



landford Methodist Church: Sunday 13th November

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Remembrance Day service which is being led by Mr Brian Skelley. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Margaret and Alan Dymond. Thank you to Angela Walden for playing for us and thank you also to Angela for the flowers. Following the service, please do stay for refreshments in the hall.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 20 th November	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Reverend Pauline Crispin
Sunday 27 th November	3-00pm	Circuit Advent tea and service at Ringwood
Wednesday 30 th November	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Friday 2 nd December	10-00am	Holiday at Home
Saturday 3 rd December	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist
Sunday 4 th December	3-00 pm	Salvation Army Carol Concert
Wednesday 7 th December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Saturday 10th December	4.00 pm	Carols on the Green
Wednesday 14 th December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Sunday 18 th December	10-45 am	Carol Service at Methodist Church
Sunday 18 th December	11-00 am	Christingle Service in the Parish Church
Wednesday 21 st December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Saturday 24 th December	6.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service, United Reformed Church
Sunday 25 th December	10-00 am	Christmas Day Service, Blandford Methodist Church
Sunday 8 th January	10-45 am	Covenant Service

Bible in a year: 13th – 19th November: Lamentations 1 – Ezekiel 13 and Hebrews 10 – James 1

Advent Bible Study: Advent bible studies will take place at Blandford every Wednesday for four sessions beginning on the 30th November at 10.00 am.

Salvation Army Carol Concert: After a break of two years due to Covid restrictions, we are absolutely delighted to be able to welcome back the **Salvation Army on 4th December at 3.00 pm** for their annual Christmas Carol Concert which is a wonderful start to our Christmas celebrations. This is always very well attended and we are delighted to be able to offer light refreshments after the concert. To assist with the organisation of refreshments, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex requesting help from church members by either making or buying mince pies and sausage rolls and also asking for help on the day.

In due course we will be asking for help to decorate the church and set up the hall for the refreshments after the concert.

Margaret Cornish

Church Carol Service, 18th December: Some of us thought it would be lovely for those who enjoy singing to get together to sing a carol at our carol service on the 18th December. If you

would like to join the group – and everyone and any ability is welcome to come and sing – then please come and join us on **Sunday 20th November at 10.00 am** for a first run-through of the carol.

Margaret Cornish

Christmas Cards: We welcome the giving and receiving of Christmas Cards to friends at Church. However, we would be grateful if you could arrange to give your cards in person and not to leave them on a table for others to deliver for you. Thank you for your consideration.

The Stewards

Christmas Day Meal: For those who are own their own whether they are single or a couple the church is opening for Lunch at 12.30 pm on Christmas Day. The cost is £5.00 and booking with payment is essential. Contact Joyce Wild on 07817 505543.

Calling all musicians and singers: On the first Sunday in Advent, 27th November, there will be a Circuit Advent Service at Trinity United Church in Ringwood. Following a share of puddings at 3.00 pm, the service will be at 4.00 pm. If you are available and would like to play an instrument or help lead the singing during the service, please contact Peter Aston on 01202 825195 (peter@peter-aston.co.uk). Further details on the poster in the hall.

Crowe Hill Methodist: A prayer ministry training/refresher morning will be held at Crowe Hill Methodist on Saturday 19th November, from 8.30 am. This provides basic training for anyone who would like to be equipped to offer to pray for others in prayer ministry or wants to explore this possibility. Further details can be found on the poster in the hall.

New Circuit Superintendent: The Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit have secured its next Superintendent. On Saturday 5th November the Reverend Andrew Pottage and his wife, Laura, came to visit the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit. As Andrew will be based in the east end of the Circuit being minister for the Methodist Churches in Mundeford Lane, Highcliffe, Milford and Barton as well as being the Superintendent for the Circuit, he made visits to all four churches in that area and met with the stewards and had a good conversation with each group.

After lunch Andrew asked questions of the Circuit Stewards as well as listening to and answering questions from the Circuit Invitation Committee. After Andrew and Laura went back to London, discussions and a vote took place when it was unanimously decided that Joyce Wild should ring Andrew and offer him the position, which Andrew has accepted. This is exciting news and Joyce would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all those involved in the invitation process. We look forward to welcoming Andrew, Laura and young Alfred in September 2023 at the beginning of the new connexional year.

Joyce Wild (lead circuit steward)

News from Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB): Greetings from the Southampton District Methodist Women in Britain Committee. We are a small group of women from around the District who offer support and encouragement to women's groups who meet in our Circuit's Churches. We are launching our new District Partnership with the Methodist Church in Romania through a Memory Stick, which can be played through computers and laptops.

A Methodist Minister and his wife in Romania have become involved in supporting two orphanages in their town of Sibiu. The Romanian orphanage is mainly for Roma children, and the other orphanage has taken a group of Ukrainian orphans who fled the war in their country. The orphanages have a desperate need for our prayers, support, and money to enable them to continue their life saving work with these children.

There are several ways for you to get involved:

- A member of our committee would be pleased to come to your meeting with all the equipment and share the presentation with you.
- Request a memory stick and show the presentation yourself or get someone from your church to help you.
- Create an event and invite people from the church to come and support you.

You can receive a memory stick with all the information on by sending an email or letter to me and I will send one in the post to you. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your involvement in this special partnership of how we can change children's lives.

Our MWiB group has also recently handed over a boat to women in Fiji, through the generosity of the District and people in our churches. An article on the gift of the boat is on the website: <https://sdmc-web-01.azurewebsites.net/good-news-stories/>

From Deacon Glenda Sidding glenda.sidding@gmail.com <<mailto:glenda.sidding@gmail.com>>

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of -

- Deodorant
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

- Porridge
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned soup
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

For Sale: Yamaha keyboard for sale. In excellent condition. Contact Joyce Wild if interested.

Prayer: Please can we continue to uphold in prayer those members of our congregation who 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).

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