

# Parish Info + Diary



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## Parish of All Saints, Langton Long

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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



Sat 2nd 10.00am Decorating the Christmas Tree  
Sat 2nd 6.30pm Civic Carol Service

Sun 3rd 10.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
11.00am Morning Prayer at LL  
Sun 3rd 3pm Christingle Service  
Wed 6th Focus Groups "God's Message To Us?"  
Thu 7th Christmas Choir Practice

Sun 10th 8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
10.00am Toy Service at BFPC  
3.00pm Carol Service at Langton Long  
Tue 9th 6.30pm Archbishop Wake Carols  
Wed 20th 9am Archbishop Wake Carols  
Wed 13th Late Night Shopping in Blandford  
Wed 14th 5pm Elizabeth Finn Carols

Sun 17th 10.00am Morning Worship at BFPC  
11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL  
6.30pm Carol Service at BFPC  
Wed 20th 9am Milldown Primary Carols  
Wed 20th Focus Groups Social Evening

Sun 24th CHRISTMAS EVE  
10.00am United Worship at BFPC  
5.00pm Crib Service at BFPC  
11.00pm Midnight Communion at BFPC

Mon 25th CHRISTMAS DAY  
8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC  
10.00am All Age Communion at BFPC  
10.30am All Age Communion at LL

Sun 31st 10.00am United Worship at BFPC

# Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - December 2006

## "What do you want for Christmas ...?"



*I'm a man of simple tastes ... the Aston Martin DB7 Vantage would be nice ... but a Star Wars DVD is fine!*

So what do you want for Christmas this year? For some, there are clear answers and a list is presented with some realistic - and some not quite so realistic - ideas on it. For others, the "um"s and "aah"s begin as the hunt begins as to what you could possibly give the person who has everything they could possibly ever need. Everything? In this materialistic society, we are repeatedly reminded that whatever we have is already yesterdays thing - there is a newer, faster, shinier thing waiting for us. I love the idea that has come through in the past couple of years of buying someone a goat or an alpaca - a gift which works for two people: there is the gift for the person who wakes up on Christmas morning to find a goat-shaped package under his tree and the one who is told that the gift has been given - with the underlying message that comes with it. So what do you *really* want for Christmas?

World peace? An end to the selfishness which leads to a future climate catastrophe? Or the peace in ordinary lives that is so often missing in society?



Our theme as a parish for this Christmas is called "The Gift" and it offers the simple message that in the birth of Jesus Christ, God gave us the Gift to end all Gifts - he gave us himself. If it is true that "it is the thought that counts" then surely Christmas is the ultimate example ....

*"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."*

1 John 4:9

When it comes to Christmas, many people have to "make do". The tragic example of the bankrupt Savings Club a few weeks ago meant that there will be many thousands around the country who will have to "make do" this Christmas. For others "making do" means the line of least resistance as to who they spend Christmas with or how to survive these frenetic days, financially or emotionally, as a family.

**What do you want for Christmas this year?** Will you "make do" with the commercialised excess of the exhausting round of shopping, eating, drinking and spending? Or would you like to have the real McCoy (even better than a DB7!) and, on Christmas Morning, unwrap a Gift which will last through the coming year and provide hours of endless exploration, joy and life. Come and discover with us "The Gift of all Gifts" this Christmas at one of our services!!

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

For example ... a Board or Card Game or toy for a Boy or Girl  
Please wrap the present up, write what is in it on a piece of paper - and attach it to the present (so the Hospice people know who might appreciate it).

## The Heating is Finished !!

Yippeee ! We actually have a warm church !! So much so that people were fanning themselves with service sheets at the Remembrance Day Service - now, there's a first! But - we also have a *clean* church ! An enormous "Thank You" to the 50+ people (numbers not ages !!) who came and helped clean up after the heating work was over. It was fun ...



## However ...

Fortunately, the cost of the heating work came from a "Fabric Fund" which can only be used for such things - but the day-to-day running costs of the church are still there ! Nobody likes talking about money - so we have written to everyone instead !! If you haven't received a letter about giving yet, please contact the Office and they will make sure you get one. Please pray about what God is asking of you in your financial support for the church. It costs a considerable amount to fund the diversity of ministry in BFPC and Langton and, at present, we may have a deficit budget for 2007. Please pray ... and respond!

## News from Rosy...

*Rosy Coldwell is training for Ordination in 2007 ...*

Dear All,

It is great to be back with the church family again having been away for three months in the summer. I am doing some really interesting 'Mission Extensions' as part of my training. I'm learning how to do school assemblies and, for example, teach the children what 'Lead us not into temptation' means. I'm observing confirmation classes and how Tim explains the Christian faith to the candidates. I have helped in the church tent at the Steam Fair for a day and I will be learning how to lead a funeral service. It is really sinking in how our faith should extend to every area and time of life because God wants to bless us all the time and have a constant and permanent relationship with us.



I'm looking forward to our next church weekend away and have re read my review of the last one when I was busy doing a 'congregational analysis' and wrote, I was conscious of looking at the congregation in a new way and yet remaining one of them. We all benefited from socialising together in a relaxed atmosphere. We also benefited from listening to a gifted outside speaker with a vision as to how the church could 'grow, laugh, fly and reign' together once we had become open to the Holy Spirit's working in our lives; helping us to be real with each other and let down the defences that divided us. Back at church there was a new atmosphere and freedom of language to speak of how God had touched all our lives. I pray that the above is still happening and happens in a new and fresh way for us all next July. God bless.

Rosy Coldwell

## And the Hall ...

The PCC have approved plans to be sent to NDDC for consideration early in 2007 - keep praying !!



## The "Friendly Service Guide" to This Christmas !



So which is the Best Service to bring your friends along to .... ?

Christmas is a great opportunity for people to invite their friends along to a service and to be able to share a little of what it means to Christians. As usual, there are a variety of services happening and here is a quick guide all that's happening ....

### Sunday 11th December - 3.00pm @ Langton A Traditional Carol Service

The Langton Long Carol service is a traditional service of readings and carols led this year by our own Churches Choir !

### Sunday 17th December - 6.30pm @ BFPC A Contemporary Carol Service

The carol service at BFPC is a less traditional service (!) which aims to tell the story of Christmas in a way which is accessible to all ages in today's world. Using video and power point with traditional carols and songs, as well as the Christmas readings, it is an ideal opportunity to bring a friend.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday 24th December - 5.00pm @ BFPC

### The Crib Service

5.00pm on Christmas eve is a wonderful time to take a break from all the preparations and remember what the real meaning of Christmas is. This service is for all ages, but especially the youngest, and is a joyful opportunity for them to hear the story and help to put all the figures in the crib.

Sunday 24th December - 11.00pm @ BFPC

### Midnight Holy Communion

This is a formal service of Holy Communion to prepare for the start of Christmas Day.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25th December - 8.00am @ BFPC

### BCP Holy Communion

A quiet service to start Christmas Day.

Monday 25th December - 10.00am @ BFPC

Monday 25th December - 10.30am @ Langton

### All Age Communion

A joyful celebration service with Holy Communion for all ages to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

## A Remembrance Tree

The Flower Team at BFPC have placed a display in the porch which enables those who would like to do so to remember a loved one they are missing this Christmas. Labels can be obtained from the office and tied to the display.



## News From Langton Long

November started with a reflective memorial service on All Saints Day, which was appreciated by all who attended. A number of us went to the confirmation service on November 24<sup>th</sup> at Blandford Parish Church to support John Hellewell and the other candidates and enjoyed this special occasion, led by Bishop Tim.



December promises to be another busy month! **Advent**, the time of reflection and preparation, is very short this year as the fourth of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Our **Carol Service** will take place on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. and on **Christmas Eve** we shall have a combined service with the Blandford congregation in the Parish Church. Our **Christmas Day** service will start at the earlier time of 10.30 a.m.

It leaves me to wish everyone a very **joyous Christmas** on behalf of everyone at All Saints, Langton Long.

Annette Orton

## Baptism and Confirmation:

By Rt Rev Tim Thornton in BFPC on 24th November

**Baptism and Confirmation of:**

V-Jaye Burchell, Ollie Manning and Ellie Wilson

**Confirmation of**

Helen Haines, John Hellewell, Abigail Mephram, Fiona Mephram, John Del Pinto, Helen Del Pinto, Anna-Jane Del Pinto, Leah Scott, Hannah Storey, Jessica Storey and Philippa Stringer.

## Funeral:

Phyllis Cuff (aged 82)  
November 15 at BFPC

