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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.
Rosy's day off is Tuesday. The Staff are usually
unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

For all other contact details please phone

Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

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

February

Sun 3rd	<i>"Jesus: His Ministry"</i> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton Snowdrop Service @ BFPC
Tues 5th	Home Groups: <i>"Jesus: His Ministry"</i>
Wed 6th	7.00pm Ash Wednesday
Wed 6th	Holy Communion: CW
Sun 10th	<i>"Jesus: His Teaching"</i> 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL Prayer Ministry Team prayer evening
Mon 11th	Home Groups: <i>"Jesus: His Teaching"</i>
Wed 13th	Mother's Union @ BFPC at 2.30pm
Thurs 14th	Cathedral Prayers at Evensong
Fri 15th	
Sun 17th	<i>"Jesus: His Opponents"</i> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC. 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL
Wed 20th	Home Groups: <i>"Social Evening"</i>
Sun 24th	<i>"Jesus: His Miracles"</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL and baptism
Mon 25th	Homegroup Leaders training
Tue 26th	Prayer@BFPC Day
Weds 27th	Home Groups: <i>"Jesus: His opponents"</i>
Thurs 28th	BFPC PCC at the Rectory

New Wine Celebration

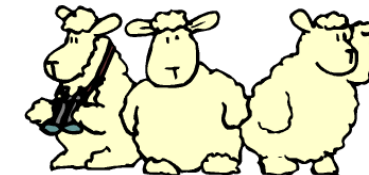
St Mary's Longfleet, Sunday 2nd March at 6.30pm
Come and hear Martin Cavender, who is due to
speak at our Weekend away in 2009.



Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - February 2008

"Look Out!"



In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Matthew 3:1-2

The best presents I had as a child were Airfix kits of battleships, Spitfires, helicopters and moon landers ... dozens of plastic bits to be smothered in glue and assembled, before being painted, if one had the appropriate tin, of course. And all to be completed by 5pm on the first Saturday after my birthday.

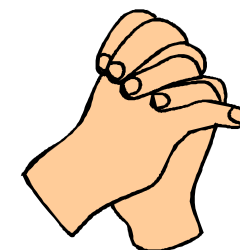
We are used to having things prepackaged in the 21st Century. Ready Meals or takeaways are an accepted part of modern life, as are TV, Broadband, Mobile and everything else neatly sorted for us in one package. Accepting our lack of time, we readily accept the offer of anything which saves us having to think about doing it ourselves.

In the Church's year, there are two periods marked out for preparation, Advent and Lent. Advent is a time for preparing for the return of Jesus Christ but it can all too easily get lost in the mayhem of remembering the first time He came. Lent is (in theory) a time to prepare ourselves for the deeply challenging implications of Easter.

Tescos is well ahead of us having been preparing since Christmas with the arrival of Easter Eggs. But like Christmas, we can prepare ourselves for the fun and celebrations with the purchase of material symbols - quite often without realising what they mean. The danger is that we end up with a prepackaged Easter, waiting for the Church to present us with something for us to chew on at the appropriate time.

Lent is a time for reflection not, in truth, a time for giving up wine or chocolate. It is a time which asks whether we are ready to look at the Saviour, hanging on a Cross for us and accept the implications. Our image of the Cross has the victim lifted high up but many people were crucified low down, so that passers-by has to look them in the eye. Looking at ourselves in the eye is dangerous in that, like mirrors, they sometimes show us things we would rather not see and as a result, we don't like to look at Jesus face to face. We are afraid his eyes will bore into our souls and show us what we don't want to see.

Each year, I make a point of encouraging people to come to Good Friday services as well as those on Easter Sunday - because we cannot get to the true celebration of the Empty Tomb, without going to the Cross first. If we are going to make the most of this Easter, then the best thing we can possibly do is to use Lent by putting in some quality time reflecting on the Cross and our part in it. Once we have faced up to the reality of our need for Salvation, then, and only then, can we truly dance with our Resurrected Saviour two days later.



Tuesday 26th February
Prayer Day at BFPC & LL
9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk
by Sunday 24th February, please!



"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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Parish Centre



'Building a place where Church and Community meet'

HELP NEEDED!

CLEARANCE OF PARISH ROOMS: SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY

To make demolition of the Parish rooms more efficient and cheaper, we need to clear it. Some groups have already done their bit – this is the final push!.

Before the 9th, we need -

- About 10 sturdy storage boxes. Can anyone supply these?
- Storage for toddler toys (garage / shed suitable)
- Storage for childrens' tables and chairs (garage /shed suitable)
- Additional storage for some kit for the church Guides and Brownies

(Note - storage is needed until the new hall is built)

On Saturday 9th, we need –

- Lots of bodies / hands to sort stuff and shift to the church, if we are keeping it – or load cars if we aren't (10 –1pm)
- Sales people to run a table of any smallish items we can sell on a 'make me an offer basis'! (10.30 –12)
- Cars, with or without trailers, to take junk to the tip or for recycling (10.30 –1pm)

After Saturday, we need –

- Entrepreneurs with a flair for getting a price for any of the larger stuff we could sell e.g. the metal frame chairs

Extra hands from those who can't make the Saturday, but who could take a car load of any junk that's left to the tip

Please check your diaries and see if you can help, even for an hour – please phone Judith with offers of storage and any questions (454381). Thankyou.

A day in the life...NEW WINE 2008

This is to give you a brief insight as to what New Wine Summer Conference is all about - and can I emphasize right at the beginning that you can do as little or as much as you like!

Below is a typical day at New Wine,

7.15am	RISE
9.15-10.30am	Refine
11.15am-12.30pm	Morning seminars
2.30pm	Early afternoon seminars
4pm	Late afternoon seminars
7pm	Refresh

The programme starts each morning at 7.15am with RISE, an early morning worship and teaching slot. The day continues with a wide selection of seminars to choose from - or you can relax in one of the many cafés or by your pitch. Refresh begins at 7pm and is a wonderful opportunity to worship, hear a variety of great speakers and receive ministry.

RELAX AND ENJOY...

You can enjoy a whole host of enticing offerings on site, with a wide range of social forums, café bars and evening entertainment to create a real community atmosphere. Cycling, rollerblading and skateboarding are all allowed on site. There are also plenty of sporting activities going on throughout the day, and some of the hottest Christian artists and bands, performing well after the sun has set over the campsite.

TOP-QUALITY KIDS' WORK

Children's groups meet mornings and evenings. There is also a variety of activities for kids of all ages and their families throughout the day. **Should you have any questions or would like to join us - please see Julie Court as soon as possible. Leaflets are available giving prices etc but if we can book and pay before the end**

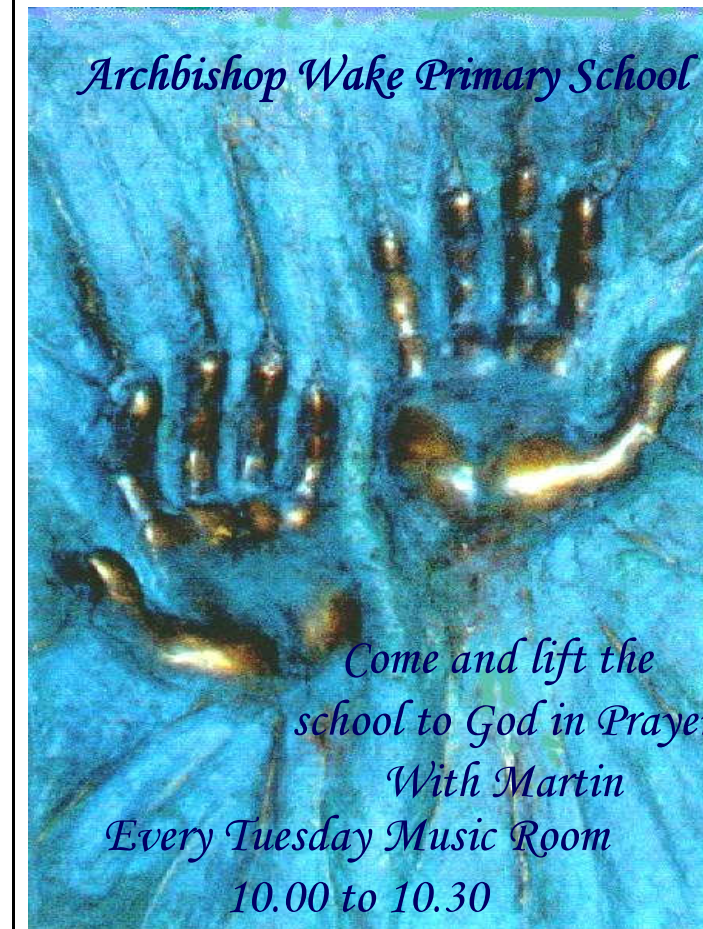


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Prayer Meetings in Schools

Martin has set up a Tuesday morning prayer meeting at Archbishop Wake School. If anyone is interested in joining him, please speak to him.



Salisbury Sudan Fund

David Rake recently received a letter from the Sudan Fund, thanking BFPC for the mission cheque for £1625. Their letter emphasised that now peace has come to the region there is a need for money to pay for resettling of refugees, vocational training, education, theological training and strengthening of Church infrastructure. Christopher Fielden recently returned from the Sudan, says that Salisbury Diocese is now the major funder of the Church in the the Sudan, and our contribution is much welcomed.

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

News From Langton Long



January has been a quiet month. On Sunday the 20th we had the pleasure of Jimmy Hamilton Brown taking the service and it was lovely to see him again. On Sunday the 27th it will be Langton's home group's first time in taking the service at Castleman House in the afternoon. We look forward to worshipping with people who otherwise are unable to go to church. Saturday 19th saw us at BFPC serving coffee, tea and cake in the morning and on Tuesday 29th we will start up our monthly prayer meeting at noon at All Saints, Langton again after the Christmas break. If you can't make the early morning or evening meeting at BFPC you are always welcome to join us at 12.

Annette Orton

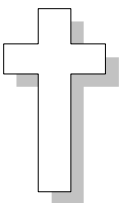
WeldmarHospicecare Snowdrop Memorial Service



A service to give thanks for the lives of family or friends.

**Blandford Forum Parish Church
2.30pm - Tuesday 5 February**

For more details,
phone 01258 456260



Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care team are today commissioned. If you have names of people who may need a visit or you haven't seen in church for a while, please speak to Rosy.