

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 15th March

Good morning and welcome to our Local Arrangement Service which is being led by members of the congregation. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Alan and Margaret Dymond. Thank you to Tina for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 22 nd March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Sunday 29 th March	10.45 am	Palm Sunday: Ecumenical Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Dr Mark Kimber
Friday 3 rd April	10.00 am	Good Friday: Service led by Revd Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 5 th April	10.45 am	Easter Sunday: Morning Worship led by Miss Elizabeth Ward
Sunday 12 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 19 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 26 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill

Colehill Methodist: Every Monday, 11.00 am to 12.00 noon(ish), Bible Study, coffee, prayers and plenty of chat. All welcome.

Circuit prayers: First Saturday of every month at 8.30 am at Holtwood Methodist Church.

Bible in a year: 15th – 21st March: Deuteronomy 26 – Joshua 9 and Mar 14:27 – Luke 1:38

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.

Thank you for all you give: Thank you for all that you contribute - your time, resources, kindness and grace - to the worship, life and mission of Blandford Methodist Church.

I want you to know that we are just about keeping up with our regular ongoing financial commitments, but this does not cover maintenance, hoped for improvements, or new work. If you are able, please consider reviewing and possibly increasing your giving.

Setting up a Standing Order, if you don't have one already in place, also helps, as cash handling costs the church around £150 a year. And if you are eligible to sign up for Gift Aid please consider it, it makes a real difference.

Light and life, Mark

Graham Boyd: Graham's funeral will take place at our church on Tuesday 31st March at 12.00 noon. Reverend Dr Mark Kimber will lead the service after which Colin Close Funeral Directors will take the coffin straight for cremation. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

Joyce Wild

Easter Sunday: There will be a sunrise service at 6.00 am at the Milldown on Easter Sunday.

Woodlands Methodist: Jumble Sale, 14th March, Verwood Memorial Hall. Details on poster in hall. Also, Woodlands is in desperate need for more jumble i.e. men's & ladies' clothes, please.

Safe Families: A request for help has been received from Stu Dendy from "Safe Families". A family living in Sturminster Newton is in need of some support through Safe Families. The level of help required is fairly light, but the mum would really benefit from someone who can offer a bit of "mum-ing" themselves—an encouraging, caring presence who can cheer her on. Would this be something that someone at Blandford Methodist Church might prayerfully consider?

If you feel you might be interested, or know someone who could offer this kind of support, please speak with John Cornish, who can then ask Stu Dendy for further details about this opportunity to help a family in Sturminster Newton.

John Cornish

Gardening tools: If you have any gardening tools that are in good condition and you no longer need them, could Joyce have them for her grandson who is now doing gardening. Thank you.

Joyce Wild

Dear Friends of Nourish (Foodbank), We are holding a prayer evening on Thursday 19th March 7.30 pm at the United Reformed Church in Blandford and would love to invite you and your church congregation to it. Please spread the word! You will be encouraged to wander around the different rooms that Nourish uses on a typical day and in each room there will be inspiration to pray for each aspect of the Community Larder and Food bank.

We hope to see you there. God bless,

Heidi Roberts

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 10.3.26) – Cereal, Jam, Marmalade, Tinned meat, UHT milk, Rice, Tinned carrots,. 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).

Minister: Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

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