

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Mark Priestley. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Pat and Brian Dryden. Thank you to Tina for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

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| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November  | 10.45 am       | Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild  |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December   | 10.45 am       | Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revered Dr Mark Kimber                      |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December   | 3.00 pm        | Salvation Army Carol Service   |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December  | 10.45 am       | Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch   |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December | 5.00 pm        | Carols on the Green  |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December  | 10.45 am       | Carol Service led by Mr James Frampton   |
| 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 led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December  | 10.45 am       | Morning Worship led by Reverend Peter McNeill  |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January    | 10.45 am       | Covenant Service followed by simple lunch in hall                                      |

**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:** 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November: Ezekiel 11 – 26 and James 1 – 1 Peter 2

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**Meet Reverend Dr Mark Kimber:** From 10.00 am every Friday beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November, Reverend Dr Mark Kimber can be found in either the Okeford Room or the Vestry should you wish to have a chat with him.

**Barnabas Aid:** The other week in the Link I mentioned that rather than spending money on Christmas cards to send to folk at church we collectively donate money to Barnabas Aid which supports persecuted Christians around the world. I have now had interest from one or two people and I wondered if anyone else would like to join us. Please let me know by 26<sup>th</sup> November if this is something you would like to support. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November during coffee we can look at the catalogue and decide what we would like to purchase. *Joyce Wild*

**Reverse Advent Calendar:** We have been sent information by the Foodbank about their "Reverse Advent Calendar". I feel that perhaps as a church we might be able to gather some of the items on the "Calendar", and so a second collection box for these items is in the Narthex for any donations.

*Margaret Cornish*

**Colehill Methodist:** Advance notice for our CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10.00 am. Please keep the date free to support us. Donations of cakes etc welcome.

*Liz Hayward*

**Salvation Army Carol Concert:** Once again we are absolutely delighted to be able to welcome the **Salvation Army on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.00 pm** for their annual Christmas Carol Concert which is always well attended; it's a great sing and a wonderful start to our Christmas celebrations. We hope you will be able to join us and also invite family and friends along as well. Following the concert we are delighted to be able to offer light refreshments in the hall.

**Carols on the Green:** Once again, we are invited to join the Carols on the Green on 9<sup>th</sup> December which is a joint event for all Blandford Churches. To find "The Green", the postcode is DT11 7YD with street parking on Cobham Road or nearby. The event will start at 5.00 pm.

#### **Christmas Tree Creations:**

**Blandford Foodbank** (updated as at 26.10.23) is urgently in need of -

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| Tinned carrots       | Tinned green beans | Washing up liquid |
| Coffee in small jars | Jam/marmalade      | Squash            |

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

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| Deodorant (men and women) | Tinned mince and onions | Toilet rolls |
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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 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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