

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 19th July

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

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 26 th July	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Deacon Glenda Sidding
Sunday 2 nd August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 9 th August	10.45 am	Local arrangement service
Sunday 16 th August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Sunday 23 rd August	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 30 th August	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

Date Change: 30th October 3.00 pm Church Council Meeting (this is a change to the date arranged at the last CC Meeting)

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: 19th – 25th July: Psalms 23 – 39 and Acts 21:18 - 26

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.

Mission in Britain boxes: It is time for the yearly emptying of Mission in Britain Boxes. Please could all boxes be with Joyce between 26th July and 2nd August. Many thanks. *Joyce Wild*

Winterborne Lounge: Thursday 9th July proved to be a lovely sunny day, with the church open for its weekly coffee morning. However, there was a slight twist to the proceedings on that occasion. Those who had kindly donated to the refurbishment of the Winterborne Lounge were invited to come and see the transformation that had taken place.

There is now a dado rail, underneath which the walls are painted a warm, welcoming colour. Four comfortable chairs have been purchased alongside three coffee tables, one of which held the items for the newly formed Prayer Space. New blinds adorn freshly mended, painted and cleaned windows, whilst a paper cross displayed high on a wall proved to be a talking

point for all our visitors. Soon our Minister Mark will paint a mural in that area depicting in art the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. On one side will be the Tree of Life, on the other side the Tree for the Healing of the Nations with the Cross taking centre stage. Numerous conversations were held; people partook of homemade cakes, tea and coffee in a relaxed setting in a welcoming atmosphere. The church at its best witnessing to the folk of Blandford.

Joyce Wild

News from the Circuit regarding Rob White's replacement : On Thursday 9th July, the Circuit Selection Panel — comprising Reverend Andrew Pottage (Chair), Alan Boyce (Circuit Treasurer) and Diana Middleditch (Circuit Steward) — conducted interviews for two Circuit appointments. The Panel is pleased to confirm that two candidates were successfully appointed, both commencing their roles on 1st August:

- **Mrs Anne Gough**, Circuit Administrator
- **Mrs Charlotte Tyrrell**, Personal Assistant to the Superintendent Minister

Report on the Methodist Conference 2026: I have been asked to share the report from this year's Methodist Conference with members of our church. The full Report can be read online or downloaded from the Methodist Church website: **methodist.org.uk/conference**

John Cornish

Open Air Joint Service: at Knowlton Church, BH21 5AE, on Sunday 26th July, 6.00 pm. Bring your chairs.

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 14.7.26) –

Cereal, Coffee, UHT milk, Tinned carrots, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned soup, Pasta sauce. 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).

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