

# Parish Info + Diary



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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 ...

Wednesdays at 8.30am - United Prayer Meeting.

Thursdays at 9.30am - BCP Holy Communion.

Fridays at 10.00am - Teddy Bear Club.

Saturday Morning - Coffee House.



Mon 1st 10.00am - 4.00pm GEORGIAN FAYRE  
 Wed 3rd Focus "What we believe about Death"  
 Thu 4th 7.30pm BFPC PCC Meet

Sun 7th 10.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL  
 6.30pm Evening Worship at BFPC

Mon 8th 7.30pm Prayer Ministry Training (1)  
 at Methodist Hall

Tue 9th 7.30pm Prayer Ministry Training (2)  
 Wed 10th Focus "We believe in Life after Death"  
 Wed 10th 7.45pm The Key (1)

Sun 14th 8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
 10.00am All Age Worship at BFPC  
 11.00am Holy Communion at LL  
 6.30pm Evening Worship at BFPC  
 Focus "We believe in Jesus as King"

Wed 17th 7.45pm The Key (2)  
 Wed 17th 7.30pm LL PCC Meet  
 Thu 18th

Sun 21st 10.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC  
 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL  
 6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayer  
 for Healing and Wholeness at BFPC  
 7.45pm Wedding Preparation @ BFPC

Mon 22nd **Prayer@BFPC Day** - No 8pm Meeting  
 Tue 23rd No Focus Groups - 8pm: **Prayer@BFPC**  
 Wed 24th 7.45pm The Key (3)  
 Wed 24th 7.00pm Ascension Day  
 Holy Communion @ BFPC

Thu 25th 7.30pm BFPC PCC Meet  
 Thu 25th

Sun 28th 10.00am All Age Communion at BFPC  
 11.00am All Age Worship at LL  
 6.30pm Evening Worship at BFPC

# Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - May 2006



This is a picture of the "Whirlpool Galaxy" which is 31 million light years away and about 98,000 light years across - in other words, it is a long way away and very, very big.

However much we try to picture or describe God, we always come up against the limits of our minds. If we struggle to grasp the numbers involved in the distance to this galaxy, is it any wonder that we struggle to grasp the enormity of God's love for us.

*"And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"*

*Romans 10:14*

And when it comes to the task of "preaching" the Good News of Jesus Christ, it is often so hard to convey the incredible vastness of the message. Words are simply not enough. The problem many people have today is that their lives are "locked" in some way. Perhaps they are locked into lifestyles or trapped by problems which have either been of their own making or of others. Often they are unable to grasp the enormity of God's love because of their situation. So how can we reach out to those who need to hear about Jesus Christ?

# Irresistible Love !!!

The Christian faith tell us that Jesus came to bring freedom (Luke 4:18-19) and so is "the key to life". That is where the title of the new course at BFPC, The Key, which begins on May 10th, comes from.



The Key is a series of eight evenings - an invitation to take some time out and think about these things.

When facing a locked door with a set of keys, it is often necessary to try several keys in order to find the one which works. "The Key" is an opportunity to look at the claims of the Christian Faith and to find out if Jesus really is the Key to unlocking the full potential of lives in the 21st Century.

Whirlpools gradually draw things into the centre where the pull is irresistible. That force can be highly destructive (eg a black hole or a twister) but my hope is that the life of our Christian Community will be like a whirlpool as it draws in people to experience the irresistible love of God. "Preaching" is not so much something we say with words but something we do with our lives that demonstrates God's love to those around us - and draws them towards this irresistible love.

Tim Storey

**Find out more about The Key inside ...**



**Prayer@BFPC: 23rd/24th May**

23rd - 9.00am at BFPC - 12noon at Langton

24th - 8.00pm at BFPC (No Focus Groups that night)



Please send requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk or use the pews cards - by Sunday 21st May!

"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.

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## Hello once again! ("And finally ..." from Josh !)

Well the end is in sight and I shall soon be back in England. Funny looking back, remembering how I wanted to come back to England so very much but now I don't want to leave!!!

On the 8th it was my birthday and P-Ard shows up at the office and asks if I would like to "By teo" (go travel) with him. He pointed at his T-shirt which had a map of Kaow Yai National Park on it. The others in the office said go pack and started pulling out their bags from well hidden places around the office! So that afternoon we were off! We squeezed into the pickup truck for the 3 hour drive. We set up our tents next to the jungle and went on a night tour with one of the guides pointing a flood light at the animals. We saw deer, a fox, stags, and a few other small animals too. It was amazing, mostly because there was a lightning storm going on at the time too! The next morning I was asked to cook an English breakfast and then we went trekking to a HUGE waterfall - it was breathtaking. We were also able to swim at another waterfall. That evening the team cooked me an amazing meal with loads of dishes and I had pancakes as a birthday cake! Unforgettable!

Mid-April was Songkran, the Thai New Year which was celebrated by a 3 day national water fight! Yet another amazing unforgettable experience! Driving round on the back of a pickup truck with 2 huge barrels of water splashing people and pulling up to little parties on the sides of roads to exchange a powder paste that is wiped on someone's face!

There has been work has been going on too! The office work has seen me and Torung begin the long process of translating and typing up all the letters from the kids to their sponsors. The home visits have been happening too and its becoming harder and harder as I get to know the families more and more personally. It's lovely to be recognised though - but it breaks your heart to see people go from bad to worse. One boy Nong-Nung is now in hospital and has had trouble eating for about a month now. I hope he pulls through. Another lady that I've visited quite a bit is also in hospital she's a single mother.

Monday (24th April) is the start of the kids camp - I have to pack! I also fear I haven't done any of these experiences true justice ! God bless, Love Josh xxx

*Josh returns from Thailand on 14th May*

## The Key Begins 10th May

Wednesdays at the Rectory at 7.45pm

- May 10 - *The Key to What ?*
- May 17 - *The Key to Unlocking Life.*
- May 24 - *The Key to Staying Unlocked.*
- June 7 - A Social Evening.
- June 14 - *The Key to Understanding Life.*
- June 21 - *The Key to Breathing and Growing Properly*
- June 28 - *The Key to the Future.*
- July 12 - A Party !

### What Happens ... ?

The evenings begin at 7.45pm and consist of a time to enjoy a pudding (!) before listening to a multimedia talk exploring aspects of the Christian faith and discussing it in small groups. The evenings will end about 9.30pm. The party and social evening will be a time to get to know each other over a meal or wine and cheese.

### How Much ... ?

Nothing ! The Course is free - but you may like to contribute a pudding sometime !

### Interested ?

Phone 480092 or email  
TheKey@bfpc.org.uk for more details

## Did you know there is a Prayer Meeting every week ?

Until now the prayer meeting for the churches in the town has been on Tuesdays but because of the Prayer Days, we have now moved it to Wednesdays.

**Churches Prayer Meeting.**  
**Weds@8.30am in the Julian Chapel.**  
**You are Welcome !**

## What's happening on PCC?

*A snapshot of Discussions over the past few months.* Over the past few months, the PCC have discussed a variety of issues. You may have spotted the new notice boards outside the Blandford Church building, a visible result to a Church Council decision. Changing the time of the Thursday morning Holy Communion service was trialled, but found to be unpopular. It is encouraging to see larger numbers in attendance. The need for a home group for the age group 18-25 was agreed, and has begun, alongside a home group initiative to have a 'Film Night' for young people. However, the need for someone to head up a group 'Friends of BFPC' to be involved in fund-raising, was not met. As to the fabric of the Church, a company called 'Stainglass' have been involved with cleaning and repairing windows. The bells too, will be refurbished. Many debates were held about the heating problems, and the unusable Church Hall.



On a positive note, a monthly 'Prayer Day' has been initiated, and was well attended in February.

Jackie Poynter

### FLOWER GROUP REPORT 2005/6

Our mission is to use our creative talents to the glory of God and thus to enhance both individual and corporate worship within the church. Each member gives so much of themselves to this end and when all work together, as we do for festivals, weddings and special occasions, the results are a glorious triumph. This year, apart from the usual festivals we had three summer weddings and the Charter service. Each occasion is different but we derive great satisfaction from a job well done, as we put the finishing touches to a long morning's work. After several years as team leader, I now appreciate the amount of planning, preparation and sheer hard work which lies behind the final result. I want to thank all the team for the help and support they have given me and I have handed over to Janet Palmer after Christmas with grateful thanks for her willingness to take on the job on top of her other commitments. Her expertise and creative ideas will be invaluable and this is already apparent. I also want to thank Chris Long for taking on the task of organising our coffee mornings. We were delighted when Chris joined the team in the Summer and it is an enormous help to have someone responsible for the coffee mornings as we rely on them to raise our funds.

Norah Saynor

*(This report was unfortunately omitted from the list of reports at the AGM)*

## So what's happening about the Hall ?

Many will be wondering about progress with the campaign to demolish and rebuild the Church Hall. At the time of going to press (April 25th), discussions are taking place with NDDC about our application and how we can take it forward. The wheels of these processes never turn very fast but they are moving ... but slowly!

## Langton News



Over the past year, plans have been drawn up at Langton to enhance the Church building in order to provide a building where the parish vision "To build a Joyful Fellowship of Healing and Wholeness" can become a reality. The plans include reordering part of the inside of the church as well as rebuilding the porch to incorporate a much needed toilet! At present the plans for this are under consideration by North Dorset but we are hoping that more detailed plans for the works can be put forward as the year progresses.

The AGM on April 2nd was well attended and we were able to say a heartfelt to Barbara and Enid for their work on PCC and as Wardens over the past few years. We also welcomed John Hellewell as a new Church Warden and Annette Orton and Graham Curtis onto PCC - and Charlie Culshaw was able to give us encouraging (but still challenging) news about the finances.

The Service on 21st May will be a change from the usual in that it will be a service of Morning Prayer when we shall be welcoming Ken Reynolds from Blandford Youth Trust to talk about his work among young people in the Blandford School. At the end of last year, Langton PCC agreed to tithe 5% of the giving in 2006 to be shared between BYT and Siam Care (who Josh has been working with). As one of these link Missions, this is a great opportunity to learn about the work and be encouraged as to the good use of the money that is given.

Tim Storey

### Funerals:

March 30th - Edward Rex Ware (at BFPC)  
April 16th - Susanne Elizabeth Penelope Fenn (at BFPC)

### Weddings:

April 1st -  
Peter JohnTettmar and  
Gillian Margaret Minogue (at BFPC)

