

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Covenant Service which is being led by the Reverend Pauline Crispin. *An explanation of the Covenant Service is attached (taken from the Methodist Media Office).* The stewards today are Joyce Wild, Tina Wise and Margaret Cornish. Thank you to Angela Walden for playing for us and thank you to Angela for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30 pm	Stewards meeting followed by property meeting
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Mr David Webb
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Mr Brian Sturtridge
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service at the Parish Church – there will be NO service at our own church
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist

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**Bible in a year:** 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January: Genesis 20 – 35 and Matthew 6:19 – 10:20

**Morning Offertory:** As mentioned in previous editions of the Link, the offertory will not be taken up during the course of the morning worship. Instead, plates will be placed in the Narthex and at the entrance to the hall so you can place your offertory on one of the plates – either as you come in to church, or as you move into the hall for refreshments after the service. This will be a trial and will be reviewed at Easter when a decision will be made whether or not to continue with this method of offertory.

**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
- Bars of soap
- Cleaning products such as washing up liquid, surface cleaner, cleaning sponges

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 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).

**Concert at Lymington United Reformed Church:** Peacey K, a gospel singer and songwriter from Uganda, presents a concert at Lymington United Reformed Church on Saturday January 14th at 7pm.

Peace works for Youth With A Mission in Uganda and I first met her in about 2016 when she was singing with Juliet Mukisa, another gospel singer who manages a children's project in Uganda. We support Juliet who was singing to raise funds for Project Shalom and Peace has since developed her own ministry with her gospel singing.

The evening will include some local performers and will raise funds for the work of the Salvation Army in East Africa. Admission is free on the evening but with donations and a raffle. The link below is a taste of her singing with I See a New Africa which is an appropriate song for the theme of the evening. <https://youtu.be/1Wy81lmCNjo> *God Bless, Richard Becher*

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