

# Parish Info + Diary



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Please note that Tim and Martin's day off is Friday.  
Rosy's day off is Tuesday. The Staff are usually  
unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

## Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

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

# OCTOBER



Sat 6th	11.00am Licencing of Readers@Salisbury
Sun 7th	<b>"Moses Roots"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC <i>Preacher: Ven Alistair Magowan (Archdeacon of Dorset)</i> 11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton Focus Groups: "Moses and the Exodus" Thu 11th 7.30pm Langton PCC at Rectory
Sun 14th	<b>"Moses and the 10 Commandments"</b> 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Harvest Worship at BFPC <i>Preacher: Rev Sandra Tebbutt (Bible Society)</i> 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL Wed 17th 9am ABW Harvest Service @ BFPC Wed 17th Focus Groups: "Moses+Commandments" Thu 18th 7.30pm BFPC PCC at Rectory Fri 19th 9am MPS Harvest Service @ BFPC Sat 20th Women's Day @ B.I.C.
Sun 21st	<b>"Moses and Worship"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion at LL Wed 24th Holiday Club Begins @ URC Wed 24th Focus Groups: <i>Social Evening</i>
Sun 28th	<b>"Joshua and the Promised Land"</b> ++ <i>Please Note Service Changes</i> ++ 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Holiday Club Service at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL Mon 29th 8pm Prayer Ministry Team at Rectory Tue 30th <b>Prayer@BFPC Day</b> Wed 31st Focus Groups: "How Can I Say Thanks?" Wed 31st Light Party @ The Corn Exchange Thu 1st Nov 7.00pm - All Saints Service at Langton Sat 3rd Nov Alpha Course Away Day



# Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - October 2007

## "What's In It For Me?"

*"There is no such thing as a free lunch."*  
Yes or No? It's not an easy question - and it comes from the thought that nobody gives anything without *wanting* something in return. And, if we are honest, even when we give away burgers or chocolates in the market square, we are *wanting* the recipients to ask why we are doing it.

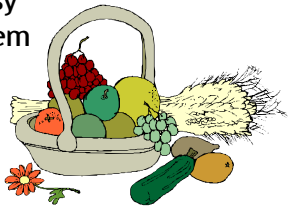
Harvest is a time of year when we are encouraged to think about sharing and giving, about being thankful for the abundance of food God has given to us and about those who do not have as much as we have. This summer must have been a nightmare for a lot of farmers (except, we are told, the apple growers!). They have had rain, foot and mouth and now blue tongue disease - but, if we are honest, all we are concerned about is that the usual stuff is available in Tesco and that it hasn't gone up too much in price.

*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*

1 Chronicles 14:29

And these days, the good old Harvest gifts of fruit and veg are not allowed because of the climate of fear of just about everything, which is rampant in society. Yes, toiletries and tinned goods are very helpful (and please bring them on 14th!!) and can be used greatly to support people who will benefit from them.

The problem is that it is too easy to see the hand of people in them and forget that it is God who is ultimately responsible for all these good things.



When we give, it is very hard to dissociate ourselves from the question "And what's in it for me?". The temptation is to accept the warm feeling that we have "done something" as our reward. Just giving for the sake of giving - as an act of love, without any thought of return is often simply not we think. And yet Harvest is a time when we remember that the seasons happen and God still sends the "soft refreshing rain" (lots of it in the past few months ...)

I always think it is amazing that the plants know when to start growing and the trees know when to start turning and the birds know when to start migrating ... God's Creation is, indeed, amazing - but it is sad that we are only now waking up to the fact that people have messed it all up and need to act quickly to stop a global disaster.

## Harvest @ BFPC Sunday 14th October

So, a couple of thoughts for Harvest this year ...

- Whose world is it anyway?
- Who has given it to us, absolutely free?
- What are we giving back ... and why?
- And what parts of life do we need to change for the other 364 days in the year to make sure we look after it properly in the future?

If we can get our heads round these questions, maybe we can get a good idea of how to deal with some of the big issues that the world faces today.

Tim Storey

## Gift Day for the Parish Centre Sunday 18th November

More details about this important day in the life of the Church will follow, but please pray **NOW** that we will respond to God's generosity to us in ways which bring Glory to Him!



"Outlook" - 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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