



# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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May I wish you all a very happy and joyous Easter!

Easter is the greatest mystery of the Christian Faith! It is the time when Jesus, who had definitely died, on a cross, three days earlier, came back to life! The tomb in which he had been buried was definitely empty, and he definitely spoke with Mary Magdalene and his followers. In the subsequent days he definitely ate and drank with them.

A mystery is a truth given to us by God in a way which can't be explained by logic or doctrine. It is a truth accepted through faith.

How Jesus came back to life is the mystery. But, we believe that it was through God's power that it happened, and this single event shows that God's power of life is greater than the power of death, his power of love is greater than the power of hatred, and his power of light is greater than the powers of darkness. These three things give us the confidence that in the end, God's life, love and light will be what survives eternally, and this makes all the difference in our day to day lives. It means we can live our lives in a spirit of positive expectation and hope. And this truly is a message of good news for all of us, here and now!

On Easter Day please do come and be part of the celebrations of Jesus resurrection in St. Mary's Langham, at both 8 am and 9.30 am. They will services of happiness, joy and hope, and I invite you all to be part of the celebrations.

Happy Easter.



## ESSEX SHED NETWORK

The Essex Shed Network needs your help

The Essex Shed Network is an organisation which exists to help communities start and run their own Shed projects. Sheds are community spaces where men 18 years plus can socialise, work on practical projects and learn new skills together. The Shedders could be making toys for craft fairs, planters for civic buildings or even restoring village signs.

Crucially it's not all about the wood or metal working- it's just as much about the company; the morning ritual of tea and biscuits and banter, the sharing of stories as well as skills. Sheds are places which help to ease loneliness and isolation amongst men (an often overlooked issue in society).

Since the first Shed opened in Maldon (2014) the Essex Shed Network has grown to 10 active Sheds with another 10 in development. And now we have found a potential Shed site on Hill Farm (located between Boxted and Langham) so we need your help to get it off the ground and make it a success. It won't be easy- there is a lot of work to be done to convert the barn into a working Shed- but Shedders have done it before, so we know they can do it again!

So, if you would like to have a Men's Shed in your community, then please come along to an informal meeting that we are holding with Boxted Parish Council at Boxted Village Hall to express your interest and find out more on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.**

### Colchester Foodbank in Langham



We recently gave a talk to Langham Parish Council about our additional Warehouse project (which has been enabled by a benefactor Cardea Housing Association) which is to be based in Langham. We invited them and you dear reader, to come and visit the Foodbank to see what we do, we are open 10am to 2pm Monday to Saturday at 33 Moorside Business Park, Eastgates, Colchester CO1 2ZF.

We need additional space, in November 2018 Aldi offered us 43 large pallets of food on an all or nothing basis, at that time we only had room for 3 pallets so we were unable to take delivery of the food. In December 2018 we expanded to fill the last unused space in our current location and that coupled with volunteers working double shifts was only just sufficient to enable us to get through our busiest month ever December 2018, which has led into 2019 with our busiest January and February ever recorded.

We have recently opened on Saturdays, in response to the rising trend in demand for our service, from frontline professionals from the 165 registered partner agencies in the Colchester area who make the emergency food voucher referrals to people in crisis so they can access our service. Colchester Foodbank is the busiest Foodbank in Essex, in 2016 we provided meals for over 5,700 people; in 2017 we provided meals for over 6,300 people and in 2018 we provided meals for over 7,000 people. Of these over a third each year were children.

We are looking to see if any people from the Langham area might be willing to volunteer for us initially one day a week to help with our new development in Langham. If so please download a volunteer application from our website fill it in and send it into us, many thanks!

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 clearing away.

If you have any new clubs or events  
 planned in the future,  
 please consider using the village hall  
 as a venue.

## CHURCH SERVICES

April 2019

**Sunday 7th**

9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Mary's**  
**Boxted Methodist Chapel**

11.00 am Morning Service (LA)  
 15.00pm Band Service

**Sunday 14th**

9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Peters**  
**Boxted Methodist Chapel**

11.00 am Morning Service with  
 Communion **St Peter's**  
 4.00pm Afternoon Family Service

**Holy Week**

Said Eucharist Service

**Monday 15th** 10am **St Mary's**  
**Tuesday 16th** 10am **St Peter's**  
**Wednesday 17th** 10am **St Mary's**

Sung Eucharist

**Thursday 18th** 8pm **St Mary's**

Good Friday

**Friday 19th** 12 noon **St Peter's**

**Boxted Methodist Chapel**

15.00 pm Led by Rev Howes with  
 music from BMSB

**Easter Sunday 21st**

8.00 am BCP Eucharist **St Mary's**  
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9.30 am Sung Eucharist

**Boxted Methodist Chapel**

11.00 am Morning Service

**Sunday 28th**

9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Peter's**

11.00 am **Boxted Methodist**  
 Circuit Service at  
**Castle Methodist Church,**  
**Colchester Town Centre**

**St Mary's** Need a little help? **St Peter's**

## Good Neighbours

Monday to Friday 8 am to 7 pm

Ring one of the numbers on the  
 yellow cards available in  
 Boxted Village Hall & Community Hub  
 Langham Shop and the Churches

## Parish Council Report February 19

Boxted Parish Council meets at least 10 times every year. We currently have 8 Councillors and one vacant position. We all volunteer a bit of time each month to help keep Boxted a good place to live.

We hope you have seen the roof repairs to the Hub building. We managed to get a grant for most of the work and a very good job has been completed. We have also managed to get a grant from Essex County Council of £500 to help pay for the cost of building a disability ramp for the hub.

We are still looking for a volunteer to look at the play equipment each week and report any damage to the council. If you can help please email the clerk, Karen, for more information.

Good news. Firstly, the village hall seems to be holding its own financially this year and is just about covering all its costs. Secondly, Colchester Borough Council had a small amount of money to donate locally and Cllr Chapman requested £1000 to come to Boxted village hall to help change the lights to LED lights which should be cheaper to run. Many thanks to Colchester Borough Council and Cllr Nigel Chapman.

We have reflected on the village Christmas tree event and want to thank Fred Smiths Christmas Trees (Tim) who kindly donated the tree and standing block. We hope to do the same again next year.

Any suggestions then email the Clerk, Karen, on [boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## Langham Heritage Group

Did anyone tell you about old Frankie Baldwin?

He had a pony and trap and lived in Moor Road. A traveller bloke, He used to take the children out with his pony and trap around the village. He used to go to the Shepherd & Dog. I don't know whether it's true but they told me that they once took the pony out of the shafts, and then put the shafts through the fence and put the pony back on. He used to go in there with old Collie Winguard, who played a harmonica and shook a tin full of stones. They used to wear a Beetle wig and play a guitar over there - they made a hell of a row so were known as The Noises.

*One of the stories given to the Heritage Group. Do you have another?*

*Ann.lunn@binternet.com*

## Langham Ladies

At our March meeting we welcomed many friends and family to a fascinating talk by Paul Whiting about the New Horizons rocket to Pluto, which took 7 years to reach the dwarf planet and had only a 2 hour window to gather photographs and data. Discovered only in 1930 and named by an 11 year old girl, the mission established many unexpected facts about Pluto, resulting in it being downgraded to a dwarf planet. It proved to be a very enlightening and sociable evening for everyone who came

Our next meeting on 11th April at 8.00 p.m, which again is an open meeting, is the story of The Giggly Pig Company and we will be serving Sausage & Mash at the start of the meeting, followed by a talk from Tracey Mackness, there is a charge of £5 for guests

## 2nd Langham Scout Group

On Saturday 6 July, Langham Scout Group will be celebrating its 60th Birthday.

We are planning a day of celebration at Langham Community Centre. A number of Scouting activities are being planned for everyone to take part.

Former members young and old are invited. Further details next month.

Please save the date.  
For more information contact  
Denise Hobday on  
gsl.2.langhamscouts@gmail.com



## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Look out for an important report and leaflet in the May issue

## Boxted History Group

The group was delighted to welcome the Reverend Roy Tricker once again to February's meeting. This time he gave a very amusing and enlightening talk on Anglian Clerical characters.

Roy thought that the Church of England in particular was a hot bed of eccentric characters especially before the 1950's when a Clergy once appointed to a Parish had the right to remain there and live in the Vicarage for the rest of their lives.

He then continued by naming numerous examples and reasons why over time some have become ecclesiastical legends while the majority have sadly faded into history. By the end of Roy's talk the large audience were left wondering if in the future he too might become one of the legends?

Not month see's the groups AGM followed by a talk on the London Burial Crisis of the 19h Century and commences at the earlier time of 7.45pm, returning to the normal time of 8pm in May.

## Dedham Vale Honey

It doesn't seem like it at the moment but spring is just around the corner .... before we know it there will be swarms around, remember we collect these free of charge, however, please remember swarms are bees hanging in trees, bushes, posts, on the floor etc.... we are happy to re home them in one of our spare hives....

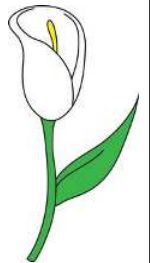
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If you would like to remember a loved one at Easter by purchasing lilies to be displayed in either of our two churches, please contact Annette Whybrow (St. Peter's, Boxted) 01206 272773 or Dot Garner (St. Mary's, Langham) 01206 272599.

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## Household Items Drop Off Service

Attended Freighter will be at Langham Community Centre 8 until 9.15 am and Cage Lane, Boxted 11am until 12pm on Saturday 13th April

## LANGHAM 100 CLUB February's winners

1. Maureen Bland (84)
2. Sue Armstrong (22)
3. Bill Durlacher (9)
4. Simon Gallup (26)

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