

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Welcome to our Local Arrangement service which is being led by members of our own congregation. Following the service, we hope you will all stay for tea. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and also for the lovely flowers.

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

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	4.00 pm	Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering Service at Highcliffe. Tea at 4.00 pm followed by the service at 5.00 pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	Ascension Day service to be held at Holtwood – see details below
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	'Fun with Mark' – come and meet Mark Kimber in the Okeford Room
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Reverend David Vincent, followed by lunch in the hall
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by a <b>General Church Meeting</b> 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:** 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April: 1 Samuel 25 – 2 Samuel 11 and Luke 12:32 – Luke 15

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May – there will be a session entitled '**Fun with Mark**' to which you are cordially invited.

**Easter Offering:** The Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Forum invites you to the dedication of the Easter Offering Service at Highcliffe Methodist Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April for tea at 4.00 pm with a Service at 5.00 pm. The service this year is entitled 'Let Justice Roll', words from the prophet Amos. The service shares, through stories, how God calls upon people to work for justice and how our actions feed into communities and lives. These services are always interesting and give us insight into the work of Mission Partners throughout the world.

*Glenda Sidding*

**General Church Meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Your General Church Meeting is for you! Everyone who is part of the Blandford Methodist Church community is welcome.

So, dear reader of the Link, **you are invited** to come along and enjoy the General Church Meeting after morning worship on Sunday 26th May. Please bring yourself, your ideas, and your own picnic lunch!

Church Council asked for suggestions of charitable organisations we might support as part of Harvest celebrations this year . . . so please bring two Charity names that we might consider. Maybe something around the corner and something around the world. We'll get those suggestions up on post-it notes on Sunday morning. Later, there might even be some sticky dot voting system to help the Stewards work out the way forward.

We will also briefly affirm and celebrate the appointment of the Church Stewards and other Church Council members for the coming Connexional year (we have the list sorted already!). Then we will get on to the main event - sharing, thinking, and exploring together about who we are as individual followers of Jesus, and who we are together as Blandford Methodist Church. I am hoping we will bring to life a sort of Agenda . . . for mission, impact, and growth.

Light and life, Mark

**Ascension Day Service** Hallelujah and praise the Lord we now have a venue for our May 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day service. We shall meet at Holtwood Methodist Church at 6.00 pm and avail ourselves of the spacious grassed area around the church. Remember to bring your picnic tea, sufficient drinks for the evening and, of course a chair or a blanket to sit on. Should it rain, we shall use the church. Thankfully there are no issues with access to toilets.

The Circuit Leadership look forward to seeing as many as possible from around the circuit coming together for food, fellowship and worship on this special day in the Christian calendar.

*Joyce Wild*

**Blandford Foodbank** is **urgently** in need of (updated 14.4.24) -

Coffee (small jars)	Jam	Soup	Tinned carrots
Tinned chilli con carni	Tinned fruit	Tinned stew	
Tinned mince and onions	Tinned sweetcorn	UHT semi or whole milk	

The following items are also running low and need restocking -

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 remember to uphold in prayer those members of our congregation 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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