



ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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

April 2017

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Easter is a wonderful time of year as we celebrate the time when Jesus rose from the dead, proving that God's power of life over death, light over darkness and hope over hopelessness is real. It is a time to celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done for us; which is undoubtedly easier to do as the days lengthen and the temperature rises.

Jesus was a real man, who really lived, and died, in Israel, 2000 years ago. His challenge to the political, religious and financial leaders of the time was more than they could cope with, and so they conspired together to have him killed. They succeeded in their plans, and he died on a cross, between two insurgents. They thought they had got rid of him, but God proved that his powers are greater than the powers of man and death, and he raised Jesus from the dead.

This is what we celebrate at Easter. This is something we all need to give thanks for, and it gives us hope for a life after death for each of us as well.

If you would like to consider the background to this, why not join the ALPHA Course which will be running after Easter. (See the church website for details.)

Happy Easter.

Mandy Elmes

APRIL VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	12th	7.00	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	5th	7.30	Community Centre
Boxted WI	11th	7.30	Village Hall	100 Club Draw	28th	10.30	Community Centre
			(Handy Household Hints)	Crafty Ladies	5th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
Boxted Evergreen Club	6th	2.30	Village Hall	Patchwork Pals	19th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
			(Hot X Buns & baskets)				
	20th	2.30	Village Hall	Langham Film Nights	22nd	7.00 for 7.45	Community Centre
			(Norman Jacobs)				(A Street Cat Named Bob - 12A)
Boxted History Group	19th	7.15 for 7.45	Village Hall	Boxted Airfield Historical Group	18th	7.30	Museum, L'm Lane
			(A.G.M. & Paula Short: Illustrated talk on Castro's Cuba)	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	Village Hall				
Boxted Arts & Crafts Club	5th	2.00	Village Hall	Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.00	Community Centre
			(Flower Demonstration)	Langham Pre-School			Community Centre
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00	Village Hall		Monday to Friday in school term	9.15—2.30	
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Playing Field	2nd Langham Scout Group			Community Centre
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)			Playing Field		Wednesday (times vary)		
	Monday to Friday in school term			Langham Baby/Toddler Group			Community Centre
	9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)				Monday in school term	9.45—11.15	
Open Door			Village Hall	Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions			Recreation Ground
	Friday in school term	8.45—10.15			Saturday & Sunday	Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10) 11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)	
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Wednesday	7.30	Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Langham St Mary's Bellringers	Tuesday	7.30—9.00	St Mary's Church
	Monday in school term	7.30 (Training Band)			Sunday Services	9.00	
Church Youth Groups			Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Langham Community Café	28th	10.30	Community Centre
	Friday in school term	Zone: 5.30—7 Edge: 7.30—9.15					(Hosts: Langham Pre-school)

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BOXTED GOES DIGITAL

A Colchester Borough Council digital service access point was installed at the Boxted Community Hub on Friday 3 March 2017.

It allows the residents of Boxted to access a range of online services for Colchester Borough Council, as well as Essex County Council and Essex Police.

These services include applying for housing, accessing Benefits and Council Tax services, reporting a missed bin collection and applying for a Blue Badge.

The digital access point also features a dedicated Police button providing users with access to a range of information, advice and other services. Customers who press the button can link to the Essex Police website to report a non-emergency crime, including fly-tipping, or lost and found items, as well as to get advice, find out about their community police team and even join the police.

LANGHAM W.I.

Our March meeting was a bittersweet occasion. Lynn Mortimer the journalist gave one of our best talks ever, touching on a wide range of topics and hitting the spot with quirky speculations about the male of the species. She had the whole room, packed with over 30 members, laughing!

The Langham WI was then 'suspended' during a short ceremony by officials from the county, after they had taken a poll of members. Though our meetings end, this means our remaining money is held for three years for the use of anyone setting up a new WI in this village. We marked the occasion with one last party, splashing out on fizzy drinks. There were speeches of thanks and reminiscences before we sang Jerusalem by candlelight, to remember the ladies who started the group in 1938, and those who have kept it going over the years. Jean Reynolds played the piano.

As President, I would like to say how sad we were to reach the end of the line. The WI has been a great centre of friendship and activities, not to mention support, for the women of the village for a very long time. We intend continuing our support for the Hospice and Help for Heroes, and hope to arrange a few outings.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

February's talk was on the History of the Essex County Hospital by Dr Fabrizio Casale, who worked there for many years and is a member of the Colchester Medical Society.

During the Napoleonic War a military garrison in the town meant the hospital mainly treating wounded soldiers. In peacetime the Rev. Joseph Jefferson established a voluntary hospital for civilians, relying on donations to fund treatments. Consequently a patient had to be recommended for admittance by a donating subscriber and have a reasonable chance of recovery.

In 1820 the first patient was admitted to the first phase of the present hospital, then to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, a nurses' home and children's ward were added.

During WW1 women and children were moved out and the hospital reverted to military use.

In 1920 the Courtauld family paid off the hospital's debts and the Red Cross funded the building of casualty and outpatient departments and a Private ward, appropriately named after Rev. Jefferson.

In 1960s new Radiotherapy and Outpatients were added, bringing the number of wards up to eight.

As far as the staff were concerned the Hospital Arms pub opposite affectionately became known as Ward 9. As we all know Essex County's life as a hospital is now drawing to a close but what does the future hold?

CHURCH SERVICES

April

Sunday 2nd *St Mary's*
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel
11.00 am Morning Service
3.00 pm Band Service

Palm Sunday 9th *St Peter's*
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel
11.00 am Morning Service

Monday 10th* *St Peter's*
11.00am Said Eucharist

Tuesday 11th* *St Mary's*
11.00am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 12th* *St Peter's*
11.00am Said Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 13th* *St Mary's*
8.00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Good Friday 14th* *St Peter's*
12noon Meditation & Reflection

Boxted Methodist Chapel
3.00pm Good Friday Service with
Music by BMSB

Easter Sunday 16th *St Mary's*
8.00 am Said Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel
11.00 am Easter Sunday Service

Sunday 23rd
9.30 am Sung Eucharist *St Peter's*

Boxted Methodist Chapel
11.00 am Morning Service

Sunday 30th *West Bergholt
Methodist Church*
11.00am Joint Three Parishes

Boxted Methodist Chapel
11.00 am Morning Service

**Day in Holy Week*

ATTENDED REFUSE FREIGHTER Saturday 8th April

At
**Langham Community Centre car park
between 8.00 to 9.15 am**

**and Boxted Playing Field car park
between 11.00am and 12noon**

Giving residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky non-recyclable household waste.

Green garden waste should be brought separately.

Items such as refrigerators and freezers cannot be accepted.

At Your Service

New Youth Service
'IGNITE'
St Mary's Church, West Bergholt
21st April at 7.45pm
refreshments to follow including
hot chocolate and biscuits

Alpha Course
Tuesday 25 April 2017 for 10 weeks
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& Boxted
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Spotlight On.... Hornestreet Field Conservation Area

A Hidden Gem of Langham

This 1.5acre site was purchased in 1999 by a group of 10 Langham Parishioners wishing to preserve the character of the north side of School Road, behind The Oaks School.

The site is held in trust by three trustees and managed by two site managers. The trustees are currently looking into the future maintenance, upkeep and maybe expansion of the Conservation Area, with preliminary talks being held with Langham Parish Council to discuss options.

Previously an orchard and an arable field, Hornestreet Field has been transformed over the last 19 years into a tranquil conservation area – a marvellous asset to the village. Both The Stour Valley Project and The Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty have been key in the development of the site, giving advice, practical help and grants to the trust.

You'll find a pond, an orchard, a wildflower meadow as well as wildlife habitats. Mown paths make it easy for you to wander round the site. A focus of planting now is plants which will help to encourage bees and other pollinators.

The first trees put onto the site were Common Oaks, planted by children from Langham Primary School in February 2001. Since then many more species have been planted, about a third of these as a result of adoption by local residents. All the trees are numbered and can be identified from the list on the noticeboard. There are still some trees available for adoption at a cost of £40 per tree.

Everyone is welcome to visit and enjoy the variety of wildlife and plants, provided they understand and respect the intention to maintain the site as an area for conservation. Access is via two footpaths, one from School Road next to The Oaks and the other is in Greyhound Hill.

Dogs may be walked on the site as long as they are kept on a lead – this is very important because if allowed to run free they can disturb the wildlife.

If visiting the site please ensure you take away any litter or dog poo as there are no facilities for disposing of them on site and it's important to leave this conservation area pristine for the wildlife.

The site is used to learn about nature by the Primary School, Pre-school group, Scouts, a University college and local people, as well as those who walk the public footpath through it.

If you'd like to know more about Hornestreet-field, please contact:

Ian Sutherland on 01206 272486

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BEER AND HYMNS



ST. PETER'S CHURCH BOXTED

Saturday 29th April

6.30pm – 9.30pm

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Thinking of getting in your 10,000 steps but not keen on walking alone?

Why not join the 'Walk on Wednesdays' group in Langham?

This is a very informal group - a couple of miles with lots of stopping to look, followed by a cuppa. All are welcome.

Contact **Alison** on **01206 272806** to find out more.

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP

By Jane Morton



Write a poem says the Ed
"really" I think "that's never been said"
will it help? yes it might!
don't laugh, this poem took all night!

It really is an easy hop, to pop into your local shop...

you could drive or ride a bike
you could walk, if not a hike
reward yourself with crisps or sweets
grab a drink and other treats

I need to tell you what we do
we sell stock, services too
bring your suits and coats for cleaning
buy tickets for the Film Nights screening

we sell bread, pies and cakes,
nuts, seeds, veg and dates,
food in cans for man or dogs
things for kids, for the fire; logs

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and thinners,

from the freezer, food for dinners
Monday and Thursday is Post

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various services none of which rhyme!

stuff in packets to make life easy
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lots of products to clean your house
a trap to catch that annoying mouse!

our free range eggs are laid near-by
The Times, the Guardian or maybe
the "i"?

batteries, candles, files and clips
beer, wine and sherbet dips!

our volunteers are young and old
some are quiet, others are bold
in pairs they work in two hour shifts
ready to sell you food and gifts

so why go there I hear you say?
my wheels take me the other way
some rely on our being here
one day it might be you my dear...

It really is an easy hop, to pop into your local shop...

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Thanks to everyone who came along to support the Family Quiz Night.

A fun, though challenging, evening was had by all and £730 was raised for the churches' youth work.

Congratulations to the winners -Team Podulus

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

March Winners

£25 Luca Bays
 £10 Mrs Turnage
 £ 6 Owen Whitered
 £ 4 M Osborne

If you would like to join the Snowball ring Chris Tadman on 273216

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

February Winners

£40 Nicola Meachem
 £25 John & Chloe Lloyd
 £15 Sue Thorpe
 £10 Colin Jones

If you would like to join the 100 Club ring Sue Armstrong on 271127.

SHOEBOX APPEAL



On Sunday 19 February, Chris Roberts, Assistant Director of Operation Christmas Child, came to St Mary's church, Langham to talk about the shoeboxes and the process involved between the shoeboxes we pack and the delivery to the child.

The Appeal covers 160 countries worldwide. From checking and packing at the warehouse, the box will transport to a designated child where a community has signed up to receive them. That is not to say those who do not sign up, but would like a box can still receive them.

As a Christian organisation, the information on Christianity is only offered to each child with their parents and community leaders consent but the child will still receive a box even if that consent is not forthcoming.

Despite scepticism expressed through the media, the Appeal is renowned throughout the world helping, over the last 26 years, 145 million children living desperate lives, experience moments of joy and happiness opening their shoebox.

Chris told of experiences of gifts received which were absolutely remarkable and as far as they know not one child or child's family from countries where the boxes are distributed have ever made a complaint regarding the methods Samaritans Purse use.

BOXTED AIRFIELD HISTORICAL GROUP

There is no group event for April as it is our AGM.

Next Museum open day is

Sun 30 April.

10am-4pm

Admission donation £3
 Contact 07503952354

BOXTED W.I.

Boxted W.I. February meeting heard from the "Looking good, feeling better" charity which is based at 70 hospitals countrywide. The volunteer beauty consultants provide therapy and psychological benefits through skincare and make-up workshops to help women combat the visible side effects of cancer treatment.

The ladies enjoyed a demonstration of subtle make-up techniques, with thanks to Sheila the presenter and Kay our gorgeous model.

The Boxted W.I. along with some new guests from the village enjoyed an evening of fine tea tasting during their March monthly meeting.

The evening was packed with interest and entertainment, courtesy of the Colne Valley Tea Company. The ladies savoured some unusual teas such as "Amaretto Cherry" along with delightful petit fours; thanks to Jill Graves for her creativity!

Some members recently attended the Essex Federation convention with speaker Anton Du Becke.

The next meeting "handy household tips" will be 1950s style with Cocktails and Mocktails.

Informal get together at Boxted Community Hub on Wednesday 29th March at 10.00am.

Boxted school

In their commitment to the community, the ladies supported the School Art Gallery fund raising event by supplying cakes and running a refreshments stall over the two days.

More details and photos of the art gallery can be found at:
http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/boxted_school_hall_turns_into_gallery_for_pupils_art_1_4924981

LANGHAM SINGERS

Langham Singers met again on February 25th for an eagerly awaited Saturday morning sing with Tracy Sharp from Ipswich to lead us.

It was great to meet up again. We are still looking for a leader who can come monthly.

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