

Parish Info + Diary



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Parish of All Saints, Langton Long

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Please note that Tim's day off is Friday.
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Sun 5th	"Palm Sunday" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL
Wed 8th	Homegroups meet
Thurs 9th	7.00pm CW Holy Communion at BFPC
Fri 10th	"Good Friday" 10.30: United Walk of Witness 3.00pm Hour at the Cross
Sun 12th	"Easter Sunday" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Communion at LL
Mon 13th	Easter Walk
Sun 19th	"Being and Praying Together" 9.00am CW Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL
Wed 22nd	Homegroups: <i>Lifebuilder 11</i>
Sun 26th	"Praying with Confidence" 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL
Tues 28th	Prayer Day 9am Prayer at BFPC 12 noon Prayer at LL 8pm Prayer at BFPC
Wed 29th	Homegroups: <i>Lifebuilder 12</i>
Thurs 30th	BFPC AGM

Funerals:
March 2nd: John Marshall at LL



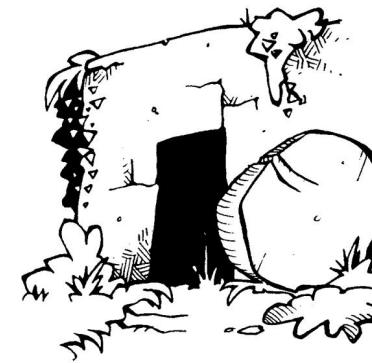
Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

Thursdays at 9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Fridays at 10.00am Rainbow Toddlers@Church
Fridays at 10.30am Prayers at Langton Long
Saturday Morning Coffee House



Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - April 2009



"The Easter Hope of Glory!"

Col 1:27 "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

These are times of great fear, which permeate every part

of life. Unlike the fear of death in two World Wars or the "shadow of the mushroom cloud" in the Cold War, the fear that surrounds us is about the loss of all we have grown to rely on in the good financial times. Like the house built on sand, storms have come and the strength (or lack of strength) in the foundations is now being tested to the limit. The news bulletins itch to offer us crumbs of hope ... that it may be over this year, or next year, or maybe not for some time. For those who have lost livelihoods or homes, hope is often all that is left. But what is "hope"?

Hope is something which comes from our inmost being and is an expression of our heart's desires - it is not about the "now", it is about that which is yet to come and our desire for a future life that has a depth and fulfilment to it. In reality, hope for an individual may be the hope of a job, the hope of a sustained and lasting love, or the hope of health. If "hope" is about our desires for the future, how does that hope become a reality? And on what basis is it founded? We may place our hope in an employer who sees our value, or in a partner who feels the same way or in doctors

who have the skill to diagnose and treat us - in other words, our hope usually relies upon other people in some way. If they let us down then our hopes may be shattered and our fears take over.

The glory of Easter is all about hope fulfilled: the hope of Forgiveness and the hope of Life Eternal - and all of it placed in one man, Jesus Christ. In 1Corinthians 15:14, Pauls says "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." In other words, if Jesus is a fake and the Easter story is a myth or a legend, with no foundation in truth or reality, there is no hope for us - and, Paul continues in verse 19, "... we are to be pitied more than all men." "But", says Paul, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead". The challenge of Easter is simply this - is it real? Is it true? We have to decide for ourselves. If it is true, then the consequences are boundless!

The foundation of all our hope as Christians is on this simple issue - if Jesus is who he says he is, then the Easter story has to be true and all that goes with it has to be true too. If Jesus is a fake, then Easter is a fake and our hope is in vain. But if Jesus is real then it means that our faith is built on rock and will withstand the storms of life. The Easter hope of Glory, as Colossians puts it, is Jesus in us - the hope that comes from the resurrected Jesus living through his Holy Spirit in us, not just for this world but for eternity. It is a hope based on someone who will NOT let us down and offers us resurrection life in abundance, now and for the life to come. What better hope is there to build life on than the Easter story of resurrection?

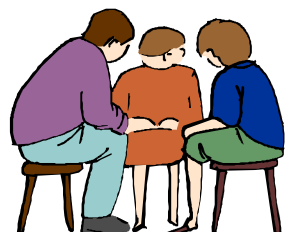
Tim Storey



Tuesday 28th April

Prayer Day at BFPC & LL

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk
by Sunday 26th April, 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 AGM Is Coming !

Blandford AGM

7.30pm - Thursday 30th April

- Hear reports on the life of the church.
- Elect Church Wardens.
- Elect six members of PCC.

Please Note !

In order to vote or nominate people for these meetings, you need to be on the "Electoral Roll" (the membership list) of the Parish.

Please get in touch with the office if you need a Nomination form or an application form to join the Electoral Roll.

Put this in your Diary and please come along !

Parish Centre Update



- Snooks are on site and demolition has begun, with the reclamation of the victorian bricks on the wall fronting the tabernacle and all internal cladding & tree protection.
- Wood reclaimed from the hall has been crafted into two crosses- the one for Archbishop Wake is to be dedicated at the start of April
- The shortfall is now £39,672 after an anonymous donation of £7,000
- Construction should be complete by Dec 09
- We are negotiating with Wessex Watermark to use their offer for water saving devices in the toilets. We have got 100% of the costs of the green elements of the build (solar panels, ground source heat pump).
- Fund raising coming up: Men's Curry Night (24th April), Sing-along Messiah (6th June). Other events are being planned. All ideas welcome.
- Actions for the next 3 months include keeping the build on schedule, tendering for the internal furnishings and computing facilities, planning the opening event, and setting up a group to run and market the centre.

A "New" Start to Services

Over the past year, a group of people have been looking at the way that we worship and, in particular, how we involve our children and young people in the worship side of Church life. Once a month we hold "All Age" Services which aim to be a time when all ages are able to worship together as a Church family - but up until now, apart from the big Church festivals and in the summer months, this has been the only time when we have actually worshiped *together*.



The PCC has looked at some proposals which the review group put forward and I have met with the leaders of all our young people's groups and we have begun to address the questions that this has raised. These questions are not easy to answer and, in many ways, we have to try out different things in order to find out what "works" and what doesn't in the life of BFPC. So with this in mind, we are going to make a couple of changes to the 10.30am services over the coming months. This will remain under review. The first big change will be that after Easter, the young people in our Church (and their leaders!) will be staying in Church for the start of our 10.30am services and will leave after about 15 minutes for their own activities. This means that they will be able to feel more a part of what is happening in the life of the Church (including being around for the Notices!) and will be a part of the sung worship in the Church on a regular basis. We shall be experimenting with other ways of starting our services to see how best we can use this time. The main thing is that everyone, who is involved with, or have young people as a part of, the Young People's groups in the life of BFPC is aware that after Easter, things will change and they will be in Church until 10.45am. We will keep you informed as to the progress of these changes but please pray that we can learn from all that is happening as well as make sure our worship is always accessible of others and gives Glory to God.

Tim Storey

Tearfund Evening



Come and hear about David & Jennie's Tearfund trip through Nepal and Bangladesh
Saturday 4th April
URC Hall, Salisbury Street Blandford
Supper from 7.15pm followed by a presentation at 8pm and Questions.
Tickets £5- from Set Fair 4 Trade or the Parish office.



Our CMS partners Kate and Nick Wooding and family have recently sent us an update on their plans to go to Uganda and the funding they have received so far.

They are very pleased that so far they have received 75% of their annual budget and they are soon to meet with CMS (31st March) to be given the green light to go to Uganda later this year. Ideally, they need enough funds for three years and then they hope to do a two year, four month back, rolling timescale for up to six years. Urgent prayers are needed concerning all these issues and further pledges of money from churches and individuals.

The Woodings would also like prayer that they will be given permission to let their house in Oxford and then find suitable tenants. They also need to find the right house in Kampala in time for their arrival. Please hold them all in your prayers. They firmly believe that God has called them to this work and He is a mighty God who can and will provide for all their needs. Thank you all for your prayerful support.

Rosy Coldwell

Come and join us on Easter Monday for a Parish Walk. The walk will be about 2 hours long and end with a picnic
If you could offer a lift or would like one please contact the office



We just want to say thanks

To haul yourselves into cramped mini-buses and travel for hours on the motorways of Great Britain faced with a two hour service, a quick bite and the same journey home again is beyond our belief. But in truth your love and deep support of us as a family is similarly amazing and yet so rich to us and uplifting. (And that includes those who couldn't make the journey) On being offered a surprise go on the mic at what actually was a good service I tried to convey my thanks to you but anything would have fallen well short of what our hearts wanted to say. Thank you all so very much.

As for us, we are getting under way now. The children are settling well but still need prayer for good friendships to be made. Julie is loving not working, a habit I'll work on and try to get her out of.

I gave them the benefit of an All Age service last Sunday, my first time with the congregation. All a bit mad but that's how it should be. There is lots to do but little by little we are finding our way and getting to know the folks here. They are much like the folks in Blandford; gifted, passionate and 'up for it'. I can ask no more of them. And the shops, you wouldn't believe it. Our administrator has already expressed worry at the amount of time Julie and I spend in the shopping centres! Cracking.

Thank you again. That will never say it but you know what I mean- thank you for your love, support and prayers - and please do keep praying, keep supporting but most of all, do come and visit. You are all deep in our hearts and we lift you to the Lord daily. May God bless you in all his abundances.

Martin, Julie, Simon and Charlotte.