

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 2nd March

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Reverend Peter McNeill. The stewards today are Christine Lydford and Margaret Cornish. 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 9 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 16 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Diana Middleditch
Sunday 23 rd March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Ellis
Sunday 30 th March	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Besant
Sunday 6 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Gareth Higgs
Sunday 13 th April	10.45 am	Palm Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mr Brian Skelley
Friday 18 th April	10.45 am	Good Friday: Service led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber followed by refreshments in hall
Sunday 20 th April	10.45 am	Easter Sunday: Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild

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 March: Numbers 26 – Deuteronomy 7 and Mark 7:14 – 11:18

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

A Methodist Way of Life: The next part of this series is attached and is all about prayer: "We pray daily". Prayer is simply a name for communicating with God. It is not a daily tick box exercise, but should be a way we build a relationship with Jesus.

Lent Challenge: Wednesday 5th March is the beginning of Lent. To raise money for our two charities, The Louis Ross Foundation and ZANE, I felt it would be good to follow the printed sheet that will be given out this Sunday and next Sunday, 2nd March. For each day's activity I am suggesting 10p be donated, thus at the end of Lent £4.00 will have been raised. This amount is only a suggestion - people can donate more or less as they wish. *Joyce Wild*

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

Bible Study "Mark, Learn and Digest": Next Thursday, 6th March, part of the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting will be a Bible Study led by Tom Stuckey, known to many of us as a Supernumerary Minister in our own circuit and a previous Chair of Methodist Conference. The study is entitled "READ MARK LEARN AND INWARDLY DIGEST", based on Mark chapters 1-5 and 8 and is open for any church members to attend. The meeting is at Ringwood Trinity Church and it is suggested that people come for 8.00 pm, which allows for the conclusion of the business part of the meeting prior to Tom's Bible study. *Rob White*

Woodlands Methodist: Jumble sale, Saturday 8th March, 9.30 am, Verwood Memorial Hall.

Woodlands Methodist: 'Worship for You', Sunday 9th March, 6.00 pm. Led by Mr Mark Priestley's daughter-in-law, Heather Priestley, on being a hospital Chaplain in Bournemouth hospital. Everyone is very welcome to what is going to be a very interesting evening.

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

Lent Lunches: An early reminder of this year's six Lent lunches which will be held as usual on Tuesdays in Lent beginning March 11th through to 15th April. The first one will be at Wimborne Methodist.

Wimborne Methodist – 'I am Mark': Friday 21st March at 7.00 pm. This is a dramatic retelling of St Mark's Gospel performed by Stefan Smart which has received really positive reviews across the country and been performed at the Edinburgh Fringe.

United Service at the Army Camp on Sunday 30th March: We have been invited by Padres Matt Dietz and Carl Stokes to share in the United Service at the Army Camp on Sunday 30th March at 10.30 am. I shall be going to this United Service and if you wish to go as well please let me know by Sunday 23rd March so I can pass names on to the camp. *John Cornish*

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 26.2.25) – Coffee, Jam, Tinned meat, Shampoo, Tinned chilli con carni, Tinned curry, Tinned hot dogs, Tinned Irish stew, Tinned ravioli, Tinned minced beef & 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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