

## **Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Brian Skelley. The stewards today are John Cornish and Alan and Margaret Dymond. Thank you to Angela for playing for us and also for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

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

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led Mr Rob White
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led Mrs Joyce Wild
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	2.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led Mr Barrie Knight

**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:** 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January: Genesis 29 – 45 and Matthew 9 - 12

**Advance notice for diaries:** Church Council Meeting, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2.30 pm.

**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.

**Covenant Service:** Following Mark's challenging service last Sunday, many of us moved into the hall to enjoy a simple lunch. This was a lovely time of fellowship, with conversation flowing freely. A huge thank you to all those who helped in any way. *Margaret Cornish*

**Woodlands Methodist:** Beetle Drive, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 pm. Further details on poster in hall.

**Christmas Day lunch:** Mother Christmas and her elf were just two of the four volunteers who joined us on Christmas Day for the Christmas Day lunch. There were 19 guests on the day.

A three-course meal of devilled eggs on a bed of lettuce, turkey with all the trimmings, homemade trifle or Christmas pudding and custard was prepared, cooked and served by Mark Lilley, with the help of Tessa, a family friend. Tea, coffee and mints completed the meal.

Tables were festively decorated and to add to the Christmas spirit, festive music was playing quietly in the background. Our guests were also encouraged to participate in the Christmas Quiz, with everyone on the winning table each receiving a tin of shortbread biscuits.

During the meal we thanked Mark and Tessa for their hard work and yummy food and following a long round of applause we presented them with a small token of our appreciation. Blandford Rotary Club had donated a seasonal bag of goodies for each guest to take home which was very well received.

Lifts were offered to those who needed one, whilst in the hall, the tidying up began. The old saying many hands make light work was very true and, as a team, we worked speedily and efficiently so that we could each go our respective ways to enjoy the rest of the day.

*Joyce Wild*

**Blandford Foodbank is urgently** in need of (updated 12.12.24) – Biscuits, Cereals, Coffee, Squash, Tinned meat, Washing up liquid

Any other donations of food or household goods are also welcomed.

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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