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Benefice of Blandford Forum and Langton Long

Weekly News

Sunday 22nd November 2020

Services

Services at Blandford Parish Church and All Saints Church, Langton Long are suspended from Thursday 5th November to Wednesday 2nd December following the latest Government lockdown restrictions.

Blandford Parish Church will be open 9am-11am on Sundays for Private Prayer.

There will continue to be an online service on Blandford Parish Church Facebook Page Sundays at 10.00am.

Prayer during Lockdown

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or
in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their
consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on
the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Susanne Tun Pe Tel. 07587 253984

Lockdown Version 2: As I am sure you are aware by now, the church buildings are now closed for worship during November. However, Blandford church will be open on Sunday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am for private prayer; if you think this would help you we will be very pleased to welcome you. You can, of course, still view the service streamed at 10.00am on the Blandford Parish Church Facebook page. Services are also streamed from the Salisbury Cathedral website and the Church of England website.. Dave and Rodney

Pastoral Care: Don't forget—if you would like someone to talk to, pray with or need any assistance do get in touch. You can email :

pastoralcare@bfpc.org.uk

prayer@bfpc.org.uk

You can also phone the church number 01258 456260 Monday-Friday mornings.

Prayer for the Nation: The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and senior church leaders have called a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown. The suggestion is that as many of us as possible unite to do this at 6pm. Please join Christians throughout the nation to send a wave of prayer across the nation in these troubled times. For further details visit www.churchofengland.org.

Zoom Prayer Meetings: These are held every Thursday at 7pm. If you would like to share a time of prayer please contact the church office to request a zoom link.

Could you become a Foodbank Buddy? The Foodbank has begun to explore how it can provide more meaningful pastoral support for its clients. This is currently very limited, especially now by Covid-19 restrictions. However, it would like to be able to offer ongoing pastoral support. In the current circumstances, this contact and support would be initiated by telephone in the first instance, but could lead to face to face contact, as long as Covid-19 restrictions are fully observed. In the longer term, (post Covid-19) it may be possible to use the cafe facilities at the United Reformed Church for these relaxed and very informal support opportunities. Any volunteers will be provided with training to ensure that all Safeguarding, accountability, confidentiality, boundaries and basic skills are agreed to by participating volunteers. If you think you could show the unconditional love of God and, if the opportunity arises, to share the reason for the hope you have in Christ then please contact Rodney (452727 or wardens@bfpc.org.uk)

Dave Shiner: It is with sadness we announce the recent death of Dave Shiner.

Although not known well to many in the congregation, Dave often joined us - sitting at the back - but regularly stayed for coffee and chat.

His trademark humour and welcome smile, set amid a hairstyle that had reminiscences of Albert Einstein (!), he was always known for showing the positive side of every moment.

He had been suffering from cancer for the past 2 years, yet often did not let on about the extent of his condition, leaving the few of us who chatted with him on a more personal level a little taken aback by his death.

Former engineer at Cobham Industries, Wimborne and Metalsmith, he was a creative and artistic wrought iron technician. Indeed he was skilled in a number of practical aspects, including handmade books.

One thing he always made clear, and was ready to testify to was his trust in Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord.

Rest in Peace.

Age Concern: Age Concern will not be running drop-in sessions at the Parish Centre during lockdown but can be contacted on 07305166418.

Blandford Foodbank: If you or a member of your family is experiencing a financial change in circumstances or an unexpected crisis, Blandford Foodbank may be able to help. In addition to supplying emergency food parcels, Blandford Foodbank can also offer support through the Community Money Advice scheme. If you would like more information about accessing a food parcel or a referral to the Community Money Advice Team please contact the Church Office.

Bible Book Club: The Bible Book for November is Isaiah.

