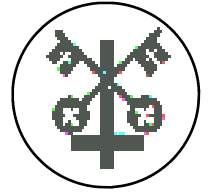




ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



December 2009 & January 2010

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

PARISH DIARY—DECEMBER

Church services

6th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Advent	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
II	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
13th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Advent	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
III	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service & Holy Communion
20th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Advent	St Peter's	10.00	Family Service & Christmas Drama
IV	St Mary's	6.00	Carol Service
	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
	Methodist Chapel	3.00	Carol Service, with Silver Band
24th	St Peter's	2.30	Crib Service
Xmas	St Mary's	4.30	Christingle Service
Eve	St Mary's	11.30	Midnight Mass
27th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Xmas	St Peter's	No service	
I	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	No meeting in December		
Boxted Footpath Walk	6th	2.00	Boxted Church Lane
Boxted Evergreen Club	10th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Xmas Party & Entertainment)
Boxted WI	1st		Christmas Dinner
	8th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Christmas Party)
Boxted History Group	16th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(David Cleveland: "At the Picture Palace a Century Ago")
Boxted Art & Craft Club	2nd	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Bingo	23rd	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
The Point, Boxted	10th	5.00—6.30	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	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
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)	Monday—Friday	in school term	
		9.15—11.45 & 12.45—3.15	The Play Centre, King George Playing Field
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Wednesday	7.30	Boxted Methodist Schoolroom
			(Monday in school term, 7.30: Training Band)
Langham Parish Council	No meeting in December		
Langham Footpath Walk	13th	2.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham WI	10th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
			(A Christmas Cracker Surprise)
Langham Good Companions			
The Point, Langham	3rd & 17th	5.00—6.30	Langham Community Centre
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

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and a

PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

To all our readers, advertisers
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PARISH DIARY—JANUARY

Church services

3rd	St Mary's		No service
Xmas	St Peter's	10.00	Eucharist for Epiphany
II	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Covenant Service
			No Band Service this month
10th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Epiphany	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
I	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Anniversary Service, with Silver Band
17th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Epiphany	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
II	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
24th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Epiphany	St Peter's	6.00	Eucharist for Candlemas
III	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
31st	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Epiphany	St Peter's	10.00	Mattins
IV	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	13th	7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk	3rd	2.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Evergreen Club	7th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted WI	12th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Games Evening)
Boxted History Group	20th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(Roger Denman: "History of the Post Office")
Boxted Art & Craft Club	6th	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
	13th		New Year Dinner
	20th	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(Janie Pirie: "Coloured Pencils")
Boxted Bingo	27th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
The Point, Boxted	14th & 28th	5.00—6.30	Boxted Village Hall
Langham Parish Council	5th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
Langham Footpath Walk	10th	2.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham WI	14th	7.00	Langham Community Centre
			(New Year Party, with Katie Griffiths)

Langham Good Companions

The Point, Langham	7th & 21st	5.00—6.30	Langham Community Centre
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For meetings of the

Boxted Coffee Café	Boxted Carpet Bowls	Boxted Lodgers FC
Boxted Pram & Chat Club	Little Owls Pre-school (Boxted)	
	Boxted Methodist Silver Band	

Langham Badminton Club Langham Carpet Bowls Langham Bridge Club
Langham Pre-school 2nd Langham Scout Group Langham Baby/Toddler Group
please refer to the December diary in the adjoining column

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Boxted & Langham Village News

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends

It is wonderful to have Micha here as our Youth Worker. As you see below, he has begun a club called **The Point** for 10 to 14 year olds. It is really good.

I would like to invite you to our Christmas services. Highlights for all the family include the Crib and Christingle services on Christmas Eve. For something more traditional, the Carol Service or the Midnight Mass are just the thing.

I will be taking a month's study leave from 22 January to work on my PhD thesis. Church services and parish life will continue as normal. But please address any queries to one of the Churchwardens or the PCC Secretary.

Finally, you will find enclosed a personally signed Christmas card from me on behalf of our churches. I'd like to echo that greeting and wish you joy and happiness this Christmas.

Yours in Christ Tim Bull

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**LANGHAM 100 CLUB
COFFEE MORNING & DRAW**
The monthly Coffee Morning & Draw hosted by Patchwork Pals in October raised £122, shared between the Pals and the Community Council. There will not be a Coffee Morning in December; the monthly draw will be on a day yet to be decided – the normal day, the last Friday in the month, is Christmas Day this year. The 27 January Coffee Morning & Draw will be hosted by Langham Carpet Bowls Club.

STRAIGHT ROAD CLOSURES
Boxted Straight Road will be closed by the police for 20 minutes at the end of Colchester United home games as follows:
Sat. 5 & 19 December 5.00–5.20 pm
Mon. 28 December 9.30–9.50 pm
Sat. 2 & 16 January 5.00–5.20 pm

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
The parents of prospective pupils have been visiting the school and it now looks as if the Reception Class will be oversubscribed in the coming academic year. Two members of staff have undergone Pædiatric First Aid training in response to a statutory requirement to have at least one qualified person present in school. At half-term each classroom was fitted with electronic interactive whiteboards. Two class teachers have set up secure E-folio webpages in their classes, enabling the children to go online and extend their studies from home.
Pupils attended a Small Schools Year 4 sports festival at the Colchester Leisure Centre, where Rugby, Soccer, Badminton were among the sports offered.

The School Christmas Bazaar will be on Friday 4 December at the school from 1.30 to 4 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

**REFUSE COLLECTIONS
CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR**
Boxted: Thursday 24 December (G)
Thursday 31 December (B)
Langham: Saturday 2 January (B)
(G) "Green" recycling collection
(B) "Blue" recycling collection

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Plans were made at the November meeting for the Xmas Dinner at Leavenheath and the Xmas Party at the Village Hall and arrangements for the trip to the Thursford Christmas Show were finalised.

The Annual Report showed just how busy the WI had been with meetings and events throughout the year. Of particular note was the hugely successful Help for Heroes Dinner, the sum raised having risen to £3,230. The Committee was re-elected with two additional members and Mary Mould was elected President for 2010.

What's the point?
THE POINT
is the name of the new Youth Club started under the leadership of St Mary's & St Peter's Youth Worker, Micha Kuhn, assisted by volunteers.

THE POINT
meets every other Thursday at Langham and Boxted from 5 to 6.30 pm. On offer are table tennis, games, music, pool and just chilling out.

THE POINT
is open to anyone aged 10–14.
For child protection reasons anyone who wants to join in will need his or her parents to complete a simple registration form, obtainable at Club sessions. All children of primary school age must be collected by a parent or guardian.
Contact Micha on 07875 269150

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the recent Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief, which raised £453.

Boxted & Langham Village News

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

November Winners

£25 Lee Garrad
£10 Dr D Lovett
£ 6 Mr & Mrs Chapman
£ 4 Mr & Mrs Graves

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

RBL POPPY APPEAL

The total reached so far in Boxted for this year's Poppy Appeal is £1,159, of which £209 has come from the church collection on Remembrance Sunday and £950 from collection boxes and door-to-door calling. Langham raised £1,006, of which £157 came from the Remembrance Sunday church collection and £849 door-to-door.

LANGHAM SINGERS

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BUNGALOWS FOR THE ELDERLY?

A number of people are keen to see reasonably-priced bungalows built, perhaps by a housing trust, in Boxted for occupation by the elderly. Letters have been sent to the Essex County and Boxted Parish Councils. If you would like to support the idea, petition forms will be available in Boxted Village Hall; alternatively, contact Victoria R Sycamore on 272551.

WASTE PREVENTION & RECYCLING REVIEW

Recycling food waste has been identified by Colchester Borough Council as an opportunity to reduce the amount of waste going to land-fill. Four possible waste and recycling collection schemes have been identified and are offered to residents of the Borough for their opinion. Forms for completion and return are included in the current issue of "The Courier". Forms can also be completed online at

www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling

Returns must be in by 15 January.

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

October Winners

£40 Elizabeth Ellis
£25 Alan Cadman
£10 John Faulkner
£ 5 Elaine Busbridge

If you would like to join the 100 Club, ring David King on 271079.

Smartypants

QUIZ NIGHT

Boxted Village Hall

Saturday

30 JANUARY

7 for 7.30 pm

£12 for team of up to 6

Proceeds for Village Hall funds

Light supper but BYO wine

Contact John Jackson

on

01206 272776

LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the November meeting, Elaine Cole, supported by her puppy "Zeppelin", spoke about the Guide Dogs for the Blind scheme, describing the breeds (mainly Retriever/Labrador crosses), selection process, health, feeding and grooming regimes and of course, the long and rigorous training. Zeppelin himself was naturally a centre of attention, accepting the inevitable petting with his usual equanimity.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

The History Group continues to attract excellent speakers, Patrick Denny, who spoke about Family History at the October meeting, being one such. He gave many hints on getting started on tracing families back through past centuries. He used a branch of his wife's family to illustrate how both "skeletons" and amusing stories can emerge.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

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