

## Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Colin Besant. The stewards today are John and Margaret Cornish. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and also for the flowers. Please join us in the hall after the service for refreshments.

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### Dates for your diary:

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.30 pm	Church Council meeting, Okeford Room
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45 am	Mothering Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mr Barrie Knight – <b>there will be NO refreshments after the service</b>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.00am	'Fun with Mark'
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday: <b>Service at Colehill Methodist</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am	<b>Good Friday:</b> Service at Blandford Methodist to be led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00 pm	United service at the entrance to the Corn Market – all invited
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	10.45 am	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber ( <i>start of British Summer Time</i> )
(Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	10.30 am	United service at the Parish Church for those who wish to attend)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	'Fun with Mark'
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Reverend David Vincent, followed by lunch in the 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: 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February: Leviticus 23 – Numbers 11 and Mark 1:23 – 5:20**

**Meet Reverend Dr Mark Kimber:** Most Fridays Mark will be available in the Okeford Room from 10.00 am to 11.00 am for anyone who wishes to have a chat with him. However, on the third Friday of each month –the next one being the 22<sup>nd</sup> March – there will be a session entitled '**Fun with Mark**' to which you are cordially invited. Please do come and enjoy this new venture.

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**Church Council meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024:** The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30 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*

**Lent Challenge:** Joyce would like to donate Easter Eggs to the Blandford Foodbank and is asking members of the Church and Lunch Club if they would like to make a donation of £3.50 towards the cost of an egg. Joyce would like to receive the money by 10<sup>th</sup> March, and once she has received the money she will go out and buy Easter Eggs and take them to the Foodbank for distribution.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** This is Mothering Sunday and as quite a number of our congregation will either not be at church that day or will have to leave church immediately after the service, it seemed sensible to cancel refreshments.

**Woodlands Methodist:** Quiz Night, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30 pm in Woodlands Village Hall. Further details on poster in hall.

**Colehill Methodist:** Coffee morning, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Donations of cakes and help appreciated. All welcome.

**Woodlands Methodist:** Jumble Sale, 9<sup>th</sup> March at Verwood memorial Hall. Any jumble gratefully appreciated. Further details on poster in hall.

**Holtwood Methodist:** On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Holtwood Sisterhood invite you to their special afternoon with entertainment provided by Colin Besant and the 'Open the Book' team. All are welcome for a chat, tea, coffee and cake.

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

Jam/marmalade                  Squash                  Rice pudding

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

Coffee (small jars)                  Tinned carrots                  Tinned green beans

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*

**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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