

# Parish Info + Diary



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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



Wed 1st Confirmation Group meets at Rectory  
Wed 1st 7.00 All Saints Service at Langton Long  
Wed 1st Focus Groups Social Evening  
Thu 2nd 7.30 Langton Long PCC meet at Rectory

Sun 5th 10.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
11.00am Morning Prayer at LL

Wed 8th Confirmation Group meets at Rectory  
Wed 8th Focus Groups "The Letter to Sardis"  
Thu 9th 7.30pm Music Group Practice at BFPC

Sun 12th 8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
10.00am All Age Worship  
11.00am Holy Communion at LL  
3.00pm Remembrance Day Service

Tue 14th J Team Leaders meet  
Wed 15th Focus Groups "Letter to Philadelphia"  
Wed 15th Confirmation Group meets at Rectory  
Thu 16th Deanery Synod meets at BFPC

Sun 19th 10.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC  
11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL  
6.30pm Holy Communion (with prayer  
for Healing and Wholeness) at BFPC

Wed 22nd Focus Groups "The Letter to Laodicea"  
Thu 23rd 7.30pm BFPC PCC meet at Rectory  
Fri 24th 7.00pm Confirmation Service at BFPC

Sun 26th 10.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
11.00am All Age Worship at LL

Mon 27th 8.00pm Home Group Leaders at Rectory  
Tue 28th **Prayer@BFPC Day**

# Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - November 2006

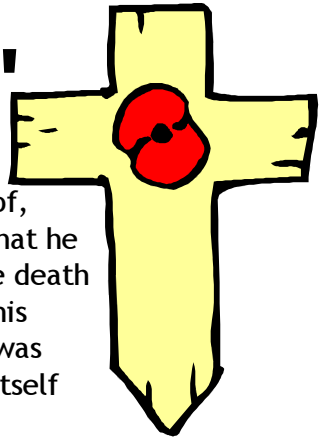
## "We will remember ..."

**Remembrance Day has come around again but, for me, there will be a different feel to it this year ...**

A few weeks ago, I joined a group of teachers and students from the Blandford School on a history trip to the battlefields of The Somme and around Ypres. It was moving and frightening, thought-provoking and challenging as we faced the reality of carnage and death on a scale which is hard to grasp. For me, personally, it took on a significance as I discovered in the run up to the trip that I had a Great Uncle who had been killed near Arras in 1917. Some elementary work on the Internet revealed his grave which, until a month or so ago, nobody in the family knew existed. His war medal had come into my possession - a medal which was awarded three years after his death. It was a great privilege for Hannah and myself to place the medal on his grave nearly 90 years after his death. A day later, the tour finished with the "Last Post" at the Menin Gate in Ypres, whether the names of 54,000 with no known grave are remembered. As they read a few of the names out, I added "Uncle Jim's" name to the list and thanked him for his sacrifice.

In the film "Saving Private Ryan", a group of soldiers are sent into the battle fields of Normandy to locate a soldier who is to be sent back home because his brothers have all been killed and the authorities believe the family has suffered enough. The man in charge of the group is himself killed and the film ends with an aged Private Ryan in tears of thankfulness at the cross which marks the grave of this man. However unintentional this may be on the part of the filmmaker, this is a picture of the Gospel we proclaim.

Like the shepherd Jesus spoke of, God's love for us was so great that he came searching for those whose death was too hard for him to bear - his beloved children. But the cost was great - the cost was the death itself of the one who searched.



And what he has left us with is the Cross itself. A symbol for all of the passionate love of God himself. How strange that nowadays, airlines and broadcasters find it an offence for it to be displayed in public ?

*"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

1 Corinthians 11:24/25

And we, too, are called to remember. Not to walk on by the cross with the contempt that comes from familiarity but to stop, wonder at the love, and maybe shed a tear for what we did that led to the ultimate cost of this sacrifice.

For me, Remembrance is personal this year as my engagement with the story of one man's death has helped me to understand more of the importance of the occasion. But it has also brought greater understanding of what "do this in remembrance of me" really means: that sacrifice, in whatever form, should never be ignored or taken lightly.

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.

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**The Weekend Away - Have you Picked up Your Brochure Yet ?**

# "Making It Happen !"

**Monkton Combe, Bath - 13th to 15th July 2007**

## "Toy Service"

Each year in December, we usually have a Nativity Play when the members of J Team tell the story of Christmas at the All Age Service. This year, we are going to do something different and hold a Toy Service. The idea is that we bring games and toys that can be given away so that others can enjoy Christmas who might otherwise not have such a great time. We contacted Julia's House Hospice in Poole and asked if they would be interested in the idea and they were delighted with it!



## Sunday 10th December 2006 10am at BFPC - Toy Service for Julia's House Hospice.

Please would you bring along something along these lines ...

- > A Board Game eg Ludo
- > A Card Game eg Top Trumps
- > A Toy for a boy or girl

Please would you wrap the present up and write what is in the present on a piece of paper and attach it to the present (so that the Hospice people know who might appreciate it). Unfortunately, because of the safety concerns, Julia's House has requested that we do not give any second hand toys or games or fluffy toys. One suggestion is that you might like to join up with a home group to give a more expensive present. If you would like to know more about this, please contact the office.

## Confirmation Service Friday 24th November 7.00pm at BFPC

Bishop Tim is going to be joining us for a Baptism and Confirmation Service at the end of November.

A group of 13 Adults and Young People have been meeting over the past few weeks to discover something of the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation and will come together with their families and friends to declare their faith and pray for God's Blessing and guidance in their lives. Please come and support them and pray for them over the next few weeks.



## The New Pattern of Services: What Does It Mean in Practice?

Over the past couple of months, the Staff Team and the PCC have been looking at the idea of changing our patterns of service from the early part of next year.



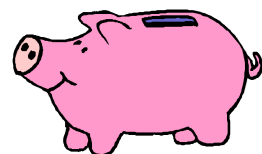
This aimed to address the fact that we like to worship in different ways and styles but that it is hard to do so when we are all in the same service. The principle is that we shall have two morning services, one formal and one informal, and that they will be separated by a time of coffee. This has been received enthusiastically by the majority of people in the church as something of benefit to all of us.

However (!!), there are some aspects of these changes which the PCC are currently looking at which are vital to the new patterns working - and that is the need for more people to be involved in Sunday worship. Having two services, means that there is a need for help in various areas - we need at least one extra Deputy Church Wardens, at least three more people to do intercessors, a couple of people to assist as Servers and at least two extra people to help with the sound system. In other words, we need at least **eight more people** to help us put on these extra services. **Can you help?** Over the next few weeks, members of the PCC will be prowling around the coffee area asking people if they will consider helping in one of these ways .... you have been warned !

(If you haven't had a chance to read about these proposals, there is a sheet about available from the office or in the news section of the web site at [www.bfpc.org.uk](http://www.bfpc.org.uk).)

## Investing in BFPC...

Everyone hates talking about money - especially when it comes to Church! However, it is one of those things which we cannot get away from as it costs money to run a church and giving financially is part of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Some letters will be going out over the next week or so to encourage us to think and pray about these things. Please do so !



## My Story ...

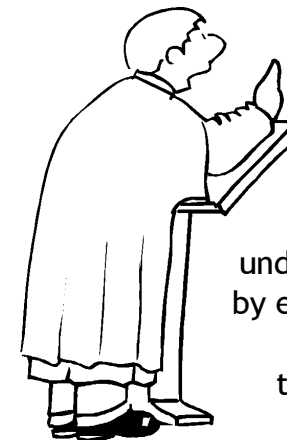
For me 'religion' was a major part of my life from the age of 4, when my parents became Jehovah's Witnesses. I followed along because it was easier and had no real choice anyway! At 18 I made the decision to leave the religion, which also meant leaving home. My life was made very difficult for several years as I was disowned by my friends and family. I hated God - I couldn't believe that a loving God would treat me like that.

I spent the next 10 years searching for happiness - I tried marriage, career, alcohol and tarot cards - to mention a few! Needless to say, nothing gave me lasting happiness and during this time I had a broken marriage, a suicide attempt and three major breakdowns. I didn't think that there was an answer, but then I came into contact with Christians during my second marriage which was in big trouble. I began to see these people as having lives which reflected God's love and I desperately wanted to be like them. I'd had so many relationships which had left me hurting, but now I had found people who I could trust, and who genuinely cared about me.



Since I became a Christian in January 1996 my life keeps changing. God is constantly showing me ways to be a better person and I feel privileged that He is so interested in ME that He wants to change me. I've had lots of problems since becoming a Christian, but I have never sunk as low as before, because God has given me the courage and strength to face anything, and He has put me in a Church where I get love and support when I need it most.

Anita Oliver



## Hot News !

The heating work is well underway and will be finished by early November. There will be a cleaning party to get things back together again. Watch out for details !

To those complaining about the lack of heating. Can I quote that well known Bible verse...  
"Many are cold but few are frozen"

## Plans for a Pastoral Care Team

In any church there are always a number of pastoral issues happening and trying to address them is an important expression of our love for each other (reflecting our Mission Statement) as well as providing evangelistic opportunities into the community (reflecting our Parish Vision). A group of LPAs was built some years ago to assist the clergy in the task and many of this group are still actively involved in Pastoral Care within the life of the parish, but at a limited level of involvement. Two new LPAs have been trained, but it is clear that the demand for pastoral care is greater than the combined team of Clergy and LPAs can offer. The PCC is aiming is to build a wider group of people, consisting of Clergy, LPAs and others, which will shoulder the shared responsibility of this burden. The diversity of people involved, including the diversity of gifting and training, is aimed to match the diversity of need which we are seeking to address - from driving someone to hospital to visiting the bereaved. By building a wide base of people, the aim is to be able to provide a wide base of skills and spread the load proportionately. *If you would like to know more or be a part of this, please let Tim or the Office know.*



## News From Langton Long



On Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a service for **All Saints Day** at All Saints, Langton Long. This is a service for those who have experienced bereavement and would find it a help to have a short service when they can give thanks for loved ones they have lost and also bring their grief to God. If you would like more information please contact the office or speak to Martin Court.

On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we shall be holding a **Remembrance Day** service. We would like to remind people please to arrive a little earlier for this service in order to be able to observe the two-minute silence at 11:00 a.m.

The **confirmation service** takes place on a **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at this year and requires a separate entry into the diary! It would be great to go and show our support for the confirmation candidates (including John Hellewell from Langton).

Annette Orton