

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 2nd June

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Barrie Knight. The stewards today are Joyce Wild and Philippa Church. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and thanks also to Angela for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 9 th June	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Sunday 16 th June	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Miss Elizabeth Ward
Friday 21 st June	10.00 am	Faith with Mark, Okeford Room
Sunday 23 rd June	10.45 am	Local Arrangement service
Sunday 30 th June	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 7 th July	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 14 th July	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Rob White
Sunday 21 st July	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Priestley
Sunday 28 th July	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

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: 2nd – 8th June: 2 Chronicles 17 – 31 and John 13 – 18:18

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 21st June – there will be a session entitled **'Faith with Mark'** to which you are cordially invited.

Carols at Christmas: The first Sunday in December has been our traditional afternoon for the Salvation Army Carol Concert. This year the first Sunday falls on 1st December. After talking this through, the Stewards felt this was too early in the month for the carol concert and so spoke to Major Carole Gadsden at Wimborne Salvation Army to see if the date could be changed. In conversation with Carole she mentioned she will be retiring in July 2024 and will not be replaced. She also mentioned that the Salvation Army bandsmen get fully booked during the Christmas period and they do not have another Sunday available in December to hold the concert with us.

The Stewards have therefore decided for our Church to host and arrange our own "Carols at Christmas" at 3.00 pm on Sunday 15th December, to be followed by traditional light/seasonal

refreshments. The "Carols at Christmas" will be widely advertised in Blandford nearer the time in the hope that many of the town's people will attend.

Joyce and I had planned to mention this to you all at Sunday's General Church Meeting – but unfortunately it slipped our minds. Please pray for this service and those willing to take part that it will be a blessing for all who attend. Thank you.

John Cornish

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John Cornish, GDPR Champion

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 2.5.24) -

Biscuits	Coffee (small jars)	Jam	Pulses	Soup
Tinned carrots	Tinned sweetcorn	Toilet rolls	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 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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