

Welcome

We hope that you have felt welcome at the services today. Children are welcome at all church services. A children's worker is normally there at 10am on Sundays to help make you and your children feel welcome.

The Church Office is up at the **Parish Centre** and is open 9.30 am - 12 noon Mon - Fri.

Parish Staff

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**You can also find information & service details on our website: www.bfpc.org.uk
Information on the Cupola Project (Church Restoration): www.cupolaproject.org.uk**

If you wish for Church Life/Cupola Project Events to be included on the websites &/or our Facebook pages, Email: webmaster@bfpc.org.uk ASAP before the event. Chris Curtis: Tel. 01258 456367

Prayer Chain Should you have a prayer or pastoral need at any time, please contact the Prayer Chain and Pastoral Coordinator, Anita Roberts, email: neet.o@live.co.uk tel: 07834593976

Notices (contd)

The little Christmas trees are coming down on or by Friday 5th January (hopefully staying up over Christmas Day itself).

The big tree will come down on Saturday 6th. We will also be doing a general clean up. It would be good to have some help on both days.

If you are reading this before Sunday 17th, just a reminder that the town mayor will be judging the trees and making awards on Saturday between 10:00-11:00.

Just a reminder this is the time of year that people put envelopes into the pigeon holes in the porch in the church, so please remember to check! You might get a pleasant surprise.

KEYNOTES

Our Vision:

Transforming our community one life at a time through growing and nurturing disciples who are Confident, Connected and Compassionate

Sunday December 17th (Advent 3)

Preparing the Way

Isaiah 61, 1-4, 8-end

John 1, 6-8, 19-28

8.30am Holy Communion at Blandford Church

Leading: Revd. Canon Jonathan Triffitt

10:00am Holy Communion at Blandford Church

Leading: Revd. Canon J. Triffitt Preaching: Revd. Neil Robertson

Warden: Alan Dennis Reader: Sara Loch

Welcomers: Ian Smith and Joe Lody

Intercessions: Helen Williams

Music: Clive and Anne Newlin Servers: Jill Cuss and Val Dennis

Song Pro: Heidi Roberts Audio: Steve Sexton

Refreshments: Carolyn Telford and Sara Loch

No morning service at Langton Long

3pm: Carol Service at Langton Long

Leading and Preaching: Revd. Canon Jonathan Triffitt

Welcomer: Marion Warren Music: Ann Edwards and David Orton

Readers: TBA

The week ahead

Mon-Fri: 7.45am Morning Prayer in Blandford Church

Tues—Thurs: 12.30pm Community Kitchen Lunch

Thursday: 7am Angel Bombing—meet outside Blandford Church

Thursday: 9.30am BCP Holy Communion in Blandford Church

Friday: 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight in Blandford Church

Saturday 10am: Coffee in Blandford church.

Notices

Community Kitchen is a project run by volunteers from the Parish Church and All Saints Langton Long where we provide a free hot meal for families and members of our local community. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the October Community Kitchen where we served 211 meals over the three days. Community Kitchen will run again during the Christmas Holidays on the 19th, 20th & 21st December. If you would like to help please add your name to the Sign-Up Sheets which will be in the Parish Church for the next two Sundays. We would like all those who would like to volunteer to come to one of the briefing sessions on either Sunday 17th December at 11.30am in the Parish Church or Monday 18th December at 3pm in the Parish Centre where we will be setting up as well. This includes those who have kindly helped before. Please think about any families or members of our community who you could invite and accompany to Community Kitchen. Booking is not essential but helpful and the booking email for Community Kitchen is:

communitykitchen@bfpc.org.uk

Any questions please speak to Joanne or Jonathan Triffitt. Thank you. **Joanne**

Thank you to everyone who has participated or helped in any way with the Christmas Tree Festival. It is much appreciated, and I think you will agree that it all looks amazing.

Angel Bombing: A team of us will be meeting at 7:00am outside church this Thursday 21st December to 'place' our 200 little angels and invitations to church around the town. Do join us - wrap up warm and bring a bag.

Message from the Foodbank Some families are experiencing real hardship at present and with Christmas looming we would love to be able to give these families some Christmas presents. If you would like to donate, we would love gifts aimed at boys and girls aged 3—13 years. Please contact the Church Office or see Gail or the Wardens. **Gail**

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. That means the last day will be 22nd December 2017 and then it will re-open on January 2nd 2018.

Christmas Morning: If you require a lift to church on Christmas morning or can offer a lift please contact the parish office (456260 or office@bfpc.org).

Sunday December 24th (Advent 4)

The Promise Given

2 Samuel 7, 1-11 and 16

Luke 1, 26-38

8.30am Holy Communion at Blandford Church

Leading: Revd. Canon Jonathan Triffitt

10:00am Informal Worship at Blandford Church

Leading: Helen Williams

Preaching: Mark Riley

Warden: Stuart McAinsh

Reader: Vilette Goosen

Song Pro: Sara Loch

Audio: Joe Lody

Music: Tim Kingsbury

Intercessions: Ian Smith

Welcomers: Anne Shire and Diana Spencer

Refreshments: Rodney Smith and Philip Whitcomb

11.30am Holy Communion at Langton Long

Leading: Revd. Canon J Triffitt

Preaching: Mark Riley

Welcomer: Marion Warren

Music: David Orton

Reader: Ben Riley

Intercessions: Susanne Tun Pe

Refreshments: Susanne Tun Pe and Annette Orton

4.30pm Children's Crib Service at Blandford Church

Leading: Revd. Neil Robertson

Preaching: Revd. Canon Jonathan Triffitt

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Blandford Church

Isaiah 52. 7-10

John 1. 1 - 14

Leading and Preaching: Revd. Canon Jonathan Triffitt

Warden: Rodney Smith

Welcomers: Anita and Simon Roberts

Intercessor: Anita Roberts

Reader: Rodney Smith

Servers: Jill Cuss and Neil Robertson

Music: Clive and Anne Newlin

Audio: William Triffitt

Looking Ahead

December 25th: **9.30am** Family Communion in Blandford Church

December 25th: **10.30am** Holy Communion at Langton Long

December 31st: 10am Benefice Holy Communion in Blandford Parish Church

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