



ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted & Langham Dec 2018 & Jan 19

The Christmas Season is rushing towards us like an express train, with its joint senses of excitement and apprehension ... we love the joy and happiness of Christmas, but are conscious of all that needs to be done to get us there. I love the celebrations surrounding Jesus' birth and the joy of being with family and friends, and this is all happening because God chose to break into his creation, in a new and extraordinary way, so that he could save us from the consequences of what we do wrong.

Most of the time we get on with our daily lives, just as the shepherds did, but on this one night we remember the splash of God's glory lighting up the skies, and the cry of a new-born baby on a heap of straw. A moment in time when the ordinary and the extraordinary come together, and hopes and promises become fused.

The 'Incarnation', God becoming man, with all of its risks, and the daring statement of love which God made, speaks to us as clearly as it did to the shepherds, 2000 years ago. In it, we can marvel at the new born baby, and be affirmed by the wonder of the moment, even if we are also filled with questions. Questions which can lead us into a greater understanding of what happened in Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

In asking questions we are in good company, because Mary asked lots of questions and pondered on them for many years... perhaps all of Jesus' life. Perhaps only after his death, and rising to life again, did she understand a bit of what God was doing.



He loved us so much, that he wanted us to have inner peace, healing and wholeness, and he knew we couldn't achieve this in our own strength. So, he sent Jesus to do it for us, because the baby in Mary's arms is God, hearing our hidden fears and tears, and coming in person to save us and set us free. So let's celebrate and enjoy Christmas and say, thank-you to God for making this possible through a little baby.

Mandy Elmes

ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION AT LANGHAM

The day began with a march to the War Memorial School Gate (appropriately decorated by the primary schoolchildren) by 2nd Langham Scout Group and a Service of Remembrance led by Lay Minister Denise Hobday. The gathering was swelled by a group of passing cyclists who stayed for the service. Wreaths were later laid at the USAAF Monument.

In the afternoon at the Community Centre, there was a display of Great War and village memorabilia, "poppy stones" (Langham Scouts) and writings from the period of the Great War from the schoolchildren. The concluding parts of the BBC's 1964 *The Great War* were screened, while refreshments (including "Centenary Bake Off" biscuits) were served by Langham Ladies. Patsy Ann Maggs and Angela McLauchlan read from the memoirs of their father and grandfather respectively.

The commemoration concluded, as in over 1,000 towns and villages in this country and overseas, with the Last Post sounded at 6.55 pm, followed by the lighting of the newly-erected Beacon of Light and a peal of bells at St Mary's Church, the sound being ingeniously relayed to the assembly.

The Parish Council expresses the gratitude of the village to Bob and Liz Schofield for their huge contribution to the acquisition of the Beacon of Light, which was made and erected by Messrs Brewer of Lawford (who also kindly provided and manned the 'cherry-picker' for loading and lighting). The robust post is of local English oak and the beacon will now be a permanent feature of the Recreation Ground. The Council is also grateful to all those who organised or contributed to this significant village event, and especially Edward Hobday, who memorably sounded the bugle for Last Post and Reveille in the morning and Last Post in the evening.

Boxted Methodist Silver Band Performances

December 2018

Sunday 2nd – Advent Band Service in the Village Hall at 3 pm – a selection of carols, readings and festive music.

Sunday 9th – Fred Smiths and Fillpotts (afternoon)

Monday 10th – Windmill Close and Mill Road

Tuesday 11th – Workhouse Hill

Thursday 13th – Church Street

Monday 17th – Straight Road (Windmill Close to Line Cottages)

Tuesday 18th – Straight Road (East Side to Hobbs Drive)

Thursday 20th – The Cross and Dedham Road

Sunday 23rd – Carol Service at Methodist Chapel 3 pm.

The evening Carol playing is to raise money for Action For Children and the Band and start at 7pm



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

We are a chatty group, about a dozen in number, who walk locally once a week - Wednesday morning at 10 am. Our routes rarely go over stiles, or more than two miles, and aim for coffee somewhere nice afterwards. Come January the group will have been running (!) for ten years, and six of the founder members are still going strong.

By the way, many thanks from us to everybody who has maintained their footpaths, trimmed hedges and put in easy gates!

We will have a break for Christmas and the New Year, but if you would like to come along after that, phone 01206 272806.



BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO A SUDDEN BEREAVEMENT THE ORIGINAL SPEAKER WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND OCTOBER'S MEETING BUT THANKFULLY IAN MERCER AND HIS WIFE STOOD INTO THE BREACH. BOTH ARE EXPERIENCED GEOLOGISTS AND THEIR TALK ON "THE RIVER THAMES THROUGH HISTORY" HIGHLIGHTED THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE COURSE AND SIZE OF THE RIVER OVER MILLIONS OF YEARS FROM ROCKS FOUND MAINLY IN QUARRIES AROUND THE COUNTRY. A LARGE SELECTION OF THESE ROCKS WERE ON DISPLAY, PROVING THAT WHEN THE UK WAS PART OF MAINLAND EUROPE THE THAMES ROSE IN FRANCE AND FLOWED NORTH TOWARDS WALES AND EAST ANGLIA BEFORE PASSING THE CLACTON AREA ON ITS WAY TO THE RHINE IN MODERN DAY GERMANY.

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E-mail: lwbnewsletter@gmail.com
by Thursday 17th January

LANGHAM LADIES

Our November meeting gave us an opportunity to see how Enid Winder made her beautiful jewellery using silver and a sort of resin which is like playdough. Once coloured and baked it produces jewellery which is very distinctive and colourful and proved very popular with our members and guests.

Our December meeting is ONE WEEK EARLY on Thursday 6th December, when Baroness Jenkin of Kennington will speak about Women's Suffrage and the subsequent history of Women in Parliament, followed by special Christmas refreshments.

We are looking forward to our visit to Norwich, Lunch in January and the Mercury Theatre to see "Annie" in the new year. Details from Gill Brown, tel 273286.

Our speaker on January 10th, is Christine Beadle (The Essex Scrubber), visitors welcome, (£5).



Eve of Peace Concert

A packed St Peter's Church was the place to be on Saturday 3rd November for the Eve of Peace Concert, celebrating the centenary of the end of the First World War.

It was a moving, yet uplifting, tribute to those who fought in such torrid conditions abroad and those who stayed at home to keep the country going whilst enduring the heartbreak of separation and loss.

The Concert was wonderfully organised by Annette Whybrow and War letters were read by the Boxted Amateur Players. Delicious refreshments were provided by the WI and the Boxted Methodist Silver Band played rousing pieces.

The Concert finale was a real community effort, in a stirring rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

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Boxted Evergreen Club

Members enjoyed a visit from one of our members, who joins us when she visits her family occasionally 99 years young Peggy Shore. Lovely to see her.

Lots planned within our group over the next couple of months with Christmas meals and preparing for our Bring and Buy in January.

If anyone over 65 years wishes to join our happy friendly club ring Linda on 01206 272710 for details.

LANGHAM 100 CLUB October Winners

1. Langham Ladies (60)
2. Gill Brown (71)
3. Pat and Colin Ward (14)
4. Louise Armstrong (7)

Boxted & Langham Village News

DECEMBER VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	No Meeting	
Boxted WI	11th 7.30	Village Hall (Party Like its 1918)
Boxted Evergreen Club	29th Nov 2.30	Christmas Lunch Village Hall
	6th 2.30	Christmas Party with Boxted Buskers
Boxted History Group	19th 7.30 for 8	Village Hall (An Eccentric Look at East Anglia's Countryside)
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday 10.30—12	Boxted Hub
Boxted Arts & Crafts Club	5th 2.00	Village Hall
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday 2.00 & Friday 7.00	Village Hall
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday 7.00	Playing Field
Boxted Running Club	Thursday 9.15am	Village Hall
	Sunday 8.05am	Village Hall
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)		Playing Field
	Monday to Friday in school term	
	9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)	
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 Group		Methodist Chapel Schoolroom
Zone:	5.30—7.30	

Langham Parish Council	No Meeting	
		100 Club Draw to be made in Community Shop
Crafty Ladies	5th 10.00 — 3.00	Community Centre
Patchwork Pals	19th 10.00 — 2.30	Community Centre
Langham Ladies	6th	(Women in Parliament)
Langham Film Nights	T.B.A.	Community Centre
Boxted Airfield Historical Group	TBC	Museum L'ham Lane
Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday 2.00 & Friday 7.30	Community Centre
Langham Bridge Club	Monday 7.00	Community Centre
2nd Langham Scout Group		Community Centre
	Wednesday (times vary)	
Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions		Recreation Ground
Saturday & Sunday Pay & Play:	10.15—11.15 (age 5—10)	
	11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)	
Langham St Mary's Bellringers		St Mary's Church
Tuesday 7.30—9.00	Sunday Services	



A Boxted Christmas Carol

a fun pantomime by The Boxted Amateur Players,
taking place at the **village hall**,
Saturday 15th December 4.00 and 7.30pm tickets from
boxtedap@gmail.com or Boxted Community Hub
£6 Adults £3 under 16s.

JANUARY 2019 VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	9th 7.00	Village Hall
Boxted WI	8th 7.30	Fillpots Festive Dinner
Boxted Evergreen Club	10th 2.30	Village Hall (Winter Quiz)
	24th 2.30	Village Hall Bring and Buy
Boxted History Group	16th 7.30 for 8	Village Hall (To Be Announced)
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Edge:	18th 7.30—9 pm	

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Community Café

Thanks to all who came to our Langham Community Event on Friday, 2 November. With soup lunches, cakes, drinks and all Langham based businesses selling clothes, candles, Christmas decorations, Neal's Yard products and offering complementary therapies as well as village shop produce, it proved a great meeting point for the community.
We plan to return in February for a further community cafe so look out for the posters/details in Feb newsletter.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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

CHURCH SERVICES

December 2018

Sunday 2nd

St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist with Bishop
 Roger

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

Boxted Village Hall

3.00 pm Band Service

Sunday 9th

St Peter's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

St Mary's

4.00pm Afternoon Family Service
 Dramatised Nativity

Sunday 16th

St Mary's

8.00 am BCP Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service with
 Communion

St Peter's

6.00 pm Carol Service

Sunday 23rd

St Peter's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service
 3.00 pm Carol Service with Music
 from BMSB

Monday 24th

Christmas Eve

St Peter's

2.30 pm Crib Service

St Mary's

4.00pm Christingle Service

11.00pm Midnight Eucharist

Tuesday 25th

Christmas Day

St Peter's

10.00 am Christmas Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th

St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am United Service at The
Ark Highwoods

CHURCH SERVICES

January 2019

Sunday 6th

St Peter's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

Sunday 13th

St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

3.00 pm Church Anniversary
 Service with music provided by BMSB

St Peter's

4.00pm Afternoon Family Service

Sunday 20th

St Mary's

8.00 am BCP Eucharist

St Peter's

9.30 am Family Service

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Circuit Service at **Castle
 Methodist Church**

Sunday 27th

St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

THE EDGE YOUTH GROUP

Following a very successful Youth Club for 6 - 11 year olds (THE ZONE). **We would like to invite all young people aged 11 - 18 years to come to a Friday Evening Youth Club (THE EDGE)** a great chance to meet up

with your friends from Boxted and Langham or further afield.

There will be games and activities, chats about teen issues or topical discussions, your choice, Pizza to eat and trips to local events.

We will meet at The Methodist Hall, Cage Lane, Boxted, 7.30pm to 9.00pm every other week during term time.

There will not be any membership charge but £1.00 for the Tuck Shop is a good idea, sweets, crisps and drinks will be available.

Our first meeting will be Friday 18th January 2019, looking forward to meeting you all.

Both clubs are run by Langham and Boxted Churches.

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St Mary's Langham
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Wish You All A Very Happy Christmas

And invite you to join us at our Christmas services

New Family Service With Nativity

4:00pm 9th December St Mary's Langham

Carol Service

6:00pm 16th December At St Peter's Boxted

Followed by Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Other

Christmas Refreshments

Crib Service

2:30pm 24th December St Peter's Boxted

Christingle Service

4:00pm 24th December St Mary's Langham

Midnight Eucharist

11:00pm 24th December St Mary's Langham

Christmas Eucharist

10:00am 25th December St Peter's Boxted