



ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE RECTOR

Have you seen the Tutankhamun exhibition in London? If not, you've probably read about it and seen the pictures. The discovery of the boy-king's tomb, together with untold wealth, was one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of modern times. But suppose an even more mind-blowing archaeological find was made. Suppose that the bones of Jesus of Nazareth were discovered, and there was really no doubt about it; a whole battery of scientific evidence showing conclusively that these were the bones of Jesus Christ. Would such a discovery destroy the Christian faith? Of course it would! We would have to give up our faith and I'd have to look for another job. Because the Christian faith isn't based on a philosophy or a feeling or a lifestyle. Rather, it's based on a historical event: the resurrection of Jesus. Take that away and you're left with nothing. The writer, St Paul, summed it up like this:

"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

This Easter, may I invite you to consider afresh the resurrection of Jesus; not as a myth, but as an event in history.

A happy Easter to you all.

PARISH DIARY—MARCH

Church services

2nd St Mary's 8.30 Eucharist (BCP)
 Lent IV St Peter's 10.00 Family Service
 Mothering Methodist Chapel 10.30 Morning Service
 Sunday 3.00 Band Service

7th Methodist Chapel 3.00 Women's World Day of Prayer

9th St Mary's 10.00 Sung Eucharist
 Lent V St Peter's 6.00 Evensong
 Methodist Chapel 10.30 Morning Service with Holy Communion

16th St Mary's 8.30 Eucharist (BCP)
 Palm St Peter's 10.00 Sung Eucharist
 Sunday Methodist Chapel 10.30 Morning Service

17th St Mary's 10.00 Eucharist

18th St Peter's 10.00 Eucharist

20th St Mary's 8.00(pm) Commemoration of the Last Supper
 Maundy Thursday & Stripping of the Altar

21st St Peter's 12.00 Meditation on the Cross followed by
Walk of Faith to the Methodist Chapel
 Methodist Chapel 3.00 Good Friday Band Service

23rd St Mary's 10.00 Family Eucharist
 Easter St Peter's 6.00 Evening Eucharist
 Day Methodist Chapel 8.00 Holy Communion
 10.30 Morning Service

30th St Mary's 8.30 Eucharist (BCP)
 Easter St Peter's 10.00 Sung Eucharist
 Methodist Chapel 10.30 Morning Service

PARISH DIARY—MARCH (CONTINUED)

Other events

Boxted Parish Council 12th 7.00 Boxted Village Hall
 Boxted Footpath Walk 2nd 2.00 King George Playing Field
 Boxted Coffee Café 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
 10.30–12 Boxted Village Hall
 Boxted Evergreen Club 6th 2.30 Boxted Village Hall
 ("Bring & Buy")
 20th 2.30 Boxted Village Hall
 ("Falls: Prevention better than cure")

Boxted WI 11th 7.30 Boxted Village Hall
 (Harold & Hasje Mousley: "Halsje's Holland")

Boxted History Group 19th 7.30 for 8.00 Boxted Village Hall
 (Gerry Baxter: "The Origins of the Pearly Kings & Queens")

Boxted Art & Craft Club 5th & 19th 2.00 Boxted Village Hall
 Boxted Bingo 26th 7.30 Boxted Village Hall
 Boxted Lodgers FC Tuesday 7.00 King George Playing Field
 (Thursday in term-time, 5.30: coaching by Colchester United CD coaches)

Boxted Pram & Chat Club Wednesday in school term
 9.30–11.30 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 11th 7.30 Langham Community Centre
 Langham Footpath Walk 9th 2.00 Langham Community Centre
 Langham WI 13th 7.30 Langham Community Centre
 (Helen Beard: "Your face is your Fortune")

Langham Good Companions 5th 2.00 Langham Community Centre
 (Entertainment by the children of Langham Primary School)

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

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LANGHAM GOOD COMPANIONS

Last month twenty-nine Good Companions listened with fascination as Alan Chilvers told them about his school-days and youth. His account evoked many similar memories on the part of his listeners; they reflected that, although life was once harsher than it is today, they managed to have very happy childhoods.

Members will be entertained at their 5 March meeting by the children of Langham Primary School. Visitors and new members are always welcome—have a word with Marlena Lipski on 272727.

BOXTED EVERGREEN CLUB

The Evergreens have recently enjoyed a most interesting film and talk about the building of a home in Rwanda for 56 abandoned children—there are over 4,000 such children endeavouring to exist on the streets of that unfortunate country. A collection combined with a donation from club funds to give £74 towards the work described. A short film about the gorillas of Rwanda followed the talk.

An early notice: the Evergreens' Grand Bazaar will be on 28 June. Please give it every support.

BOXTED FOOTPATH WALKS

Wintry sunshine greeted the fourteen walkers in February who followed an interesting route from the Playing Field to Harrow Wood and back. Everyone remarked on how advanced nature has been this year. The March walk, again from the Playing Field, will pick up the Essex Way at Plumb's Farm.

USAAF MONUMENT

The monument commemorating the United States Army Air Force Bomber and Fighter Groups that operated from RAF Boxted* in World War II was placed at the former main runway in 1992. Langham Parish Council has been refurbishing the monument by re-cladding the plinth in black marble, building a ceremonial wall incorporating the crests of the various Groups that operated from the airfield, hard-landscaping the area and providing seating for visitors.

The formal re-dedication of the refurbished monument will be on 19 April, the formal opening being performed by the Air Attaché from the US Embassy. Other representatives of the US and Royal Air Forces are expected. An exhibition of memorabilia will be held on the day at the Community Centre.

Langham Parish Council would like to hear from those who served at RAF Boxted or their relatives, together with anyone else who has memories and/or memorabilia associated with the airfield in WW2. They are asked to contact Tony Ellis (tel. 01206 231164)

* actually in the Parish of Langham but named "Boxted" to avoid confusion with the older airfield at Langham in Norfolk. Further information about RAF Boxted may be found on the Langham Village Website:

www.langham.org.uk

PANCAKE RACE

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race (no "health & safety" impediments here) in aid of Boxted Village Hall was won by Michael Newman, with Jenny Grimsey coming in second.

FRUGAL LUNCHES

The annual Lenten Frugal Lunches are taking place every Tuesday up to and including 18 March at Boxted Village Hall following the regular Coffee Café from 10.30 am to 12 mid-day. The lunches (which are not always quite as frugal as they might be) are free but donations are very welcome—they are all passed on to the Colchester Emergency Night Shelter.

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

February Winners

£25 Mrs M Hill

£10 Mr N de Vries

£ 6 J Baird

£ 4 P Newman

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

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Langham Primary School has had an eventful first half of the winter term. The whole-school focus on modern foreign languages was completed; the next term and a half will see all pupils involved with Information & Communications Technology (ICT) keyboard skills. The School has already invested heavily in ICT, with the children having regular use of wireless laptops.

The older pupils have taken part in the Colchester & Blackwater School Sports Partnership Cross-country running, advancing to the finals. Several football matches have been played, with mixed results, against schools in the ten-strong Tendring Cluster.

The Year 5 children attended a very enjoyable "all-day activities" event at St Helena School, while a small group of young musicians joined 200 others in a Music Festival at Ardleigh School. The whole school participated in a recent Recycling Day. On Shrove Tuesday, the School was host to the Pre-School for the annual Pancake Race. But an especially exciting day was when the Fire Brigade's Blue Watch came to put pupils through many safety games and exercises.

It has been decided to engage a part-time but fully qualified "Special Needs" (which include the needs of particularly gifted and talented children) teacher.

Women's world Day of Prayer

Service at

Boxted Methodist Chapel

3 pm

Friday 7th March

Service devised by the women of Guyana:

"God's wisdom provides new understanding"

Leader

Jenny Keeble

Speaker

The Revd Gill College

Refreshments after the service

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

January Winners

£40 Maureen Bland
 £25 Vera Woodland
 £10 Nancy Raymond
 £ 5 Marilyn & Hugh Halsall

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

EIGHTY YEARS OF BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Fashions from the late 1920s came to Boxted Village Hall on 12 February for the Eightieth Birthday celebrations of Boxted WI. County Chairman Julie Alen, other members of the County, past Presidents and guests from all the Spring Valley Institutes came to join the Boxted members, under their President, Anne Newman, in the festivities. A fine meal was laid on and there were photographs and documents from the archives to be viewed and pondered on, bringing back happy memories to many members. All the Presidents, past and present, shared in cutting the great birthday cake. It was particularly pleasurable that many members from the past could be present at this memorable occasion.

Three weeks earlier, Anne Sara showed a dozen WI members round a farm and converted barn. They visited the horses and walked round the fields, after which they enjoyed a buffet meal prepared by Anne herself.

PARK LANE, LANGHAM

It will be necessary to close Park Lane, Langham, to traffic in the immediate vicinity of the USAAF monument during the re-dedication and opening ceremony on 19 April (see P2). The period of closure will be from 11 am to 12.30 pm.

CONSTABLE COUNTRY MEDICAL PRACTICE

The staff of the East Bergholt/Capel St Mary medical practice have chosen the St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich, as their charity for 2008/9 and money raised during the year, including any from the "Flu Jab" days will go to this worthy cause. There are collecting boxes at the entrances to both surgeries and the staff would be grateful for contributions by patients and visitors.

From the Parish Registers

Burials

Stephen Leslie Drew
 Harold Aubrey Jordan

Litter Free Boxted

What a tremendous response!! 18 volunteers have come forward which means that 80% of the village roads are now covered. More than 25 bin bags of litter have already been picked up and the results are there for all to see.

Another handful of volunteers will enable the rest of the village roads to be covered. Please contact the coordinator

Stephen Whybrow
 01206 272773

or

stephenwhybrow@msn.com

if you would like to join in.

Everyone can help by picking up the litter outside or near their own houses (and not dropping any themselves!).

2nd Langham Scout Group

Family Quiz Night

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 Community Centre

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Has your Children's Society representative got your collecting box for emptying and counting? If not, please hand it in without delay. There is always scope for more boxes to be placed around Boxted and Langham, in which people's small change can accumulate for this great cause. If you'd like to help, please get in touch with:

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