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Parish of All Saints, Langton Long

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Please note that the Rector's day off is Friday and the Curate's day off is Monday. They are usually unavailable from 5.00-7.00pm each evening.

For all other contact details, please phone the parish office or see the web site.

Usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

Tuesdays at 8.30am - United Prayer Meeting.
Thursdays at 9.30am - BCP Holy Communion.
Fridays at 10.00am - Teddy Bear Club.
Saturday Morning - Coffee House.



Sun 2nd	11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton Followed by AGM 6.30pm Evening Worship at BFPC
Wed 5th Sat 8th	Focus "We Believe in a Crucified Jesus" 10.00-1.00 Open Morning in Hall
Sun 9th	8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion at LL 6.30pm Evening Worship at BFPC
Wed 12th	No Focus Groups
Thu 13th	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.00pm Holy Communion at BFPC
Fri 14th	GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am United Walk of Witness begins at BFPC 3.00pm Hour at The Cross at BFPC
Sun 16th	EASTER DAY 8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.00am All Age Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Communion at LL 7.00pm United Celebration at BEC
Wed 19th	No Focus Groups
Sun 23rd	10.00am All Age Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL 6.30pm Evening Worship at BFPC
Tues 25th	<i>Prayer@BFPC Day</i>
Wed 26th	Focus "We Believe in a Risen Jesus"
Thu 27th	7.30pm BFPC PCC Meet
Sun 30th	10.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion at LL 6.30pm BCP Evensong at LL
Mon 1st May	10.00am - 4.00pm GEORGIAN FAYRE

Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - April 2006

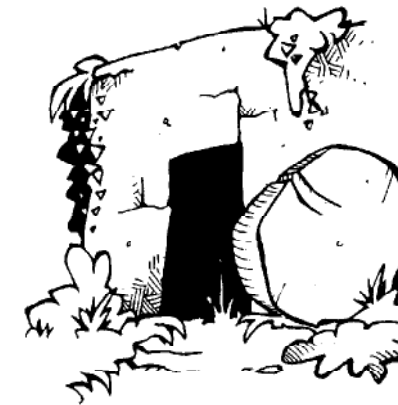
Around lunchtime on July 6th last year, I remember witnessing something incredibly un-British - the unadulterated exuberation of the news that London had won their bid to host the 2012 Olympics. Normally staid and careful politicians hugged sportsmen and women amid tears of sheer joy. The Red Arrows flew a victorious stream of smoke across London and all was well ...

Sadly, those images were replaced in our minds less than 24 hours later by the awful pictures of a bus torn apart by a terrorist bomb and the grief of a city in shock. The question we were left with was which image should dominate - the victorious spirit or the pain of suffering.

"It is true! The Lord has risen..."

Luke 24:34

So often, the same questions apply to Easter. For 24 hours, we get caught up in the joy of the empty tomb as we run back to the upper room with Mary Magdalene, breathless with the excitement of the news, or sit in awe with the disciples as they come face to face with the reality of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. And then it is Easter Monday and the opportunity to go to B&Q, or go to a football march ... and, this year, on Tuesday it is time to go back to school for many.



The Reality of Easter

And the joy of the Empty Tomb is replaced by the realities of life... Iraq, Iran and the Middle East, the injustices of World Trade, the horror of child abuse... We end up treating Easter Day like some religious Live8: one of those days

which we never forget because it was so exciting - but despite a lot of noise at the time, it doesn't actually impinge on the realities of the world outside. The danger is that we treat Easter Sunday as a day in history rather than the day which defined history.

The reality of Easter Sunday is the reality of the empty tomb itself - the Christian hope of new life itself: the possibility of life beyond this life which begins in the here and now, with the dynamic work of the Holy Spirit making all things possible. It is the reality that Jesus Christ is not some dead guru from history, but alive and well and reigning in Glory at the right hand of God the Father.

The question then becomes that of which way round we approach things - do we water down the victory of Easter in the suffering of the World, or do we see the hope of Easter in a World afflicted by pain and death? Some would say that this is denial - but the one facet of Easter not yet mentioned is the part which makes sense of it all - the Cross. It is in the pain and suffering of the Cross that we can make some kind of sense of the pain and suffering of the world - with the real hope that there is the possibility of the hope of eternal life at the end of it all. That is the reality of Easter.

Tim Storey

"Outlook" is Monthly News from Parishes of Blandford Forum and Langton Long in Dorset.

Mission Statement: "To Discover and Nurture Relationships in Jesus Christ."

Blandford Vision Statement: "To see every road in Blandford Forum baptised in the love of God."

Langton Vision Statement: "To build a joyful Fellowship of Healing and Wholeness."

The parish office is open 9.30-12noon each weekday morning.

Parish Office: 01258 456260 Email: office@bfpc.org.uk Web Site: www.bfpc.org.uk



Blandford AGM - Thurs 30 March @ 7.30pm

Langton AGM - Sun 2 April @ 12.15pm

Please Join Us !

On The Big Screen ...



Two years ago, we made quite a stir both locally and nationally by showing the England matches at the 2004 European Football Championships on the big screen in church.

After the success of this, the PCC have decided that we should show the England matches in the World Cup in June, as well as holding some film nights and a BBQ...

Free Film'n'Footie at BFPC ...

Friday 31 March @ 7.30pm

"Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring"

Friday 28 April @ 7.30pm

"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"

Friday 26 May @ 7.30pm

"Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

Saturday 10 June @ 1.00pm

Free BBQ followed by
England v Paraguay (ko 2.00pm)

Thursday 15 June @ 5.00pm

England v Trinidad and Tobago

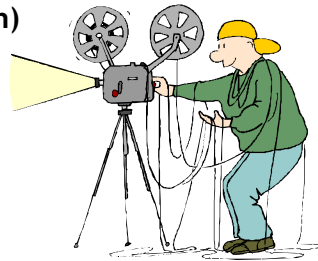
Tuesday 20 June @ 8.00pm

England v Sweden

Friday 21 July @ 7.30pm

"Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire"

Come along and invite your friends !



Interested in Banners?

The banner group have made some wonderful banners over the past year and are always interested in new members ... if you are interested, phone Jackie Poynter in the Office or email jackie@bfpc.org.uk



Fair Trade Fortnight...

Fairtrade fortnight has just happened and the picture shows students from year 12 at Blandford School "sampling" Geobars and chocolate from "Set Fair 4 Trade", the Fair Trade shop in Blandford. Go and try some for yourself ...!





The Key Coming to BFPC

Who will you invite?

Christianity with its sleeves rolled up!

Did you know that Blandford has a Christian Care Agency?



Pramacare operates throughout Eastern Dorset providing practical care to help older, vulnerable, disabled or ill people to live independent lives in their own homes.

Many older people do not wish to leave their home, but have no choice. They have no one to call in on them, or help with a few practical chores - *Pramacare is the answer*. Many people with physical or other disabilities find themselves in residential care because they need occasional help with things like getting dressed, washing, cooking and shopping - *Pramacare is the answer*. Many others find themselves in hospital beds for weeks on end following an operation because there's no-one at home to keep an eye on them - *Pramacare is the answer*.

Each week, Pramacare's 250 Care Attendants help more than 700 people of all ages across an area from Christchurch to Blandford to live independent lives. Many of our Care Attendants are Christians, all receive training and regular updates, their work and service evolves from their Christian faith.

To find out more about how Pramacare can help you or a friend, call 01202 599199 or 01202 590088. If you are interested in becoming a Care Attendant and would like details of our pay structure and mileage allowance (you must have transport) call 01202 599199 and speak to Linda or Jane.

Pramacare, 25b Elliott Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth BH11 8LQ.

Georgian Fayre - May 1st - BFPC

Prayer Corner - Refreshments - Video Face Paints - and ... for 2006

"Sing For Life"

From 10am to 4pm on May 1st we are aiming to sing 100 songs and hymns in BFPC, to raise money for The Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust campaign. Look out for more details in the next few weeks...

News from Langton



Many young people today choose to take a gap year in their early 20's to widen their experience of life as preparation for entering a future career or further education. I am also taking a gap year as from April in preparation for my second childhood. I feel the time is right to step down as churchwarden to replenish my batteries so as to be able to respond to the next calling I am challenged to undertake. No one believes me when I say 'I'm going to do nothing' (neither can I) but I didn't expect to have the opportunity to go on a tour of Israel next week! Have you known the excitement of stepping into the unknown in the expectancy of yet another blessing from our Heavenly Father confident in His presence at all times? Richard Foster says "Why does God seemingly require relinquishment before bringing something into being? Frequently, we hold on so tightly to the good we know that we cannot receive the greater good we do not know. God has to help us let go of our tiny vision in order to release the greater good He has in store for us."

We have a vision for Langton to the building and an enriched fellowship - it's not just my idea, it needs an input from everyone, at Blandford as well as Langton. So let us respond to His call to serve Him in the fellowship at Langton and to reach out to all those He loves in the wider community. Please pray and work together to build the foundations of God's work in Langton - building on the Rock!

Barbara Ward

This is a good time and opportunity for us to say "Thank You" to Barbara! Since the death of her husband, Les, Barbara has devoted time, love and energy to Langton Church. She has not only fulfilled the prescribed role of Churchwarden but cared for its spiritual growth - for example, it was her idea to keep the church open for private prayer and her giving, in all sorts of ways has help put All Saints on the map! Thank You!

Enid Kretschmer

Baptisms:

March 12th - Bailey Joshua Ratcliffe (at BFPC)

Funerals:

March 2nd - Robert Roy Ffoulkes (at BFPC)

March 2nd - Winifred Joyce Mackett (at LL)

March 14th - Florence Mildred Eltringham (at BFPC)

March 22nd - Kenneth Roy Riggs (at BFPC)

March 23rd - Gwendoline Ruth Foyster (at Poole)

Weddings:

March 25th - Christopher Amey + Helen Pltcher (at LL)



Prayer @ BFPC

Tuesday 28th March

9.00am at BFPC

12noon at Langton

8.00pm at BFPC



Each prayer meeting will last one hour.

Please send prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk or use the cards in the pews. Send them by Sunday 26th March!