

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 7th June

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship Service which is being led by members of our church congregation. The stewards are John Cornish and Tina Wise
Thank you to Angela for playing for us and also for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 14 th June	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by a General Church Meeting
Sunday 21 st June	10.45 am	Father's Day: Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 28 th June	10.45 am	Morning Worship: Local Arrangement service
Sunday 5 th July	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 12 th July	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Rob White
Sunday 19 th July	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant

Today's reading: Joshua Ch2 v 1-23 (page 216 in church bible)

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: 7th – 13th June: 2 Chronicles 28 – Ezra 8 and John 17 - 21

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. And, on the third Friday of each month there will be a session entitled 'Meeting with Mark' to which you are cordially invited.

Welcome little ones: Congratulations to Pauline Spring on the safe arrival of her first great grandson. And congratulations also to Marta, our cleaner, on the birth of her lovely baby girl. But it's **sorry to see you go** and a huge thank you to Philippa from everyone at Church as she begins a new chapter in her life in a different area of the country. She will be sorely missed.

Church Gift Day: John and I opened the GIFT DAY envelopes, and with the inclusion of a few who donated by bank transfer, the total donated for the GIFT DAY was £500.90. Gift Aid contributions will raise that to about £575. Besides the GIFT DAY contributions, the church has received £2,000 from the charity 'William Williams'.

Other than that mentioned above, there is still some money to be received. The church has pledges from individuals who have yet to donate who missed out on the GIFT DAY and there are external organisations who have pledged money which has not yet landed into our bank account.

If you haven't already donated to the Winterborne Lounge refurbishment scheme, it is still not too late. Envelopes are still available. Once everything is in, I anticipate a total in the order of £4,000. I will keep you updated.

David Wild

Church General Meeting: This will take place in the church hall following our morning worship on 14th June. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch which we will eat in the hall immediately after the service. Mark anticipates that the meeting will last no longer than an hour. The meeting is likely to include highlights of the year, a brief financial summary, Church Council and a BMC Mission conversation, with opening and closing devotions. I do hope you are all able to attend.

Mark Kimber

Sunday 28th June - Local Arrangement service: The Stewards have agreed that this will be an informal service held in the hall, beginning at 10.45 am as usual. Members of the Lunch Club and the Kurling Club will be invited to join us. Coffee and refreshments will be available as you arrive, and you are welcome to sit with friends around a table or two as we gather.

This will be a service by you, for you, so we would love you to contribute something meaningful to the service — perhaps a passage of Scripture, a reading that you may have found encouraging, a hymn, or a short personal story. You may also feel able to lead a prayer: for example for our Church family or for those who are unwell or facing difficult circumstances.

If you are willing to take part, please let Mags (mags@woodview.me.uk) or John (cornishjr@gmail.com) know by 14th June if possible and certainly no later than 21st June. We look forward to a service that is relaxed, meaningful, and a blessing to all who attend.

Winterborne Lounge: The four chairs and three tables from the Winterborne Lounge are no longer needed. If anyone is interested in them, please have a word with Joyce.

Wimborne Methodist Church is always a popular venue for things to do at the Folk Festival on 13th and 14th June, and we raise money for charity. This year we have dancers and musicians performing on the forecourt across the weekend along with 'Mad 4 Animals' on the Sunday from 11 am – 12.30 pm. This is an opportunity for children to see, hold, and learn about some unusual creatures.

We will be open on both days for good value refreshments (coffee etc all day inside or out and lunches 12 noon – 2 pm). Our homemade cakes are always popular and tempting and we have other stalls too – jigsaws, paperback books and good quality gifts. /continued

We have plenty of seating for just resting, eating, watching the various activities or chatting with friends.

This year the charity we are supporting is "Faithworks", which helps people locally as well as further afield, across a wide variety of needs, including the food bank, debt counselling, homelessness, lone parenting, and so on. We look forward to welcoming you to our church at 4a King Street, Wimborne over the weekend of 13th/14th June.

Joy Morling and Christine Thompson

Lots4Land: Future Pillars Zambia will be holding a Charity Auction on Saturday 5th September, 3.00 pm at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton for the purpose of funding the purchase of land (40 hectares) to establish a sustainable farm in Kabwe, Zambia, creating long-term food security, jobs, and economic empowerment for our school and its community. The Auctioneer will be TV celebrity auctioneer, Charles Hanson.

Further details can be found on the poster in the hall. If you have any queries, please contact Barry Gransden, Chair of Trustees, Future Pillars Zambia: Phone Number: 07398264762 Email: trustees@futurepillarszambia.org.uk, Website: www.futurepillarszambia.org.uk

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 21.5.26) –

Cereal, Coffee, Pasta sauces, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, UHT milk, Rice.

Other donations of food or household goods 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. Also, remember in prayer those members of our church who are finding things stressful at this time.

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

Enquiries via Lead Steward, John Cornish, on 07799 516 735

Pastoral Support: Joyce Wild: Tel: 01258 454091

Memory Verse for Sunday 7th June

1 Samuel Ch 12 v 24: "Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you."