

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 27th October

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild. The stewards today are Christine Lydford and Rona Downes. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 3 rd November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Dr Chris Slade
Sunday 10 th November	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday: Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 10 th November	3.00 pm	Civic / Army Remembrance Day event at the Parish Church
Sunday 17 th November	10.45 am	Local Arrangement: Songs of Praise led by members of the congregation
Sunday 24 th November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Ellis
Sunday 1 st December	time tbc	Carol Concert at Blandford Parish Church with the Salvation Army band
Friday 6 th December	6.00 pm	“Yuletide” at the Parish Church – open for late night shoppers
Monday 9 th December	2.00 pm	Decorate the hall and Church for Christmas
Friday 13 th December		Lunch Club Christmas Lunch
Saturday 14 th December	6.00 pm	Carols on the Green
Sunday 15 th December	3.00 pm	Carols at Christmas, Blandford Methodist (<i>no morning service</i>)
Tuesday 24 th December	time tbc	Christmas Eve Service at Colehill Methodist
Wednesday 25 th December	tbc	Christmas Day Service at Blandford Methodist
Sunday 5 th January	10.45 am	Covenant Service followed by simple lunch

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: 27th October – 2nd November: Jeremiah 12 – 29 and 2 Timothy 1 – Titus 3

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 ‘**Meeting with Mark**’ to which you are cordially invited.

Christmas Day Service: I am down to lead the Christmas Day service and am happy to do so. Please could you let me know if you are likely to be coming to give me some idea of numbers.

Joyce Wild

Christmas Cards: At the Church Council meeting on Friday 18th October the two charities chosen for us to support in the coming year were voted on. They were ZANE (Zimbabwe a national Emergency) for overseas and the Louis Ross Foundation for

here at home. To start our fund-raising campaign, I thought it might be a nice idea to instead of individually sending each other Christmas cards this year rather we sign one large card to each other and the money we would have spent on Christmas cards can be donated to our charities. This is not compulsory and should you wish to send cards then please do.

Joyce Wild

Christmas Day lunch: Once again, the church is offering a lunch for those who find themselves on their own on Christmas Day. The cost is £6.00 per head and is to be paid when booking your place. You can book by ringing 07817 505543 or speaking with Joyce or David at Church/Lunch Club. Closing date for booking 13th December.

Joyce Wild

To all members of the congregation: Please find attached to this week's Link the 10 points for all Church Trustees sheet. These points regarding Safeguarding are pertinent to us all. Please do read the sheet and keep it somewhere safe so you can occasionally remind yourself of our responsibilities as a church.

Joyce Wild

Bourne2Sing concert: On Friday 8th November at 7.30 pm in Wimborne Methodist Church . The concert is in aid of Future Pillars Zambia, www.futurepillarszambia.org.uk Entry is free.

Woodlands Methodist Church: Worship For You Remembrance Service. Sunday 10th November at 6.00 pm led by Mr Colin Besant.

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 17.10.24) -

Baked beans	Biscuits	Coffee	Jam	Rice
Soup	Tinned peas	Tinned potatoes	Tinned Carrots	

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

John Cornish



If you're interested and would like to support our next initiative coming up in November. We're running 'Reverse Advent'. Find out details here:

Reverse Advent24.pdf<<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/gXbCUGmxS4C4mVabvuKT>> or get in touch for more info. To keep up to date with all that's going on at Nourish do follow our Facebook Page<<https://www.facebook.com/nourishblandford>> for regular updates on what we're up to or pop in for a cuppa, we're open Tuesday and Thursday 10-2pm and you're always welcome!

Sophie Burditt, Nourish Manager

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).

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