

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 12th February

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend Pauline Crispin. The stewards today are Tina Wise, Margaret and Alan Dymond and Jean Peck. 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.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 19 th February	10.45 am	Morning worship led by Mr Barrie Knight
Monday 20 th February	2.00 pm	Stewards meeting followed by Property and Finance meeting
Monday 27 th February	11.00 am	Lent Bible Study, Colehill Methodist – see below
Saturday 4 th March	8.30 am	Monthly prayer meeting, Holtwood Methodist
Saturday 11 th or 25 th		Circuit Concert at Ringwood Trinity Church: Date and time to be confirmed
Sunday 14 th May	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Reverend Gwyneth Owen, followed by lunch in the hall

Bible in a year: 12th – 18th February: Leviticus 13 – 24 and Matthew 26:26 – Mark 1:22

Lent Bible Studies: These will take place at 11.00 am at Colehill Methodist on the following dates: 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March with the final study on 3rd April.

Methodist Women in Britain: The smartie tubes are now available. If you have received one already from Lunch Club you needn't take another. Please eat the smarties then fill up the boxes with money. If they become full bring them to church and they will be emptied and your box returned to you. We will keep this up until Easter week. All proceeds go to the Romanian Orphanage.

Joyce Wild

Turkey / Syria earthquake disaster: There will be a retiring collection next Sunday, 19th February, in aid of the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims.

Mission in Britain boxes: For those who have Mission in Britain boxes it is time for their half yearly empty. However, if you feel your box doesn't need emptying, then hold onto it until July.

Joyce Wild

Vacancy for Circuit Steward: At the March Circuit Meeting (16th March) the meeting will, as usual, agree the Circuit Stewards for the coming year. During the current church year, Mark Priestley resigned as Circuit Steward, creating a vacancy. I am therefore writing to invite nominations from any member of any church who would like to volunteer as a Circuit Steward.

Nominees must be nominated and seconded by two members of the Circuit Meeting, but they can be anyone who is a local church member – the nominee doesn't have to be someone who is already a member of the Circuit Meeting.

Ideally, we'd like the details of any nominees together with their proposer and seconder no later than 3 weeks before the Circuit Meeting, so that I can include their details on the agenda, which goes out 2 weeks before the meeting. So in other words, no later than Thursday 23rd February. All details, and any queries, contact me please.

Explanatory note re position of other Circuit stewards: Most have not yet served 6 years. Rodney Betts as our circuit treasurer will ask the Circuit Meeting for an extension, as will Joyce Wild our lead Circuit Steward, who comes to the end of her 6 year term this year. Joyce's requested extension is to provide some continuity, given the change of ministers and circuit reorganisation. In this she has the support of the other Circuit Stewards, and no objection from our Superintendent Minister-designate, Andrew Pottage. Subject to those extension decisions of the circuit meeting, therefore, there is just the one vacancy, the one created by Mark Priestley's resignation.

Rob White, Circuit Administrator

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).

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