

# Parish Info + Diary



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

Please note that Tim'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.**

**Funerals:**  
May 14th: Peter Hardy at BFPC  
May 20th: Charmaine Milne at Poole cre  
May 21st: Ivy Lancaster at BFPC



Sat 6th  
Sun 7th  
Messiah from Scratch  
*"Gifts for praying"*  
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC  
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC  
11.00am Morning Prayer at LL  
3.00pm RBL Standard service  
Blandford school Year 8 visit  
Homegroups meet: "Gifts for praying"  
Girls@bfpc "Swish evening"

Sun 14th  
Wed 17th  
*"Gifts for Giving"*  
9.00am CW Holy Communion at BFPC  
10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC  
11.00am Holy Communion at LL  
Homegroups meet: "Gifts for giving"

Sun 21st  
Mon/Tues  
Tues 23rd  
*"Gifts for serving"*  
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC  
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC  
11.00am Holy Communion at LL  
Its Your Move  
**Prayer day**

9am Prayer at BFPC  
12 noon Prayer at LL  
8pm Prayer at BFPC  
Wed 24th  
Homegroups meet: "Gifts for serving"  
Bishop's Welcome service at  
Wimborne minister

Sun 28th  
*"Gifts for Caring"*  
9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC  
10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC  
11.00am All Age Worship 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 - June 2009



*"The wind blows wherever it  
pleases. You hear its sound,  
but you cannot tell where it  
comes from or where it is  
going. So it is with everyone  
born of the Spirit."*

John 3:8

The first few days of this month will be an interesting experience for me as I have signed up to join a crew of 14 who are sailing to France (and hopefully back) on a training yacht called "Morning Star". It seemed a good idea at the time, as one of my dream holidays is island hopping in Greece - but in the English Channel with the unpredictable weather that we all know and love? Now I am not so sure! But I will be in the hands of a capable skipper and I am assured by those who did this exercise last year that it can actually be quite fun. I have to confess to some nerves though ...

Jesus said that the wind blows wherever it pleases and so it is with everyone born of the Spirit. When someone truly hands over their life to God and lets Him take ultimate control, then the wind of the Holy Spirit may take them to places they weren't expecting and to experience things which were not on their original itinerary. That is, perhaps, the scariest bit of the Christian life and something which, if we are all going to be honest, is the bit we don't like: the idea of "handing over control". It is one thing to say that we can accept that we are sinners and need the Cross of Jesus Christ to bring us forgiveness - it is another to let go of our own desires and

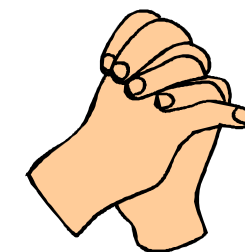
agendas and let him do what he wants to with our lives. When it comes to the ideas in our current series on the Gifts of the Spirit, the same is true: we are happy to let God use our talents, the human capacities that we can choose to use and exercise our control over, but it is quite another thing to let God use us in ways where we have no control and perhaps no "say" in matters.

It comes down to "trust" and "obedience". For my impending voyage, I must put my complete and utter trust in the person who will be in charge of the yacht because he or she knows what they are doing (I hope!) and I do not have a clue. They know how to use the wind to its best effect. But if they ask me to do something and I don't do it, it is possible that the whole crew will be placed in danger. The same is true in our studies on the work of the Holy Spirit. We are seeing that very often God works in subtle ways, both within the natural laws of this world, as well as in the "supernatural" realms to do things through us - sometimes without us even realising it is happening! As we are discussing these things, God is saying to us "Do you Trust me?" Surely we can trust someone who loves us so much that he sent Jesus to die for us? If we can trust him, then hopefully, we can be obedient to what he asks of us, in the knowledge that he will not ask us to do something which will harm or hurt us, or anyone else.

It is back to the old song "Trust and Obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to Trust and obey." That sums it up, really.

Tim

Storey



Tuesday 23rd June

**Prayer Day at BFPC & LL**

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC

Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk

by Sunday 21st June, 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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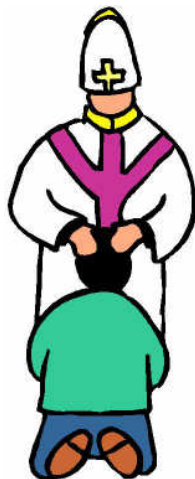
## Update from the parish centre



- The construction site is set up. Demolition of the old hall is complete.
- Construction work has started with the sinking of the 200 metre boreholes for the Ground Source Heat Pump. Work was delayed by 7 weeks due to issues around protecting tree roots from excavations.
- Wood reclaimed from the old rooms has been used to make 3 crosses, 2 for local schools and one for the new parish centre
- We have a shortfall of £40,000 to find to complete this £540,000 project. Further sources of grant aid are being sought.
- A total of more than £5000 has been raised through local fund-raising events. In March and April, a Thai meal raised £120, two coffee mornings, £120 and a bric a brac sale £101
- Do please support future events such as Messiah from Scratch and the Swish Party.
- We need further ideas for fund raising, a committee to run the new Centre, potential future uses of the Centre and grants
- Do read the noticeboard in the coffee area for more information.

## Baptism and Confirmation Service on 21<sup>st</sup> October

Bishop Graham, the new Bishop of Sherborne, is coming to BFPC on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October for a baptism and confirmation service. If you have not been baptised or confirmed and would like to explore more of what this means, please get in touch with [tim@bfpc.org.uk](mailto:tim@bfpc.org.uk) to find out more! A course, "Growing in Faith", will be running in September and October as preparation for the service and the dates will follow in the coming weeks.



## A Credit Union for the Blandford Area?



Credit unions are financial cooperatives, owned and controlled by their members and run for the benefit of their members. They offer savings accounts and cheap flexible loans, and are particularly valuable for those with low incomes, on benefits or who find it difficult to budget or to obtain credit at a reasonable rate. They are regulated by the Financial Services Authority and savers have the same protection as with banks and building societies. In the present economic climate, increasing numbers of people are finding it hard to cope financially, and credit unions provide an invaluable way for people of goodwill to help their neighbours, by saving with a union or volunteering to help with its running.

Fortunately, Dorset has an established credit union, the First Dorset CU Ltd, based in Dorchester, with additional service points in Bridport, Gillingham, Littlemoor, Portland, Sherborne and Weymouth. Service points typically open on one or two mornings a week and are staffed by volunteers.

John Imber, of Blandford St Mary, conscious of a gap in the central Dorset area, and that people with small means may find it difficult to travel far, hopes to set up a service point in Blandford, opening on market days (Thursday and Saturday mornings). He is currently negotiating for premises and seeking volunteers to help provide this service. With sufficient volunteers, available for about four mornings a month, it should be possible to achieve this and allow flexibility for holidays and family crises.

If you would like to volunteer to help run the Blandford service point, please contact John by e-mail ([johnimber@yahoo.com](mailto:johnimber@yahoo.com)), post (Brook House, Bournemouth Road, Blandford St Mary, DT11 9LL) or phone (01258 489368). To find out more about the First Dorset CU, their website is [www.firstdorsetcreditunion.co.uk](http://www.firstdorsetcreditunion.co.uk).

## Supernatural Healing



### Miracle No.1

After several failed attempts to overcome my nicotine addiction of fifty years, I finally admitted to myself that I needed to hand over to God. One night a daily reading finished with the words, 'Let go and trust God'. Did I trust enough? On the night of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 I took a tremendous leap of faith and God did the unimaginable miracle of healing me of the addiction. Praise the Lord! I have been free for over three years now. He took away the desire and dependency with no withdrawal symptoms!

### Miracle No.2

A fortnight ago I finally consulted my GP after struggling with a chest infection. He organised a number of blood tests and ordered a chest Xray. As an ex-smoker I realised the worst possible implications could be quite scary. After an anxious wait of over a week my doctor rang to say that the Xray was clear.

### Miracle No. 3

One of the blood tests showed an abnormality in that the numerical marker for a normal result should be 3. Mine was over 120! I had antibiotics and a further blood test. The result was now down to 3!! It was expected to reduce by half, but to 3 was unheard of!

The recent health scares were prayed about and I asked the Lord to overrule any problem and I trusted Him. Praise the Lord for such amazing, supernatural outcomes and for his love.

Tony Coldwell

## BFPC and Langton Action Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009

"Love in Action & "Back To Church Sunday"

Following on from the wonderful work by the Home Groups at the Parish Weekend, we are going to have an "Action Weekend" in September, where the Groups will do similar acts of love in the community on the Saturday with invitations for people to come to the special services on "Back To Church" Sunday - and possibly lunch afterwards! The aim is that these invitations will not have come out of the blue, but will also involve invitation to various other events in the Home Groups in the coming months and possibly an Alpha Course (would you be interested in helping to run it?) More information to follow in the autumn.

## Girls@bfpc "Swish Party"

12th June at 7.30pm

at 15, The Close

A chance to swop clothes, accessories and books in aid of parish centre.

Tickets £10

See flyers and posters for more details



## Messiah from Scratch!

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June in Blandford Parish Church.

Rehearsals will be from 2pm - 5.30pm, with the performance at 7.30pm-9.30pm

Tickets will be on sale for the evening performance at £5 (to include refreshments and a glass of wine) and can be bought from the church office or "Set Fair 4 Trade". All proceeds will be going to the Blandford Parish Centre!