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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.

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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



Fri 5th	The 11th Night Extravaganza
Sat 6th	10.30am Taking down the Tree at BFPC!
Sun 7th	"Our Verse for 2007" 10.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL
Tue 9th	Wedding Interviews at The Rectory
Wed 10th	Staff Meeting
Wed 10th	Focus Groups Social Evening
Thu 11th	7.30pm Langton PCC meet at Rectory
Sun 14th	"Worship is ... What?" 8.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion at LL
Tue 16th	Wedding Interviews at The Rectory
Wed 17th	Focus Groups: "Worship is What?"
Thu 18th	7.30pm BFPC meet at Rectory.
Sat 20th	10.30am Worship Leaders meet at BFPC
Sun 21st	"Worship is ... Being Together" 10.30am United Churches Celebration at BFPC (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) No Service at Langton Long 6.30pm Celebration Worship at BFPC
Mon 22nd	7.30pm United Churches Prayer Meeting
Wed 24th	Focus Groups: "Worship: Being Together"
Sun 28th	"Worship is Praise" 10.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL
Mon 29th	8.00pm Home Group Leaders at Rectory
Tue 30th	Prayer@BFPC Day
Wed 31st	Staff Quiet Day at Melbury Abbas
Wed 31st	Focus Groups "Worship is Praise"

Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - January 2007

"Never too old/young to learn !"

The process of change in the world means that there will always be new things to learn and new technology for us to come to terms with. A mere ten years ago, the Internet and e-mail were a novelty and mobile phones still seemed to be the size of a small brick - and look at them now ! For previous generations, the need to learn new things as adults was not so great a problem because new things came along so infrequently, people had the time to study and absorb them - nowadays, new things come along so fast that we barely have time to understand them before something else comes along which is even better or bigger or faster. The temptation is for us to find places where things don't change and where we can feel comfortable



and secure with established things ... like the Church, for example! Perhaps not! People sometimes confuse the things the Church *teaches* with the way they are *expressed* - they are tempted to think that the only way the timeless truths of the Gospel can be expressed is in timeless forms of worship.

Our Parishes' Verse for 2007

*"Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
I will praise you, O Lord my God,
with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever."*
Psalm 86:11-12

Some of the old liturgies are beautiful and have a timeless quality about them, but the Church has to keep moving forward otherwise it will stagnate and die. Our verse for 2007 talks of moving - of walking in God's ways and being guided into them - like the mountain stream which carves its way through a valley to bring refreshment and life. This year promises to be an exciting time involving a weekend away and a move to two morning services at BFPC: two ways in which I believe that God can teach us to walk in his truth with undivided hearts.

It is tempting to want to stay where we are and say I am too young/ old to learn! Or we can follow where God takes us and be taught by him so that we can grow and develop as a Church and as individuals. My prayer is that 2007 will be such a time of learning and growth for all of us.

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

Tuesday 30th January

Prayer Day at BFPC

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC
Prayer requests to 456260 or
prayer@bfpc.org.uk or pew cards
by Sunday 28th January

BFPC and LL Church Weekend

13-15 July 2007

Monkton Combe School, Bath

Booking now!!

Service Themes

The title for the Spring Term themes for Sunday worship and the Home Groups is "What Is Worship?"

We come along to services and prayer meetings and Home Groups and we talk about "worshipping God" - but what do we actually mean by these words? What are the components which go to make up worship - and how do we "do" it? Is it just for Sundays? Is there a "right" way to do it? Are there "wrong ways" to worship?

There are lots of questions and we shall be looking at them in the coming months...

A Thank You From Julia's House ...

Thanks so much for all the lovely toys you donated to Julia's House. It's overwhelming how many toys and the different variety of toys that were given. Please can you thank everyone involved in making the donations. It will make such a difference to our families and especially the children. A few, we have kept in the hospice for the children to use! Thanks for your support and generosity, it great to know that local people are so willing to help us with Julia's House and all that we are trying to do with supporting the families that really appreciate everyone's help and good will! Have a lovely Christmas. Kindest regards, Melissa xx

"Music in Worship" Workshop Day

What an incredible day it was!



It started with twelve of us from Blandford Parish Church making our way over to Shaftesbury School for the event on a Saturday morning. On entering the school we were greeted by no less than a Bishop, Bishop Tim! Wow! - this was going to be some day if this was just the start of it. We were all given a good cup of tea to settle us before the days events began.

This started with an introduction to the songs that we would be singing at the end of the day service. This all helped us to relax and start to appreciate what the day was about to hold for all of us, we were then guided to the various sub-groups that were scattered throughout the school. My group, 'Enabling Congregational Song' remained in the main hall. This was masterfully run by someone whose voice was the voice of an angel and who took us so effortlessly through song after song, teaching us to relax and to move with the rhythm of the music. We were treated, and it was truly a treat, with learning songs from the length and breadth of our Isle and we even learned songs from the Congo, and South Africa -we even sang in Swahili! It was truly amazing.



As our confidence grew as a group and we let our guards down, you could feel the tangible change in the atmosphere of the group, the joy of uplifting our praise to the Lord was a magical moment - the concentrated effort of the faithful dedicating their God given gifts to praise. It was breathtaking.

After a couple of hours of pure enjoyment we all stopped for lunch. Another wonderful experience awaited us - Bishop Tim was on hand in the kitchen handing out hot cups of soup and rolls!



We had a leisurely lunch and listened to other peoples experiences, you could see and hear the pure exhilaration that was being felt by each and every person, as they described what they had done in their groups. Some had gone to a group where they had tackled improvisation with instruments and had even had a go at composition.



We all then set off again into the various groups available - at about three o'clock we all arrived back in the main hall for the culmination of the day - the end of day service. All the musicians and all the singers gathered, our confidence at its height, and we lifted the roof with praise to the Lord.

We didn't want to leave - we all wanted it to carry on and on, you could feel it - we wanted another curtain call, and another and another.

Please, please could we have another Music Workshop day - and soon!

Gail del Pinto

What's so special about February 4th 2007 ?

New Service Plans

Sunday February 4th is the day when our new plan of services begins (mainly affecting BFPC but with one change at Langton). So what does it mean ... ?

9.00am - A "Formal" Service

What this means ... a service from either the Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship which is usually a Communion Service and robes will normally be worn. There will usually be traditional hymns sung.

9.45/10.00am - Coffee for Everyone

After the 9am service, everyone is invited for coffee - those who have just attended the 9am service as well as those arriving for the 10.30am service.

10.20am - Children Leave for Groups

Leaders of J Team will be on hand at coffee to take the children on to their groups.

10.30am - An "Informal" Service

What this means ! Led by a worship group, this will be a service which is similar in style to the informal Communion services which have been held on the 4th Sundays in the recent past. Using mainly modern songs and hymns, beginning with a time of sung worship, a sermon, prayer - and everything on the big screen. Once a month, there will be an All Age Service and a Holy Communion service.

The Monthly Pattern of Services ...

Week 1

BFPC 9.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
BFPC 10.30	Morning Worship
LL 11.00	Morning Prayer (CW)

Week 2

BFPC 9.00	Holy Communion (CW)
BFPC 10.30	All Age Worship
LL 11.00	Holy Communion (BCP)

Week 3

BFPC 9.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
BFPC 10.30	Morning Worship
LL 11.00	Holy Communion (CW)
BFPC 6.30	Evening Service

Week 4

BFPC 9.00	Morning Prayer (CW)
BFPC 10.30	Holy Communion
LL 11.00	All Age Worship

Week 5

BFPC 9.00	Holy Communion (CW)
BFPC 10.30	Morning Worship
LL 11.00	Holy Communion (CW)

Funeral:

- December 6 - George Jesson, aged 80 (at Langton)
- December 13 - Norman Taylor, aged 88 (at BFPC)
- December 13 - Margaret Alison Bignold, aged 87 (at Poole)
- December 14 - Bryan Moore, aged 68 (at Langton)
- December 18 - Jacqueline Violet Boardman, aged 48 (at Bournemouth)
- December 20 - Eric Pike, aged 77 (at BFPC)
- December 21 - Lawrence Patrick Keogh, aged 78 (at Poole)



News From Langton Long

In preparation for our Carol Service a few of us came together to clean and decorate the church - a fun occasion because the church looks so beautiful as a result of hard work. The Carol Service was a joyful occasion with a number of visitors joining us. The choir (members of BFPC and LL) sounded magnificent and filled the little church with wonderful descants. After the service everyone was invited to stay and lubricate their vocal cords with a glass of mulled wine (and a mince pie)! Tuesday evening, December 19th, an extended LL home group (twenty of us!) met for carol singing at the Kretschmers' at Two Gates. It was a good time of fellowship and a lovely way to end the year. On behalf of All Saints, Langton Long I would like to wish everyone a **happy and peaceful new year.**



Annette Orton