalms 66 – 80 and Romans 7 – 11:18

**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.

**A "Methodist Way of Life":** In July we invited you to explore "A Methodist Way of Life." Now we will explore in more detail what it means as we make our journey to be disciples of Jesus, as individuals, and as a Christian Church. Over the next twelve months we will consider four key areas of 'Worship', 'Learning and Caring', 'Service' and 'Evangelism' and we will explore these challenges and how we might respond to each one.

*Worship:* We will pray daily. We will worship with others regularly. We will look and listen for God in Scripture and in the World. In response we can ask ourselves questions such as: "What has spoken to me recently in worship or in the Bible?"

*Learning and Caring:* We will care for ourselves and those around us. We will learn more about our faith. We will practise hospitality and generosity. The challenge for each of us might be to ask: "How have we recently shown hospitality to others? How and what are we learning now?"

*Service:* We will help people in our communities and beyond. We will care for creation and all God's gifts. We will challenge injustice. As individuals how are we seeking to serve others in our communities and beyond? How are we caring for God's creation?

*Evangelism:* We will speak of the love of God. We will live in a way that draws others to Jesus. We will share our faith with others. We can ask ourselves this question, when was the last time we were able to talk about God to those you met?

These are four big areas of our Christian discipleship, taking us a year to complete the journey. May we ask for your ideas on how we might support each other as individuals, as prayer partners, or groups, and as a Church in our “Way of Life” commitments? We will read about our first station on this Journey in the Link on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please make this Spiritual Journey a matter of prayer that our Lord will bless each of us as we together embark on this adventure.

*Prepared by Mark and John*

**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*

**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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