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Please note that Tim and Martin's day off is Friday.
They are usually unavailable between
5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

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

Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

Thursdays at 9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Fridays at 10.00am Teddy Bear Club
Saturday Morning Coffee House



Sun 3rd 10.00am Holy Communion at BFPC
11.00am Morning Prayer at LL
Sat 9th Churches Bike Ride

Sun 10th 8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC
10.00am All Age Worship at BFPC
followed by Picnic 4 All at Pamphill
11.00am Holy Communion at LL
Wed 13th Focus Groups Social Evening
Thu 14th 7.30pm Langton PCC meet at Rectory

Sun 17th 10.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL
3.00pm RBL Celebration at BFPC
6.30pm Celebration Worship at BFPC
Wed 20th Focus Groups "God's Glory"

Sun 24th 10.00am All Age Communion at BFPC
11.00am All Age Harvest Worship at LL

Tue 26th Prayer@BFPC Day
Wed 27th Staff Quiet Day
Wed 27th Focus Groups "Dear Ephesus ..."
Thu 28th 7.30pm BFPC PCC meet at Rectory

Dates coming up ...



7 Oct Harvest Supper
25 - 27 Oct Holiday Club
31 Oct Light Party

And even further ...

13th-15th July 2007
The Parish Weekend Away !

Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - September 2006

"I Dream of a Church"

Kate Compston

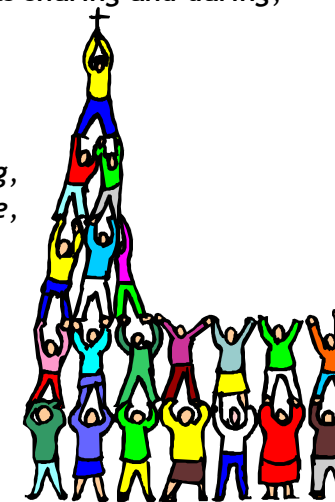
I dream of a church that joins in with God's laughing as she rocks in her rapture, enjoying her art: she's glad of her world, in its risking and growing: 'tis the child she has borne and holds close to her heart.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's weeping as she crouches, weighed down by the sorrow she sees: she cries for the hostile, the cold and no-hoping, for she bears in herself our despair and dis-ease.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's dancing as she moves like the wind and the wave and the fire: a church that can pick up its skirts, pirouetting, with-the steps that can signal God's deepest desire.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's loving as she bends to embrace the unlovely and lost, a church that can free, by its sharing and daring, the imprisoned and poor, and then shoulder the cost.

God, make us a church that joins in with your living, as you cherish and challenge, rein in and release, a church that is winsome, impassioned, inspiring; lioness of your justice and lamb of your peace.



"I Dream ..."

Do you dream? I am sure that I do - but too often I wake up and instantly forget them. They are gone, never to be remembered. The dreams of our sleep are often bizarre and illogical, generated by stress or too much cheese or chocolate. But occasionally God speaks to people through dreams, as he promised through the Prophet Joel - which was reinforced by Peter on the day of Pentecost.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."
Joel 2:28

The problem with the dreams that God gives us is that we dismiss them as idealistic and unworkable - as a "nice thought", but definitely not for us. We live in a cynical age, so it is not surprising that we see them this way - but that is not what God intends. His dreams and visions for us are to inspire us to work towards fulfilling the vision of his Kingdom. His vision (not ours) is of a church that is alive with the breath of his Spirit (just like the poem opposite), which aspires to be what God wants it to be and is equipped for the task thanks to the reality of Pentecost. Take a risk - be a dreamer with God's dreams !

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

26th September - Prayer Day at BFPC

"Prayer for the Nation"

9.00am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8.00pm @ BFPC

Please send requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk or pew cards - by Sunday 24th September

In Brief ...

Day off

Please would you note that Martin's day off has changed so that he and Tim both will be taking Friday as a day off.

Midweek Communion Time

At the end of the summer, there was a question mark over the time of the Thursday morning BCP Communion Service. Things have now changed which means that it is staying exactly where it is at 9.30am ! Sorry for any confusion !!

Crèche

Thanks to the hard work of the leaders of Teddy Bear Club, a Crèche is now available on Sunday mornings at BFPC. IF you could help with the rota for this, please contact Julie Court.

Confirmation...

We have booked a Confirmation Service for Friday 24th November in BFPC with Bishop Tim. If you (or someone you know) is interested in being confirmed, please would you let Tim or Martin know as soon as possible. There will be a Confirmation Class beginning in a few weeks.

FAMILY TIME!
parenting course
Tuesdays 7.45-10pm
Begins 26th September 2006

Suitable for couples and single parents
Free refreshments and course handbook

Georgian Tea Room
Georgian Passage
Market Place
Blandford Forum

Costs £5 per adult for the course
Phone 01258 489321 for more details

Community Activities at URC

Improvements to the URC Church Hall complex were completed recently, so that it now complies fully with Fire Regulations and Disability Access requirements. A new stair-lift and an upstairs kitchenette now gives the opportunity to make better use of two large upstairs rooms for a variety of activities. The vision is to use the facilities to bring together Christians and non-Christians with shared interests, as a means of outreach to the community. There are already two computing classes and an art group led by members of the congregation, but they welcome members of other churches who would like to start groups, whether in basketry or banner-making, Scrabble or Scripture. If you are interested, or would simply like to see the premises, either drop in at our regular coffee morning and mini-market, Tuesday, 9.30am to 12.00noon, or contact Revd Colin Marsh on 01747 853304 (until 13 September) or Church Secretary, Judy Stevens, 454887.

BFPC and LL Church Weekend 13-15 July 2007 Monkton Combe School, Bath



A weekend of Laughter and Learning for the whole Church family in a stunning setting - details will follow next month. This is one weekend not to be missed!
Put the dates in your diary now!!

The Prayer Chain

"Does he who implanted the ear not hear?
Does he who formed the eye not see?"

Psalm 94:9

Jesus said, " Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you"

Luke 11:9



For those of you who didn't know.... We have a prayer chain for our two churches!

How Does It Work ?

It works like this: Any prayer requests you may have, you phone through to me or the office at BFPC. This request is immediately passed on to another person on "the chain", who passes it on to the next person on "the chain" and so on. In this way your prayers are multiplied within a very short time and you have the assurance of at least 12 people lifting up your request to the Lord. It is especially helpful and encouraging in a sudden crisis. To reduce the risk of the message becoming disjointed (or take on the form of Chinese whispers!) we keep the facts brief i.e. 12-15 words only. Each person on the prayer chain has signed and obeys a confidentiality agreement.

Does it work?

Ask anyone on the prayer chain! We have had some wonderful answers to prayers and praise the Lord for His goodness. We are His instruments. God is waiting for us to ask so that He can give! He wants to bless each one of us abundantly- so why not go for it? If you feel lead to join the prayer chain, please contact the office or me, as we want to re-launch a bigger and more efficient prayer chain in the next month or so. Don't leave it till then, think about it NOW!

Susanne Tun Pe

Baptism:

July 23rd - Ryan James Thornton (at BFPC)
August 13th - Harmony Eleanor Storey (at BFPC)
August 13th - Joseph David Charles Lody (at BFPC)
August 13th - Thomas James Edward Hart (at BFPC)
August 13th - Adam Gabriel Scott Hart (at BFPC)

Wedding:

July 8th - Lee Nicholas Miller
and Samantha Jane Hopkins (at LL)

Funeral:

July 3rd - Constance Eileen Long (at BFPC)
July 11th - Philip Dudley Hiscock (at BFPC)
July 27th - Ruby Ascott (at LL)
July 27th - Vivian Gooding (at BFPC)



News From Langton Long

On July 1st a number of us attended the service of Martin's priesting in Salisbury cathedral which was an uplifting and moving occasion.



Ian Saville took the service on July 2nd and on August 6th, which was his last one with us. We are sad to see him go but wish him and his wife Elizabeth all the best and hope they will stay in touch.

David Orton has kindly agreed to be a stand-in for Tony Coldwell and Gerry Hird, our loyal organists, which will hopefully enable them to take a bit of a breather occasionally!

The lunch party held at John and Fiona Rowland's on July, 27th was a great success. The weather was perfect, the food delicious and the company good fun! Also the coffee morning on Saturday 26th August at BFPC turned out to be a busy morning for the ladies of Langton Long. Shoppers kept coming and we had record takings.

The next event we are looking forward to is the Historic Churches Cycle Ride on September 9th when we hope to welcome many visiting cyclists!!

Annette Orton