

Parish Info + News



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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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unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

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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



Sun 1st	"Goodness" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL Child Protection evening Wed 4th Homegroups meet: "Goodness"
Sun 8th	"Faithfulness" Remembrance Sunday 9.00am CW Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship & Baptisms at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion BCP at LL 3.00pm Remembrance Service Wed 11th Homegroups meet: "Faithfulness" Thurs 12th Talent's clothes party
Sun 15th	"Gentleness" 9.00am Holy Communion BCP at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion CW at LL Wed 18th Homegroups "Gentleness"
Sun 22nd	"Self Control" 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL Wed 25th Homegroups meet: "Self control"
Sun 29th	"Seeing the Fruit in Jesus" 9.00am Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am United Holy Communion at BFPC No service at LL 4pm Christingle service at BFPC

Wedding:
October 3rd: Joanna Chard &
Craig Stephens at BFPC

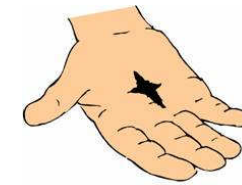


Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - November 2009

Trust and Obey

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word." John 17:6



I envy the disciples so much! They were able to sit at Jesus' feet and hear the Son of God talk to them about everything they could possibly need to know! And despite their failings and their frailties, Jesus says they have "obeyed" what God has told them. We do not have the awesome opportunity of being able to hear the physical voice of Jesus - and that can sometimes be a major obstacle as we desperately try to obey what God wants us to be doing. Like Elijah, we sit through earthquake, wind and fire and then strain to hear the whispered voice of God, as we seek his will in our lives concerning marriage, work and how we can best serve him. And inevitably, there are times when we get it wrong - when we do what we *feel* God is saying to us, rather than what he actually is saying to us, because we are trying to hear his voice amidst the cacophony of the world around us.

There are so many areas in which this is a problem! Individually, as we seek God's guidance in our lives - but, just as much, as a church, as we want to know how we can use our resources to see every road in Blandford baptised in the love of God. As we look at our soon-to-be-finished wonderful new Parish Centre

in Blandford and the freshly decorated and reordered Church at Langton, we ask the question "What does God want us to do with this?" I recently went on a Leadership Conference and came back with the questions (rather than the answers!) which I feel need to be posed at this important time in the life of our Churches. They involve issues as to what we do just because we have always done it, issues about what we could stop doing that would enable us to do new things with our new building resources and the issue of how to listen to God's guidance as to what these new things could be. Amazingly, I do not have all the answers and want to seek your thoughts and ideas! In the coming weeks, the Hone Groups will be discussing some of these questions and then the PCC will have an opportunity to look at what God seems to be saying to us.

We are looking forward to occupying our new resources in the New Year and we shall start the life of our new Parish Centre with a celebration opening (we'll find out soon when that will be!), followed closely by a time of prayerful dedication and an Alpha Course. That much I am confident of! But as for the rest that is what I want to seek God's perspective on and I need your help with this. Please "Pray'n'Participate" - be part of the prayer that surrounds it as well as contributing to our desire to hear God, remembering Jesus' words in Luke 8:21, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

Tim Storey



Tuesday 3rd November
Prayer Day at BFPC & LL
9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ BFPC
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk
by Sunday 1st November, please!

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

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

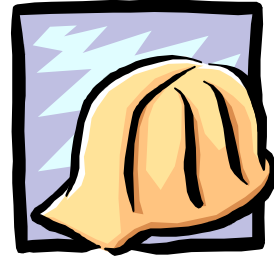
Blandford Vision Statement: "To see every road in Blandford Forum baptised in the love of God."

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



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Update from the parish centre



- The building is waterproof and secure. On the roof, the 'corrugated iron panels' and solar panels are fitted and the ventilator from the old church hall replaced.

-Internally, all rooms are laid out; underfloor heating pipes are in; first fix electrics, audiovisual points & phone connection in. Doors and kitchen are on order.

- We still have a shortfall in funding of £26,258. Further sources of grant aid are being sought. Details are confirmed for the electrics, colours, toilet details and floorings (Carpet, bamboo and linoleum); orders being placed. A total of over £13,000 has been raised through local fund-raising events. The 'Ten Pound Talents' raised £6000! This represents about 70% of the furnishing cost.

-53 tiles were created by members of the community to be placed in the kitchen covering all sorts of themes from peace, the created world, Guide celebrations, hopes for the future and family events.

- The next phases of construction include the guttering, electrical second fix including the underfloor heating and plant room, internal doors, plumbing.

We need a Management Group to draw up and oversee upkeep and bookings of the Centre. Please speak to HSG or Bob Henley if you would like more information.

Talent Clothes Party

Thursday November 12th
7-9pm at Pantiles, Edward Street.
Tickets £5, from Set Fair
4 Trade.
Bring your own quality unwanted clothes, accessories to swop

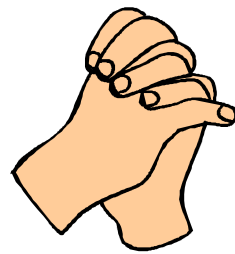


News from Langton Long



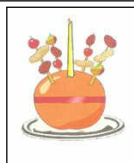
The renovations are still underway and it is exciting to see all the wonderful improvements made each week. We have so far managed to continue our services on Sunday mornings sitting in a huddle, partly because of the lack of usable pews! However, since we are not able to use the heating at present we might have to close the church for a few services if it gets any colder!

Annette Orton



November Prayer day changes: Please note Langton Long are undergoing work so their 12 noon prayers will be at BFPC. There will be no evening prayer meeting because of CRB training.

Christingle service



**Blandford Forum Parish Church
Sunday November 29th 2009 at 4pm**

Every young person will be given a candle tube, which is to be filled with coins (or as many as you can) and then brought along to the service.

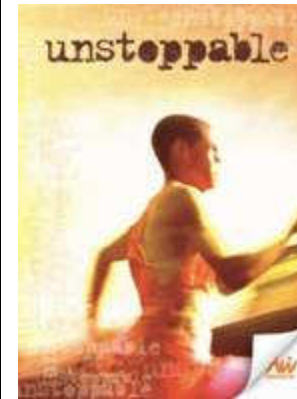
In exchange for the candle everyone will receive a Christingle. This service is a really lovely start to the Christmas season.

The Children's Society will use the Christingle collection to help their work with children and young people.



Mission Aviation Fellowship

Some of you are interested in this organisation. Their motto is "Flying for Life", & they have certainly saved many lives as they fly medical teams to remote areas & patients to hospitals. Like all charities they rely on the financial support of people who care. The Rev. Ken Thom has raised over £35,000 from the sale of postcards, old & new, used or unused of any size. If you can give any cards, I will forward them to Rev. Thom, or you can send them direct to: 78, Marlborough Crescent, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN13 2HR. Thankyou, Elizabeth Dunn.



New Wine Summer 2010

**1-7 AUGUST 2010
ROYAL BATH & WEST
SHOWGROUND, SOMERSET**

We are planning to take a large group of people to New Wine Next Summer and would like you to join us! New Wine is a week of worship and teaching and attracts over 10,000 people

to each of several weeks during July and August at the Shepton Mallet Showground in Somerset. It all takes place under canvas but the group camps together in a village so we are able to share a lot of the cooking. Superb activities are run for the children and young people and it is a time when new relationships are forged and friendships deepened - with each other and with God! A booking form is available from BFPC although it is cheaper to book early and to book online at the New Wine website. If you are able to join us, please put down your Church on the Booking Form as "St Peter & St Paul, Blandford Forum (BFPC)" then New Wine will make sure we are all camping together and please fill in the BFPC form in the brochure and return it to the Parish Office, so we know you are coming with us! If you need any practical advice about coming to New Wine, please have a chat with Dan or Heidi Roberts (456052) and they will be pleased to help. Hope you can come!

"The End Is Nigh"



The Parish Centre is nearing completion.

We need one more financial push to get over the line of £550,000.

To this end we have asked the businesses of Blandford to "Sponsor a Plank".

On Sunday 1st November we will be inviting individuals and families to "Sponsor a Plank" as a lasting visual contribution to this exciting project.

All sponsors will be recognised on a "Wall of Fame" at the entrance of the Centre if they wish.

Full details will be available at services on Sunday 1st November.

Confirmation Service



It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Graham to BFPC for the Confirmation Service on 21st October and to see and hear the Testimonies of lives which God has been touching lately. Please continue to pray for the Candidates:

Those who were Baptised and Confirmed:

Daniel Adlem, Lauren Brickell, Steve Mephram, Julie Moxham, Heidi Riley

Those who were Confirmed:

Hilary Adlem, Domini Barrett, Val Dennis, Emily Kendall, Spencer Lyes, Caroline Mayne, George Oliver, Sarah Thomas, Claire Taylor

Those who re-affirmed their Baptismal Vows:

Mick Baskott, Lorraine Baskott, Linda Tolman