

Parish Info + News



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unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

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the parish office or see the web site.**

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



Tues 2nd	Prayer Day 9am at BFPC 12 noon at LL 8pm at BFPC Homegroups meet "Joshua: Rahab"
Wed 3rd	
Sun 7th	"Joshua: Entering the Promised Land" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL Homegroups meet: "Joshua Entering the Promised Land"
Wed 10th	Homegroups meet: "Joshua Entering the Promised Land"
Thurs 11th	MU Prayer meeting
Sun 14th	"Valentine's Day" 9.00am CW Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am All Age Worship at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion BCP at LL
Wed 17th	Ash Wednesday 7pm Holy Communion Homegroups meet: "Planning Evening"
Sun 21st	"Lent" 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion CW at LL
Wed 24th	Homegroups Meet: "The Discipline of Lent"
Sat 27th	Opening of Parish Centre
Sun 28th	"Joshua: The Walls Fall Down" 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL 6.30pm Communion in the Centre

Baptisms:
3rd at BFPC: Arron Rankine-McIntosh



Wedding:
Jan 30th at BFPC: David Whittaker & Laura Stevens

Funerals:
8th Jan at LL: Michael Thomas
Jan 18th at BFPC: Peter Talent



Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - February 2010



The LORD gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you."

Deuteronomy 31:23

The coming weeks sees a momentous event in the life of BFPC with the opening of the Centre on 27th February and a new chapter opening before us.

The potential uses of the Centre for building the Kingdom of God in Blandford are diverse and enormous and the PCC have been actively seeking ways in which we can maximise the potential of the gift God is giving us. In recent weeks, I have found myself repeatedly going back to the book of Joshua where God promises the land to Joshua and the people - and does so with constantly reiterated promises that they can enter it boldly and courageously.

After so much effort and a phenomenal project to build the Centre, we come to this moment with humble hearts at the way God has made bendy roads straight and obstacles disappear in front of our eyes. With Outlook you will find a newsheet which tells this story and also asks for your help in seeing the work to completion, with a Thank Offering for the completion of the work (with a tithed Gift going to another building project at one of our Link Mission Partners in the Sudan).

It seems slightly strange, therefore, that amidst this joy and celebration, I want to bring a note of caution. It is at the end of Moses' life that we read

in Deuteronomy of God commanding Joshua to take the land - but it follows on from some incredibly scary verses of prophecy. Moses sees a future where the Children of Israel, so buoyant and faithful in their walk with God as they enter the land, turn to other gods in the land they come into and forsake the one true God who says "I will never leave of forsake you" (Joshua 1:5). Moses warns in Deuteronomy 31:20 "When I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the land I promised on oath to their forefathers, and when they eat their fill and thrive, they will turn to other gods and worship them, rejecting me and breaking my covenant."

The key to understanding to the future of the Centre, and its role in the building of the Kingdom of God, is our commitment to it having the sole purpose being to bring glory to God and him alone. Yes, we need to be good stewards of it. Yes, we need to maintain it and ensure that it is able to be used properly and with respect. But as soon as we start to worry too much about other things, we take our eyes off of God's purposes for it - and his purposes for us, the workers in the harvest field.

So we start this new chapter with joy and celebration, and thanksgiving for the miraculous way God has provided us with such a wonderful resource as a Church. But we also start this chapter with a warning that good stewardship is about faithful service to the Kingdom of God above all else.

Tim Storey



Tuesday 2nd February

Prayer Day at BFPC & LL

9am @ BFPC - 12noon @ Langton - 8pm @ BFPC
Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk
by Sunday 31st January, please!



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

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

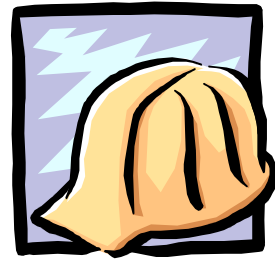
Blandford Vision Statement: "To see every road in Blandford Forum baptised in the love of God."

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



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So what ARE we going to do with the Centre?



The PCC met on 16th January to draw together the various discussions which have taken place over the past couple of months. There is a passionate desire amongst a group of people to use the opportunity that the Centre's opening offers us for proactive outreach into the community, based on the BFPC Mission and Vision Statements. The idea is for a mixture of regular events, based around two Saturday morning events each month, and occasional events, such as World Cup Football. In addition, There will be worship, in that the 2nd and 5th Sunday 10.30am Services will move into the Centre in May. There will need to be changes in the ways we do some things as a result and staffing of these events is being looked at and the PCC will be reviewing the programme in the summer.

The diary for the opening months looks like this ...

February 27th	The Centre Opens
February 28th	Dedication service in the evening.
March 2nd	The Alpha Course Begins
March 6th	Big Breakfast - "Christianity and Science" with Martin Cavender
March 20th	Open Day - Coffee and Cakes
April 3rd	Easter Saturday - "Jesus of Nazareth" Film in afternoon and evening.
April 17th	Open Day - Soup Kitchen
May 1st	Deanery Breakfast
May 3rd	Georgian Fayre - <u>No planned activities in Centre - focus on Church.</u>
May 8th	"Clean Up Blandford" Day - followed by Soup Lunch in Centre
May 9th	10.30am Service in Centre
May 15th	Big Breakfast - "Christianity and Sport" with Andy Rimmer
May 30th	10.30am Service in Centre
June 5th	Big Breakfast - "Christianity and The World" with Andy Bowerman
June 12th	7.30pm - England v USA (World Cup) *
June 13th	10.30am Service in Centre
June 18th	7.30pm - England v Algeria (World Cup) *
June 19th	"Not Just Sundaes" Ice Cream Parlour in Centre
June 23rd	3pm - England v Slovenia (World Cup) *
July 3rd	Big Breakfast - "TBA!"
July 11th	10.30am Service in Centre
July 17th	"Not Just Sundaes" Ice Cream Parlour in Centre
August	All 10.30am Services in Centre

This is an extensive programme and aims to be a framework for a realistic set of events in the Centre which can be sustained and grow in the future, but will be an effective expression of the BFPC Mission and Vision Statements.

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Opening the Centre



February 2010 at 2.30pm and 4.30pm ^{27th}

2.30pm - The Official Opening with the Band of the Royal Signals and invited guests.

The Centre will be opened by the youngest members of each of the Primary Schools and the oldest resident in Blandford and will be followed by a reception for invited guests.

4.30pm - The Church Family Opening with a Bring'n'Share Tea, 44 Jazz Band and Fireworks

Sadly room does not permit us to invite everyone to the Official opening, but we want everyone to come at 4.30pm for a Church Family Party to celebrate the building and to give everyone a chance to have a look round. Tickets (free!) will be available from the Office along with details of other arrangements.

Come and Celebrate!



Alpha Course

The Alpha course will begin with an introductory supper on Tuesday 2nd March at 7.30pm at The Parish Centre.

Invitations available from the church office. Please do invite along friends and family to find out more.

News from Langton Long



"We are the Temple of the Lord"

The Lord brought together the people of His choice with the vision, skill and dedication to create a place of beauty and light all culminating in a joyful, exuberant, spirit filled act of thanksgiving, worship and rededication on January 10th.

I was overwhelmed and humbled at the abundance of His blessings, they so far exceeded my wildest expectations. The words 'THANK YOU' seem so inadequate to express the gladness and gratitude of my heart to Him and to everyone who contributed in any way, but I do say it - with love.

Now for a new start - please pray with me that God will continue to bless each one of us to know Him better, to know His purposes for us individually and as a church, that He will bless our relationships at home, within both parishes, within the community, and every effort to extend His Kingdom in and around Blandford, - and that we too may continue to walk in His way as faithful servants.

May God bless you with His Love.

Barbara Ward.

Snowdrop service of Remembrance



2.30pm at BFPC

Tuesday 2nd February

All are invited.