

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild. The stewards today are John Cornish and Jean Peck. Thank you to Jean for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45 am	Harvest Festival service led by Reverend Nick Wood from Verwood Methodist, followed by lunch in the hall
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Robert McBain
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	10.45 am	Café Church led by Reverend David Vincent
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Miss Elizabeth Ward
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00 pm	Church Council meeting in Okeford Room
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.30 am</b>	United Church Service, to be hosted by Blandford Methodist Church
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	3.00 pm	Salvation Army Carol Service
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00 pm	Carols on the Green
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	10.45 am	Carol Service at our church
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.15 pm</b>	Christmas Eve service to be held at Colehill Methodist – all are invited
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45 am	Christmas Day service to be held at Blandford Methodist

**Colehill Methodist: Every Monday**, 11.00 am to 12.00 noon(ish), Bible Study, coffee, prayers and plenty of chat. All welcome.

**Bible in a year:** 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Proverbs 27 – Song of Songs 3 and 2 Corinthians 10 – Galatians 2

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Don't forget our **Harvest Festival Service followed by lunch** next Sunday, when the service will be led by Reverend Nick Wood from Verwood Methodist. There is still time to sign up for lunch – just speak to one of the stewards.

**Woodlands Methodist:** Worship for You service, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 pm. Led by Reverend Robert Prance. Everyone very welcome.

**Welcoming Service for Ministers new to the Circuit:** Around a 100 people attended the Welcome Service at Barton Methodist last Sunday afternoon which was led by Reverend Mike Shrubsole from Ringwood. This was a service to welcome the following:

- Reverend Andrew Pottage the new Superintendent Minister of this Circuit, with pastoral charge of Methodist Churches at Barton, Highcliffe, Mundeford Lane and Milford on Sea.
- Reverend Deborah Cornish with pastoral charge of Wimborne Methodist Church.
- Reverend Dr Mark Kimber with pastoral charge of Methodist Churches at Blandford and Colehill.
- Reverend Peter McNeill who will share the pastoral care of Methodist Churches at Highcliffe and Mundeford Lane in a team ministry with Reverend Andrew Pottage.

Reverend Andrew de Ville (Chairman of the Southampton District) delivered the sermon.

The new ministers were asked:

"Will you hold before us the story of God's love and mercy, above all the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and will you be among us as one who preaches the word of God, administers Baptism, presides over the Lord's Supper, teaches the faith and care for the flock?" Which they all answered: "I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope."

Christopher Slade (Steward at Crowe Hill) invited representatives from the Circuit, Civic Leaders, Ecumenical representatives, and others to give their words of welcome to the ministers in their new roles. I welcomed all the new ministers by saying "On behalf of Blandford Methodist Church, we welcome you all to the Circuit. And if you were to visit Blandford, then be assured of a warm welcome. May God bless you richly as you seek to serve Him within the Circuit". The Intercessory prayers were offered by Joyce Wild (Senior CLT Steward). The service was closed with a blessing to all and was followed by tea.

Later we were informed that the retiring offering taken after the service raised £388.94 for Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) for their Romanian Orphanage Project. *John Cornish*

**Thank you:** I would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to all those who attended the Welcome Service for Andrew, Deborah, Mark and Peter on Sunday afternoon at Barton. It was lovely to see so many of you and to share in such a happy Circuit occasion. The service was followed by tea, provided by many, and served by Barton ladies. It was encouraging to see people interacting with people from the other churches whilst also making invited guests so welcome. The Barton folk did us proud offering excellent hospitality, a talented group of musicians, and a super-efficient Chris on the Audio Visuals. We are truly blessed, praise God. *Joyce Wild*

**Blandford Foodbank** is urgently in need of -

Tinned fruit	Tinned vegetables	Squash/Fruit juice
Tinned baked beans	Tinned sausages/hot dogs	Tinned corned beef/ham
Tinned macaroni cheese	Tinned meatballs/ravioli	

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

Tinned soup	Jam/marmalade	Jelly	Tea Bags
Toilet roll	Coffee	Pasta sauce	

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).

**Minister:** Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

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