

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 9th August

Good morning and welcome to our Local Arrangement service which is being taken by members of the congregation. We are particularly pleased to welcome Florentyna Taylor, the Manager of Nourish, Blandford's foodbank. She will be speaking to us in the service about the work and achievements of Nourish.

The stewards today are Joyce Wild and Margaret Cornish. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and thank you to Joyce for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

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 Revered Peter McNeill
Sunday 30 th August	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 6 th September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 13 th September	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

Today's readings: Proverbs Chapter 22 verses 1 to 9 (page 657 in pew bible)
James Chapter 2 verses 14 to 20 (page 1214 in pew bible)

Colehill Methodist: Every Monday, 11.00 am to 12.00 noon(ish), Bible Study, coffee, prayers and plenty of chat. All welcome. **Note:** Bible Study will be held on just the 3rd and 10th August this month.

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

Bible in a year: 9th – 15th August: Psalms 77 – 93 and Romans 10 – 15:13

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. And, on the third Friday of each month there will be a session entitled 'Meeting with Mark' to which you are cordially invited. **Note:** Mark will not be available on the 3rd Friday in August (21st). However, things will be back to normal in September.

Ride and Stride: The annual Ride and Stride event takes place on Saturday 12th September. I am looking for volunteers to man the church from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm in one or two hour slots with two people for each session. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you in anticipation.

Joyce Wild

Our Charities for next year 2026/2027: As the Methodist Church year draws to a close at the end of August, we will have completed our commitment to support our two chosen charities, Safe Families and HealthBus for the year 2025/2026. We now need to begin deciding which charity or charities we would like our Church to support during 2026/2027.

If you have a charity you wish to propose, please email John Cornish (cornishjr@gmail.com) with your suggestion(s). These will then be considered and decided at our next Church Council on Friday 30th October.

Holtwood Methodist: Summer events from Holtwood Methodist.

- Solar Eclipse Event on Wednesday 12th August from 6.00 pm. Drinks and snacks available. Solar eclipse visible from 6.00 pm onwards. Meteors should be visible at 9.00 pm. Activities available during the evening the hall

If you would like to go to this event, please let either Mags or John Cornish know so that they can let Holtwood know to expect you.

Brockenhurst Methodist Church - Final Service and 125th Anniversary: Brockenhurst Methodist Church will hold its final service on Sunday 16th August at 2.30 pm, marking 125 years of faithful witness and worship in the village. The service will be led by Reverend Barbara Jeffries, Reverend Peter McNeill, and Reverend Andrew Pottage. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Location: Brockenhurst Methodist Church, Avenue Road, SO42 7TY (off Sway Road). Parking: Lay-by near the school: Limited off-street parking nearby: Otherwise, please use the station car park, which has a pedestrian path leading directly to Avenue Road. Car sharing is encouraged. If you would like to attend, please let John Cornish know by the 26th July. He will pass the numbers on to our Circuit Administrator.

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 30.7.26) –

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

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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