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## Parish of All Saints, Langton Long

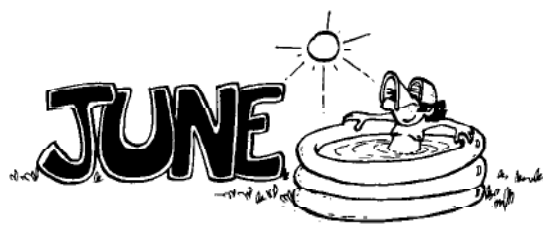
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Please note that Tim's day off is Friday.  
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unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

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## Our usual Weekly Events @ BFPC ...

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



Tues 1st	Prayer Day: 9am Prayer at Parish centre 12 noon at Langton 8pm Prayer at Parish centre
Wed 2nd Sat 5th	Homegroups meet Big Breakfast @ the Centre
Sun 6th	<b>"Breastplate of Righteousness"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Morning Prayer at LL
Wed 9th Thurs 10th Sat 12th	Homegroups meet MU at The Centre Football @ The Centre
Sun 13th	<b>"Who is Jesus?"</b> 9.00am CW Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Worship @ The Centre 11.00am Holy Communion BCP at LL
Wed 16th Fri 18th Sat 19th	Homegroups meet Football @ The Centre "Not just Sundaes" Ice Cream @ The Centre
Sun 20th	<b>"Shoes of The Gospel"</b> 9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC 10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC 11.00am Holy Communion CW at LL
Wed 23rd	Football @ The Centre Homegroups Meet
Sun 27th	<b>"Shield of Faith"</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC 10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC 11.00am All Age Worship at LL Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir
Wed 30th	Homegroups meet

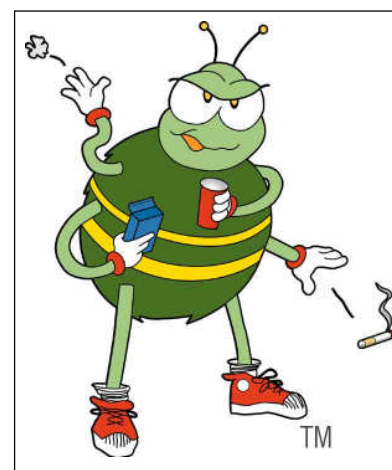
**Memorial Service:**  
13th May at BFPC: Geoffrey James



### 1 John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

### Don't Be A Litter Bug!



A couple of weeks ago, I joined a group from BFPC and other town groups as part of the "Clean Up Blandford" campaign. We spent a couple of hours picking up items as diverse as nappies and shoe laces as well as innumerable cigarette ends,

ending up with sacks of the stuff. It was a sobering exercise, as we realised the blasé way in which people in our community (it couldn't possibly be us) tossed away rubbish, thinking that it did not matter because someone else would deal with it. Less than 24 hours later, I walked the dog along much of the route we had worked in and was horrified to see the rubbish which had appeared in the short time since we had cleared it. People had failed to notice, let alone, treasure, the cleaner environment but had simply carried on as usual.

There is a parable in this that speaks of the unthinking and blasé way in which we commit sin - and our expectation that God will clear it up for us. Some people do not like the fact that we have a form of Confession at services and have said to me that it is a personal matter and they don't like to be reminded of it at Church. But that is the whole point! At the heart of every service is the Cross, where Jesus came to clear up our mess, once and for all. Yes, we will

inevitably cause further mess to be cleared - and the Cross has dealt with that, too - but to consciously litter our lives with sin, without any thought of the consequences, is something which should seriously think about and be reminded of.

Having a time of Confession on a Sunday is about recognising the need for a clear up in our lives, as well as alerting us to the need to be more careful in future. The great danger is that we become like the Pharisees and spend our time looking at others and their failures, ignoring our own. I am not sure that I ought to be going around the streets of Blandford, tapping people on the shoulder, alerting them to dropping their litter, when I have just allowed a bag full to fall out, unnoticed (or ignored) by myself. In the story of the appearance of Jesus after his Resurrection, on the shores of Galilee in John 21, we hear of him talking to Peter, and commissioning him to lead the Church that would grow in the days, weeks and months that would follow. Peter's response to Jesus' words is to turn around to John and say "What about him?", to which Jesus replies "What about him? You - follow me!"

The glorious message of Good Friday is about our lives being cleaned of all the rubbish we have accumulated. Keeping our lives completely rubbish-free is humanly impossible, but *"What is impossible with men is possible with God."* (Luke 18:27) and the work of the Holy Spirit is able to make us more conscious of our need for cleanliness. This sometimes requires us to take a good long look in the mirror and to ask God to deal with what we see - in ourselves rather than in others - and then to treasure the cleaned up life that results!

Tim Storey





## Tuesday 4th June Prayer Day at Blandford & LL

9am @ Parish Centre - 12noon @ Langton -  
8pm @ Parish Centre

Prayer requests to 456260 or prayer@bfpc.org.uk  
by Sunday 30th May, please!



### Partners in Hope

Row upon row of wooden dwellings stretched as far as the eye could see across the hillside which was scorching in the heat of a typical February day in north west Thailand. I was standing with a group of Tearfund volunteers within the closely-guarded boundaries of Umpiem Ma Refugee Camp not far from the Burmese border. We were the privileged guests of Weave, a Christian organisation that works with the marginalised women of the Karen tribe to provide income generation training as well as health care information.

News of harrowing events in Burma, the original home of the Karen tribe has caught the attention of the world media in the past two years, but nothing could truly prepare you for the extent of the refugee situation until it is revealed by those who are in regular contact with these displaced people. Even the sight of just one camp, in which around 150,000 live can only give a brief snapshot of the reality. Then, rising above the roofs of the fragile dwellings I caught a glimpse of a modest church roof bearing aloft a cross that spoke to me of hope. Buddhism is the main religion of this area, yet those who follow the Christian faith have been moved to demonstrate their faith in a practical way by providing a range of social services as well as income generation.

The Tearfund group were invited into the wooden hut that served as base for Weave and their camp co-workers. Evidence of practical help could be seen in the form of posters pinned to the walls, giving guidance for general health, pregnancy and nutrition. Leaflets are also made available and are distributed in the border areas. Funding also provides schoolbooks, medical help and funeral expenses. To make all this accessible to such vast numbers of displaced people, we learned that several NGO's are also working in this area.

As sellers of fairly-traded crafts, the group was eager to discover what was being done to provide regular income for the 150 women currently being helped by Weave in their income generation programme. Back-strap weaving is indigenous to this area, and in one village hut we were welcome in to see for ourselves how the threads are woven in an attractive and hard-wearing cloth. The young mother worked with meticulous care as we watched the process. The result was impressive, but the production time is always limited to 3 hours at a time in order to safeguard the worker's back. In order to do this process a strap is worn around the body, and is kept taught by the worker leaning away from the frame on which the cloth is woven. With a modest retail outlet in the camp and in the resort of Mae Sot lengths of cloth can be sold to bring much-needed income to these Karen tribe women.

As we piled into the van after our few brief hours at Umpiem Ma, my hope was that, in time, I would see beautiful textile crafts in Tearfund's Created range thanks to the guidance of the Weave team whose dedication and kind-hearted witness was an inspiration that lifted the spirit.

Jennie Rake

Created seller at Set Fair 4 Trade 22 Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset

### FOOTBALL @ The Centre

All the England World Cup matches will be shown at the centre, free of charge. Do



invite friends and family along to enjoy the games:  
**Saturday 12th June**  
7.30pm vs USA  
**Saturday 18th June**  
7.30pm vs Algeria  
**Wed 23rd June**  
3pm vs Slovenia

### Big Breakfast @ The Centre



**Saturday 5th June**  
**9am-11am**

Guest speaker

Andy Bowerman

"Faith and the Modern World"

Tickets £3 from the office

Child care available

### BFPC joined other groups in the town for "Clean Up Blandford"



## News from Langton Long



At last the glass doors have been hung in the porch and the light there has been restored.

We have finally acquired the means of securing the keyboard - be warned if you try to move it an alarm will deafen you for a seriously long time and you will not be able to turn it off !!

Now we are in a position to reopen the church daily from 10am 'til early evening - dusk during the winter months.

Come in, enjoy the beauty and the peace. Please PRAY. We try to meet for prayer EVERY FRIDAY at 10.30am.

We also meet for coffee on the third Wednesday in the month from 10 -12noon. We would love to see you there and help us make the residents from the home in Wimborne feel especially welcome. We're gradually getting to know them and they seem to enjoy coming. Their presence is a blessing to us too as it confirms the vision of providing for invalid access.

See you next time?

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 16th.**

May God bless you to know Him more.

Barbara Ward



Ice Cream "Not just Sundaes"

**Saturday 19th June @ The Centre**  
**10am-12pm.**

Bring along friends and family to enjoy some delicious ice creams