

# Parish Info + Diary



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## Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Blandford Forum

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**Wardens:** John Hellewell (450455)  
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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



Sun 6th	<b>"The Epiphany"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton Home Groups: "Social Evening"
Wed 9th	2.30pm Mothers Union @ BFPC
Thu 10th	7.30pm Langton Long PCC @ Rectory
Thu 10th	Jam Session for everyone @ BFPC
Sat 12th	
Sun 13th	<b>"Jesus' Roots"</b> 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL Home Groups: "The Epiphany"
Weds 16th	7.30pm BFPC PCC @ Rectory
Thurs 17th	BFPC New Year Disco (see page 2!)
Fri 18th	
Sun 20th	<b>"Unity"</b> No 9.00am service. <b><u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u></b> <i>(see details of events on page 2)</i> 10.30am Churches Together at BFPC 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL 12.00 Churches BYO Lunch at the URC 7.45 Churches Together Prayer @ BEC
Mon 21st	Home Groups: "Jesus' Roots"
Weds 23rd	Deanery Synod Meets @ BFPC
Thu 24th	
Sun 27th	<b>"John the Baptist and Jesus"</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC <i>(With Commissioning of Pastoral Care Team and Anointing for Healing and Wholeness)</i> 11.00am All Age Worship at LL Prayer Ministry Training (Venue TBA)
Mon 28th	Prayer Ministry Training (Venue TBA)
Tues 29th	Prayer Ministry Training (Venue TBA)
Tue 29th	<b>Prayer@BFPC Day</b>
Wed 30th	Staff Team Day Away at Melbury Abbas
Weds 30th	Home Groups: Social Action Evening



# Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - January 2008

## "Who's The King ..?"

Just before Christmas, I did the wedding of my niece and, apart from joy, privilege and fun of playing an important part in proceedings, it was great to see Josh and Jo's relationship come to a point of fruition and commitment.

One of the key things in marriage is that it is a "Covenant" rather than a "Contract". A contract has all sorts of terms and conditions, and involves lawyers spending vast amounts of time (and our money) going through every little bit to make sure it is watertight. Because if it isn't, they will then spend more of our money arguing in court over who is right and who is wrong. A covenant is far more simple: two parties agree about something and that is that. They accept that there are frailties and that there are going to be issues raised - but just get on with it, with the clear recognition of the nature of the relationship.

All too often, we are tempted to see our relationship with God in terms of a contract. Our prayers almost take on the "Lord, I promise to do this, if you will do that ..." kind of approach. Our expectations of God reduce him to someone at the end of the phone who we can phone up and demand that he will act according to our wishes - and we want to know why not, if it doesn't happen!

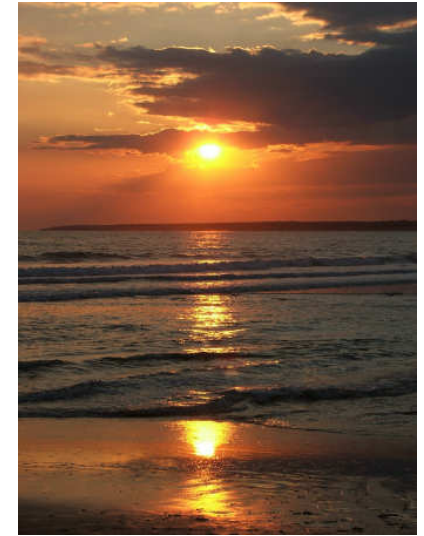
Our relationship with God is not a contract, but a covenant - the Bible tells us over and over again of God's covenantal love for us, how this love is for all time and how high, deep and wide - and vast - it is.

The question is, therefore, what is our part in it? What is our response to the unending and awesome love of the King of Kings, who showed his love by coming to this world in the form of a baby and then giving up his life for us? How can we possibly respond?

Firstly, we have to decide that we want to respond - and, of course, there are many who do not see the need to.

But, if we decide to respond, then our love must be *covenantal* in return - an unconditional acceptance of Jesus as Lord of our life. Paul says that one day every knee will bow - but we chose to do so now, not because we *have* to but because we *want* to. My prayer for all of us is that in 2008, we will live our lives with an unconditional love for God in response to his love for us. In bowing the knee before him and confessing him Lord, as individuals and as a Church, may we bring glory to God the Father through the coming year.

Tim Storey



At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

BFP and Langton Long - Verse For 2008

"Outlook" - News from the Parishes of Blandford Forum and Langton Long in Dorset.

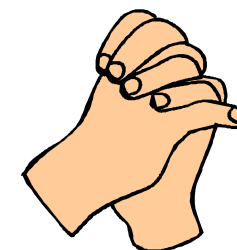
Mission Statement: "To Discover and Nurture Relationships in Jesus Christ."

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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## Tuesday 29th January Prayer Day at BFPC

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC  
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk  
by Sunday 27th January, please!



## BFPC and Langton Pastoral Care Team



There are some exciting new things happening in our two churches and one of them is the newly formed Pastoral Care Team. The team comprises four clergy, the office staff, six Lay Pastoral Assistants and about twenty other members of the congregations. These are all people who have felt God's call to pastoral work in Blandford, Langton Long and beyond; whether that be visiting the sick or housebound at home or in hospital, helping out by giving lifts to people, visiting the families of the newly baptised or bereaved families, or befriending those who are lonely etc.

We had our first training evening on 'Life Giving Listening' on December 3rd and learned more about how to be hospitable listeners through role play and discussion. The team will be commissioned on January 27th at the 10.30am service at BFPC and we hope to have further training on specific aspects of pastoral care such as bereavement counselling in the near future.

Please pray for this team of dedicated people whose desire is to help to bring the love and healing presence of the Holy Spirit to others who are in any kind of need. If you would like to be visited please ring Rosy at 01258 837600 or call the church office at 01258 456260. Rosy will then visit you herself or allocate one of the team members to do so.

Rosy Coldwell

## The BFPC

### New Year Disco Party

7.30pm - 18th January

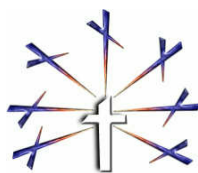
(OK, not quite New Year, but close ...)

Tickets £2.50 or £8 a family

(Include Disco, Buffet, Soft Drinks)

**Dig out your flares and come and boogie\***

(\*If you don't understand this sentence, then ask the office to explain ....)



BLANDFORD CHURCHES  
TOGETHER

## Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

20th Jan at 10.30 United Service @ BFPC

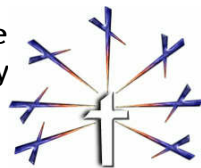
Followed by Soup @The URC

21st Jan at 7.45 United Prayer Meeting @ BEC

## In 2008...

20th January

Churches Together Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



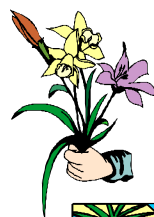
28th/29th January

Training Course for Prayer Ministry Team



6th February

Ash Wednesday



22nd March

Mothers Day

21st/23rd March

Easter Weekend



24th March

Easter Monday Walk

20th April

Mission Visit Weekend

June/July/August

Tim away on Sabbatical



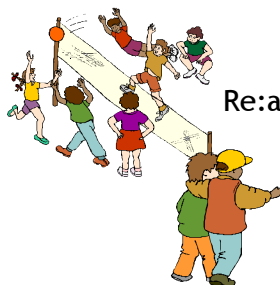
June 28th

Rosy is Priested in Salisbury Cathedral



2nd August

Re:act Youth Event in Blandford with other Churches



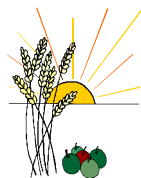
21st September

"Back To Church" Sunday

28th September at Langton

12th October at BFPC

Harvest Celebration



21st November

Confirmation Service at BFPC with Bishop Tim



**A year to look forward to!**

## Finding God in unexpected places

Clive Newlin



As A Health & Safety trainer I spend much of my time travelling to construction sites and training centres around the country to teach Health & Safety to workers of all sorts, in particular 'Working at Height'.

A few months ago I was on one such site where I was running a training course for some of the contractor's workers. Nothing special about that, it's what I do, but what happened at 10.30 that morning was special.

The room I was using for the training was booked at 10.30 for another meeting which was to last only half an hour, so I stopped my lesson then and my class had a tea break. It was the meeting that came in that was unusual in a 'construction' environment. Hard hats, swearing and dirty work are the norm, and it was men with hard hats that came for their meeting alright, but the nature of their meeting stunned me. Prayers. Yes you did read it right, Prayers. My first thought was maybe an embarrassing few 'In your face' Christians making a very public show. How wrong could I be. The room was packed with around 25 - 30 men in hard hats, high visibility jackets and boots, praying. Wow. And it happens every day at 10.30 for around 15-30minutes on a construction site. On that site, right before my eyes.

From what I understand one of the workers gives a thought for the day and then the men share prayer needs, and then they pray. When they've finished they just go back to work as if it is the normal thing to do.

Talk about feeling humbled. It was the last thing I had expected to see, yet so exciting to witness. I guess it started with a couple of Christians getting together and has grown to an official daily event. Who knows what the effect it will/is having on the rest of the work force but I sensed little animosity from those not attending the meeting. I was encouraged and thought you may be encouraged too. Prayer is so powerful and yet so easy. And, as the workers showed, it can be done anywhere, even in your own workplace.

Clive

## Have you a Story to Tell?

Please tell us - we all want to hear it!

Send your story to the Office or email to [office@bfpc.org.uk](mailto:office@bfpc.org.uk)



3-9 August 2008

Interested in Going?  
See Martin or Julie  
as soon as possible!

## News From Langton Long



We would like to wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and fulfilled New Year. Our Gift Day in November brought to £ 2,300, for which we thank God and are very grateful to everyone. Over sixty people attended the Carol Service in December, when we were led by the BFPC/LL Christmas choir, led in turn by Guy Booth. The choir sang three solo pieces and despite the heating breaking down, they made a 'joyful sound unto the Lord' and Martin gave an entertaining but thought-provoking sermon. After the service everyone gathered together to warm up with a glass of mulled wine and a warm mince pie. A big 'Thank You' to Guy and the choir for supporting us in Langton. The Langton Home Group invited people from the community to join them in their annual carol singing evening at Two Gates on Wednesday 19th. Here's to the new year - let's rise to its challenges and continue to work towards 'building a joyful fellowship of healing and wholeness'!

Annette Orton

## Re:act - 2nd August

### By the Mortain Bridge in Blandford!

For the past couple of years, the Churches of Blandford have been trying to arrange a summer event in association with Urban Saints (formerly Crusaders) called Re:act.

Re:act is an event which is run in conjunction with local churches. A group of around 30 to 40 young people aged from late teens to early 20's, spend three days training and then 6 days touring a Road Show, before a couple of days debrief at the end. The team arrive in Blandford in the late evening and will be accommodated and fed by local churches. On the morning of the event, they will set up the Road Show and personally distribute invitations (in addition to advance publicity by the Churches). The Road Show, which is free and consists of simple, fairground-style attractions will be held on the grass area next to the River Stour in Blandford and will last all afternoon, before a simple evangelistic event concludes the day in the late afternoon. The Team will then dismantle the Road Show and move on to the next venue.



**We are looking for people to help run this event!!** If you are interested, please speak to Martin as soon as possible!