



# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE RECTOR

We seem to have moved from summer to the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, with a bite in the air, as with the flick of a switch. Before too long we will have moved into the Christmas Season, and the joy of nativity plays.

We can all imagine the baby Jesus in the manger watched over by Mary and Joseph, worshipped by shepherds and wise men. But life isn't always what it seems, they were in a stable because no one would give them houseroom, and at one point Joseph almost left Mary because he was angry about her pregnancy.

The shepherds were there because an angel had promised them a Saviour, who would care for poor people like them. The wise men were there because their study of the stars told them that an ancient prophecy, that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, was about to be fulfilled.

When Jesus was born all of these people came to know the truth. Mary knew that God had kept his promise to her. Joseph looked at those worshipping Jesus and knew that he really was God's son. The shepherds knew God hadn't forgotten them, and the wise men knew that this baby was the long awaited Messiah.

We too celebrate Christmas because it is the moment when we too, know the truth. God became human and dwelt among us. He became the bridge between heaven and earth. Through Jesus we can know God, and know that he loves us and is always with us. What news could be better than this?

I look forward to seeing you as we celebrate finding the truth together this Christmas Season. God bless, Mandy

## DECEMBER VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council		<i>No meeting in December</i>	Langham Parish Council		<i>No meeting in December</i>
Boxted WI	12th 7.30	<i>Village Hall (Christmas Celebration)</i>	100 Club Draw	30th 1.45	<i>Community Centre (Prior to the family film)</i>
Boxted Evergreen Club	7th 2.30	<i>Village Hall (Christmas Party)</i>	Crafty Ladies	6th 10.00—3.00	<i>Community Centre</i>
Boxted History Group	20th 2.00	<i>Village Hall (Life on the Road—Peter King)</i>	Patchwork Pals	20th 10.00—3.00	<i>Community Centre</i>
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday 10.30—12	<i>Boxted Hub</i>	Langham Ladies	7th 8.00	<i>Community Centre (Indian Cookery—Badu Thobhani)</i>
Boxted Arts & Crafts Club	6th 2.00	<i>Village Hall</i>	Langham Film Nights	30th 2.00	<i>Community Centre (Beauty and the Beast- PG)</i>
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday 2.00 & Friday 7.00	<i>Village Hall</i>	Boxted Airfield Historical Group		<i>Meetings resume in January</i>
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday 7.00	<i>Playing Field</i>	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday 2.00 & Friday 7.30	<i>Community Centre</i>
Boxted Runners	Thursday 9.15am	<i>Village Hall</i>	Langham Bridge Club	Monday 7.00	<i>Community Centre</i>
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)	Sunday 8.15am	<i>Village Hall</i>	2nd Langham Scout Group		<i>Community Centre</i>
Monday to Friday in school term		<i>Playing Field</i>		Wednesday (times vary)	
9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)			Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions		<i>Recreation Ground</i>
Open Door		<i>Village Hall</i>	Saturday & Sunday Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10)		
Friday in school term 8.45—10.15			11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)		
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Methodist Chapel Schoolroom		Langham St Mary's Bellingrings		<i>St Mary's Church</i>
Wednesday 7.30			Tuesday 7.30—9.00		Sunday Services 9.00
Monday in school term 7.30 (Training Band)					
Church Youth Groups	Methodist Chapel Schoolroom				

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Boxted Parish Council invites village residents to contribute some of their time to help oversee the running of the village hall.

The hall has been exceptionally well looked after by previous volunteer trustees. The Parish Council – the new trustee of the hall – needs a fresh team of village residents to work in association with parish council members to maintain this tradition whilst adapting the hall to changing or new trends, and keep the hall financially viable.

The time spent could equate to one meeting per month plus a few hours in between.

Anyone who can contribute skills and experience in finance, administration or business, or just has an active interest in the village please contact any of your parish councillors for further information:

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

December

**Sunday 3rd St Peter's**  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 11.00 am Morning Service  
**Boxted Village Hall**  
 3.00 pm Band Service

**Sunday 10th St Mary's W. Bergholt**  
 10.30 am Joint 3 Parishes  
 Confirmation Service

**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 11.00 am Morning Service  
 with Communion

**Sunday 17th St Mary's**  
 8.00am Said Eucharist

**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 11.00 am Morning Service  
 3.00 pm Carol Service with BMSB

*For Christmas Services for  
St Mary's & St Peter's  
see separate entry*

**Sunday 24th**

**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 No service

**Sunday 31st St Peter's**  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 United service at The Ark Highwoods

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
St Mary's & St Peter's**

**17th December**

**9.30am St. Peter's, Boxted,**  
 Village Nativity Play and Family Service; children please come dressed as Mary/Joseph/Angels/Shepherds/Animals...the more the merrier

**6.00pm St. Peter's, Boxted,**  
 Carol Service with Lessons and Carols

**24th December  
Christmas Eve**

*No morning service at St. Peter's or St. Mary's*

**2.30pm St. Peter's, Boxted,**  
 Crib Service - children to put the figures in the Crib

**4.00pm St. Mary's, Langham,**  
 Christingle Service all children receive a Christingle, and all donations go to the Children's Society

**11.00 pm St. Peter's, Boxted**  
 Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

**9.30am St. Peter's Boxted,**  
 Christmas Eucharist



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## JANUARY VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	10th	7.00	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	3rd	7.30	Community Centre
Boxted WI	9th	7.00	Fillpots Garden Centre	100 Club Draw & Coffee morning	26th	10.30	Community Centre (Hosted by Langham Bowls Club)
Boxted Evergreen Club	11th	2.30	Village Hall (Bring & Buy)	Crafty Ladies	3rd	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
	25th	2.30	Village Hall (Guess Who's Wedding Pictures)	Patchwork Pals	17th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
Boxted History Group	17th	2.00	Village Hall	Langham Ladies	11th	8.00	Community Centre (Tales of a Magistrate—Roger Newnham)
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	Boxted Hub	Langham Film Nights	20th	7.45	Community Centre (Hidden Figures—PG)
Boxted Arts & Crafts Club	3rd	2.00	Village Hall	Boxted Airfield Historical Group	16th	7.30	Museum, L'm Lane
	17th	2.00	Village Hall	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00	Village Hall	Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.00	Community Centre
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Playing Field	2nd Langham Scout Group			Community Centre
Boxted Runners	Thursday	9.15am	Village Hall		Wednesday	(times vary)	
	Sunday	8.15am	Village Hall	Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions			Recreation Ground
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)			Playing Field	Saturday & Sunday	Pay & Play:	10.15—11.15 (age 5—10) 11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)	
Monday to Friday in school term				Langham St Mary's Bellringers			St Mary's Church
9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)				Tuesday	7.30—9.00	Sunday Services	9.00
Open Door			Village Hall				
Friday in school term	8.45—10.15						
Boxted Methodist Silver Band			Methodist Chapel Schoolroom				
Wednesday	7.30						
Monday in school term	7.30 (Training Band)						
Church Youth Groups			Methodist Chapel Schoolroom				
Friday in school term	Zone: 5.30—7	Edge: 7.30—9.15					

### CHURCH SERVICES January

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
9.30am	Sung Eucharist
	<b>Boxted Methodist Chapel</b>
11.00 am	Morning Service No Band Service
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	<b>Boxted Methodist Chapel</b>
11.00 am	Morning Service
3.00pm	Church Anniversary Service
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
8.00 am	Said Eucharist
9.30am	Family Service
	<b>Boxted Methodist Chapel</b>
11.00 am	Covenant Service
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	<b>Boxted Methodist Chapel</b>
11.00 am	Morning Service

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