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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.

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Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

Thursdays at 9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Fridays at 10.00am Rainbow Toddlers@Woodhouse Gdns
Saturday Morning Coffee House



Sun 1st "Church ... True Confessions"
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton
Ministry Team Day Away

Tue 3rd 7.45pm Wedding Preparation @ Rectory
Tue 3rd Focus Groups: "True Confessions"
Wed 4th 7.30pm Langton PCC at Rectory
Thu 5th

Sun 8th "Church... Confrontation/Restoration"
9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC
11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL

Tue 10th 7.45pm Wedding Preparation @ Rectory
Wed 11th Focus Groups: "Confrontation"

Sun 15th *BFPC + LL Weekend Away*
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
11.00am Holy Communion at LL

Wed 18th Focus Groups: Social Evening

Sun 22nd "Church ... Haven For Healing"
9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC
11.00am All Age Worship at LL

Tue 24th *Prayer@BFPC Day*
Wed 27th Focus Groups: "A Haven for Healing"

Sun 29th "United Praise Party"
10.30am United All Age
Holy Communion at BFPC

See Inside for August Services !

Funerals

June 18th - Montague Cox
aged 91 (at Yeovil)

Wedding

Dominic and Loasa Poynter
June 30th at BFPC



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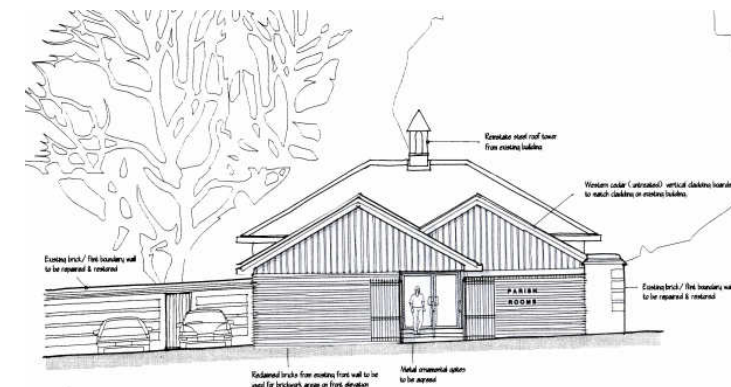
News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - July/August 2007

Yippee! We've Got a Hall ... Now What?

The phone call came one Wednesday Afternoon ... our Architect, John Turnbull, phoned to let me know that the letter from NDDC approving our application to build a new hall had arrived. The start of celebrations and great enthusiasm for the project ... but now the initial euphoria has worn off, we need to ask ... "What Now?"

Someone recently gave me a verse from Joshua 3 relating to the Church Weekend: *Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."* (Joshua 3:5) It is a verse which speaks about being ready, spiritually as well as in other areas, for a work God is going to do. In fact, what God was about to do was to demolish something so that the people could build something in its place for him (sound familiar?). Preparing to build is important - foundations are not just the trenches in the ground but involve planning of every possible detail in order that what is built meets the need which it seeks to address.

A couple of months ago, we began to bring together a group of people who are the *Hall Steering Group* or "HSG" and their job is to take the plans and the statement of needs and move the project from the



planning stage to the finished building. It is no mean feat and they need plenty of support in time, prayer and, at some stage, money! We estimate that there is still about £80 - £100,000 to be raised and that will involve seeking support from a number of different sources, including a Gift Day as a Church.

Another verse which seems very relevant is from the Psalms: *Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.* (Psalm 127:1). Four years ago, the Hall Project (which goes back decades!) was stalled with the PCC embroiled in a court case involving Leslie House. In those four short years, God has guided us through sorting that case, selling the house, changing Trust Deeds and overcoming the intricacies of NDDC Planners - I have no doubt that God is building the house, but he needs us to be his hands and his resources to make it happen.

Just after that verse in Joshua, the people took the step of faith and entered the River Jordan - and the river stopped for them. We need to prepare in prayer for the things God has for us and then to step out boldly - in the knowledge that he has led us this far and isn't going to give up on us now!

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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Outlook Seeks Editorial Team!

Would you be interested in helping to edit Outlook each month and develop it in the future?

Contact Su in the office on 456260 or email su@bfpc.org.uk!



The Review of the New Services

We had over 50 replies to the recent review of our new service structures and the overwhelming response was positive...

- A quarter of people vary the service they go to.
- Half said the changes have improved services.
- A number now attend church more often.
- Whilst changes in times have been a problem for some, four times as many said it helped!
- Three quarters of people come for the coffee!

There have been some things raised by the review which are being looked at by the Staff and the PCC, including...

- The Start and Finish times of services.
- Seeking to develop services within their own character and identity.
- Reviewing and Merging rotas
- Ensuring there is just one version of BCP book!
- Exploring the possibility of co-ordinating transport for those who live in the villages.

Whilst change is always going to cause a problem at some stage, we genuinely feel that the new services are proving to be a great success and helping people to grow in worship.

Sheena's Visit...



The Murder Mystery Party and the visit by Sheena McBain was a great success - it was good to see Sheena again and learn of her work as well as to raise money for it. Thank you to those who organised the weekend and helped make it such a good time.

Do You Have a Story to Tell?

The story of what God has done in a life is a powerful witness to his love and we are looking for ways to hear these stories. If you have a Testimony of a recent event (or even a not-so-recent event!), then please email Tim or the Office with it - we would like to publish stories in Outlook or hear them in a Sunday morning service.



Alpha is Back!

There are many people who go through life wondering what it is all about and trying to make sense of it. There are probably people who live next door or who you work with who wonder if there is such a *thing* or *person* as "God". The Alpha Course is a way of exploring these questions and finding the answers out for ourselves and BFPC is running an Alpha Course during the Autumn of 2007.



So who should come on the course?

- ✓ Anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith ...
- ✓ Anyone bringing a friend on the Course ...
- ✓ Anyone who has never been on an Alpha before and would like a "refresher" on their faith ...

If you are interested or want to know more, please contact the Parish Office on 456260 or e-mail alpha@bfpc.org.uk.

Tuesday 18th September: The Alpha Supper

Come and find out more about the Alpha Course and join us for Supper on Tuesday 18th September at 15 The Close, Blandford Forum. There will be a chance to meet the people organising the Course and get a taste of what is to come - but without any obligation to come to the Course itself. Come and find out more!



Visit of the LOGOS II

The *Logos II* is a mobile Christian community with a crew of 200 volunteers from 45 different nations. In the last 18

years, the vessel have visited more than 79 countries bringing Knowledge (through literature), Help (through practical work) and Hope (through community projects and onboard events). The *Logos II* is berthing at Portland from 28 June to 8 July and is worth a visit. Pick up a leaflet in reception for more details!

Earth Watch!

Thinking about the world we live in ... the PCC is seeking to use "green" suppliers for gas/electricity and for kitchen purchases. If you live outside of Blandford and want to consider sharing lifts with others, let the office know and we will try and arrange car-sharing.

The 30th Anniversary of The Blandford Branch of the Mother's Union 1977-2007



The Mother's Union here in Blandford reopened in 1977, after a closure of 14 years. Ladies of the Parish requested a group be formed to provide fellowship and friendship with roots. After much discussion with the then Rural Dean's wife The Mother's Union was chosen. An Anglican group with Aims and Objectives we could all relate too, and a world-wide organisation. Over the past 30 years we hope we have maintained this.

The Aim of the M.U. is the advancement of Christian Religion, the encouragement of marriage and care for family life. We now have 22 members- some of whom are Indoor members who still play an important part as members with prayer and concern for others. We hold monthly meetings in church, the second Thursday in the month. We are celebrating our Anniversary on **July 12 at 2.30pm with a GARDEN PARTY** in the **Woodhouse Gardens**, with friends who may not be members but support us and M.U. work. **Long Live the Mother's Union!**

Jean Peach



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| Sun 5th | "Joseph in Egypt"
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton |
| Sun 12th | "Moses and the Exodus"
9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC
11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL |
| Sun 19th | "David and Goliath"
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
11.00am Holy Communion at LL |
| Sun 26th | "Daniel and the Lion's Den"
9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC
11.00am All Age Worship at LL |

Tuesday 24th July
Prayer Day @ BFPC
9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC

News From Langton Long



Our June services started with Evensong with the Bemerton Choir which was a joyful occasion and appreciated by all.

It was lovely to be joined by members from BFPC. Tea and cakes were served at Two Gates prior to the service, which gave everyone an opportunity to mingle and chat.

Ten days later we had a visit by the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) and after much discussion it was decided where the font will be placed once the alterations have started.

On Sunday, June 24th we had an All Age service with three baptisms! Martin's training in crowd control came in handy (!) as we had a packed church with approximately 80 adults and 15 children, mostly under eight years of age. It was another joyous occasion as people joined in and volunteered to demonstrate the points Martin was making in his sermon on how we are all accountable to ourselves, our 'team' i.e. family, colleagues at work, and ultimately to God. It was a lovely warm and receptive atmosphere. We welcomed Grace and Amelia Chaffey and Ben Smith into the church family. Towards the end of July we look forward to another baptism!

Annette Orton

Have a Great Summer!



'You've got the wrong house!'