Sunday 30th November NO MORNING SERVICE

4.00pm

Darkness to Light

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| | Sunday 23 rd November | |
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| | 9am | 11am |
| Warden | Barry | Philip |
| Music | Hayley | Hayley |
| Welcomers | Bob and Mary | Charlotte and Andy |
| PA | Heidi | Heidi |
| Projector | Sara | Sara |
| Prayers | Gill A | |
| Reading | Elise | Liz B |
| Refreshments | Carole and Tess | Rodney and Gill A |
| Explorers | | Megan and Sophie C |
| Little | | Sophie B and Tina |
| Explorers | | |
| Church Youth | | Aimee, Simon and Kerry |

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Sunday 23rd November

Reading: John 3:1-21

9.00am Traditional Holy Communion Service

11.00am Contemporary Service with Children's Groups

Welcome to Blandford Forum Parish Church. If you are visiting us for the first time here are some things you may need to know for today:

Children & Young People: Children and young people are an important part of our church. At our 11am service we start together before the children leaving for their own groups. We have three groups -

Little Explorers is for children aged 2-4 years old. Their group takes place in the creche room off the foyer.

Explorers is for children in school years Reception to Year 4. Their group takes place in the Parish Centre. They will be walked up to the centre by the Group leaders and team and return at the end of the service.

Sunday Youth for Ages 10 -14 years. This runs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during the 11am service. at the Parish Centre. They will leave and walk up to the centre and return with the Explorers Group.

New? If you are visiting or your child is attending the group for the first time, please make sure you have registered with the Children's Leader before they depart from the service. If you are unsure what to do, please speak to one of the welcomers or the warden – they will be wearing a lanyard.

Refreshments: If you're not in a rush, please join us for tea or coffee after the service.

Giving: We do not take a collection but there is a giving station is located at the back of the church. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obliged to donate. You can also give online: www.bfpc.org.uk/give.

Welcome to Blandford Forum Parish Church (BFPC)

We are a growing community of faith on an exciting journey of seeing God move in us and in our community. Our style is very relaxed so don't feel you need to behave in a particular way as you worship with us. If you've got any questions ask someone with a blue lanyard, and please do introduce yourself to a member of the team after the service during refreshments.

Darkness to Light

Next Sunday 30th November we begin our season of Christmas services with a Darkness to Light service, with Carols, Music and Readings to start Advent. Please note there will not be a morning service this day.

Carols on the Green Saturday 13th December 6pm Persimmon Estate Green

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to Help Make Christmas Happen. Most rotas are now full and have been sent out.

The one area we still need your help with is refreshments at Carols on the Green. We traditionally as a church family serve hot dogs at the event as a blessing to the community.

Could you help with the preparation and serving of the hotdogs on the day? Please let the office know if you can help or want to find out more. Thank you.

Mince Pies Please!

With our Advent Darkness to Light and our Carol Service coming up we will be serving a lot of mince pies over the next few weeks. If possible please can you bring a packet or 2 to church this Sunday to hep ensure an ample supply. Thank you.

Collation of the Benefice of Blandford Forum

The Bishop of Salisbury has given notice of his intention to collate the Benefice of Blandford Forum on 25th January 2026. In simpler terms Chris will then become Rector of Blandford Forum Parish Church. More details of the service of collation to follow.

Christmas Services at BFPC

Sunday 30th November 4.00pm Darkness to Light
Saturday 13th December <u>6.00pm</u> Carols on the Green

(on the Persimmon Estate)

Sunday 21st December 11.00am All Age Christmas Celebration

Sunday 21st December 6.00pm Carol Service Wednesday 24th December 4.00pm Crib Service

Wednesday 24th December 11.15pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Morning 10.00am Christmas Morning Family Celebration

***Please note the change of time for Carols on the Green. ***

Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir 29th November 7.30pm

The Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir, led by Christina Scott, will be performing Christmas Baroque at Blandford Forum Parish Church. Tickets are £20.00 in advance from bschoir.org.uk or £23.00 on the door.

| Week Commencing 23rd November | | | |
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| Tuesday | | | |
| 9.15am | Morning Prayer in Church | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| 7.00am | Prayer for Renewal in Church | | |
| 10.00am | Little Peas at the Parish Centre | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| 9.15am | Prayer for the Community in Church | | |
| 10.15am | Mid-Week Service | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| 10.00am -12.00pm | Saturday Coffee in Church | | |
| 7.30pm | BSC Concert in Church | | |

For all our forthcoming diary dates and events please visit our website www.bfpc.org.uk