

Parish Info + News



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PRAYER @ BFPC - Anita Oliver

A theme that came from last year's home group survey was the need to pray more. Prayer is a vital part of our personal walk with Jesus, uniting and building our church community. Encouraging corporate and personal prayer has been on my heart for some time, and so when the idea of a prayer coordinator arose, I found myself really excited about grabbing this role! I will complete my theology degree this summer and it has always been my intention to use this within the life of the church, as God leads, and I believe that this is a great place to start.

By taking on this role, I am by no means claiming to have all the answers, or have the perfect prayer life, but I do have enthusiasm and creativity. My first task has been to review our current prayer activities and I have also been working on some ideas to encourage us all to become more involved in prayer. I would love to hear any opinions and/or ideas that anyone has about prayer in the church, so please feel free to chat to me or email me at neet.o@live.co.uk. Thank you.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Col. 4:2)

Baptism:
27th June at LL: Abigail Smith



Wedding:
12th June at LL: Nicholas Baumber & Gemma Howes

Funeral:
18th June at BFPC: Theresa (Mary) West

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



Outlook

News from Blandford Forum and Langton Long - July/August'10



Genesis 1:2+3

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

A Messy Church

Every time I see the news stories about tornadoes in the Midwest States of America, I am in awe of the power and the consequences of that power: the devastated homes and buildings, the shattered lives and the communities which have literally been reduced to matchsticks. The book of Genesis begins with the simplest of ideas - that in the act of Creation, on a universal scale, God did exactly the opposite and brought order out of total chaos, taking devastation and making something amazing out of it, something with order and purpose, something beautiful, something which spoke of his awesome power and majesty. The picture we get is of the Holy Spirit, hovering over this chaos, desperate to make something recognisable and good out of it. Whether it was the "Big Bang" or however God chose to do it, the image is of a Creator God who wanted to make sense of this chaos and do something with it.

I find this an immensely powerful and encouraging image and have many times, in the minutes before a service or some other event, found myself praying, Holy Spirit, come and make order out of this chaos. I seek it in my life, with the prayer that the Holy Spirit will transform the chaos of my diary into an ordered and planned means by which God can build his Kingdom in this place. It is amazing how God does it, with a peace and calm that is in such contrast with the raw materials he works with!

But it is important, too, that we recognise the reality of this idea in our work - that those we seek to reach as part of our Vision to see every road Baptised in the Love of God often show the effects of the tornadoes in their lives: relationships, work and money, addictions and many other areas which have spiralled out of control.



On July 11th, our 10.30am service will be in the Centre and will introduce the idea of "Messy Church" to many people. Messy Church is aimed at the inclusion of the youngest in our community and aims to offer a style of worship that is simple and is based around activities that inevitably involve getting messy! It is our plan to introduce this as a midweek event on a monthly basis, beginning in the autumn. The team, led by Rosy, are planning to run this in the Centre as a way of introducing those at our Rainbows Toddler Group, and others in the community, to the wonderful news of Jesus which we want to share with them. So come on 11th July, and simply enjoy Messy Church!

The Gospels are littered with messy incidents - it is in the pigsty that the Prodigal Son realises that his life is broken, it is in the administrative mess of the Wedding at Cana, that Jesus steps in and brings order and purpose. And, ultimately, it is in the horror and mess of the Cross that Jesus brings us the opportunity for new life. We look at chaos and are tempted to panic - God looks at it and says to the Spirit "Transform it" and he does!

Tim Storey

"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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NOTES FROM THE GARDEN

It's now well into summer, the Centre has been open for four months and the garden is taking shape. Here's an update.

We need YOU & PLANTS!

- o The contract for getting the garden framework in place was awarded to Quality Landscapes. They started working in early May and completed the groundworks just 7 days later! A good job done.
- o The works included preparing the ground for the laying of the lawn & the woodchip area, lining out the main beds, including a small raised bed and planting five climbers onto trellis screens.
- o Volunteers have got the lawn established by watering it during a really dry period through June (typical!) and mowing it. *A really big thank you to these folk!* The trees are now fully in leaf, and the birds have already started visiting - the garden bird list already stands at some five species. And the compost bin is filling up! The children will be making bird boxes at an event in September.
- o We need shrubs and perennials to fill the two beds along the fence. If you are digging up plants from your garden that could be suitable, put them on one side & bring them to the Centre for the 10th July
- o The next date for your diaries is **Saturday 10th July from 10 am**. This is the morning when we will plant up the main beds - any donated plants must be at the Centre by this time. Anyone is very welcome to help lay out the plants and then plant them. Coffee and tea provided (of course).
- o The garden plan also allows for 3 benches. If you would like to donate a bench, perhaps in memory of someone, please speak to a member of the Steering group. All benches will need to be made of timber from a sustainable source.
- o We need several GARDEN CHAMPIONS to maintain the garden. Contact the office on 456260 or at office@bfpc.com for a chat. The main job is mowing the lawn - the rest of the garden has been designed to be low maintenance; the raised bed could be used as a small allotment by the 'gardeners' - is this an incentive???

Judith Crompton

News from Langton Long



Greetings from Langton

We have been able to wish Myrtle and Henry (both in their 90's) a Happy birthday at the end of the Sunday services in June and to congratulate them on their continuing good health. We pray it may continue long into the future.

I am told that our coffee morning in June was the best yet - Ann Edwards came to entertain our guests on the organ, they all joined in singing their favourite hymns and songs.

COME and JOIN US on July 21st and August 18th between 10 and 12 noon, it would be lovely to see you and it would encourage our friends from the home in Wimborne.

May you be richly blessed over the summer period, with family and friends, on holiday or at home.

Love in Christ

Barbara

PCC MEETING ON 27 MAY 2010



Following the latest PCC meeting please pray -

- That God will lead us in our review of mission giving.
- For volunteers be found to staff the church office during the school holidays.
- For an increase in our church giving to enable us to meet our financial responsibilities.
- For wisdom in addressing the situation with the cupola.
- Thanksgiving for the wonderful range of community projects using the Parish Centre.
- For guidance for the leadership as they implement a new Baptism policy.

July

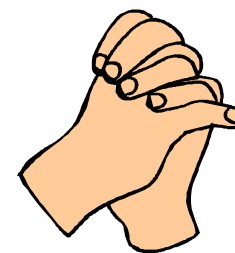


August



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| Sun 4th | "Helmet of Salvation"
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
11.00am Morning Prayer at LL |
| Tues 6 th | Prayer Day
9am Parish centre 12 noon LL
8pm Parish Centre |
| Wed 7th
Fri 9th | Homegroups meet
Kids@The Centre |
| Sun 11th | "Messy Church"
9.00am CW Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Worship at The Centre
11.00am BCP Holy Communion at LL |
| Wed 14th
Thurs 15th
Sat 17th | Homegroups meet
Girls@bfpc summer drinks
"Not Just Sundaes" -The Centre |
| Sun 18th | "Sword of the Spirit"
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Morning Worship at BFPC
11.00am Holy Communion at LL |
| Wed 21st | ABW End of Year service
Homegroups meet |
| Fri 23rd | MPS End of Year service |
| Sun 25th | "Going into Battle"
9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
10.30am Holy Communion at BFPC
11.00am All Age Worship at LL |

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| Sun 1st | "The Parable of the Pearl"
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Worship at The Centre
11.00am Morning Prayer at LL |
| Mon 2nd
Tues 3rd | Signals recording- church closed
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| Sun 8th | "The Parable of the Yeast"
9.00am CW Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Worship at The Centre
11.00am Holy Communion at LL |
| Sun 15th | "The Parable of the Lost Sheep"
9.00am BCP Holy Communion at BFPC
10.30am Worship at The Centre
Followed by Picnic Lunch
11.00am Holy Communion at LL |
| Sun 22nd | "The Wise and Foolish Men"
9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
10.30am Worship at The Centre
11.00am All Age Worship at LL |
| Sun 29th | "The Parable of The Sower"
9.00am Morning Prayer at BFPC
10.30am Worship at The Centre
Followed by Picnic lunch
11.00am No service at LL |



Tuesday 6th July

Prayer Day at Blandford & LL

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

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

by Sunday 4th July, please!

(N.B. No prayer day in August)

