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unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

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Re:Act 2008 Is Coming to Town!

"As part of Hope 2008 multiple teams of young people, evangelists and bands are being trained and made available to villages, towns and cities all over the UK, to work alongside local churches in putting on two great events in the summer of 2008"

On August 2nd 2008 Blandford town will have an exciting and extraordinary Family Fun day followed by Church Outdoors! 60-70 people will visit along with a mobile stage, inflatable attractions, PA, generators etc. Blandford Churches Together will work with them to provide barbecues and a cafe, creche, prayer tent, face painting etc catering for approximately 1000 people and all for FREE! This amazing one day event will be happening at the Ham Car park and adjacent fields near the river. Dear All, I see this as an amazing opportunity for us Christians to reach out to the townsfolk around us and be available to help and bless them. Each one of us can/should pray for God's Holy Spirit upon this event. Remember, today's young generation is the Church of the future. What better way to promote Blandford's Mission Statement...let's all enjoy August 2nd. Blessings!

Susanne Tun Pe

The Alpha Supper is on Tuesday 16th September at The Old House in The Close, Blandford Forum. There will be a chance to meet the organising the Course taste of what is to come obligation to Course itself. Come and find out more - www.bfpc.org.uk/alpha.html or 456260.



Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - July/August 2008

Our Priestly Call to Mission

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" 1 Peter 2:9
Christians often talk about the 'priesthood of all believers', meaning that all believers in Jesus and his saving death on the cross and resurrection are made holy by God and given the Holy Spirit to minister to others in Jesus' name. People in Old Testament times were not allowed to approach God directly and so a priest mediated between God and them on their behalf. But, after Jesus' victory on the cross, he made access to God possible through his saving death. Hebrews 4:16 says that we can now "approach the throne of God with confidence". God "reconciled us to himself through Jesus" 2Corinthians 5:18. Believers are members of Christ's body and our task is a priestly one like his, that of working with him to reconcile others to God.

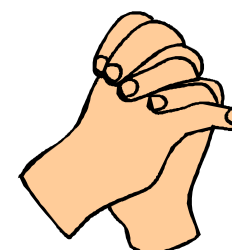
Archbishop Michael Ramsey describes a priest as displaying and/or being a "beacon of the Church's pastoral, prophetic and priestly concern ('The Christian Priest Today')". Whilst the whole body of Christ i.e. all believers have those same concerns and aims to various degrees, a priest 'represents and ministers to the priesthood of all believers'. She/he has the God and Church given authority upon ordination to priesthood to 'act in a representative way on behalf of all'. This does not let everybody else off the hook however, and

we are all called to 'declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light' to the best of our abilities.

To fulfil our priestly calling we need to be 'gathered together' regularly to worship, to study God's Word, to repent of our sins and failures, and to pray for ourselves and the world. We do this as broken and frail people but, as we come into God's presence together and learn more of how Jesus was broken for us on the cross, we can receive God's forgiveness and healing and be transformed by his Holy Spirit coming to dwell in our heart and lives. The bread and wine that the priest takes, breaks and offers at the Communion service, which we receive, are symbols of all that happening.

But this blessing cannot and must not be kept to ourselves. Jesus' command to his disciples, and that includes us, was to 'Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers (outsiders), and cast out demons' Matt 10:8. He also told them not to worry about what to say when they had to speak of their faith because the Holy Spirit would show them. We have that same mission and confidence! Do we really believe this? I believe that, as we start to go out in Jesus' name and speak to people, and as we pray for them, we will see miracles and transformations in them. Let us keep praying for the Holy Spirit to 'fan the flames' in us as Tim has urged us to do. That way we can be a 'chosen' and 'holy' people, belonging to God, and fulfilling our priestly calling.

Rosy Coldwell



Tuesday 29th July

Prayer Day at BFPC & LL

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

We have just returned from visiting the Florida Revival. As some of you will know there is a healing outpouring going on in Lakeland Florida.



The rather unusual and charismatic Todd Bentley was booked to preach at Ignited Church in Lakeland and the power of the Holy Spirit led him to stay. After 75 nights, arenas, stadiums and live airing on God TV every night the Revival is stronger than ever. They have now built their own air-conditioned tent and up to 12,000 people a night are visiting from all over the world. There are regularly people from over 30 countries in the tent and God TV are still putting it out every night to over 214 countries world wide and it can also be watched live nightly on the internet.

Worship is being redefined with meetings lasting up to 8 hours at a time. The focus is entirely on Jesus and the message is simple. Jesus says in John 4:48 "Unless you people see signs and wonders you will never believe". In Mathew 10 Jesus said to the twelve that he "Gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every illness and disease." Todd Bentley and his team believe that the way to bring people to God in this fallen world is to show them undeniable proof of the Power of God, just as Jesus did 2,000 years ago.

After several hours of the most intense and wonderful worship the Holy Spirit can be tangibly felt within the tent. And both of us experienced closeness to the Lord in worship that words will never do justice. The miracles start without any need for laying on of hands. Blind eyes are seeing, deaf ears are hearing, the disabled are leaving their wheelchairs and the terminally ill are being healed. These things happened around us and were very real. Doctor's testimonies of amazement are flooding in daily, whereby the Doctors are so shocked they are themselves turning to Christ. This is the first media revival and there are numerous reports of people being

cured watching their televisions or over the Internet.

Having been there we have no doubt that this is an awesome Move of God that will spread much further than Lakeland. In fact 2,000 people a night are already meeting every night in West Dudley. If you have not seen any of this yet you owe it to yourself to watch on God TV on Sky or on the Internet at www.god.tv. Better still get over there and experience it for yourself, you will never be the same again. Jess and Chris Regnart.



Sudanese Bishop visits Durweston

There is a celebration Supper with Bishop Francis Loyo in Durweston Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 5th July at 7pm. There will be a time of Informal worship followed by a Curry Supper. For

more information about the evening please speak to Rosy Coldwell or contact Rev Jackie Maw, Curate Iwerne Valley Benefice on 01747 812359.

News from Langton Long

The last day of May and the beginning of June at All Saints were marked by our Arts Festival which was put together by many wonderful people from both BFPC and All Saints. It was a lovely event and our church was able to welcome a steady stream of visitors over the whole weekend. The Festival was brought to a close by a reflective Evensong led by Peter Dominy with choral support from the Bemerton Choir.

The Saturday after the Festival we had a wedding service at church for the couple who owned the Candle Factory which burned down the night before their wedding. We pray that they will be able to set up their business again as they start out married life. To end this month we look forward to the united Taizé service at St. Peter and St. Paul's and celebrating Rosv's priesting!



Our usual Weekly Events change @ BFPC ...

Thursdays at 9.30am BCP Holy Communion - continues through the holidays.
 Fridays at 10.00am Rainbows (our Mother & Toddler group) - happens in Term time only.
 Saturday Morning Coffee House - continues through the holidays.



- Sun 6th **"Keep On Going"**
 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL
- Wed 9th Home Groups: **"Leadership Issues"**
- Thurs 10th MU Garden Party at Woodhouse Gdns

- Sun 13th **"Jesus is Coming Back"**
 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC
 10.30am All Age Worship and Baptisms at BFPC
 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL
- Wed 16th Archbishop Wake End of Year Service
 Home Groups: **"Jesus is Coming Back"**

- Sun 20th **"How It All Ends"**
 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC.
 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL
- Tues 22nd Milldown End of Year Service
- Wed 23rd Home Groups: **"Social Evening"**

- Sun 27th 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
"I am the Light of the World"
 10.30am Holy Communion and Baptisms at BFPC
 11.00am All Age Worship at LL
- Tues 29th **Prayer Day**
 9am@BFPC, 12noon@LL, 8pm@BFPC



During August, we try to maintain a full pattern of worship at Blandford and Langton, as well as providing clear options for worship. The 10.30 services at BFPC this August will be very informal and fun, aimed at the young in the life of our Church in the absence of JTeam activities. Those who prefer formal worship will be amply catered for at either 9am or 11am (which will follow the Common Worship Lectionary) but the 10.30 services will have a simple theme, based on the "I AM" statements of Jesus and be short, fun and exciting.
 Come and see!

- Sun 3rd 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
 11.00pm Morning Prayer at LL

- Sun 10th 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC
 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC
 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL

- Sun 17th 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC.
 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL

- Sun 24th 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC
 11.00am All Age Worship at LL

- Sun 31st **"United All Age Holy Communion"**
 11.00am Holy Communion at LL

Funerals:

13th June: Hilda Collier at BFPC

Baptisms:

15th June: Chloe Elliott at BFPC
 Lucianna Haylock at BFPC
 Harriet Fenn at BFPC
 Betty Fenn at BFPC

Weddings:

7th June: Chris Redsell & Donna Du Bock at LL



On Yer Bike...

The Dorset historic Churches Sponsored cycle ride takes place on Saturday September 13th. Are you interested in cycling or walking to as many churches as possible? If so, please collect a sponsor form from the office!

