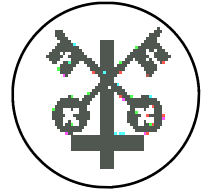




ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



April 2009

A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted and Langham

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends

The news seems to be filled with murder, war and violence, not to mention difficult economic times. It seems as if the world is really in a mess. At this time of Easter, among the chocolate and bunnies, we catch sight of a dying man nailed to a cross, abandoned and betrayed by his friends. So what's the connection with today's news? The story of Easter reminds us that Jesus didn't live safely removed from life's mess. Rather, he entered into the very heart of darkness and opened his arms to embrace the mess. Then, on Easter morning, as he rose from the dead, he demonstrated that evil didn't have the final word.

We might not be facing the terrible situations we hear see in the news. But yet, there are people in our communities who are living with their own particular problems and needs. Some might be ill and yet struggle to get to see the doctor. Others might be too frail to put out the rubbish for the refuse collection. Others could feel lonely and isolated. Any of these might be *you*.

As God's Church, we are called not to run away from life's mess into the cosy sanctuary of an ancient building. Instead, our role is to bring light and hope. Our **Good Neighbours** scheme is one way in which we plan to do this. So if *you* need help in *your* situation, do phone our **Good Neighbours** help line and if one of our Volunteers is qualified to help, then they will.

Some people might feel too proud to use the scheme – at least to start with. Others may feel that their problem is too big, or too trivial. Some may not think to ask. However, please do make use of this scheme. We can't solve every problem, but at the very least we can offer care, encouragement and a friendly face. And as Jesus' disciples discovered that first Easter morning, you too may well find your troubles turned to joy!

Yours in Christ,

Tim Bull

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by 8 am on Monday 20 April

PARISH DIARY- APRIL

Church services *

5th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
<i>Palm</i>	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
<i>Sunday</i>	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
12th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
<i>Easter</i>	St Peter's	10.00	Family Eucharist
<i>Day</i>	Methodist Chapel	8.00	Holy Communion
		10.30	Morning Service
19th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
<i>Easter</i>	St Peter's		No service
<i>II</i>	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service with Holy Communion
26th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
<i>Easter</i>		6.00	Evening Prayer & APCM
<i>III</i>	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service

* For services in Holy Week see panel on page 2

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	8th	7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk	5th	2.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Coffee Café	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	10.30–12	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Evergreen Club	2nd	2.30	Boxted Village Hall (Bingo)
	16th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall (Money Spinners)
	30th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall (Charity talk: "Send a cow")
Boxted WI	14th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall (Fashion Show by St Helena Hospice)
Boxted History Group	15th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall (AGM & Rosanne Kirkpatrick: "The Quakers of Saffron Walden")
Boxted Art & Craft Club	1st & 15th	2.00	Boxted Village Hall (1st, Carol Adkinson: "Pillow Talk")
Boxted Bingo	22nd	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Pram & Chat Club	Wednesday in school term	9.45–11.15	Boxted St Peter's School
Boxted Pre-School	Monday–Friday in school term	9.30–12 & 1.30–4	The Play Centre, King George Playing Field
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Wednesday	7.30	Boxted Methodist Schoolroom (Monday in term-time, 7.30: Training Band)
Langham Parish Council	30th	7.30	Langham Community Centre (Annual Parish Meeting)
Langham Footpath Walk	12th	2.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham WI	9th	7.30	Langham Community Centre (John Gamlin: "Life in Old Hall")
Langham Good Companions	1st	2.30	Langham Community Centre (Simon Gallup: Views of Flatford & Constable Country)
Langham Badminton Club	Thursday	8.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	Langham Community Centre
Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.15	Langham Community Centre
Langham Pre-School	Monday - Friday in school term	9.30–12	Langham Community Centre
2nd Langham Scout Group	Wednesday (times vary)		Langham Community Centre
Langham Baby/Toddler Group	Monday in school term	9.45–11.15	Langham Community Centre

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LANGHAM TENNIS CLUB

New members from Boxted, Langham or the surrounding area are very welcome at the Tennis Club. Call Stuart or Jacqueline Rudge on 272031 to play at any time for an annual fee of £20 (child), £30 (adult) or £50 (family). The Club's coach teaches children every Sunday morning, 10 am to 12. There are family fun sessions, competitions for those who want them, a Wimbledon ticket draw.

BOXTED EVERGREEN CLUB

Some ninety members and friends were recently entertained by that wizard on the organ, Angie Diggins; £50 was raised for Headway and the Helen Rollason Charity.

There is a great programme of events ahead in the Evergreens' summer: the Grand Bazaar is on 13 June and there will be a cruise on the River Thames on 19 June. A trip to Dunwich and Southwold is planned for 16 July and two days later there will be a coach to take members in the evening to Angie Diggins's Summer Show.

Membership is growing all the time, at the very modest annual subscription of £3. Have a word about joining (or just about going on the outings) with Ruth Sycamore on 272551.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to remember loved ones at by giving lilies for the Easter flower arrangements call

Ann Jones (323273)
about lilies at St Mary's
or

Annette Whybrow (272773)
about lilies at St Peter's

Or just put your name and the number of lilies you would like to donate on one of the lists at St Mary's and St Peter's. Costing £1.90 each, they will make a beautiful statement.

LANGHAM GOOD COMPANIONS

At the March meeting, members enjoyed Roy Waters' reminiscences of his time "doing" National Service; they brought back many memories to the gentlemen members. The 1st April meeting, when Simon Gallup will present slides of Flatford and Constable Country, will begin at the summer time of 2.30 pm.

Contributions of bric à brac, plants, Tombola prizes, books etc for the May Sale on 9 May will be welcomed by Marlena Lipski. Please telephone her on 272727.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Monday 10 am
Eucharist St Mary's

Tuesday 10 am
Eucharist St Peter's

Maundy Thursday 8 pm
Eucharist St Mary's

Good Friday 12 noon
Meditation on the Cross St Peter's
followed by Walk of Witness via
Boxted Village Hall to a 3 pm
United Service Methodist Chapel

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

Daphne and Frank Bettle thank all those in Chapel Road, Langham, who donated earlier in the year to the Marie Curie Cancer Care Appeal. Their generosity enabled a cheque for £47.62 to go to this most worthy cause.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL TENANTS' RURAL ROADSHOW

A Tenants' Forum will be held at the Duchy Barn, Dedham, at 2 pm on 3 April, organised by the Association of Tenants & Leaseholders (ATL). This is a chance for tenants of council properties to voice their concerns, air their views and get questions answered by the Borough Housing senior management. For more details ring ATL on 863352 or go to info@cbhatl.co.uk

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL

March Winners

£25 K Berry
£10 Mrs A Sara
£ 6 Mrs V Holton
£ 4 Mrs Cowley

If you would like to join the Snowball, ring John Jackson on 272776.

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP EASTER OPENING TIMES

Good Friday 10 April
9.30–11.30 am
Saturday 11 April
8.30 am–1.00 pm
Easter Day 12 April
9.30–11.30 am
Easter Monday 13 April
9.30–11.30 am

? QUIZ NIGHT ?

Boxted St Peter's School

7.30 pm Saturday

? 25 APRIL ?

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The new appointments system is reported to be working satisfactorily. Leaflets describing the system are obtainable at the reception desks at the East Bergholt and Capel surgeries.

Patients with home blood-pressure testing apparatus are invited to telephone the surgery (asking for the Data Team) every three months to give the latest reading.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

David Cawdell, a former Welsh Guards Bandsman who has conducted the Boxted Methodist Band, described the history of brass bands to the February meeting. In March, Bob Malster sketched Ipswich's history from Roman habitation to the regeneration of the present century.

From the Parish Registers Baptism

Tara Rose Jenkyns
Emilia Zara Grace Sellers

Burial

Catherine Lilley
In memoriam
Bridget Maturin-Baird
Pamela Seth-Smith

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

February Winners

£40 Langham Community Shop
£25 Edna Hobday
£15 Maureen Bland
£10 Rachael Podd

If you would like to join the 100 Club, ring Sylvia Hemmings on 322336.

LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members at the March meeting heard an amusing and illuminating account by Brian Carline of life in schools today from the perspective of the teacher.

BOXTED ART & CRAFT CLUB

At the last meeting Lyhdsay Harding-Payne received the knitted garments made by members for the Premature Baby Unit.

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Classes 3 and 4 visited the Tate Britain Art Gallery in London as part of the School's study of the pattern and displaying of art, the children's work and studies culminating in an Art Exhibition on 26 March. Achievement Assemblies are held every Friday morning when parents are invited to see children's progress. Scientific investigations have been led by VI Form students from Colchester RGS. Mr Murray of the RGS has been visiting the school to lead sports and physical education sessions. The School has won competitions in Netball and Cross Country.

The Friends of Langham School (FOLS) held a very successful Valentine Disco. The First Friday Coffee Club, looked after by Year 4 pupils, meets in the school hall. FOLS have agreed to maintain the pond at the school and have paid for more play apparatus for the School Field.

Langham Pre-School

◆◆◆ EASTER PARTY ◆◆◆

Sunday 19 April

2.30—4.30 pm

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The Project's next guided Spring Walk is around Alphamstone and includes Clees Hall, Parkhill Wood and the wildflower meadows of Coppin's Farm. For more details of this moderately easy walk and to book (£3, children free), phone the Project staff on 01473 264263 or visit

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SINGING FOR FUN

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Rona Hammond 272331

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BOXTED FOOTPATH WALKS

It is hoped that the sunny weather that attended the March walk to Thornton Street and back via Low Lift will continue for the 5 April walk, leaving Boxted Playing Field at 2 o'clock.

2nd Langham Scout Group

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