



# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted & Langham

December 19

As everyone with an Advent Candle or an Advent Calendar knows, the season of Advent has begun. This is the 'waiting time' when we make space to remember the story of God's people waiting for God to come amongst them, both as a vulnerable baby, and, when he comes again in glory.

As we look towards Christmas, we look forward to the time that we celebrate when God, as a vulnerable baby, became flesh and dwelt amongst us, so that we could discover who God really is ... the one who came to take away all of the hatred, violence and negativity that is in us. The one who came to take away all of our sin, refusal to love and the fears locked up inside us.

Jesus came, as a vulnerable baby, to announce that, whatever culture, race, ability or disability, gender or religion we come from, each of us is unique and is important to God and humanity. He came to tell each and every one of us, that he loves us, because of our imperfections, fears and 'warts', not despite them. He came as a vulnerable baby, to tell us all that we are precious to him, and he loves us so much he is prepared to die for us. In his vulnerability we too can be vulnerable, we too can be told by him that he loves us.

And this is why we celebrate Christmas, because it tells each one of us that we are loved by God and that we are precious to him. What more could we ask of a gift at Christmas?

*Mandy Elmes*

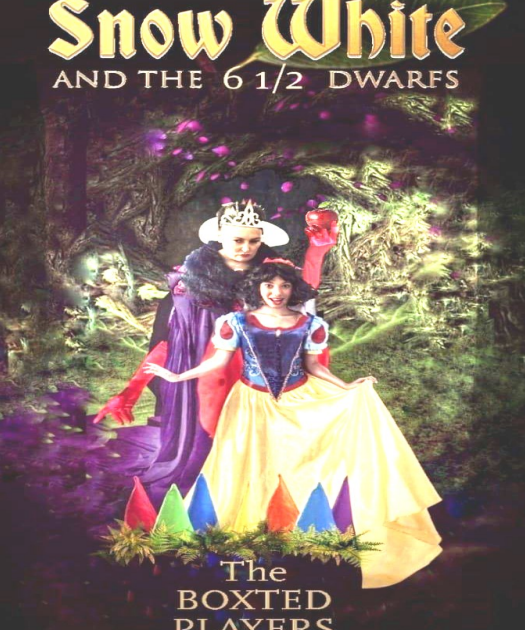
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 planned in the future,  
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 as a venue.



## BOXTED & LANGHAM DECEMBER SERVICES



Sunday 1st  
 9:30am Sung Eucharist - St Marys, Langham, CO4 5PS

Sunday 8th  
 9:30am Sung Eucharist - St Peters, Boxted, CO4 5TG  
 4pm Family Service - Methodist School Room,  
 Chapel Lane, Boxted, CO4 5RP

Sunday 15th  
 8am B.C.P Eucharist (Said) - St Marys, Langham  
 9:30 Nativity Family service - St Marys, Langham

Sunday 22nd  
 9:30am Sung Eucharist - St Peters, Boxted  
 4pm THE CAROL SERVICE - St Peters, Boxted

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 2:30pm Crib Service - St Peters, Boxted  
 4pm Christingle Service - St Marys, Langham  
 11pm Midnight Eucharist - St Peters, Boxted

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 10am Sung Eucharist - St Marys, Langham

Sunday 29th  
 9:30am Sung Eucharist - St Peters, Boxted



**WISHING YOU A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**



## CHURCH SERVICES

January 2020

Sunday 5th  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Peter's**

Sunday 12th  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Mary's**  
 4.00 pm Family Service **St Peter's**

Sunday 19th  
 8.00 am BCP Eucharist **St Mary's**  
 9.30 am Family Service **St Peter's**

Sunday 24th  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Mary's**

## THE ZONE AND EDGE GROUPS

Our youth groups have continued to meet during the Autumn Term, we have had regular Friday evenings of games, activities and food, with a Christian element. We had an outing with The Zone to Go Bananas and The Edge went Bowling, these events were enjoyed by all. If you have children/young people who are free on a Friday evening please come along and see what we are all about with a view to joining in on a regular basis. Enquiries to Dominic or Linda on 01206 273324.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

After the kind donations made at our drop off locations this year, partially the Langham Community Shop, 205 shoeboxes where sent from the villages and have been taken to a local processing centre ready for distribution to children throughout Central Asia. We are hoping to be able to demonstrate where our boxes are sent to our young people and if your receive an location via email in early 2020 Tim would love to hear from you.

**Copy for the Feb issue should  
 be with the  
 Editor Tim Clarke  
 E-mail:  
[lwbnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lwbnewsletter@gmail.com)  
 by Thursday 23rd January**





**I will be standing down as Editor as of the April edition and am therefore looking for a new volunteer to take over the role, if you would be interested please get in touch via the mailbox.**

## LANGHAM HERITAGE

### *A Breakfast Saga*

The Misses Biggs ran a very successful village shop from 1934 at the Boxted end of Moor Road [the cottage is still named The Old Stores]. But by the 1960's supermarkets were starting to take over from the small local stores and Florrie and Phyllis were moving on in age. We have heard some amusing memories of their later years - here is one:

"The children liked Shredded Wheat. We had run out so along I went to the Biggs's to get some Shredded Wheat. I was met by Phyllis, who said 'Shredded Wheat? What do you want Shredded Wheat for?'

'Well, the children like it' 'You ought to give them a proper breakfast, not just Shredded Wheat.' 'Oh', I said, 'They like Shredded Wheat'.

'Ha,' said Phyllis and went off and seized one of those big poles with a hook at the end, she went into the store room - you could see through the door - and there was the Shredded Wheat amongst other cereals on the shelf. Phyllis was knee-high to a grasshopper, and she thrust and poked about with this thing when suddenly all the cereals fell on to the floor - she was up to her knees in cereal packets!

At that she stumped back into the shop saying 'That's what comes of giving your children this rubbish!' "

## LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

### **Dog Fouling notice.**

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there is an increase in dog fouling occurring in the village, this is on the recreation ground, on the roadside outside residential houses and on footpaths within the village. As local residents let's make sure we do our bit and keep the village clean.

The zone wardens have been informed and will be increasing the visits they make to the village to monitor the situation.

We fully understand that this is a minority of dog walkers creating this problem, who may well come from outside Langham however this may not always be the case.

This may in future have financial implications to the village as the football teams and caravaners may decide not to use our facilities due to this problem and we will not have an award winning recreation ground anymore.

"In England and Wales, Local Authorities can introduce public spaces protection orders, making it an offence not to clean up dog mess in certain areas. Under these orders, a person who doesn't clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fine of up to £80. These fines are known as fixed penalty notices. If a person refuses to pay they can be taken to a local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1000"

### **Advert for new Councillors**

The Parish Council has a vacancy at present for a new councillor. If any of the local residents are interested in learning more about the role of councillor please contact either Carol Harbach (Clerk) on [carolharbach@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolharbach@hotmail.co.uk) or Peter Dawson (Chairman) on [Peterdaw50n@hotmail.com](mailto:Peterdaw50n@hotmail.com) for further information.

## EVERGREEN CLUB

Our Autumn started successfully with a day trip to Whitsable, our next meeting saw local Town Crier Robert Needham sharing stories that were much enjoyed.

Then on a sunny October day another trip "Autumn Rust" with lunch in Suffolk.

Our A G M saw a slight change in Officers with Linda Tralau after 6years standing down and Diane Dell becoming our new Secretary. We also had an extremely interesting and informative talk given by Age Concern.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Party with our own Boxted Buskers, before finishing the year off with our Christmas Meal at New Times Tiptree..

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas from the Evergreen Club.

## BOXTED IN 2019

### Photography Competition

Judging will take place in January 2020 followed by an exhibition in the village of the winning images. It is also planned to publish a book of the winning images and possibly a calendar.

Entries will be £1 per image (50p for Under 16's) with 50p for each image in excess of 10.

The competition rules are on the Boxted Village Website and more information is available from: [stephenwhybrow@msn.com](mailto:stephenwhybrow@msn.com)

## LANGHAM 100 CLUB

October's 100 club winners:

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# Boxted & Langham Village News

## DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020 VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	12th Dec & 8th Jan	7.30pm	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	8th Jan	7.30	Community Centre
Boxted WI	10th Dec 7th Jan	Seasonal Tasting & Entmt		100 Club Draw	31st Jan	Hosted by Langham Bowls	Community Centre
Boxted Evergreen Club	5th Dec 2pm	Christmas Party		Langham Film Nights	T.B.C		Community Centre
Village Hall	9th Jan 2.30pm	Beetle Drive		Crafty Ladies	4th Dec , Jan T.B.C	10.00 — 3.00	Community Centre
Boxted History Group	23rd Jan	Bring & Buy		Patchwork Pals	18th Dec & 15th Jan	10.00 — 2.30	Community Centre
	18th Dec	Soldier, Sailor, Spy		Langham Ladies	5th Dec	Pat Nearney (Entertainer)	
	15th Jan	T.B.C.		9th Jan	Liz Trenau (Author)	24th Jan	New Year Lunch
Boxted Airfield Historical Group	T.B.C	Langham Lane					Community Centre
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	Boxted Hub	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday 2.00 & Friday 7.30		Community Centre
Boxted Arts & Crafts Club	4th Dec & Jan 15th 20th	2.00	Village Hall	Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.00	Community Centre
				2nd Langham Scout Group			Community Centre
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Alternate Tuesday 2.30 & Friday 7.00		Village Hall				Wednesday (times vary)
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Playing Field	Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions	Recreation Ground		
Boxted Running Club	Thursday	9.15am	Village Hall	Saturday & Sunday	Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10)		
	Sunday	8.05am	Village Hall		11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)		
Open Door	Fridays in school term	8.45—10.15	Village Hall	Langham St Mary's Bell ringers	St Mary's Church		
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Methodist Chapel Schoolroom			Tuesday	7.30—9.00	Sunday Services	9.00
	Wednesday	7.30					
Church Youth Group	Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane						
Zone (Term Times):	Fridays	5.30—7pm					
Edge (Term Times):	2nd & 4th Fridays	7.30—9 pm					

**COULD CLUBS PLEASE ADVISE 2020 DATES**

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE VILLAGES

### LANGHAM LADIES

November's meeting was a gastronomic feast of puddings! Members were invited to bring along their favourite pudding for everyone to sample. The display table was positively groaning under the weight of so many delicious and inspiring deserts! There are obviously a lot of talented ladies in Langham and beyond. There was something for everyone whatever their taste in the form of cheesecakes, meringues, tarts etc. all beautifully decorated and presented.

Anyone attending a cholesterol test the next day would fail miserably! However, one member had thoughtfully brought along a healthy option in the form of a water melon exquisitely carved out to provide a beautiful basket filled with fresh fruit salad!

Following the demolition of the deserts, the committee held a funny quiz with all the questions based on puddings.

The next meeting to be held on the earlier date of 5th December, will be a talk by Pat Nearley. He is a family entertainer and is a very experienced speaker.

### ST PETER'S BOXTED MUSIC

A concert was held in St Peter's Church on 26th October in aid of the Tower repairs, which are progressing well, but funds are still needed to complete the works. The audience enjoyed a spirited performance of solo cello works from the talented Rowena Calvert as part of her project to help raise funds for church restorations.

### BOXTED W.I.

During the November meeting the ladies were entertained by The Gin Lord, of the local micro-distillery Faiers, hearing the history of Gin, the origins of Dutch courage and mother's ruin! We had a display of a miniature still we learnt the different techniques from large factory to garden shed (licensed of course!) and learnt about the vast numbers of worldwide gins. To round off the evening there was the obligatory tasting of some interesting gin flavours, including an alcohol free example all of which were very much enjoyed by the members. The ladies now look forward to their festive celebrations. During December the ladies are collecting items to support the local charity Colchester & Tendring's Refuge and would welcome donations from the wider community. These can be brought to the village hall on any W.I. evening or contact us on 272597.

The refuge do need just new items such as:

Children's toys  
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# Out & About



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