

## Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend Deborah Cornish. The stewards today are John Cornish, David Wild and Jean Peck. Thank you to Jean for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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### Dates for your diary:

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Barrie Knight
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service at the United Reformed Church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10.45 am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by 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:** 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August: Psalms 100 – 118 and 1 Corinthians 1 – 7:19

**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.

**Ride and Stride:** The annual Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. It is always good to have the church open on that day, so volunteers to man the desk are vital. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex this Sunday and for the next few weeks. *Joyce Wild*

**Blandford Foodbank** is **urgently** in need of (updated 7.8.24) -

Soup   Tinned beans and sausages   Tinned hot dogs   Tinned stew  
Tinned sweetcorn   Tinned tuna

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

**Obituary for Timothy Dudley-Smith OBE** (26<sup>th</sup> December 1926 – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024): Timothy Dudley-Smith was a bishop of the Church of England and a noted hymnwriter. He wrote around 400 hymns, including "Lord for the Years" and "Tell Out, my Soul".

Dudley-Smith was born in Manchester and educated at Tonbridge School before studying maths and then theology at Pembroke College in Cambridge. After graduating in 1947, he

began his ordination training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. He was ordained deacon in 1950 and priest in 1951. Later, Dudley-Smith served as head of the Cambridge University Mission in Bermondsey, South London.

In 1955 he was appointed editorial secretary of the Evangelical Alliance and editor of the new Crusade magazine, created after Billy Graham's 1954 London mission. He also began serving with the Church Pastoral Aid Society, serving as assistant secretary from 1959, then as secretary until 1973. He served as president of the Evangelical Alliance from 1987 to 1992.

Dudley-Smith was a member and honorary vice-president of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and the Royal School of Church Music. In 2003, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire "for services to hymnody". In July 2009 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Durham University.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy\\_Dudley-Smith](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy_Dudley-Smith). (abridged)

For ourselves, we will in September begin our journey into "A Methodist Way Of Life" where the first station is "Worship". Dudley-Smith's famous hymn "Tell out my soul" is a hymn of worship and a good introduction to our theme for September.

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*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, and particularly remember those who have recently been bereaved. 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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