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Please note that Tim and Martin's day off is Friday.
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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@Church
Saturday Morning Coffee House



Sun 2nd	"Mothering Sunday" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton 6.30pm New Wine Celebration in Poole Girls@bfpc Ten Pin bowling
Tues 4th	Home Groups: "Jesus: His Miracles"
Wed 5th	Women's World Day of Prayer
Fri 7th	
Sun 9th	"Jesus: What's Important" 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL Prayer Ministry Team training evening
Mon 10th	Home Groups: "Jesus: His Final Days"
Wed 12th	Mother's Union @ BFPC at 2.30pm
Thurs 13th	
Sun 16th	"Palm Sunday" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC. 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL
Tues 18th	ABW School Easter Service Prayer@BFPC & LL Day
Wed 19th	MPS School Easter Service Home Groups: "Palm Sunday"
Thurs 20th	Maundy Thursday 7pm Holy Communion CW
Fri 21st	Good Friday 10.30am United Walk of Witness 3.00pm An Hour at the Cross
Sun 23rd	Easter Sunday "Just As it was Promised" 9.00am Holy Communion BCP at BFPC 10.30am AllAge HolyCommunion BFPC 11.00am All Age Holy Communion LL
Mon 24th	Easter Walk and Family Picnic
Sun 30th	"The Road to Emmaus" 9am Said CW Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am United All Age Worship BFPC



Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - March 2008

"Listening for that voice!"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." (John 20:15)

There is a wonderful line in the last Harry Potter film where the straight-laced Hermione expresses delight at breaking the rules and is accosted by Ron with the words "Who are you and what have you done with Hermione?". When someone acts outside of character, we don't recognise them and they confuse us. Getting to know someone is far more than about physical characteristics - it is about getting to know them on the inside, their mannerisms, their smell, and especially their voice.

After several years of following and watching her Saviour, it seems amazing to us that Mary did not recognise her Saviour that morning in the Garden. Surely she would recognise *something* about him? And yet it is only when she hears his voice, that the penny drops. For many people, the real Jesus has been taken a way and replaced with a caricature - a cut out Jesus who fits what we have always been told (white, dressing gown and looking like someone from Supertramp) but doesn't seem to fit with the 21st century world. The Church, in recent weeks especially, has been justifiably accused of being naive and

other-worldly, presenting an unrecognisable version of Jesus..

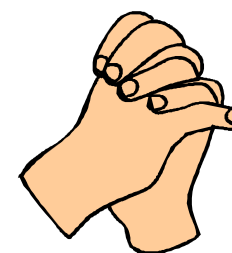
The result is that people fail to recognise Jesus for who he is - they continue to treat him as a 2-D cardboard cut out with a personality to match. And, sadly, the greatest problem is that they never hear his voice.

I always imagine Jesus to have a voice which bores into the inner part of the person he speaks to. A voice which can command demons, can raise the dead and still a storm, can order the lame to walk and the deaf to hear - it is a voice of authority and yet is the gentlest voice ever known, that pronounces forgiveness and healing, and can gently tell a little girl to get up.

That morning, Mary heard a voice that she knew - a voice that had healed her of her past and given her a future - and I imagine that a torrent of tears of joy took over from the tears of pain at her loss. All from one word - her own name. Jesus said "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear" ... but too often Jesus' voice cannot be heard above the clamour of life, calling people by their own name.

As we hear him call us by name in the intimacy of our own hearts, my prayer is that we know that voice in every part of our lives, guiding and leading us on in our walk with him. But, also, that we also let that voice speak to others around us, in the things we say and do, that they might hear him call them by name. Have a wonderful Easter!

Tim Storey



Tuesday 18th March Prayer Day at BFPC & LL

12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC (No 9am because of Schools service)
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk
by Sunday 16th March, 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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Nightstop in Dorset ?



Over the past few years, we have developed a voucher scheme with The Gorge café, whereby meals can be offered to those who are either passing through the town or do not have sufficient money to be able to afford a regular meal. This work expanded over the Christmas period when the Snag and Thirst groups put on a meal on Christmas Eve and we have also collected sleeping bags, socks and blankets for those sleeping rough.

Blandford appears on the map as a potential stopping off point for those on their way through to Bournemouth or Poole and often travellers get "stuck" in the town, without anywhere to stay. The Parish Centre should be up and running by this time next year and we are hoping that we will be able to offer some more help within its walls - but we will not be able to offer any form of accommodation. Whilst the statutory agencies have a duty to look after under 16 year olds, there are a number in the 16 to 25 year old age group for whom this is a serious problem. The Dorset Young People's Housing Strategy Group have set up a group to look at ways of addressing the situation - but it is recognised that housing cannot be 'magicked' from nowhere. That takes land, time and money.

NIGHTSTOP was set up in Leeds some 20 years ago by Barnados to address such issues it allows up to three nights accommodation with a host family while work is done to try and find a more permanent solution. Experience has shown that often a cooling off time is what is needed and young people can return home when tempers are restored and issues looked at properly.

Last year, a multi agency consultation in Dorset was chaired by the Bishop of Sherborne about the possibility of setting up NIGHTSTOP for Dorset. This is enabling funding applications to start and lead to a Consultation Event on the whole Young People's Housing Strategy including Nightstop Dorset. As a church, we would like to link up with this project as a way of addressing the needs in our community - If you would like to know more about this project, please contact Sara Jackson on 01747 853688.

Salisbury cathedral 750 1258-2008
Blandford Parish Church is one of many in the Salisbury Diocese to be given the opportunity to take part in the Anniversary celebrations. We will be taking part in the flower festival which will run from 17-21 June. We have been asked to design a large scale arrangement depicting **The Milton and Blandford Deanery**. It can be in the remit of historical, geographical, people, past or present, but must relate to areas with the Deanery.
!0 arrangers

"Going Deeper" The BFPC Weekend Away 2009

How about this for advanced warning!! We are planning another Church Weekend Away for 27th- 29th March 2009 at Monkton Combe. Those of you who came last year will know what a special time it was - and so we are aiming to make things even better for 2009! Some people suggested that holding our weekends in July wasn't that easy for everyone - so we are going to go away 2 weeks before Easter ... last years, some of the accommodation wasn't great so we have asked for sole occupancy of Monkton ... last year, we missed having somewhere to meet and chat, so we shall be having a BFPC Cafe to meet chat (and have coffee and cake!). We have a wonderful speaker already lined up - Martin Cavender (who is speaking on 2nd March at the 6.30pm New Wine Network Celebration at St Mary's Longfleet) and is a first class and engaging speaker.

We are hoping that even more will be able to come away next year than came in 2007. Please book the dates - and look out for the information leaflet which will follow soon!!

Alison Gill is our new CMS Mission Partner who will be going out to Rwanda and Burundi this year and working with YWAM Rwanda's ministries and also Simon Guillebaud in Burundi. At present she is completing her training in Belfast.

We look forward to welcoming Alison here at BFPC in October for a weekend and introducing her to everyone. She will also be preaching and sharing news from Rwanda and Burundi with us. Please remember to pray for Sheena McBain our former mission partner who has returned to Scotland to continue nursing training while she seeks God's will for her future.
R.Coldwell.



Extracts from Alison's letter:

(Her complete newsletter is on the notice board by the coffee area)

Greetings from a very cold Belfast! This has been another wonderful month with superb lectures on: the humanity of Jesus, fresh expressions of Church, the Holy Spirit, Biblical Christian Worldview and the heart.

Local outreach

Each Wednesday, I help run Breakfast Club at Malvern Primary School on the Shankill.

YWAM has excellent relationships and respect in the local community. One night I parked my car on the Shankill and a group of young children surrounded it and were threatening to throw something through the window. When I got out with some fellow DTS students, the children recognised us from Breakfast Club and were friendly! On Wednesday evenings, a team of 5 of us go to the Shankill Nursing Home. We spend time talking with the residents (many of whom are quite mentally infirm), Jon places Irish tunes on his whistles and Rachel and Kellen do recitals - Rachel is a classically trained singer. We pray before going, afterwards and fortnightly as a DTS that the Lord would minister

The Giants' Causeway, North Antrim Coast

Burundi & Rwanda Outreach

We continue to prepare for our time in Rwanda and Burundi. In Rwanda we will work with YWAM Rwanda's ministries. In Burundi we hope to work with Simon Guillebaud and some of the organisations he supports, Youth For Christ orphanage, Meporec (a

Mennonite peacebuilding organisation), the Mothers' Union and some churches. Communication with Africa is not so easy! Please pray for an ease in this and swift responses.

Summer 08

I return to England from Belfast at the beginning of June. I plan to visit friends, family and do speaking engagements in June and July. I hope to share about what the Lord is doing in Burundi and I learnt on my DTS.

Prayer Requests

That we will be know and be able to do exactly what the Lord wants us to do in Burundi.

Alison



AGM Dates
....for your diaries:

Langton Long:
Sunday 20th April at 12pm
(after the morning service)
BFPC:

Thurs 24th April at 7.30pm

For our visas for Burundi to be granted from the embassy in Brussels.

With love and every blessing,



News From Langton Long

During the month of February a carpet of snowdrops has adorned the churchyard again, adding to the peaceful atmosphere. We keep the church open daily from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. and visitors often comment in our guest book how much they appreciate the peace and quiet in the church.

This Sunday we will be celebrating the baptism of William Ramsay and Martin will take the service. We look forward to the church being filled for this occasion.

On Saturday, March 8th you will find some of us at BFPC serving tea, coffee and cake in the morning, and we are looking forward to seeing you there! Friday, 21st March will be another occasion for us to join BFPC, for the Good Friday events. On behalf of all at All Saints, Langton Long may I

Funerals:

February 19th - Patria Ellen Head (at BFPC)
February 20th - Evelyn Mary Randell (at BFPC)

Baptisms:

February 24th - William Bear Sorel Ramsay (At LL)

