

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 1st September

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

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 8 th September	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Sunday 15 th September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Friday 20 th September	10.00 am	Faith with Mark, Okeford Room
Sunday 22 nd September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 29 th September	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 29 th September	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service at the United Reformed Church
Sunday 6 th October	10.45 am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by lunch
Friday 18 th October	2.30 pm	Church Council meeting, Okeford Room

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: 1st – 7th September: Psalms 135 – Proverbs 2 and 1 Corinthians 12 - 16

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

Ride and Stride: The annual Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 14th September. It is always good to have the church open on that day, so volunteers to man the desk are vital. A signup sheet will be in the Narthex this Sunday and for the next few weeks. *Joyce Wild*

Colehill Methodist: Coffee Morning, Saturday 7th September. 10.00 am -12.00 noon. Homemade cakes and goodies, toasted tea cakes, coffee and chat. All welcome

Woodlands Methodist Church: Worship For You. Sunday September 8th at 6.00 pm. Led by Mary Randall MBE, which will be all about the Salvation Army. Everyone very welcome.



Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 6th October which will be led by our own Minister, Reverend Dr Mark Kimber.

To make the church look suitably festive for the occasion, we would like volunteers to meet at the church on Saturday 5th October at 10.00 am to help decorate the church. If you feel able to help, please have a word with Joyce. *All tins and packets received for the foodbank during September will be kept at church for our harvest display.*

On Sunday 6th October, the morning service will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the hall of steak pie, potatoes, carrots, peas and sweetcorn (vegetarian option available if requested), followed by apple crumble and custard. The cost for lunch will be £3. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for Harvest, and a sign-up sheet can be found at the back of the church for you to book your place for the Harvest Lunch. Please indicate on the form if you have any dietary requirements. We would appreciate it if names could be added to the list no later than 22nd September to assist us with our catering. If you are able to pay for your lunch when signing up, it will be a great help.

Margaret Cornish

Methodist Way of Life: The first part of the Methodist Way of Life for September is attached. Our calling for this month is "Worship". If you wish to pursue this further, or have any questions, please speak to me.

John Cornish

Mark's fundraiser for charity: Mark has got a place to run the Great North Run through Shine Cancer Support - who were a tremendous help during some difficult times. If anyone wants to help fundraise for Shine Cancer Support the fundraising page is:

<https://ajbellgreatnorthrun2024.enthuse.com/pf/mark-kimber/post/7315633>



Fundraising started!

Mark Kimber has launched a fundraising campaign, show your support with a donation! ajbellgreatnorthrun2024.enthuse.com

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 7.8.24) -

Soup Tinned beans and sausages Tinned hot dogs Tinned stew

Tinned sweetcorn Tinned tuna

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

John Cornish

Threads through Creation: Sherborne Abbey 29th August to 6th October 2024
Textile artist Jacqui Parkinson has been working for ten years to create an astonishing exhibition of huge silk panels. These consist of three sequences (Creation, Revelation and the Cross), and the first of these, Threads through Creation, is now on tour.

Threads through Creation is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of Genesis, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breathtaking. Viewers are treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course lots of creatures!

If a number of our members wish to make a visit, then please consider sharing lifts and making a day of this visit.

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, and particularly remember those who have recently been bereaved. 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).

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