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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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Funeral:

January 9 - Ashley Strycharczuk
aged 22 (at BFPC)



Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

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

February

Sun 4th	<i>"Worship is ... Confession"</i> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL Tue 6th 2.30pm Snowdrop Service at BFPC Wed 7th Staff Meeting at the Rectory Wed 7th Focus Groups: "Worship is Confession"
Sun 11th	<i>"Worship is ... What We Believe"</i> 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL Wed 14th Focus Groups: "Worship is Believing" Thu 15th Deanery Synod at Fontmell Magna Sat 17th Mens Club Skittles at The Railway Inn
Sun 18th	<i>"Worship is ... Love"</i> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC Preacher: Rev Chris Edmondson 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion at LL 6.30pm BCP Evensong at BFPC
Mon 19th - Weds 21st - CHURCH CLOSED for Royal Corps of Signals Recording	
Wed 21st	ASH WEDNESDAY 7.00pm Holy Communion at BFPC Focus Groups: "Worship is Love"
Wed 21st	
Sun 25th	<i>"Worship is ... Discipline"</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL
Mon 26th	8.00pm Prayer Ministry Team at Rectory
Tue 27th	Prayer@BFPC Day



Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - February 2007

"What's in a Word?"

You will notice something new at the top of this edition of "Outlook"! BFPC now has a logo - something which we hope will be a sign that points people to BFPC, who we are and what aim to be doing. But what does the logo mean ... ?

Our Mission as a parish is "To Discover and Nurture Relationships in Jesus Christ."

- The Cross of Jesus Christ is at the centre of all we do and makes these relationships possible ...

Our Vision as a parish is "To see every road in Blandford Forum baptised in the love of God."

- The circle represents the shape of Blandford - the town we seek to serve...
- The wave represents the love of God we want to see flow through every road in the town ...
- BFPC - Blandford Forum Parish Church, a community centred on the Cross of Jesus and at the heart of the town ...

The word "logo" comes from the Greek word "logos" which means "word". The idea is that a visual "word" can be a symbol of a group or organisation, speaking of the ethos and a variety of facets all in one simple image. Our reason for designing a logo was not to be trendy or cool but to find an image which can demonstrate pictorially who we are and what we aim to do - and to do so in a way which will communicate these things to the people of Blandford Forum.



Just a month or so ago, we listened to what is called "the Christmas Gospel", the words at the start of John's Gospel which tried to sum up what Christmas is all about. This how John began ...

*"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God." John 1:1*

The word John used for "the Word" was "logos" - in other words, John saw Jesus as the personification of God, as a symbol of God, as someone who represented God. "Look at Jesus", John seemed to be saying "and you will find that you see God". The ultimate logo of the Christian faith is that of the Cross - something which is at the heart of the BFPC logo. My prayer is that every time people see the logo of BFPC they will understand something of who we are and what we aim to do - and they will see the Cross at the heart of it all. Tim Storey

"Outlook" is Monthly News from the 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."

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Sunday 18th February

"Worship is Love"

Our Preacher at the 10.30am Service is
Rev Chris Edmondson, the Warden of Lee
Abbey Community and Conference Centre,
on the north Devon Coast.

Tuesday 27th February

Prayer Day at BFPC

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC
Prayer requests to 456260 or
prayer@bfpc.org.uk or pew cards
by Sunday 25th February



New Service Plans As of Sunday February 4th ..

9.00am: BCP/Common Worship Service

A service from either the BCP or Common Worship, usually Holy Communion with robes normally worn.

9.45/10.00am - Coffee for Everyone

After the service, everyone is invited for coffee - those who have 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 to take the children and Young People on to their groups.

10.30am - An "Informal" Service

Led by a worship group, a service which begins with a time of sung worship, a sermon, prayer, everything being on the big screen. Once a month, there will be an All Age Service and a Holy Communion service.

The Monthly Pattern

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 10.30	United Celebration
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Parochial Church Council

Is God Calling You To Lead...

The AGM's are approaching and we shall be seeking to find the people God has got in mind to help lead the Churches by being on the PCC (the Parochial Church Council). This is a group which usually meets once a month to talk about the things that are happening in the life of the Church and to work with the Rector and the Staff to take decisions about the direction in which the church should go. The members of the PCC are elected at the AGMs each year and we would like people to be praying and thinking about whether God is calling them to this role in the Church. If you think this might be you ... please talk to Tim or Martin about it and let us help you find out more about it.

If you have wondered what the PCC discusses...

So What Has The PCC Been Talking About Recently?

- BFPC giving was down and expenditure up in 2006 - the PCC has approved a budget which may mean we do not break even in 2007 and we need to encourage people to reconsider their giving.
- The Photocopier lease has come to an end and the PCC has approved the lease of a new colour copier at an advantageous cost.
- Plans for a new Hall have been agreed and a revised application is being presented at the end of January.
- The PCC has decided that it would not be appropriate for the Parish to seek Hall funding from the Lottery.
- A new Governor has been appointed for Milldown Primary School but another is still needed.
- The future of the Christingle Service has been discussed with no formal decision taken yet.
- Osbert Tun Pe is going to be the Church Rep for Christian Solidarity Worldwide (see next months *Outlook* to find out more!)

The AGMs ...

BFPC - Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm
Langton - Sunday 25th March at 12.30pm

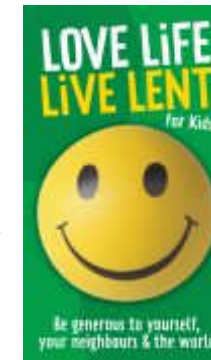
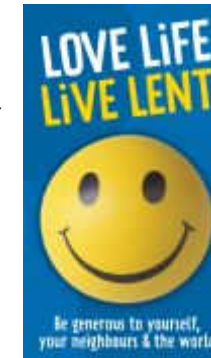
Lent is Nearly Here!

This year we are planning to do something different !

2006 saw the birth of Love Life, Live Lent. This initiative from the Diocese of Birmingham inspired thousands of people to live Lent in a way that was spiritually enriching and transformed the world around them. More than 70,000 booklets were distributed around the diocese - with interest from all over the country, Europe and the USA. The vibrant, full-colour booklets contain 50 simple actions to be done throughout Lent. They range from praying for someone to joining an environmental clean up. Some of the actions can be done individually, others as a group. The big idea is to inspire people to perform acts of generosity throughout Lent, that encourage kindness to ourselves, our neighbours and our planet.

Archbishop John Sentamu said: *'Recent research has shown that generosity is a key ingredient in making neighbourhoods flourish and I think this Lent programme could help us become a more generous church - individually and as the body of Christ.'*

"Love Life, Live Lent" is available in two versions - for Adults and Young People - and we will be giving a YP edition to everyone in *The Incredibles* and the Guides and an Adult edition to everyone in Thirst and to every family in the Churches. The desire is that we should all Love Life and Live Lent to the full !



BFPC and LL Church Weekend

13-15 July 2007

Monkton Combe School, Bath

Have You
Booked Yet?

Lent (Part 2) ...

What do you think Lent is about ...?

In Matthew 6:16, Jesus said "When you fast ...". The very word "fasting" strikes fear into people! "What ... you mean I can't eat/drink/watch TV etc etc etc !!!". No, it's not quite like that ... it is, however, something which Jesus thought was a good idea, because it says "When" not "If you fast" . So, what is it all about? Fasting is simply not doing *something* and using the time profitably to think about God. It may be food or drink or TV, but the aim is not about losing weight or having a healthier lifestyle - it is about taking something out of life and putting God into the space. So we are suggesting...



Every Wednesday in Lent ... Is A Day of Prayer and Fasting.

The idea is that if a few of us do it, then we can encourage each other to keep going, because the thing about fasting is that it is not easy. To help you, there is a "Practical Guide to Fasting" page on the church web site with ideas and practical pointers to help you (printouts are available on the web site if you don't have the Internet).

Make the Most of Lent 2007 !

News From Langton Long

January has been a quiet month with few services and the carpet of snowdrops around the church has not had many admirers! Most of us joined the United Church service in Blandford on January 21st. It was good to see the big church packed and the worship was uplifting. Meanwhile the home group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at Two Gates.



Though it is still a couple of months off I would like to point out (for a diary entry) that Langton's AGM will take place on March 25th immediately after the service. One other matter I would like to mention is that due to the new service plan at BFPC which starts on February 4th the two Communion Services at Langton Long will be swapped. In future the BCP Holy Communion will take place on the second Sunday of the month.