



ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

April 2012



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

FROM THE RECTOR AT EASTERTIDE

Dear Friends,

It was a huge surprise when Fabio Capello stepped down from his role as England Manager just months before Euro 2012. The Archbishop of Canterbury also recently announced his resignation. Now *The Apprentice* is back on our TV screens. So what's the connection? Well, in each case we're looking for the right person for the job; whether that's someone for Lord Sugar to hire, a new Archbishop or an England Manager.

But suppose you drew up a job description for the *Messiah* – the Son of God – what would you look for? Someone who wasn't at all prosperous, or a high-flyer? A man who never owned a home, ran a business or wrote a book? A man who was betrayed and abandoned by his closest friends? A man who underwent a bogus trial conducted by a kangaroo court? A man who was mocked, spat upon, beaten and nailed to a cross?

Hardly. These aren't the things we usually look for in a celebrated leader. And yet this man, Jesus, has had a greater influence than anyone else who ever lived. I believe it was because he was raised from the dead. What do you think?

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Residents of Langham! You are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting on **Thursday 19 April at 7.30 pm** in Langham Community Centre. This is an opportunity to meet your County, Borough and Parish Councillors face to face as they review events in the past year and contemplate future developments. County Councillor John Jowers will describe and explain "localism" and the Community Initiatives Fund and how parish councils can use them to best advantage. County Councillor Anne Brown will speak of her work at Essex County Council on behalf of Langham and Dedham.

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PARISH DIARY – APRIL

Church Services

1st	St Mary's *	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Palm	St Peter's *	6.00	Evensong
Sunday	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
6th	Methodist Chapel	3.00	Service of Worship, with BMS Band
Good Friday			
8th	St Mary's *	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Easter	St Peter's *	10.00	Family Eucharist
Day	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
15th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Easter	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
II	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
22nd	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Easter	St Peter's	10.00	Short Eucharist, then Church Meetings
III	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service with Holy Communion
29th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Easter	St Peter's	6.00	Choral Evensong (Mersea Island Chorus)
IV	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service

* For services at St Mary's & St Peter's in Holy Week, please see the churches' notice boards

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	11th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk	1st	2.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30–12	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Evergreen Club	5th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Hot Cross Buns)
	19th	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(Danny Quiz)
Boxted WI	10th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Richard Adams: "Salsa Dancing")
	13th		Mile End
			(Spring Valley Group Meeting)
Boxted History Group	18th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(AGM & Judy Gant: "Registration through the Ages")
Boxted Bingo	25th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
The Point, Boxted	26th	5–6.30	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	King George Playing Field
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)	Monday–Friday	in school term	
	9.15–12.15 & 12.15–3.15	(9.15–3.15 also available) 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	19th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
			(Annual Parish Meeting)
Langham Footpath Walk	8th	2.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham WI	12th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
			(Francis Harper: "Microwave Cooking")
	13th		Mile End
			(Spring Valley Group Meeting)
100 Club Coffee Morning	27th	10.00	Langham Community Centre
			(Hosted by the Patchwork Pals)
Patchwork Pals, Langham	18th	10.00–3.00	Langham Community Centre
The Point, Langham	19th	5–6.30	Langham Community Centre
Langham Singers	28th	11.15	Langham Community Centre
Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	L'm Community Centre
Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.15	Langham Community Centre
Langham Pre-School	Mon. & Thur	9.15–11.45; Tue, Wed & Fri	9.15–2.30
	In school term 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	
Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions		Langham Recreation Ground	
Sundays – Pay & Play:	10.15–11.15	(age 5–10); 11.15–12.30 (age 11–17)	

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FRUGAL LUNCHES

The last of the Lenten Frugal Lunches will be on Tuesday 3 April at Boxted Village Hall, immediately after the weekly Coffee Café (10.30 to 12). Proceeds from the lunches, which began on 28 February, go to the Colchester Emergency Night Shelter.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

William Tyler came to the February meeting to give an enthralling talk on the Smugglers and Poachers of Essex and Suffolk. The coastline of the two counties, with innumerable marshes, inlets and creeks, is ideal both for landing and concealing contraband and for illicit wildfowling. William had many exciting stories to tell and kept his audience engrossed without resorting to visual aids.

This was just one of many of the fascinating evenings enjoyed by History Group members and guests. New members are very welcome: just ring Alan Ladbrooke, on 272250.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

Samuel George Seakens

Burial

Constance Hodgson

FOOTPATH WALKS

The recent monthly walks have been somewhat marred by snow or rain but with the weather now improving, the coming walks should be less rigorous. They are in the afternoons of the first (Boxted) and second (Langham) Sundays of the month. Times and starting points are shown in the Parish Diary column of the Newsletter.

Friends of Langham School LANGHAM SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

7.45 pm Friday

27 APRIL

£5 per person

(maximum of 6 a team)

For further information and to book your team a place contact

Rachael (272506)

WORKING TOGETHER IN THE STOUR VALLEY

On Thursday 17 May the Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project is holding a **Forum Conference** at the Langham Community Centre.

Starting at 9.45am and concluding at 2.45 pm, the Conference is open to everyone and will attract landowners, councillors, volunteers and anyone else with an interest in the Stour Valley. The morning programme will include presentations on the work of the Project, issues affecting the Dedham Vale AONB (such as volunteering) and the "Managing a Masterpiece" Partnership Scheme. In the afternoon there will be an opportunity to visit areas of particular interest or to take part in discussion "workshops".

The visits will include one to view the restoration of a Stour lighter at Brightlingsea and another to Flatford to hear about visitor, renewable energy and wildlife projects. Among the subjects for discussion will be the proposed National Grid link between Bramford and Twinstead.

Early booking is recommended, for, transport being by minibus, the places on visits are limited. To secure your own place, contact Simon Amstutz or Katherine Blake on

01473 264263 or

dedhamvale.project@suffolk.gov.uk

A £3.50 donation towards the cost of a buffet lunch is asked for.

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

March Winners

£25 K Berry

£10 Mrs H Graves

£ 6 Mr & Mrs W Ford

£ 4 Mrs Mould

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

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the March meeting, Geraldine Russell gave a fascinating talk, enriched by numerous images, about her walking adventures in many places, among them Lapland and the Sinai Desert. The Flower of the Month competition was won by Heather Syrett with her Polyanthus and Narcissi.

Plans were moved forward for a visit to Layer Marney Tower in place of the normal July meeting; there will also be a visit to the Van Dal shoe factory (Norwich) in August. A further series of six singing lessons, led by Julie Bull, is to be held in June and July.

CRAFTY LADIES

The Crafty Ladies get together to sew, knit, crochet, make cards — or practice any other craft you may think of — at Langham Community Centre between 10 in the morning and four in the afternoon. There is a fee of £4 to cover expenses and you can arrive and depart whenever you like. For more information, please phone Jacqui O'Brien (on 273335 or 07979 947931) or Toni on 07871 875455.

CHORAL EVENSONG

at

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Sunday

29 APRIL

6 pm

with the welcome return of the
**MERSEA ISLAND
CHORUS**

BEER TASTING

There will be a chance to taste at least ten East Anglian bottled beers at Fillpots Café on the evening of 10 May. The tasting will be professionally conducted by Duncan Brodie, beer columnist of the East Anglian Daily Times. The evening is to raise funds for Boxted Cricket Club's Young Persons and Women's cricketing initiatives. Tickets are £10, to cover the cost of the beer. Food will be available. For more information, ring Stephen Whybrow on 272773.

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LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Richard Turner told members at their March meeting about the hard work and dedication needed to establish the museum with its permanent record of the history of Boxted Airfield in and after WW2. (Although the airfield lies in Langham, it was named "Boxted" because there was already a Langham Airfield in Norfolk.) Items were called for as contributions to the pound and bottle stalls at the Spring Valley Group meeting as well as gifts for the appointed charity, Beacon House.

A team of 6 to 8 is needed for the inter-county quiz in May, while a cake and baking marquee at the Diamond Jubilee Fete is being organised. The WI will also run a greetings card stall at the Gardens of Langham.

DIAMOND JUBILEE WEEKEND AT LANGHAM

Saturday 2 June

A Tennis Tournament will take place in the late morning, with the grand fifties-style **Jubilee Fete** on the Recreation Ground from 12 mid to 4 pm. The Fete will have great displays, including vintage vehicles and centre arena activities. Competitions include: **Fifties Fancy Dress Decorated Bicycle Princess of Langham (under 12s) Undecorated Victoria Sponge Decorated Cup Cake (under 12s) Homemade Crown**

For a stall spot or for particulars of competitions, contact Jane Morton on 844372 or 07977 593232 or email her at janeimorton@aol.com. The evening will see a fantastic live **Talent Show**, with all kinds of entertainment, at the Community Centre in the evening. There's still time to enter, so ring Julie Bull on 230666 or email her on mrsjmab@googlemail.com

Sunday 3 June

Come with all the family to picnic on the Recreation Ground at a "**Street Party**". From 2 pm there will be a **Rounders Tournament** - an old Langham tradition. For particulars of the Tournament, phone Roger Newnham (273977) or David Cole (230448). Afterwards, there will be a **Service of Celebration** at the Community Centre.

If you'd like to get involved in helping with any these events, please ring Roger Newnham on 273977.

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The Band is always looking for more musicians to share the enjoyment of playing together. The training band - for learners of all ages - meets on Monday evenings and anyone regardless of prior musical knowledge or experience is welcomed (instruments are available for loan to starters).

What?



What?

When?

When?

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Where?

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inside this Newsletter*

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The fourth ladies-only Midnight Walk in aid of St Helena Hospice will begin at midnight on Saturday 9 June. There could well be 2,000 walkers for the circular route of 7½ miles beginning and ending at the Community Stadium. More information may be had from 791740 or enquire by email to midnightwalk@sthenahospice.org.uk

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