

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our morning worship which is being led by Reverend Pauline Crispin. The stewards today are Joyce Wild and Margaret and Alan Dymond. Thank you to Angela Walden for the flowers. Following the service, please do stay for refreshments in the hall.

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### **Dates for your diary:**

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45 am	Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Pauline Crispin
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	3-00pm	Circuit Advent tea and service at Ringwood
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10-00am	Holiday at Home
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	3-00 pm	Salvation Army Carol Concert
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	4.00 pm	Carols on the Green
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight, Parish Church
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10-45 am	<b>Carol Service</b> at Methodist Church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	11-00 am	Christingle Service in the Parish Church
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.00 am	Advent Bible Study, Okeford Room
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> , United Reformed Church
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10-00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service</b> , Blandford Methodist Church
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	10-45 am	Covenant Service

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**Bible in a year:** 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November: Ezekiel 14 – 29 and James 2 – 1 Peter 3

**Reverend Pauline Crispin:** The Reverend Pauline Crispin has accepted a ministerial position in the East Solent and Downs Circuit with responsibility for Methodist Churches at Fareham, Gosport, Lee on the Solent and Stubbington. The appointment starts in September 2023.

**David Young:** It is with sadness that we let you know of the death of David Young. Our thoughts and prayers are with June, Mark, Lyndsey and the family at this difficult time. The funeral is planned for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00 pm in the church, followed by refreshments in the hall.

**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.

**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*

**Church Carol Service, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 **Sundays at 10.00 am** for a run-through of the carol.

*Margaret Cornish*

**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.

**Circuit Advent Service:** On the first Sunday in Advent, 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Further details 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 Mudeford 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)*

**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

**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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