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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 Monday. The Staff are usually
unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

For all other contact details, please phone
the parish office or see the web site.



Thurs 1st	Ascension Day 7pm Holy Communion (CW)
Fri 2nd	6.30pm Farewell to the Parish Rooms
Sun 4th	"The Ascension" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at Langton
Mon 5th	Georgian Fayre Day @ BFPC Refreshments, Prayer Corner....
Wed 7th	Home Groups: "The Ascension"
Thurs 8th	Mother's Union@ BFPC at 2.30pm
Sun 11th	Pentecost "The Holy Spirit" 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL
Wed 14th	Home Groups: "The Holy Spirit"
Sun 18th	"The Christian Message: Romans" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC. 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL 7.00pm Mass in Blue Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir
Tues 20th	Prayer Day 9am@BFPC, 12noon@LL, 8pm@BFPC
Wed 21st	Home Groups: "Nooma Evening"
Sun 25th	"Unity At All Costs: Corinthians" 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL
Wed 28th	Home groups: "Unity at All Costs"

Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

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

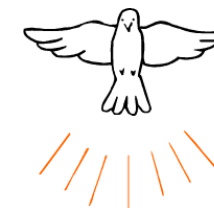


Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - May 2008

"Off The Leash"

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" 2 Corinthians 3:17



One of the worst things in life is having a "free" day and not being able to work out what to do with it! There are a million and one things one *could* do and an equal number of things that one *ought* to do with the day - but we can't decide. And I often end up spending the day wondering what I am going to do with it.

Jesus said in John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed". Freedom is something people want - and it is nothing new. 400 years before Jesus, a Greek historian called Thucydides said this: "The secret of happiness is freedom. The secret of freedom is courage." So if Jesus sets us free - what do we do with that freedom?

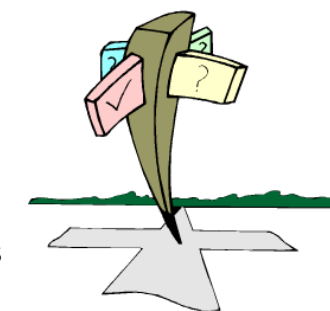
It is not the freedom to do anything we want - that is the sort of freedom which the world appears to offer. And it is the sort of freedom which brings other sorts of chains such as chains of addiction or guilt, chains of pain and broken relationships. So we need to work out what "being free" actually means.

A football match is played within certain boundaries. As a child, I used to play football on The Downs in Bristol, a wide open space several miles across.

Arguments as to where the sidelines of the pitch lay were legendary. Freedom has to be freedom within certain boundaries, in order to have some sense to it. In Jesus' times, though, the Pharisees had reduced the "playing" area of their faith to a few square centimetres with so many rules. Nowadays, we have Europe ...!

But the boundaries give us a freedom in which to live and play safely. Fences around play areas are there to protect those within the boundaries, so that they cannot wander off. The boundaries we have been given are the two Commandments which Jesus talked of as being the most important (in Matthew 22) - to completely and utterly love God and each other. They are Commandments which reflect relationship and love - something at the heart of our Mission Statement.

So ... Jesus has brought freedom, but that freedom exists within the boundaries of love and respect. Jesus said he had come to bring "Life in abundance" (John 10:10) and Paul says that "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor 3:17). The only conclusion to all of this is that if we want to know life and know complete freedom, we can only find it in the person of Jesus Christ and in the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The only question I have is "What is stopping us?". Maybe Thucydides was right when he said that the secret of freedom is courage - so, be bold and enjoy your freedom!



Tim Storey



Tuesday 20th May

Prayer Day at BFPC & LL

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk
by Sunday 18th May, 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."

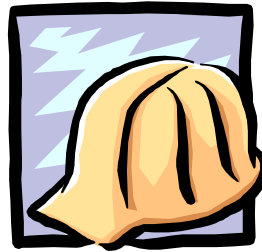
Langton Vision Statement: "To build a joyful Fellowship of Healing and Wholeness."



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Parish Centre

'Building a place where Church and Community meet'



GOODBYE BLANDFORD CHURCH HALL

Before the old Parish Rooms go, we would like to offer you the opportunity to take a last look inside and perhaps share some memories of when you, your family members or friends used it. We are opening the Hall for the last time for an hour on **Friday 2nd May, between 6.30 and 7.30**. Everyone is invited to come along and share any photos, thoughts or mementoes with us. We hope to create a scrapbook which will be saved as part of the town's history.

Perhaps you went to parties here, attended a play group, won at a beetle drive, took part in holiday clubs, Brownies or learnt to dance? Many things have gone on here – and we know of some of these, but would like to know more!

You can also take a look at an exhibition about the new Centre in the church, and listen to some brief talks about the plans we have for the new building, the sustainable features in the design and the accommodation it will offer. Refreshments will be provided.

The open meeting will be in the main church (St Peter and Paul) from 7.30pm with tours of the church hall running between 6.30 and 7.30pm.

This will be your last opportunity to say your farewells before this particular chapter of this corner of Blandford closes – and we look forward to seeing you.

For further information, please contact the Parish office on 01258 456260.

6.30 to 7.30 pm - organised visits to the church hall; exhibition & share memories in the church
7.30 to 8.45 pm – talks on new Parish Centre construction project

8.45 to 9.30 pm – refreshments; share

memories; exhibition **Women's Breakfast**

All women are invited to come for Breakfast at Two Gates, Langton Long on Saturday 7th June. This will be followed by a talk by Fiona Perry from St Mary's Church, Longfleet. More details will follow....



Georgian Fayre ...needs volunteers!

Are you able to help on Monday 5th May.

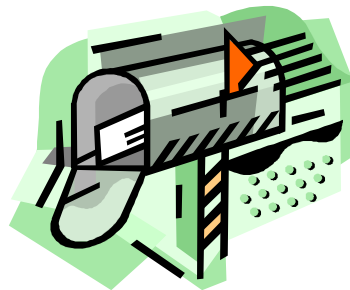
We need volunteers to:

- make cakes to sell with tea and coffee.
- help in the prayer corner
- help with the bouncy castles and face painting
- donate labelled plants for the plant stall



Chain Letter

If you are unhappy with your curate simply have your church wardens send a copy of this letter who are also tired of their curates.



Then, bundle your curate up and send him or her to the church at the top of the list in this letter. Within a week you will receive 16,435 curates and one of them should be ok.

Have faith in this chain letter for curates. Do not break the chain! One church did and got their old curate back!

Festival of Arts, Flowers and Music at 'All Saints'

Langton Long. Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st



Saturday, May 31st

10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. "The Good Things of Life"
Exhibition of Art, Photography and Flower
Refreshments provided

7.00 p.m. Entertainment for a summer evening
Musical Soirée
Musicians, singers, stories and more.
Led by: Gerry Hird

Sunday, June 1st

2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Exhibition and Flowers
Refreshments provided

6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong with visiting
Bemerton Choir
Preacher: Revd. Peter Dominy

Advanced Warning... ...Alpha is back

A new Alpha course will be running in the Autumn, please speak to Tim or Martin if you are interested in joining this new group.



Christian Aid Collection

We are collecting for Christian Aid in the Market Place on Thursday 15th May if you are able to help, please give your name into the office.

News From Langton Long



Many of us attended the 'Flower Demonstration' at BFPC on 8th April which was most enjoyable and instructive, and hopefully we will be able to put what we've learned to good use for our 'Arts Festival' at the end of May.

The main event in April was our AGM on Sunday 20th which was well attended and we look forward to a less formal seating arrangement in the north aisle next year when hopefully the building work will be completed! We also thanked Colin Miles, who is standing down after many years of hard work as church warden. Colin has (almost literally) been a pillar of the church, involved in all kinds of behind-the-scene activities, from turning on the heating at 7 a.m. on Sundays to negotiating with outside bodies in connection with the building plans. His work has been much appreciated.

We are now all working together with many from BFPC towards our 'Arts Festival'. More details in the special article in Outlook. We very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over that weekend.

Annette Orton

Baptisms:

13th April Daniel Tarrant at BFPC

Burial of Ashes:

20th April Gladys Whitelock at LL

Funerals:

14th April Edward Turner at BFPC

16th April Caroline Escott at BFPC

