

# Parish Info + Diary



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**Wardens:** John Hellewell (450455)  
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**Treasurer:** Charles Culshaw (453042)

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.

# SEPTEMBER

Sat 6th	Wedding at BFPC
Sun 7th	"Vision Sunday" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL
Wed 10th	Start of Year Schools service Home Groups: <i>Vision Evening</i>
Fri 12th	Men's Curry Night
Sat 13th	DHCT Cycle ride
Sun 14th	"Relationships" 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship and Baptisms at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL
Tues 16th	Alpha Supper
Wed 17th	Home Groups: "Life in the Spirit 1"
Fri 19th	Girls@bfpc Chinese Takeaway
Sat 20th	Car Treasure Hunt
Sun 21st	"Who is Jesus" <b>Back to Church Sunday</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC. 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL
Wed 24th	Home Groups: "Life in the Spirit 2"
Sun 28th	"Risen Ascended Glorified" 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am Harvest: All Age Worship & Baptisms at LL
Tues 30th	<b>Prayer Day</b> 9am@BFPC, 12noon@LL, 8pm@BFPC

## 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 - September 2008

## The kings return

In Matthew 25 Jesus tells a parable about a king who went away, trusting his talents to his three servants. You remember the story well; To one he gave five talents, to another two and to the third one. And that's it. Off he goes, leaving them to it. No further dialogue. No letter of explanation or words of advice. Matthew's text simply reads, 'Then he went on his journey.'



I pondered this as I pondered our 'king' being away. Our leader, Tim, entrusting the talents of this church to his servants and up he got and went. And yet we've read the end of the story. Even though the king gave no orders, when we get to the part when he returns and calls his servants into the office we find that with the giving of the talents came expectation. Expectation that the three servants wouldn't just keep the talents that they'd been given, but that, in the king's absence, they would grow them.

It begs a question of us over the past three months. We were entrusted with the kingdom job of praying and waiting on the Holy Spirit. 'Fan the flames' has been our task.

But I want to widen the thought beyond Tim's sabbatical because the real (and only) King is Christ and our sermon series in July reminded us that he is coming back. The King who has entrusted us with his word. The King who has entrusted us with his church. The King who has entrusted us with his world. He's coming back, and he'll ask us the same question. And

he'll wait for our answer, and so I want to encourage you in the ways that seem to be of our Lord. How do you make ten talents from five? Or two talents into four? How will we take the gospel out to others? How will we live God honouring lives? Be a God honouring church? How will we drag the world back from the brink of self destruction that it seems intent on? Risk.

John Ortberg says that faith is spelt R.I.S.K. Jesus tells a story in which the first (and maybe only) conclusion we draw is that he wants us to throw caution to the wind in his name and in his strength. And so I want to encourage you as we step out into a new church year. Risk. In the knowledge and power of God, risk. Be a risk taker for God; at home, in your daily life, at work, at church. step out in faith. Trust him more and more.

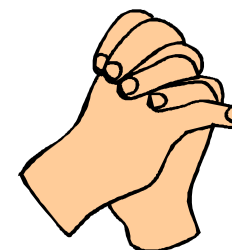
Josh 3.13 'As soon as the priests who carry the Ark of the Lord set foot in the Jordan its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.'

What if they hadn't? What if they wanted God to act first? The waters would never have stood up.

At college I had a poster on my wall; 'Don't pray for challenges equal to your strength, but for strength equal to your challenges.' It's not your strength, it's God's. And he's got plenty of it. Take a risk and see if it's true.



Martin Court



Tuesday 30th September

**Prayer Day at BFPC & LL**

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC  
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk  
by Sunday 28th September, 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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## Harvest Supper & Auction of Promises and Gifts



On Saturday October 11th we will be holding our parish harvest supper at the URC hall. Everyone is encouraged

to think of something they can offer as a promise... can you cook a meal, do some gardening, painting and decorating, give a lesson or tutorial, throw a party for children/adults etc? Perhaps you know someone who also might be prepared to offer some skill or time for this good cause of raising money for the New Hall? Alternatively you might have some very desirable object that you no longer want that people would like to bid for. Any offers to Jennie Rake asap, or by the end of September at the latest, to jennierake@aol.com or drop in to Set Fair 4 Trade to tell her.

## ALPHA SUPPER.....

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

At The Old House, The Close Blandford Forum

There will be a taster video of 'Christianity; Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?'

The Evening and Course are free of charge and the supper does not commit you to attending the course. Details of the course will be available at the end for those who wish to continue.

This is a lovely evening and we hope everyone will invite their friends and families.

There are invitations available at the back of the church for people to take.

If you would like to attend the supper or a friend would, please ring the office (456260)



## Parish Centre Update

- Snooks have been selected as the contractor for the demolition and building of the Parish Centre, subject to funding and agreed costs.

- We had a very successful Raise the roof evening when £530 was raised. In addition another £1000 has been raised from other events.

-There is some shortfall still between money raised and money required.

### What next?

-Award of contract subject to agreement on budget plan, funding / price and PCC agreement.

-Submit all remaining grant applications, including green grants.

-Confirm decision on rainwater harvesting tank, kitchen, electrics and other contract details.

Please try and support the planned fundraising events - car treasure hunt, harvest supper, cavalry band concert and try and think of your own fund raising.



## Girls@bfpc Chinese Takeaway

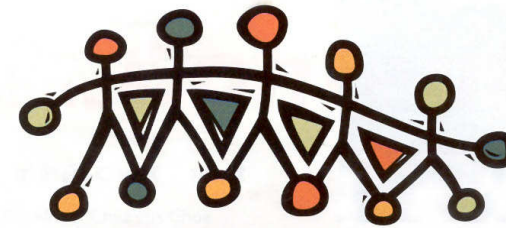
All women are invited to come for A Chinese Takeaway at 5, Alfred Street, on Friday 19th September at 8.00.pm. Cost £5, please give your Name to Su Tomes



BacktoChurchSunday



This is a nationwide initiative. We shall be inviting people to "Back to Church Sunday" on Sunday 21st September. Details to follow soon



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR™

Friday 31st Oct & Saturday 1st Nov  
At BFPC  
At 7.30pm

Family ticket £15 (2 adults & 2 Children)  
Adults £5 U16 £3

Tickets on sale from office until 14th Sept after which they will be on sale at Set Fair for Trade



## On Yer Bike...

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

Also if you are able to help man the church and sign sponsor forms for visiting cyclists please sign the list in the porch.



## News From Langton Long



Langton congregation has been enjoying visits from various ministers over the last two months and has been able to welcome a number of holiday visitors to the services. Many thanks to all those who supported Fiona and John Rowland's fund raising summer luncheon; and a special thank you to Fiona and John themselves for all their hard work and the wonderful spread they put on. The weather was good and everyone enjoyed the occasion. We look forward to the United Worship on August 31<sup>st</sup> and are hoping that many will join us for the picnic at Two Gates, down the road from All Saints Church, after the service. On September 13<sup>th</sup> the church will be manned for the Dorset Historic Churches' sponsored cycle ride. We look forward to welcoming many of you then too. Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at the All Age service, and it's always a joy to decorate the church for this occasion. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Annette Orton



## "Men's Curry night"

12th September at 72 Downside Close 7.30pm. In aid of the Parish Centre, Cost £10 to include choice of curry, rice, nan bread and a bottle of beer. Contact Bob Henley 01258 451683, or preferably by Email: henley1705@tiscali.co.uk

## Funerals:

29th July: Violet Hiscock at BFPC

## Weddings:

22nd August: Lisa Beckell & Simon Davies at LL

