

# Parish Info + Diary



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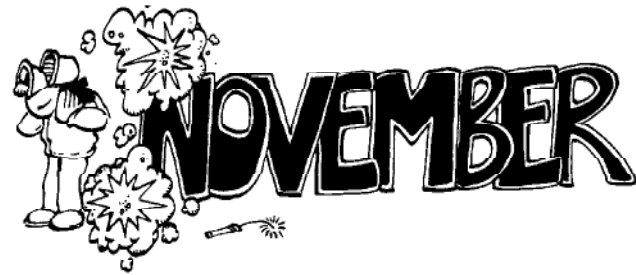
## Parish of All Saints, Langton Long

**Wardens:** John Hellewell (450455)  
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**Treasurer:** Charles Culshaw (453042)

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



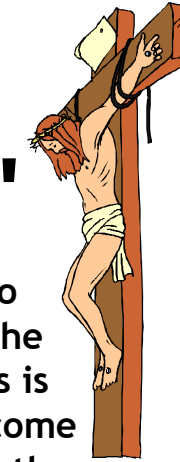
Thu 1st	7.00pm All Saints Service at Langton
Sat 3rd	Alpha Course Away Day
Sun 4th	<b>"Gideon"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton
Wed 7th	Focus Groups: "How Can I Say Thanks?"
Thu 8th	Deanery Synod
Sun 11th	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> <b>"David"</b> 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL 3.00pm RBL Remembrance at BFPC
Thu 15th	7.30pm Langton PCC at Rectory
Wed 14th	<b>GIFT DAY EVENTS</b> Focus Groups: Prayer for the Project
Thu 15th	9am/12noon/7pm - Prayer @ BFPC
Fri 16th	7pm - Family Party @ Archbishop Wake
Sat 17th	10-1.00 - Bring your gifts to BFPC
Sun 18th	<b>GIFT DAY</b> <b>"Elijah and Elisha"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion at LL
Wed 21st	Focus Groups: "Elijah and Elisha"
Thu 22nd	7.30pm BFPC PCC at Rectory
Sun 25th	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b> <b>"Wisdom Literature"</b> 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Holiday Club Service at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL
Tue 27th	<b>Prayer@BFPC Day</b>
Wed 31st	Focus Groups: "Wisdom Literature"



# Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - November 2007

## "This Is For You..."



I watched a film a few weeks ago called "Pay it Forward". It tells the story of a young boy whose class is challenged by their teacher to come up with an idea that will change the world. His idea is simple: do something good for someone, with the only request that they "Pay it Forward", by doing something good for someone else.

Not surprisingly, this idea is a great shock to those around him (especially when his mother finds him entertaining a tramp for breakfast) and the film loses it's way as the writers know that this is a good idea - but don't know what to do with it. So, in true Hollywood fashion, they go for the emotional ending!

The principal of "Pay It Forward", is the same as Jesus telling the story of the Good Samaritan to the young lawyer who asked him about love and saying "Go and do likewise". God has given us so much - and all he asks of us is that we give back to him by giving to others.

## November is all about Giving!

On November 4th, there will be an envelope for everyone in the Church with details about the Gift Day on November 18th. We are seeking to raise £70,000 to enable the Parish Centre Project to move towards completion.

Where we start with Giving is where we should start with everything: God. God's giving begins with an abundant world with all the resources his created people could ever ask for. It continues with a desire for reconciliation with the "fallen" world - and God keeps on giving, until it costs him the most precious thing he has ...

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

But the response of the world is, by and large, apathetic in the extreme. And it is a simple fact that if a Church leader wants to "switch off" his congregation in one word, it is the word "Giving". Panic sets in as people's minds turn to images of TV Evangelists and gilded Church ornaments.

The Parish Centre (the new name for the old "Church Hall" has a vision to be a place "Where Church and Community meet" - a resource we can offer to the town as well as well as a place which will be well used in the life of the Church.

So why should we give? Inside, you will find details of the Gift Day (which is actually going be the day when we celebrate, rather than the day when we give to the Parish Centre project) and I would urge you to pray now as to how you respond to this need. But, ultimately, you are not giving to the Church, or to me, or to the PCC - but to God. **The one "who knows all the secrets of our hearts" knows what we are able to give - and wants us to respond, not because we have to do so, but because we want to do so. Simply because we have been given so much by God - eternal life, and our thankful hearts want to show just how much we love in return.**

Tim Storey

## Gift Day for the Parish Centre Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th November

A pack of information will be available on November 4th for everyone in the Church - please pray about how you will respond.



"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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## Pray...

### Join Us to PRAY for the Parish Centre Project

Wednesday 14th November  
In Home Groups around the Parish

Thursday 15th November  
Drop into BFPC: 9-9.30am,  
12-1.00pm and 7-8.00pm

God has been so good to us!  
Come and pray that we respond!

If you would like to join a Home Group for the prayer time on the Wednesday, please contact the parish office.

## Pay...

### Please bring your GIFT for the Parish Centre Project to Church on Saturday 17th November

From 10am to 1.00pm, Members of the Hall Steering Group will be on hand to tell you about the progress of the project and to answer any questions you may have!

You can bring your Gift anytime but we'd prefer it (if possible) on the Saturday morning !!

## Play...

### Come To A FREE Party For The Whole Family

7.00pm to 9.30pm

Friday 16th November

Archbishop Wake School Hall  
Fairfield Road, Blandford Forum

Games - Nibbles - Jazz Band

Soft Drinks Provided - Bring A Bottle

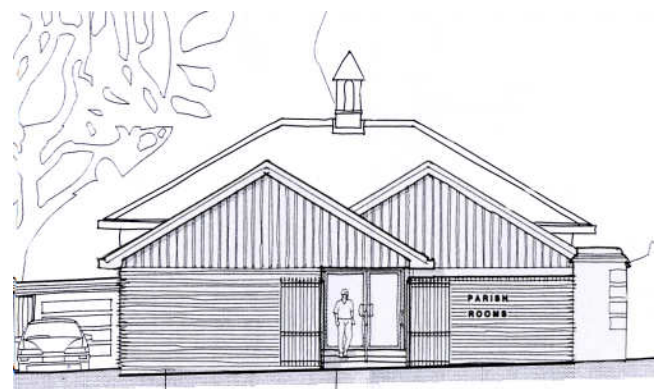
Tickets are free - but you still need one (so we know how many people are coming!). Please collect yours from the parish office, phone 456260 or email office@bfpc.org.uk to reserve them!

## Praise...

### Come and PRAISE God for his Goodness!!

Sunday 18th November

BFPC at 9.00am and 10.30am



## Interested in being an LPA?

Lay Pastoral Assistants are people who are trained to help with the pastoral needs of the parish and there will be a training course starting in the New Year. If you are interested in finding out more, please let Tim or Rosy know!

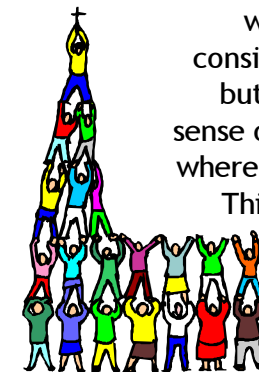


## Interested in New Wine 2008?

We are planning to take a group to Shepton Mallet for the week from 3rd to 9th August. If you are interested, please see Martin or Julie Court as soon as possible or phone 489321.

## Centred and Bounded Church

At the weekend away in the summer, Andy Bowerman spoke of the idea of "Bounded Church" (a traditional model of Church) and "Centred Church" (where the life of the Church spreads through the community on a Sunday as well as during the week. A group has now come together to explore spaces within the community where we can build relationships. The first stage of this

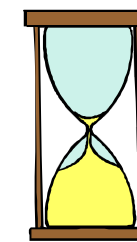


will be to spy out the land. They have considered their passions and possibilities but feel they need to begin by getting a sense of "Sunday community" - by exploring where people are and where they connect.

This is going to be hard work and at the cutting edge of mission in the Church - please pray for them as they go out and explore this! If you want to know more, please speak to Chris Tomes or Dan Roberts.

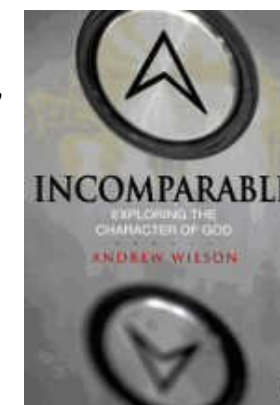
## "Climate Change - is there a faith view?"

Churches Together in Dorset has organised an afternoon meeting to discuss this at Wimborne Methodist Church on 4th November from 2.30 - 5.00pm. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Sarah Scott.



## "Incomparable" by Andrew Wilson

One of the most thought-provoking books I have read in a long time - the author takes 60 "titles" of God and unpacks them in short 3-4 page chapters. "God Most High", "The LORD", "Maker of heaven and earth". He does not domesticate, trivialise or dumb God down. Tim Hughes said 'Bite-sized chunks of great theology that will inform the mind and inspire the heart to worship.' It's not just me who thinks this is an awesome! Copies are on the bookstall - find out for yourself!



Tim Storey



## All Saints Day Service

Langton Long - 7pm - 1st November

An opportunity for a time of quiet reflection, especially for those who have lost a loved one in recent months or years.

## News From Langton Long



October saw us calling a special PCC meeting to discuss finance and the way forward. Numbers have dropped in Sunday services and some annual fundraising events have not taken place this year for one reason or another. Apart from befriending people and inviting people to come and join us on a Sunday morning we are now gathering ideas for future events and are trying to publicise these more - so please get the date of the Carol Service (Sunday 16th December at 3pm) in your diary now! Obviously all these plans need much prayer and we would like to thank Alex McCracken and Barbara Ward our 'prayer soldiers' who regularly meet in the church at noon on a Friday for prayer and have always extended their welcome to anyone who would like to join them. Another time for corporate prayer is of course the last Tuesday of each month when we gather in church also at noon.

As for the extension plans for the church there has been no recent progress but watch this space!

The Advent services start on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and we would like to welcome anyone to come and celebrate this special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Annette Orton

## Tuesday 27th November Prayer Day @ BFPC

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC