

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 18th October

Good morning and welcome to our Local Arrangement Service led by members of the congregation. The stewards today are Joyce Wild and Elizabeth Boyd. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 25 th October	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Friday 30th October	3.00 pm	Church Council Meeting, Okeford Room
Saturday 31st October	12.00 noon	Church Social – Italian lunch
Sunday 1 st November	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Keith Beckingham
Sunday 8 th November	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday: Local arrangement service led by members of the congregation
Sunday 15 th November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 22 nd November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Rob White
Sunday 29 th November	10.45 am	First Sunday in Advent: Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley

Today's readings: Genesis Ch2 v 5 - 8 & 15, 19 (Page 4 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: 11th – 17th October: Isaiah 37 – 52 and Colossians 3 -1 Thessalonians 5

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 Friday 23rd October.

EXTRAORDINARY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: With the support of our Superintendent, the Reverend Andrew Pottage, and the Reverend Dr Mark Kimber (who is on holiday), you are invited to attend an Extraordinary Church Council meeting to be held in the hall after this morning's service.

The sole item of business will be to consider and approve the urgent roof repairs required following the recent theft of lead and the redecorating of the damaged wall in the Winterborne Lounge.

Everyone is invited to attend, but only the Managing Trustees will be entitled to vote.

John Cornish

Church Council: Our Church Council meeting will be held on Friday 30th October at 3.00 pm in the Okeford Room. All are invited to attend, although only Church Council members will be entitled to vote. **If anyone has any items of Any Other Business they would like brought to the attention of the Church Council, please could these be with Mags BY TODAY, PLEASE.**

Margaret Cornish

Buon Appetito!

Sei invitato a un viaggio divertente in Italia con pranzo incluso.

In other words: You are invited on a fun trip to Italy including lunch starting at Blandford Methodist Church on Saturday 31st October from 12.00 noon – come and join us.

Our Maestro delle cerimonie is the well-renowned Alan Dymond who will guide us through lunch followed by a fun Italian-based quiz and possibly an Italian sing-song.

Tickets are limited and the final few tickets priced at £5 per person are available from Alan or John. If you would like to come to have a time of fun and enjoyment and chase away the start of any winter blues, please sign the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by today.

Thank you: On behalf of everyone at Nourish, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous Harvest donations. Your kindness and support make a real difference to individuals and families across our community who are facing hardship. Thanks to your donations, we can continue providing food, practical support, and a warm welcome to those who need it most. The generosity shown during Harvest is always encouraging and reminds us how much our community cares for one another. Every item donated helps us meet increasing demand and brings hope to people during difficult times.

Thank you for partnering with us and helping us support local people in need. We are truly grateful for your contribution. With sincere thanks,

Florentyna Taylor and Nourish team

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 12.10.26) –

Cereal, Jam / Marmalade, Porridge Oats, Rice, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Kidney Beans, Tinned Lentils, Tinned Chickpeas, Soup, Shampoo, Washing Up Liquid. 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 difficult and 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

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