

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 27th July

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led Mr Mark Priestley. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Jean Peck. Thank you to Margaret Dymond for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 3 rd August	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 10 th August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Friday 15 th August	12.00 noon	Lunch Club get together
Sunday 17 th August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Miss Liz Ward
Sunday 24 th August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 31 st August	10.45 am	Ecumenical Service at BMC hosted by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

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 July – 2nd August: Psalms 43 – 60 and Acts 27 – Romans 5

Congratulations on their **Wedding Anniversary** to Chris and Anne Ovey (2nd)

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Mark will not be around on Friday 1st August.

Lunch Club Summertime Get Togethers: Looking for a chance to stay connected over the summer whilst Lunch Club is on a summer break? Reverend Mark – along with a few friendly helpers – will be hosting relaxed lunchtime gatherings filled with good conversation, fun, and maybe even a quiz or activity! **Bring your own picnic lunch** We'll provide drinks, biscuits, and (if you're lucky) some cake! **Fridays 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

- 15th August

Come along for a friendly catch-up and a bit of summer cheer. Everyone welcome!

Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

Save the dates – Church Social Afternoons: We are looking forward to holding three afternoons of fun and friendship:

August 23rd from 2.30 pm – an afternoon of simple, hilarious table-top games, followed by a high tea

September 20th from 2.30 pm – indoor boules plus fun quizzes followed by a French-style buffet

October 25th from 1.00 pm – a curry lunch with games and quizzes

There will be a small cost of £3 per head per afternoon. Places are limited, so please sign up by 3rd August if possible for our first afternoon of fun.

Woodlands Methodist: Worship for You led by Canon Simon Tong, Sunday 10th August, 6.00 pm. Details on the poster in the hall.

News from our Superintendent Minister: Mr Rodney Betts, our Circuit Treasurer, wishes to stand down from the role soon, to focus more fully on his recovery. We thank Rodney for his many years of dedicated service to our Circuit as both the Circuit Treasurer and as a Circuit Steward. Rodney has served in many other roles and led the Circuit on many, often complex, projects and we are indebted to his service, care and expertise and we give thanks to God for all that he has done. Therefore, I am asking the members of the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit Meeting to approve the appointment of Mr Alan Boyce from Milford, as Circuit Treasurer, with immediate effect for a period of 1 year. Alan brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role and we are grateful to God that Alan has agreed to take on this important work for the Circuit. In the meantime, Rodney will remain a Circuit Steward, to assist an orderly transition over the course of the coming Connexional year and will formally end his role as Treasurer at the end of August when the year-end has been completed.

Reverend Andrew Pottage, Circuit Superintendent Minister

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 16.7.25) – Baked beans, Cereal, Jam/ marmalade, Tea bags 40, Coffee, Tinned fruit, Tinned meat balls, Tinned tomatoes, UHT milk. 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.

Can we particularly remember those of our congregation who are helping family members through illness and anxiety.

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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