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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

May I wish you all a very happy Easter.

We will have journeyed through the forty days of Lent, preparing through self-examination, study, prayer and fasting for the events of Holy Week; starting with Palm Sunday, journeying through the Last Supper, Jesus' death on a cross, and culminating in the empty tomb on that first Easter morning.

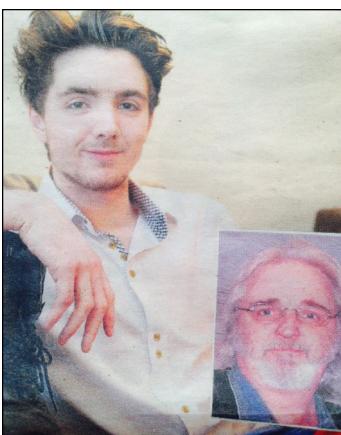
The empty tomb tells us of Jesus' glorious resurrection, proving that he was no longer bound by death but was triumphant over it. Really alive, eating and drinking with hundreds of his disciples and enjoying spending time with them. Really alive and offering everyone this life which is not bound by death.

At Easter we celebrate this gift of new life through Jesus, a new spiritual life which is available to everyone. A new life which is possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus. A new life offered to young and old alike, a new life which is a free gift from God to all of us. So please be part of the celebrations of Easter Day either at 8 am at St. Mary's, Langham or at 11.15 am, at St. Peter's Boxted, where there will be a Family-orientated service and Easter eggs for all of the children.

In next month's Newsletter please look out for an opportunity to give some feedback on your thoughts about our churches and how they could be more helpful to you and our village communities.

HAPPY EASTER, with love,

Mandy Elmes



Dafydd Lampard of School Road, Langham, plans to climb Africa's highest mountain to raise funds for Help for Heroes in memory of his father, the late Warwick Lampard, who died last year after suffering constant pain for many years. Dafydd's climb is being organised by Action Challenge and to take part he needs by June to have raised £4,000 for Help for Heroes. Dafydd has already raised £1,700 and is organising a Quiz Night (see Page 5) and a musical evening to gather in more funds. To help Dafydd meet his target, do go along to these events. You may also donate directly through:

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LANGHAM WI

At the March meeting, Sarah Shehadeh spoke of "Modes, Manners and Morals", telling the history of etiquette and manners through the ages. Her account of how custom varies according to time and place was most interesting and illuminating.

A number of members will be attending the Spring Valley Meeting at Nayland and the County Meeting at the Charter Hall, Colchester. One member from each WI in the United Kingdom will be invited to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace as part of the celebrations of the WI's Centenary Year. It is not yet known who the fortunate Langham invitee will be.

The WI is hosting the 27 April Community Council Coffee Morning (nice cakes guaranteed)

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Many of those who attended February's meeting were of the age to recall or actually to have visited the subject of Geoffrey Kay's talk: the 1951 Festival of Britain. The evening thus witnessed a lively exchange of reminiscences, during which a number of generally unknown facts emerged. Planned for the hundredth anniversary of the 1851 Great Exhibition, its purposes were to promote British industry and its exports and to raise public morale in the post-war period of austerity. Indeed, it was initially billed as "The Tonic for the Nation", an uninspiring description soon abandoned.



Originally to be sited in Hyde Park (like the Great Exhibition), it was re-located to a derelict bomb site on the south bank of the River Thames by Waterloo Bridge. Despite much scepticism, shortage of materials and many labour disputes, the Festival opened on time and was a huge success. 12 million people visited it and souvenirs are still to be found in homes throughout the land. When the Festival ended almost everything was demolished; all that is now left is the Festival Hall. But those who went will not forget the Dome of Discovery, the 3D Cinema and the symbolic "Skylon" (above).

CHURCH SERVICES APRIL

Easter Sunday 5th	St Mary's
8.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)
11.00 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel Easter Morning Service
11.15 am	St Peter's Family Eucharist (CW)
3.00 pm	Boxted Methodist Chapel Easter Band Service
Sunday 12th	St Mary's
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) (With children's Sunday Group)
11.00 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel Morning Service
Sunday 19th	St Mary's
8.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	St Peter's Sung Eucharist (CW)
11.00 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel Morning Service with Communion
Sunday 26th	St Peter's
11.00 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel Morning Service
11.15 am	Sung Eucharist (CW)

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP

The Langham Community Shop's Management Committee has been very pleased to receive a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to acquire an Electronic Point of Sale (Epos) till for the Shop.

Items purchased are now scanned directly into the till by way of their barcodes. Sales are automatically recorded in the office computer, providing information which is invaluable with stock control, pricing and monitoring sales. Moreover, the till is in many respects easier to operate than the old one. (And the drawer doesn't jump out at you when you're not looking.)

The band of volunteers to assist in the Shop can never be too large and newcomers are very welcome. Everyone is given thorough (but amiable) training and novices don't start without a more experienced hand to guide them. If you have a little spare time and would like to join in this valuable and very social activity, call in at the Shop and have a word with Jane Morten, the Shop Manager, or ring 272431.

Boxted & Langham Village News

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

March Winners
 £25 Mrs Daniels
 £10 David Wilkes
 £ 6 Kim Sadler
 £ 4 Douglas Carter

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

BOXTED AIRFIELD HISTORICAL GROUP

On 21 April members will enjoy a talk by John Pyle on "Hobart's Funnies", the ingeniously modified tanks used to overcome beach defences and other fortifications on and after D-Day in 1944.

On 26 April there is a special one-day (10 am to 4 pm) event at the Group's Museum to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day, the day WW1 in Europe ended. There will be an exhibition, guest speakers and a film of events on VE Day itself. The Group would welcome people from Boxted and Langham telling of their recollections of that notable day. If you would like to contribute, phone Richard Turner on 01206 865275.

Admission by non-members to either the regular meeting or the VE Day event is by a donation of £3.

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School continues to strengthen its links with neighbouring "cluster" schools through competitions and other activities. They have included squash training for Years 3 and above and a Maths quiz at Tendring School. A very informative evening for parents was hosted by Liz Deller; the subject was Maths and the useful support methods that may be used at home.

Class 3 enjoyed a visit to the newly refurbished Colchester Castle Museum as part of its study of the Romans and Boudicca.

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

February Winners
 £50 Langham Bridge Club
 £25 D & Lesley Ford
 £15 Jutta Brawn
 £10 Gill Flack

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

CHURCH SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 29th March

11.15 am **St Mary's**
 Sung Eucharist (CW with Palms)

Monday 30th March

10.00 am **St Peter's**
 Eucharist (CW)

Tuesday 31st March

10.00 am **St Mary's**
 Eucharist (CW)

Wednesday 1st April

10.00 am **St Peter's**
 Eucharist (CW)

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

8.00 pm **St Mary's**
 Sung Eucharist (CW)

Good Friday 3rd April

12.00 mid **St Peter's**
 Good Friday Meditation

3.00 pm **Boxted Methodist Chapel**

Easter Service (with Band)

Easter Sunday 5th April

8.00 am **St Mary's**
 Eucharist (BCP)

11.00 am **Boxted Methodist Chapel**
 Easter Morning Service

11.15 am **St Peter's**
 Sung Eucharist (CW)

3.00 pm **Boxted Methodist Chapel**
 Easter Band Service

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