

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 9th February

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship with Holy Communion which is being led by Reverend David Ellis. Our thoughts go to Reverend Peter McNeill who should have taken our service, but is unwell. The stewards today are Joyce Wild, Rona Downes and Jean Peck. Thank you to Joyce for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 16 th February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Friday 28th February	2.30 pm	Church Council Meeting – Please note change of date
Sunday 23 rd February	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Barrie Knight
Sunday 2 nd March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 9 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 16 th March	10.45 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 23 rd March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Ellis

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: 9th – 15th February: Leviticus 6 – 18 and Matthew 25 – 27:50

Change of date: The Church Council Meeting will now take place on Friday 28th February, 2.30 pm. If you have any items of business you would like brought to the meeting, please let either Mark or Mags know by the 16th February.

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.

A Methodist Way of Life: The next article in this series for February is attached and is entitled "**Live**" **We live in a way that draws people to Jesus**. There are three different approaches to evangelism in a Methodist Way of Life: 'Tell' is about what we say (conversation with others), 'Share' is about what we do (our loving actions with individuals and communities) and 'Live' is about being the image of God (naturally radiating God's love, to draw people to Jesus). Please take time to read the full article.

John Cornish

Lent Bible Studies: These will be hosted by Colehill Methodist, lasting for the four Mondays in March.

Local Arrangement, Sunday 16th March: The theme of this service will be “Happy”. We would like contributions from all members, please: what makes you happy, do you have a favourite hymn which gives you a feeling of happiness? We are also looking for people to take part in the service, so if you have anything you would like to contribute to the theme of Happy or would like to take part, please speak to John as soon as possible as we only have four weeks in which to plan the service.

Easter Sunday Singing Group: I thought it would be lovely to once again try and form a group to sing at the Easter Sunday service. If there is enough interest from people to join a group, I thought we would possibly sing a hymn which is, perhaps, not so often sung at Easter but which will be easy to learn. If you are interested in being part of a singing group, please let me know and we will see about starting “rehearsals” during March. *Margaret Cornish*

Woodlands Methodist: Worship for You, Sunday 9th February, 6.00 pm. Further details on the poster in the hall. All welcome.

Woodlands Methodist: Quiz Night, Friday, 28th February, 7.30 pm. Further details on the poster in the hall.

Wimborne Methodist: An afternoon of Music with Viva Voce, Saturday 8th March, 2.30 pm. Full details on the poster in the hall.

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 27.1.25) –Cereals, Coffee, Tinned meat, Washing up liquid, Deodorant (male/female), Shampoo, Jam, Tinned chicken in white sauce, Tinned curry, Tinned hot dogs, Tinned Irish stew, Tinned meatballs, Tinned minced beef and onion.

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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