

# Parish Info + Diary



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**Wardens:** John Hellewell (450455)  
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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.



Sun 5th	<b>"Who is the Holy Spirit?"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL
Wed 8th	Home Groups: <i>Coursebook</i>
Thurs 9th	Mother's Union at Home
Sat 11th	Harvest Supper
Sun 12th	<b>"Harvest"</b> 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL
Wed 14th	Home Groups: Nooma Evening
Sat 18th	CMS weekend- coffee morning Evening with the Woodings
Sun 19th	<b>"Mission Sunday"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC. 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am CW Holy Communion at LL
Tues 21st	Prayer Day 9am@BFPC, 12noon@LL, 8pm@BFPC
Wed 22nd	Home Groups: <i>Coursebook</i>
Sat 25th	Bridge Drive in aid of Parish centre
Sun 26th	<b>"Harvest Time"</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship & Baptisms at LL
Wed 29th	Home Groups: Social Evening
Friday 31st	Light Parties African Children's Choir

## 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 - October 2008

*Galatians 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

## "By The Left ...."



I've been fired from the Marching Band:  
I couldn't keep up...

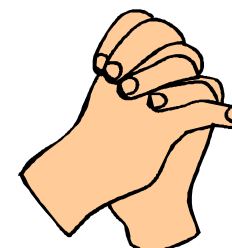
A couple of years ago, we spent a few days in London and, as typical country tourists in the Big City, we looked through the railings at the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. There is something mesmerising about the sight of several dozen soldiers marching in perfect time, working together to create a perfectly coordinated act. And the fact that they can play instruments at the same time makes it even more remarkable! Such a skill takes time and commitment. It requires an awareness of everyone else involved and a constant reflection on the speed and direction relative to the others involved. And, above all, it requires one eye to be constantly on the conductor, who directs proceedings. "You've Been Framed" sometimes shows the results of the mayhem that results when one person in a marching band forgets ...

Paul tells the Galatians of the importance of keeping "in step with the Spirit". The Galatian Church had been infiltrated by teaching that was out of step with the Gospel and, as a result, pain was being caused to marginalised people and the Church itself was consumed by petty jealousies and arguments. Please God that we do not descend into such a situation - but, equally, my prayer is that we move forward,

together, seeking to work as one. Unity, as is so often noted, is something that Jesus wanted for his Church (read John 17:11) and is emphasised by Paul on many occasions, especially in the image of the Church as the Body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12. But being *united* is not a passive thing - the Church is an active entity, a loving, breathing organism and so we are required to move forward in unity. Like the person on the tightrope, getting balanced in one position is hard enough - but telling them to start walking is entirely another matter!

"Keeping in Step With The Spirit" means a number of things: it means, firstly, not going too slowly or too fast. As you can read in another article in Outlook, a number of us have been meeting on a Sunday evening to try and sense what God is saying about what we should be doing as a Church in the coming months and, as in any group of people, there are those who would like to move faster and those who think we should slow down a bit. Our desire is to hear God's voice and sense the *speed* which the Spirit is wanting us to move forward with. The second thing is about "direction". Getting the speed right is one thing - getting the direction right is another: working out the places that God wants to take us and the things he wants us to see and experience. The third thing is just as important: getting the rhythm of the step. If ever you have gone for a walk with someone, you will know that keeping in step involves relaxing into the pace and rhythm with each other, so that you are side by side and not constantly having to adjust your pace to match theirs. And finally, it means being aware of the person who is in charge, who sets the pace, the rhythm and the direction. A couple of years ago, our Verse was Hebrews 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" - this is the key to getting it right. If we match his walk, we shall be in step with the Spirit!

Tim Storey



Tuesday 21st October

**Prayer Day at BFPC & LL**

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC  
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk  
by Sunday 19th October, please!

"Outlook" - News from the Parishes of Blandford Forum and Langton Long in Dorset.

Mission Statement: "To Discover and Nurture Relationships in Jesus Christ."

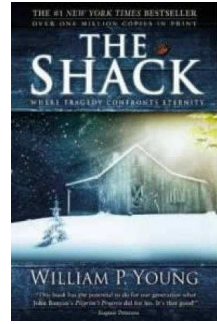
Blandford Vision Statement: "To see every road in Blandford Forum baptised in the love of God."

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



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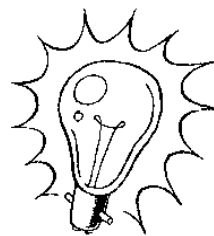
## 'The Shack' - review by Dan Roberts



When Heidi gave me 'The Shack' to read, she told me that she wanted me to read it as quickly as possible because she was so keen to talk to me about everything in it while it was still fresh in her mind. She had been barely able to put it down and if I was ever not sure where she was over those two weeks, it was likely that she was curled up somewhere with it in her hands. So once I began, I knew that whatever was in it, it had to be worth reading. I have to confess I also feared that it would be more of a girl's book, as with the exception of Harry Potter, it is rare that we would both enjoy a book to the same extent. On the first count, I was not disappointed, and on the second, I could not have been more wrong as we have been talking about it ever since with a shared fervour and excitement. The tale it tells is one of enormous sorrow and anguish, but this leads to the most amazing God encounter for both the main character, and in our case, the readers as well. My understanding of the Trinity has been fundamentally altered, but the way that this is done was fantastic and yet thoroughly convincing. Through a story of vivid imagery and powerful testimony, I was left unsure as to whether this tale was indeed more full of truth than the author was keen to acknowledge, and my sincere hope is that the message it delivered to me will be forever woven into my belief and understanding of God.

### Light Parties

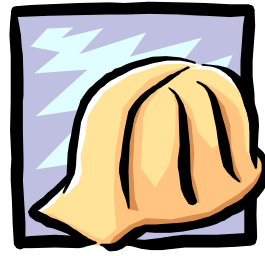
Friday 31st October  
Tickets: £2 on sale soon  
If you are able to help please speak to Su in the office



**CMS Weekend**  
Come and meet Nick and Kate Woodridge, our new CMS Mission partners on the weekend 17th/18th October

### Parish Centre Update

- PCC were presented with details of projected costs and implications of repaying the shortfall and have given their permission to proceed with the building project  
- Final costings are being done with an anticipated demolition date of mid-December  
- Thanks to those who have organised fund raising events like Car Treasure hunt and Men's Curry evening  
**Please try and support the planned fundraising events - harvest supper, cavalry band concert and try and think of your own fund raising.**



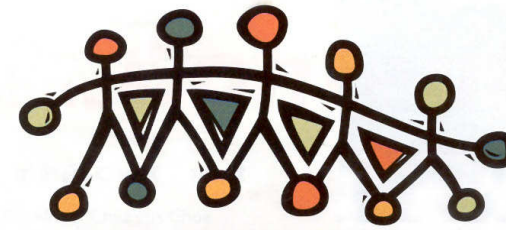
### Charity Bridge Drive

In aid of The Parish Centre  
Saturday 25th October  
At Lavington House, Jubilee Way  
£5 a player

Bookings: Please phone June Hales, 455156 or the office 456260

### Sunday Nights at 6.30pm at the Scout Hut

A number of us have been meeting over the past few weeks at 6.30pm at the Scout Hut in Eagle House Gardens for praise, worship and prayer and to seek how we can "Stay in Step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). This is not an "evening service", but a time for us to share together and encourage one another in seeking what God is wanting to do for us as a church. It has become clear that he is wanting us to reach out into the community and to do so in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be effective in working towards the fulfilment of our Parish Vision. This is for everyone, as we all have a part in seeing our Vision fulfilled (see the stuff on Unity on the front page of Outlook!) and so everyone is welcome to these times. As we seek to be in step with the Spirit, we are seeking to do things in God's timing and in God's way ... please join us!



AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR™

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  
Set Fair 4 Trade



### Prayer Chain

For the last 7-8 years several members of our 2 churches have been on a prayer chain. This means that any prayer requests are passed on by phone from one person to the next and within minutes there are a whole group of people lifting the needs to the Lord. We all adhere to a confidentiality agreement. If you feel you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact me by the 12th October so I can revise the list and I will explain it to you in more detail.



Susanne Tun Pe (450891)

## News From Langton Long



It was a joy to welcome so many (around 80) at our United Worship service on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Rosy was leading and we listened to a number of moving and encouraging testimonies and filled our church with joyful singing. The rain held back long enough afterwards for (about 30 of ) us to tuck into our picnics on the terrace at Two Gates, and the really energetic amongst us even managed to fit in a game or two of table tennis before the heavens opened again!

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September I embarked on the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride. It was a perfect mild and sunny day for the occasion and I thoroughly enjoyed cycling through the beautiful countryside, visiting twelve of the historic churches. I would like to thank those who kindly sponsored me and those who manned 'All Saints' that day.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having a service for All Saints Day again. The time will be announced shortly.

Annette Orton

### Harvest Supper & Auction of Promises



Saturday 11th October  
6.30pm at URC Hall  
IN AID OF THE PARISH CENTRE

Please pass on your Promises of offers of Gifts to Jennie Rake 451186 or at Set Fair 4 Trade.  
Tickets: £5 adults, £2 children £12 family  
Tickets now available from the office