

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 1st December – 1st Advent

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend Peter McNeill. The stewards today are Tina Wise and Elizabeth Boyd. 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 1 st December	time tbc	Carol Concert at Blandford Parish Church with the Salvation Army band - CANCELLED
Friday 6 th December	6.00 pm	“Yuletide” at the Parish Church – open for late night shoppers
Sunday 8 th December	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Monday 9 th December	2.00 pm	Decorate the hall and Church for Christmas
Friday 13 th December		Lunch Club Christmas Lunch
Saturday 14 th December	6.00 pm	Carols on the Green
Sunday 15 th December	3.00 pm	Carols at Christmas, Blandford Methodist (<i>no morning service</i>) followed by refreshments
Sunday 22 nd December	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Tuesday 24 th December	9.15 pm	Christmas Eve Service at Colehill Methodist
Wednesday 25 th December	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service at Blandford Methodist led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 29 th December	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Deborah Cornish
Sunday 5 th January	10.45 am	Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by simple lunch

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 December: Ezekiel 40 – Daniel 7 and 2 Peter 3 – 2 John

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 ‘**Meeting with Mark**’ to which you are cordially invited.

June Young's funeral service will be held at church on Tuesday 10th December at 1.30 pm.

Joyce Wild

Church Carol Service: Our Carol Service this year will be held at **3.00 pm on Sunday 15th December**. To ensure our Carol Service is a success, we need volunteers to help to either set up the hall on Saturday 14th December, or help with the refreshments after the service on the 15th December. If you can help, please have a word with Mags.

Advent: 'Hush the noise': Christmas is loud, isn't it? So much expectation. So many voices, telling us how to celebrate, what to wear, what to eat and drink, what to watch and what to buy. This Christmas, we're being invited by the Methodist Church to "hush the noise". To listen for the love song that the angels bring, this and every year. They sang it for the first time more than 2,000 years ago, on the midnight clear. They're just waiting for us to join in.

John Cornish

Christmas Day lunch: Once again, the church is offering a lunch for those who find themselves on their own on Christmas Day. The cost is £6.00 per head and is to be paid when booking your place. You can book by ringing 07817 505543 or speaking with Joyce or David at Church/Lunch Club. Closing date for booking 13th December.

Joyce Wild

Christmas Cards: At the Church Council meeting on Friday 18th October the two charities chosen for us to support in the coming year were voted on. They were ZANE (Zimbabwe a national Emergency) for overseas and the Louis Ross Foundation for here at home. To start our fund-raising campaign, I thought it might be a nice idea to instead of individually sending each other Christmas cards this year rather we sign one large card to each other and the money we would have spent on Christmas cards can be donated to our charities. This is not compulsory and should you wish to send cards then please do.

Joyce Wild

Colehill Methodist: Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 7th December, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. All welcome. Further details on poster in hall.

A Methodist Way of Life for December 2024 entitled 'Flourish' "We care for creation and all God's gifts" is attached.

John Cornish

Verwood Methodist: The Fayrewood Singers are having their Christmas Concert, "The most wonderful time of the year". Saturday 7th December at Verwood Methodist Church, 2.30 pm with tea/coffee/mince pies at the end of the concert. Tickets are £6 and we will be giving a donation to Macmillan Caring Locally If anyone is interested in attending the concert, tickets will be available on the door.

Marilyn Whatmore (emwhatmore@talktalk.net)

Crowe Hill Methodist: Blue Christmas. 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm, Thursday 19th December 2024
An act of worship, offering peace and healing for all those who find this season of the year difficult, perhaps due to bereavement, illness, loneliness, depression, stress, financial worries, debt, or seasonal winter blues. We sing gentle and thoughtful carols, pray, listen to readings, spend time in silence. Worship will be led by Reverend Mike Shrubsole. ALL WELCOME - free and open to all A simple bread and soup lunch is offered from 1.00 pm onwards for anyone who would like to arrive early

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 17.10.24) -

Baked beans Biscuits Coffee Rice Jam

Soup Tinned peas Tinned potatoes Tinned Carrots

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).

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