

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 23rd February

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Barrie Knight. The stewards today are John Cornish and Jean Peck After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 28 th February	2.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 2 nd March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 9 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 16 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch
Sunday 23 rd March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Ellis
Sunday 30 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 6 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Gareth Higgs
Sunday 13 th April	10.45 am	Palm Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Friday 18 th April	10.45 am	Good Friday: Service led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by refreshments in hall
Sunday 20 th April	10.45 am	Easter Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 27 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Keith Beckingham

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: 23rd February – 1st March: Numbers 7 – 22 and Mark 4:21 – 7:13

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.

Lent Challenge: Wednesday 5th March is the beginning of Lent. To raise money for our two charities, The Louis Ross Foundation and ZANE, I felt it would be good to follow the printed sheet that will be given out this Sunday and next Sunday, 2nd March. For each day's activity I am suggesting 10p be donated, thus at the end of Lent £4.00 will have been raised. This amount is only a suggestion - people can donate more or less as they wish. *Joyce Wild*

Lent Bible Studies: These will be hosted by Colehill Methodist, lasting for the four Mondays in March.

Local Arrangement – Change of date: The Circuit has contacted us to say that some changes have had to be made to the preaching rota for the next quarter. This means that our Local Arrangement previously scheduled for 16th March will not take place and Mrs Diana Middleditch will take our Morning Worship that day. Unfortunately, the Reverend Andrew Pottage who was scheduled to lead our service on the 25th May will not now be available, so this is the date that has been rescheduled for our Local Arrangement service.

Colehill Methodist: Coffee morning on Saturday 1st March, 10 am – 12 noon. All welcome.

Wimborne Methodist: An afternoon of Music with Viva Voce, Saturday 8th March, 2.30 pm. Full details on the poster in the hall.

Lent Lunches: An early reminder of this year's six Lent lunches which will be held as usual on Tuesdays in Lent beginning March 11th through to 15th April. The first one will be at Wimborne Methodist.

Wimborne Methodist – 'I am Mark': Friday 21st March at 7.00 pm. This is a dramatic retelling of St Mark's Gospel performed by Stefan Smart which has received really positive reviews across the country and been performed at the Edinburgh Fringe.

United Service at the Army Camp on Sunday 30th March: We have been invited by Padres Matt Dietz and Carl Stokes to share in the United Service at the Army Camp on Sunday 30th March at 10.30 am. I shall be going to this United Service and if you wish to go as well please let me know by Sunday 23rd March so I can pass names on to the camp. *John Cornish*

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 13.2.25) –Cereals, Coffee, Tinned meat, Deodorant (male/female), Shampoo, Jam, Tinned chilli con carni, Tinned curry, Tinned hot dogs, Tinned Irish stew, Tinned ravioli, Tinned minced beef & onion. Any other donations of food or household goods are also welcomed. 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).

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