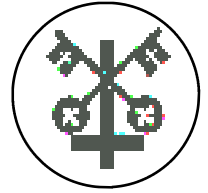




ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



March 2009

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

Good Neighbours

Dear Friends

I have been most encouraged over the last few weeks with the response that we have had for Volunteers for the Good Neighbours scheme. From the conversations I have had with people, this project really seems to have caught the imagination of our villages. Churches do have a reputation for always demanding things - like your money and time! - so it is also really good to feel that the church is doing something for the community.

Our next step is to sort out some of the administration and to provide some training for our Volunteers. After that we will be in a position to launch the scheme.

So watch this space!

Yours in Christ

Tim Bull

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Prepared this year
by the
Christian women of
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"In Christ there are many
members but one body"

**Friday
6 MARCH
3 pm
BOXTED**

**METHODIST
CHAPEL**

Leader: Jill Jones

Speaker:

Dr Christine Jones

WEEK OF PRAYER 16—20 MARCH

All Christians in our villages
are invited to join together in
prayer during this week. We
shall meet for 20 minutes from
Monday to Friday at

9.00 am The Rectory
1.00 pm St Peter's
2.30 pm Methodist Chapel
5.00 pm St Mary's
8.00 pm The Rectory

If you want to see God bless
our two villages, bringing new
life and hope, then do join us.
"In everything by prayer and peti-
tion with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God" (Phil. 4:6)

PARISH DIARY - MARCH

Church services

| | | | |
|------|------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st | St Mary's | 8.30 | Eucharist (BCP) |
| Lent | St Peter's | 10.00 | Family Service |
| 1 | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service |
| | | 3.00 | Band Service |
| 6th | Methodist Chapel | 3.00 | Women's World Day of Prayer |
| 8th | St Mary's | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist |
| Lent | St Peter's | 6.00 | Evensong |
| 2 | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service |
| 15th | St Mary's | 8.30 | Eucharist (BCP) |
| Lent | St Peter's | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist |
| 3 | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service |
| 22nd | St Mary's | 10.00 | Family Eucharist (Mothering Sunday) |
| Lent | St Peter's | 6.00 | Evensong |
| 4 | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service with Holy Communion |
| 29th | St Mary's | 8.30 | Eucharist (BCP) |
| Lent | St Peter's | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist |
| 5 | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service |

Other events

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Boxted Parish Council | 11th | 7.00 | Boxted Village Hall |
| Boxted Footpath Walk | 1st | 2.00 | Church Lane, Boxted |
| Boxted Coffee Café | 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st | 10.30-12 | Boxted Village Hall |
| Boxted Evergreen Club | | | |
| Boxted WI | 10th | 7.30 | Boxted Village Hall (Valerie Perfold: "Mad Hatters") |
| Boxted History Group | 18th | 7.30 for 8.00 | Boxted Village Hall (Bob Malster: History of Ipswich) |
| Boxted Art & Craft Club | 4th | 2.00 | Boxted Village Hall |
| | 18th | 2.00 | Boxted Village Hall |
| Boxted Bingo | 25th | 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 | 31st | 7.30 | Langham Community Centre |
| Langham Footpath Walk | 8th | 2.00 | Langham Community Centre |
| Langham WI | 12th | 7.30 | Langham Community Centre (Brian Carline: "An Amusing Account of Life in Schools Today") |
| Langham Good Companions | 4th | 2.00 | Langham Community Centre (Roy Waters: "Stand by your Beds") |
| 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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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Children's Society home collection boxes will be gathered in during the week beginning Monday 9 March. Will holders please take them during that week to the local Society representatives:

Boxted: Penny Carmichael
272218

Langham: Ian Sutherland
272486

LANGHAM GOOD COMPANIONS

In spite of the dreadful weather, there was a very good turn-out for the February meeting, when members enjoyed a good game of Bingo.

Roy Waters will be paying a further visit to the Companions in March, to share with them some more interesting and amusing reminiscences of his days as a National serviceman entitled "Stand by Your Beds".

The Good Companions offer an interesting and varied programme of meetings and expeditions throughout the year. As the name suggests, friendship characterizes all the Good Companions' events—and you don't have to be more than slightly old and bold to join. Have a word with Marlena Lipski on 272727.

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Boxted WI's January outing was to Sue Carbutt's Great Horkesley home for soup and a ploughman's lunch. Thanks to the food being donated by Sue and the cooks, the collection could be given to Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Helen Chua gave a fascinating demonstration of Chinese cookery at the February meeting; following her presentation there was something of a rush to the table by members wanting to sample her succulent dishes. The February outing was to Heart's Delight Garden Centre at Lawford for a stroll round and lunch.

The 10 March meeting will welcome Valerie Penfold, who will demonstrate how to decorate hats for a special occasions.

On 14 April St Helena Hospice will be presenting a fashion show and volunteers are being looked for both to model and to act as back-stage dressers. This is an open meeting to which all comers—including non-members—are very welcome.

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

February Winners

£25 Mr Ludkin

£10 Rebecca Lee

£ 6 Mrs Fotheringham

£ 4 Mrs G Russell

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

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL

Boxted Village Hall is currently offering 30% discounts on the charges for weekend bookings, making the terms for hiring the recently refurbished premises even more attractive. For more details, ring Gill Pullen on 273804.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Brian Hindley, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Dedham and Langham, has announced that he is standing down later this year. Anyone who may consider taking on this greatly valued job is invited to phone Brian on 323009 or email him at briaris@hotmail.com.

YOUTH WORKER FOR BOXTED & LANGHAM

The working group managing the exciting Youth Worker project has been given the particulars of a likely candidate for our first Youth Worker appointment. The immediate task, therefore, is to make sure as possible that the young person suits us and that we suit the young person. Contact has been established and an early decision is now expected.

The appointment will be for ten months from September with the purpose of developing Christian youth work for youngsters aged from 9 to 14 in the villages and the two schools as well as the churches. The Youth Worker will liaise with the two primary schools as well as with the two churches. He or she will help to run clubs in the villages, working with the Sunday School children and the Church youth group, SPASM, and being involved as much as possible in church and village life in both Boxted and Langham.

LENTEN FRUGAL LUNCHESES

The annual Lenten Frugal Lunches will begin on Tuesday 3 March. There will be six weekly lunches, the last being on the Tuesday (7 April) of Holy Week. The lunches will follow the Coffee Café, which is from 10.30 am to 12 mid-day.

The soup and rolls are generously provided by the organisers and their helpers. However, donations are invited, the proceeds of which will be passed to the Colchester Emergency Night Shelter. The Shelter provides nourishment and temporary accommodation to the homeless and others in distress.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Richard Turner of the Boxted Airfield Historical Group gave a thoroughly researched and illustrated talk on the Boxted (Langham) Airfield from its opening in the War to its closure in the sixties. He described the different US and, after the war's end, British aircraft based there but dwelt on the various characters who served at the station. He spoke particularly of the effect the well paid and well provisioned Americans had on the surrounding area and their generosity to the severely rationed villagers, especially the children. His talk stirred the personal memories of not a few listeners.

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

January Winners

£40 Pat & Colin Ward
£25 Trish & Robin Gooding
£15 Gill Salt
£10 Elaine Busbridge

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

POLICE FOR BOXTED & LANGHAM

New arrangements for the policing of Boxted and Langham have been made by the Essex Police. The two villages are the responsibility of the "North Neighbourhood Policing Team" working from Copford Police Station under Sergeant Mike Lee.

Instead of "Community Police Officers", there are now "Neighbourhood Specialist Officers", of whom the one allocated to oversee Boxted and Langham (among several villages, including Dedham) is PC Vicky Sanders. She is assisted by Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Sue Donaldson, who is also concerned with a number of other villages.

PC Sanders may be contacted on:

Telephone

0300 333 4444 Ext 10142

Mobile

07966 197310

Email

vicky.sanders@essex.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Donaldson's Mobile number is: 07966 197314.

More information may be found on: www.essex.police.uk/yourarea

FOOTPATH WALKS

Boxted's February walk was shorter than planned because of the wretchedly cold weather but those who braved it declared themselves better for the undoubtedly fresh air. Why not join the monthly Boxted or Langham walks (or both)? They are on the first (Boxted) or second (Langham) Sunday of the month. The Boxted walks start at the King George Playing Field or Church Lane; the Langham ones always start at the Community Centre car park. They're all very companionable and the walking moderate.

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP HEATING OIL

The next delivery of heating oil under the group ordering scheme will be in the week beginning 9 March. If you want to have a delivery then, please add your name, address and quantity needed to the list at the Community Shop by 4 March at the latest.

COUNTRY DANCE & CEILIDH

Thanks to the efforts of David Winter and others, the recent Country Dance & Ceilidh at Langham Community Centre made a handsome £887, shared equally between the Lettice Dyke Educational Charity and the churches' youth group, SPASM.

BOXTED BOARD GAME GROUP

Ian and Pauline Rayment are starting a board game group. If you'd rather play Mah Jong, Scrabble, Backgammon etc rather than endure yet another episode of "Casualty" on a Saturday night, you are just the ones they're looking for to join the group. Do get in touch with Ian or Pauline on 271813.

TRASH & TREASURE

TABLE TOP SALE

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY

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From the Parish Registers

Burial

Barbara Laura Blake

In memoriam

Carolyn Williams

LANGHAM HERITAGE GROUP

A group is being formed to study and record the many-faceted heritage of Langham. The group will divide into sub-groups which will each investigate a particular aspect of the village, the results being periodically presented to the public. In this way, people can do their own research at a time and place that suit them. It is not necessary to be a resident in Langham to join the group; the important thing is to have a real interest in the subject.

If you would like more details, please contact Laura Smerdon on 230327.

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