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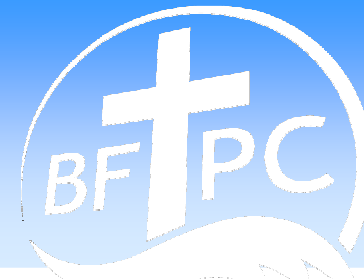
Please note that Tim's day off is Friday and Rosy's day off is Monday. The Staff are usually unavailable between 5.00 and 7.00pm each evening.

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## Parish Info & News

### Diary for November

- 7<sup>th</sup> Day of prayer for Persecuted Church  
9am HC @BFPC  
10.30am MW @BFPC  
11am HC @LL
- 14<sup>th</sup> 9am HC @BFPC  
10.30am worship @centre  
11am MP @ LL  
3pm Remembrance @BFPC
- 16<sup>th</sup> 9.45am MU AGM @BFPC
- 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning @LL
- 20<sup>th</sup> 11am Soup lunch @centre
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9am HC @BFPC  
10.30am MW @BFPC  
11am HC @LL
- 24<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm Messy Church @centre
- 28<sup>th</sup> 9am MP @BFPC  
10.30am HC@BFPC  
11am AA @LL



# November

and Langton Long

I have just watched a Chilean miner step out of the capsule, into the arms of his waiting family, after two months trapped underground. I don't mind admitting, the tears welled up as I watched, sensing a thousand other emotions that surrounded this reunion. He was wearing a pair of fetching dark glasses, to allow his eyes to readjust to living in the light, and I suspect, arrived at the surface with a certain trepidation about what he would find there. The reality is that his life will never be the same.

miner step out of the capsule, family, after two months mind admitting, the tears the joy, the relief, the love and

The story of the Prodigal Son is one which speaks of a similar, yet very different, reunion. Something struck me, though, about this story which had never crossed my mind before – after the son confesses his failure to his Father, we hear nothing more of him or his feelings. We know of the Father's joy and the anger and frustration of the Older Brother, but we know nothing of the Son himself as he adjusted to life back in the glow of his father's love. I suspect he was bowled over by the unexpected response of his father and taken aback by the party in his honour, needing some metaphorical dark glasses to deal with the brightness of it all. I suspect it was all rather overwhelming, and something which he would reflect on many times in the years that followed.

The sheer exhilaration of this story is something which we like to hear about and yet, I wonder, are we sometimes as grumpy and negative as the other brother? There are times when we get so bound up in "doing" Church things that we forget the reason why we do them and we lose touch with that sense of wonder and awe at the love which we proclaim again each Christmas and Easter (and, hopefully, in between as well). I have been involved in some discussions recently which have asked (outside of the Church) about people's perceptions of the Christian Faith, and, in particular, the Church, and it has been very sad at the image we project: an image of legal negativity, conformity and an institution which seeks power. My suspicion is that we project this because we have lost sight of the wonders of our redemption: the enormous love that paid the cost of my sin and yours. And I wonder whether we have lost sight of this because we refuse to take off the dark glasses: we are afraid of living in the light of God's love, bathing in it, revelling in it and, most of all, simply enjoying it!

As those miners settle into a new and very changed life, they will gradually adjust and by now will have lost the dark glasses. But I suspect they will never forget that moment when they stepped into the light and experienced the wave of love and rejoicing at their rescue. And my prayer for us is that we will never forget the joy in heaven (and on earth, too) when we stepped into the light of God's love for us. Equally, I pray we never lose the joy of living in that light.

Tim

## "Outlook" - News from Blandford Forum & Langton Long.

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

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

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

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## “Shine Like Stars”

The BFPC and Langton Church Weekend



The Blandford School  
8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
Andy Perry  
(Vicar, St Mary's Longfleet)



More details to follow soon.



**Book  
The  
Dates  
Now**

### Note from the editor

Thank you to all those who have sent items for inclusion in this months outlook. Outlook is one vehicle for us to share what is happening within the churches and in the lives of each other in the parishes. I need to have any articles to go into outlook for December early due to November ending mid week so could I have all items by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you. Please put articles in my pigeon hole at BFPC or e-mail me on [barkers@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:barkers@bournemouth.ac.uk)

## The Persecuted Church

November 7<sup>th</sup> is an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church entitled - One family One prayer: set the captives free.

A group meets regularly at the Suzanne and Osbert Tun Pe's home to prayer for the persecuted church. They have been praying for a number of situations including Debbie who is based in Chile with YWAM. She has a blog that can be accessed on the web. On the blog she shares descriptions of the difficulties and opportunities for Christians in Chile and Cuba where she has recently visited. A particular problem is the immense poverty and the inability of many people to get enough food. An opportunity that YWAM have had is to be involved in empowering young people by encouraging them to vote. They would like prayer for the Lord's guidance and for the city ministry to be established with a committed team. If you would like more information about our congregation's prayer for the persecuted church please speak to Christopher and Elizabeth Dunn or Osbert and Suzanne Tun Pe.

## Messy Church in the Parish Centre



It is your chance to be involved with Messy church again in the parish centre on the Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>. Come along and join in the fun and excitement of finding out about Jesus in a relaxed and family friendly atmosphere. You are welcome to invite your friends and family. Contact Rosy Coldwell if

you want more details and wear clothes you do not mind getting a bit MESSY!



Lantern Procession - Carols - Markets - Attractions - Hog Roast  
Street Entertainment - Father Christmas - Fireworks

## The Blandford Yuletide Festival 15<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm

Lantern Parade  
by Primary Schools

7.00pm

Communal Carol Singing  
Outside Church

### Events:

Busking/Drama/Arts

Dance Display

Anonymous Market

Farmers Market

French Market

And lots more

8.45pm

Fireworks

## Be Involved!

## Our Dispersed Young People

Hannah Storey says:

I have been to St.Saviours and I'm kinda just absorbing everything at the moment! I haven't tried any other churches yet as it has been fairly busy!! um... course is going well even though it has only been a week really but generally an all round good experience at the moment!

Becky

I've settled in well again with the Christian Union and am starting to get involved with events and stuff. Church is good, first time back last sunday and everyone was welcoming. Apart from that not much news!

Hannah Riley says:

Plymouth is great! I've loving my course, making lots of friends, really enjoying the new academic challenge and excited about the fact that I can walk to the sea!

The CU at Plymouth is very much alive and had a really great range of events on during Fresher's week for all students, Christian or non-Christian. My favourite by far was the churches Grub Crawl; four churches in Plymouth provided a three course meal and coffee between them, giving a good opportunity to find your bearings in the city, chat to new people, visit new churches and, of course, free food - extremely important for all students!

I've settled into a great church - Mutley Baptist Church - which is a minutes walk from where I live. They have a large, lively congregation and lots going on for the whole church family. The student group, N-Fuse, meets every Sunday after the evening service. I met a great family on my first Sunday who have introduced me to their house group and invited me to their home for Sunday lunch. The house group meets weekly and I'm really enjoying talking to normal, non-student people!

All-in-all, I am really pleased that I moved to Plymouth and embarked on this dental course. I am really thankful for the opportunity to do this, for a lovely flat (with the rare find of really nice landlady!) and, most importantly, for a fantastic church with a church family that I'm looking forward to becoming more involved with. It's definitely a cliché but everything really has fallen into place and has God stamped all over it!

Jethro Barker says:

I'm enjoying being back at uni and church here. The church along with the cell group is much the same. We are looking forward to a weekend away next month but not much to report. The girls from BFPC have been keeping in touch but it would be to hear how some of the lads are doing.