

## Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Good morning and a warm welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mrs Joyce Wild. The stewards today are John 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 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 29 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00 pm	Bereavement Service, Barton on Sea Methodist – <b>see poster in hall</b>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Andrew Pottage
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	10.45 am	Morning Worship at Blandford Methodist
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	<b>9.45 am</b>	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:** 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October: Isaiah 65 – Jeremiah 17 and 1 Timothy 2 – 2 Timothy 2

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**Church Council, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023:** The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm in the Okeford Room. All members of the church and congregation are welcome to attend, but only Trustees will be permitted to vote. *David Wild*

**Reminder:** Remember that the clocks **fall back** to GMT at 2.00 am on Sunday 29th October. Don't be late for the United Service at our church!

**Barnabas Aid:** I have had the Christmas catalogue from Barnabas Aid. Reading through it made me wonder if anyone would like to donate what they would spend on Christmas cards for others in our congregation to one of the excellent ideas in the catalogue. Please see Joyce if this is something you would like to support.

*Joyce Wild*

**Christmas Tree Festival:** The Christmas Tree Festival is taking place again this year. Our church usually does our display in the Waterborne Lounge. If you feel you would like to be involved in this project then please speak to Joyce after the service. The theme is Silent Night. Ideas for decorating the tree very much appreciated.

*Joyce Wild*

**Singing Group:** I would like to try and get together a small group from our congregation to sing at our Carol Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The idea would be to meet at about 10.00 am each Sunday to go through the carol, starting on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. This will give us six weeks to get note perfect! If you would like to join the singing group, please have a word with me after the service.

*Margaret Cornish*

**Walking with Micah:** God, whose nature is just, yearns for justice in the world.

As Christians, we are called actively to do justice, show loving kindness and walk humbly with God. This invitation is at the heart of a Methodist way of life.

Methodists, now and in the past, have challenged injustice, worked for change, and supported people experiencing injustices. As the Church in Britain faces new challenges – economic, ecological, political, social and those of declining membership – the time is right for a renewed focus on justice and a fresh approach for our Church.

The justice-seeking Church report entitled “Walking with Micah” proposes a framework to support the Methodist Church’s action for justice over the next five years.

Reverend Dr. Mark Kimber has given us a copy of this report for us to read which can be found in the Vestry. Please ask John Cornish if you would like to read this and then return the copy for others to read.

**Woodlands Methodist:** ‘Call my Bluff’, fun quiz to be held at Woodlands on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Further details on the poster in the hall.

**John Slow**, a member at Wimborne Methodist and a Local Preacher, died on Wednesday. His funeral will be at 2.30 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Wimborne Methodist Church.

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

Tinned sausages/hot dogs    Tinned meatballs/ravioli    Tinned chicken in  
white sauce

Tinned curry    Tinned soup    Tinned stew    Toothbrushes

The following items are also running low and need restocking - Shampoo    Washing up  
liquid

For those able to support the Foodbank with items, a box has been placed in the  
Narthex as a collection point.

*John Cornish*

**Artsreach** presents seasonal music and carols in Blandford Parish Church, entitled 'Icicles  
and Inglenooks' by the Narthen Trio. 7.30 pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Further details  
can be found on the poster in the hall.

**Prayer:** Please can we remember 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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