

Langtree Parish Magazine

October 2013



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What's On in Langtree

Health & Keep Fit

Pilates - Parish Hall - Mon 9:30pm till 10:30pm

Body Blast - Parish Hall Mon 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Zumba -Thu 6:30pm Parish Hall

Short Mat Bowls – Parish Hall

Mon 7:30pm till 9:30pm

Wed 1:15pm – 3:30pm & 7:30 till 9:30pm

Shebbear Surgery Health Club

Last Tuesday of the Month 2-3pm

Clubs and Groups

Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Group

Tuesday 10:30 to 12:30 Parish Hall

War Games – Wed 6:15pm till 9:15pm Parish Hall

Parish Whist Drive - £2 entry - 8pm Parish Hall –

Third Thursday of the month

Other Services

Mobile Post Office at the Parish Hall

Mon to Wed & Fri 11:40 to 13.05

Mobile Library -The mobile library calls fortnightly

Stibb Cross on a Wed - Union Inn

16:05 to 17:05 – Oct 30th Nov 13th & 27th Dec 11th

Langtree on a Thu - Parish Hall

10:40 to 11:15 Oct 31st Nov 14th and 28th Dec 12th

Social Events

24th Oct Nursery Open Morning (Stay and Play)

26th Oct Roger Colome Country/Ballard's + Meal 7pm

31st Oct Johnny Cowling + meal 7pm

2nd Nov Table Top Sale 10am-4pm

9th Nov – 80's Night (PH)

15th Nov Country and Western Dance

24th Nov Christmas Craft Faye 10am -3pm

3rd Dec Nursery Open Morning (Stay and Play)

8th Dec Parish Hall Christmas Lunch

13th Dec Christmas Auction

22nd Dec Santa on his sleigh in Langtree & Stibb

6th, 7th, 8th Feb Pantomime



I would mention the summer weather but I think the pictures kindly sent in by Gerald says more than words. A huge thank you to everybody who has contributed towards this edition, my apologies for not getting the magazine out sooner but I am not sure where the last fortnight has gone. I would also like to thank everybody for the kind offers of help delivering the magazine in the Stibb Cross area, without the team of helpers who donate their time, fuel and leg muscles the magazine would not be possible. Many thanks *Tom*



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Langtree

Rainfall

From Joan Lampard



Well, what a busy summer we have had fundraising for the park! We made the most of the beautiful weather and held two great outdoor events. At the beginning of July, Laura Coles hosted a very successful Pudding

Night attended by 35 people who all enjoyed a wide range of delicious puddings, provided by a number of very kind and talented people! This was then followed by a Picnic in the Park. It was wonderful to see so many families attend this fun day, I'm sure the sunshine helped!! These two events helped to raise a combined total of over £500.

By the end of August we were feeling fairly positive about our aim to replace the play equipment and this was then given a huge boost by a £1500 grant from the Balsdon Trust. At the end of September we held a Promise Auction at The Green Dragon which was extremely well supported by many local businesses, and raised an amazing £500! Thank you to all who donated and came along to bid! We are now well under way to reaching the first target amount for phase 1, which will be a toddler climbing frame and a footpath from the entrance at Latch Lane to the school gate.

We have 2 more future dates for your diaries. On the 22nd December 2013 look out for someone special visiting Stibb Cross and Langtree on his sleigh and on the 1st February 2014 we are holding a coffee morning and table top sale in the village hall.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work, donations and support for all our fundraising events so far.

If you are interested in any part of the Park project please contact Anna on 01805 601580 or Helen on 01805 601950

	2011 (mm)	2012 (mm)	2013 (mm)
January	105	127	142
February	56	47	55
March	26	24	97
April	30	157	27
May	40	38	81
June	117	202	41
July	73	138	26
August	61	124	88
September	77	101	63
October	116	193	
November	65	167	
December	187	242	

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25 th	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130
26 th	2 Days	HMS Belfast and Churchill War Rooms	£179
26 th	3 Days	Autumn Colours of Gloucestershire	£160

November 2013

4 th	5 Days	Turkey and Tinsel in Cheshire	£215
4 th	5 Days	Eastbourne Turkey and Tinsel	£245
4 th	5 Days	Singles by the Sea	£265
4 th	5 Days	Regency Brighton Turkey and Tinsel	£215
4 th	5 Days	Llandudno and Mount Snowdon T&T	£235
10 th	4 Days	Romantic Paris	£225
11 th	5 Days	Royal Forest of Dean Turkey and Tinsel	£275
15 th	4 Days	Heart of England and Chatsworth House	£170
15 th	4 Days	Norfolk and Thursford Spectacular T&T	£220
18 th	5 Days	Bournemouth Turkey and Tinsel	£220
18 th	5 Days	Blackpool, the Lakes & Bury Market T&T	£210
22 nd	4 Days	Norfolk and Thursford Spectacular T&T	£220
25 th	5 Days	Corton Village – Thursford Spectacular	£299
25 th	5 Days	Scarborough and Castle Howard T&T	£240
25 th	5 Days	Folkestone and Brugge T&T	£215
29 th	4 Days	Christmas at Warwick Castle T&T	£170
30 th	3 Days	Birmingham's Christmas Market	£125

December 2013

2 nd	5 Days	Harrogate and the Yorkshire Dales T&T	£230
6 th	4 Days	German Christmas Markets	£270
9 th	5 Days	South Coast and Eastbourne T&T	£220
14 th	2 Days	Christmas Carols at the Royal Albert Hall	£180
15 th	5 Days	Isle of Wight Turkey and Tinsel	£190
23 rd	5 Days	Christmas in Royal forest of Dean	£370
23 rd	5 Days	Christmas in Bournemouth (full board)	£420
27 th	4 Days	Bournemouth and The New Forest	£185

Day Trips

November 2013

16 th	Cribbs Causeway or Cabot Circus shopping	£18
23 rd	Cardiff Shopping	£19
30 th	Bath Shopping and Christmas Markets	£18.50

December 2013

7 th	Bath Shopping and Christmas Markets	£18.50
7 th	Dunster by Candlelight	£18
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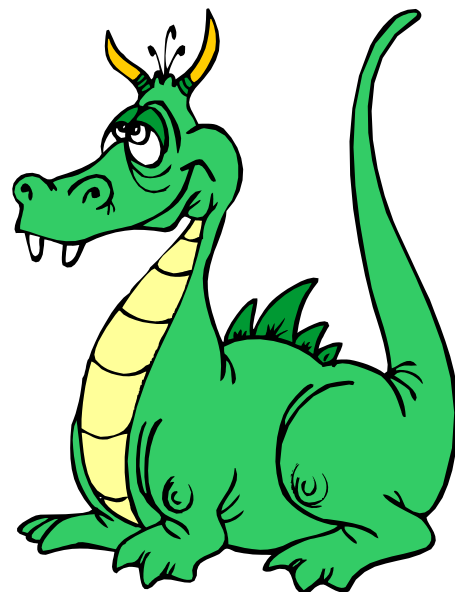
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Notes from the Parish Council

David Ley. Parish Council Chairman

The summer saw the normal run of planning applications, indignant letters to higher authorities and other general matters. Turbine applications raised the activity levels somewhat with a site visit and listening to the views of residents. It would seem that many parishioners are interested in renewable energy and do see the need for it even in Langtree but getting the right thing in the right place is the problem. There are so many conflicting views on impacts, efficiencies and financial rewards it's hard to find a consensus. I wonder what our children will think of the things we have done - or not done.

Things have suddenly become very busy for us with the new local area plan. We are tasked with finding new strategic housing land for the period up to 2031. Both Stibb Cross and Langtree villages are required to have 5 houses each, which is our share of Torridge District Council's allocation. It has to be borne in mind that both settlements have grown by more than that in the past 18 years. This figure does not include houses already past the planning process but not built. We also have to prepare a vision statement; how we would like to see the villages develop. As I am still writing it and consulting with councillors I cannot show you the finished article but we anticipate 5 – 8 new houses in Stibb Cross with a green recreation area and 10 – 15 houses in Langtree, including affordable housing, with an emphasis on encouraging young families that will enable our school to thrive. In particular in Langtree the safety of pedestrians walking to and from school is of concern. A path was to have been built along the edge of Langtree Park by DCC but they have run out of funds. We are trying to find a solution that ties in with the housing plan. Thanks to all those who gave helpful suggestions at the open meeting.

Dog fouling has started to become a problem again with reports of mess on the path outside the school. With a bin just yards awayneed I say more?

Here's hoping for a quieter winter.

David Ley

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Sir, I have been under some pressure in recent months to trim some of my road hedges and I would like to take this opportunity to explain to villagers what our policy is. The hedges in question run north and west from Forches Cross. They and the hedgebanks on which they grow are mediaeval in origin and show the typical curved form produced when ploughmen using oxen had to sweep round at the end of the furrow in order to turn the oxen for the return journey. The hedge running west to our farmhouse from Forches Cross contains at least eleven species and I feel privileged to be the custodian of these ancient structures.

The best way to preserve the hedges is to steep (lay) them every 15-20 years, and to cast up the hedgebanks at that time to repair the gaps caused by livestock etc and re-fence the boundary. This is what I intend to do in due course.

Mature hedges such as these produce huge crops of berries and fruit from hawthorn, blackthorn, spindle, elderberry, beech, holly, hazel and crab apple trees, and provide a tremendous food source for wintering birds particularly thrushes such as fieldfare and redwing. Furthermore they also provide valuable nest sites for nesting birds, and in the hedge running north to Langtree there are two pairs of breeding yellowhammers which are in severe decline nationally.

I hope that villagers will share my feeling that in these circumstances a few stray brambles are worth putting up with for a few months.

Richard Oxenell, Meadow Farm.

WI

As many of you will have heard our president, Mary Nicholls, had a slight stroke last month. We are happy to report that she is well on her way to better health and hopes to return next month.

At our annual meeting she was elected as president with Lin Westall returning as Treasurer and myself as secretary. Sue Lee became vice president and Val Hearn and Jeanette Faill joined the committee.

For the first time for many years we entered the co-operative competition at the Woolsey Show where we finished 2nd and only points behind the winners.

In August some members visited Tapeley Park Gardens. On a lovely day we walked the gardens and some even managed to get to the lake.

In November our speaker is Rose Woolridge on massage, in December its Party night, January Stapleton Yogurts are coming along and in February it will be the Pampered Chef. Meetings are open to all for a small fee. Phone Sue Folland on 601254

Pat Soby



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Beech House Surgery, Shebbear.

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate with our patients and to thank Tom and everybody involved with the Langtree Magazine. I would also like to thank the Friends of the Practice and the Patient's Participation Group for their support.

At the practice we realise that there are quite a few challenges ahead. Money is tight within the NHS at the moment, even with the best will and ring fencing from the government. We are in a rural area, isolated geographically. We want to continue serving the community with a practice in Shebbear. We think that, one way or another, it would be advantageous to have a level of cooperation or agreement with practices nearby like Black Torrington. That cooperation would not be at the expense of the practice in Shebbear which would continue in the future; if anything we would like to expand and increase the service.

Over the last year we have had a few staff changes. We welcome Dr Alan Howlett who is going to help us to deliver the best possible care. Mrs Melanie Stephens has helped to set up a stop smoking clinic.

Sadly, we have to report that Mrs Janet Williams, our practice nurse, is off sick and I am unable to say when she will be back. My thoughts and best wishes go to her. I would like to personally thank Mrs Maria Guerra who, under difficult circumstances, has filled in a lot of clinics at short notice.

Kay, our podiatrist, is retiring after nearly 30 years in the practice. We would like to thank her for her dedicated service over the years. We are planning to have a farewell party at Shebbear Village Hall on 16th November in the afternoon. Please come along and join us.

I realise that a lady doctor would be welcome in some cases; I will try my hardest to organise this. Family commitments and the geography have made this difficult but I will keep trying. Perhaps this is an example where cooperation with other practices could be beneficial.

We are trying to improve **access** for the patients of the practice. Several examples are: The Health Club in Langtree Village Hall, disabled bay in the parking area, ability to request prescriptions and appointments on the internet, a display board on the outside of the practice building for notices, a box for suggestions in the waiting area.Please let us know if you have any ideas that could be of benefit in general.

Last, but not least, the **flu immunisation** campaign is here. We will run our usual flu clinics. We know that some patients are fit and well and don't come to the practice often so we will take this opportunity to talk about other issues at the time such as blood pressure, diabetic control, etc.

Kind regards, *Francis Fernandez*

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Langtree Short Mat Bowls Club

I was unable to submit a report for the July addition of the Magazine and therefore missed the opportunity to report on the excellent winter season enjoyed by the Club.

More up to date, we have now completed our summer season when we had two teams competing, one in the North Devon and North Cornwall triples first division and the other in the Merton league fours. We finished first in both leagues and added two more trophies to the many gained earlier in the year.

We are now seriously looking for a cabinet to house all these trophies rather than let them gather dust in my garage! The Hall committee have already kindly agreed that we can hang a cabinet in the committee room and I hope we can complete that task fairly soon.

We shall be starting our winter season in October and have a very full programme of matches lined up through to next April. It has been good to see the progress made by some of our more recently joined members into our teams and we would welcome others to join them.

We meet for roll-up sessions every Wednesday, in the afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30pm and in the evening 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Through the winter months starting in October we also meet on Mondays, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The evening sessions are sometimes taken over by league matches so if you fancy attending these to see what bowls is all about then please check beforehand.

Not everyone who joins the club wants to play in league matches; some just prefer the relaxed social side of the club so whatever you think you would enjoy, come along and give it a go, you will receive a very warm welcome.

Brian Jordan

Youth Short Mat Bowls

In January of this year the Langtree Short Mat Bowls Club set up a new session every Wednesday lunchtime at 12:30pm to introduce the game to youngsters. This was well supported with an average attendance of fourteen pupils from years 5 and 6 at Langtree Primary School, together with their teacher, Mr Smale.

The children quickly learnt the rules and etiquette of the game, and became very accomplished before breaking up for the school summer holiday. It was rewarding to see their enthusiasm and progress. A new session has started again this term, with eighteen children attending the first session, about half being new to the game and half experienced from the previous school year. We are looking forward to watching their development.

A number of the children from last year have now moved to the secondary school in Torrington, and several have expressed an interest in continuing with the game. Accordingly we have now introduced a second session every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. All keen youngsters are welcome.

For further information please contact Graham Carswell on 01805 601117.

Graham Carswell

Church News

The fete this year was a success when nearly £700 was raised for Church Funds. In September the cream teas made £57 and added to this £200 on the ride and stride day (I drove). The money will be shared between the church and the historic churches trust. The trust gave us a large donation when we were replacing the roof. By the time of printing the Harvest Festival will have been celebrated.

Dates for your diary: Remembrance Sunday is on the 10th November at 10:50am - Carol Service is on 22nd December at 6:30pm followed by Mince Pies

- *Patricia Soby*, Church Warden

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Langtree Parish Hall – by Sue Lee

Hoorah! The extension to the Hall is almost complete. All that needs to be done is to order some fixtures and equipment in the next month or so. This will mean that the extra spaces created can really come into their own and be used by both established and new groups. The original project build (excluding fixtures and equipment) was quoted at £93,840 (includes VAT). 51% of this, amounting to £48000, was awarded to us by Leader + and the rest we had earned by fundraising and Hall hire. All the work was done by local builders and trades folk and is a build to be proud of. There have been additions to the original project build including additional concrete in the foundations, a new bar involving extra electrical and plumbing work, a shutter, floor coverings and a patio area, thus the total valuation is £107, 996.60p. We have been very lucky in securing funding of £2500 from the Balsdon Trust and £10,560 from Devon Waste Management for equipment and a generous £1000 from an anonymous donor. This money will be spent on equipment such as a pass through dishwasher for the preparation room, a projector and screen for the proposed new film club, a double door fridge, leisure equipment such as table tennis table and short mat bowls mat for use by Langtree primary school and others. Tables suitable for purpose will need to be purchased for both the room behind the kitchen and that in front of the bar. The extension lacks a name and at Committee we have come up with a few ideas such as The Halifax room as it overlooks the fields where the Halifax bomber crash landed, the Leader room after our principal grant provider or the Patio Room for obvious reasons! We are having an open afternoon on 13th October from 2pm to 5pm where you can come and see the new facilities, have complimentary tea and cake or maybe a drink from the new bar. Perhaps you are considering holding a celebration of some sort or starting up a new group- do come along and view!

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The Parish Show held in August was a big success. Both the judges and members of the public who visited commented on the very high standards and it was lovely to see a wide range of entries. We are planning the schedule for the next show earlier this time so we hope to get the schedule out in the January newsletter. In the meantime if there is anyone with particular views on what should or should not be included don't hesitate to get in touch. The judges gave the stewards some ideas for additions. The rules of the show state that "Classes are open to residents of Langtree Parish and those outside the Parish who are members of clubs or societies based in the Parish Hall. This includes Langtree Primary School". After lengthy deliberation and there are pros and cons to the argument, we have agreed at Committee that next year we will not accept entries from members of the 200 club who live outside the Parish and who are not members of other clubs or societies. Next year's Parish Show is set for 16th August .

Our Annual General meeting is set for 24th October at 7.30pm. Here the accounts for the year ending 30th Sept 2013 will be made available and officers elected.

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We are always looking for new blood (and young blood) so if you are interested do come along. It will also be an opportunity to plan some dates for next year.

The Sunday lunch held in September was a lovely event. Numbers were down for a range of reasons and we had some last minute cancellations. The extension made everything easier with extra room for the cheese and the old bar area was used as a tea and coffee station. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way from vegetable peelers, door staff, raffle sellers, wine waiters, servers, clearers, washers up, table cloth cleaners, kitchen staff and yummy dessert makers. The profit from this event excluding bar sales was £1376.93p which will be used for ongoing expenses. The Christmas lunch is on 8th December. Tickets are selling fast but I am now keeping back 50 tickets until November 4th for Parish bookings after which they will go back on general sale. So if you have not booked a ticket and want to come please get in touch.

Don't forget if you are a patient at Beech House Surgery, Shebbear there is a Health Club on the last Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 3pm where you can discuss any health queries or pick up ordered medication.

Events booked at the Hall are

Saturday 26th October 6.30 for 7pm Friends of the Church present an evening with Roger Colome - international recording artist. Country, Ballads and more! Supported by Iris Wood with her wonderful Devon dialect. 2 course supper £10 Book with Sylvie Smith 601485 or John Beer 601 392, or Sue Lee 601602

Thursday 31st October 7pm for 7.30pm . Its Halloween ! An evening with Johnny Cowling. A Cornish comedian / singer . Charms adult and family groups alike with wit, song and stories. Tickets £15 00 to include 2 course supper. Youngsters £10.00. Book with Sue Lee

(This is advertised on Johnny Cowlings web site and I have had 8 tickets booked through this.)

2nd November 10am -4pm Table top sale of old and new. Buy early for Christmas! If you wish to book a table £5.00 with Sylvie 601485 or Anne Cadman 601609. Light refreshments available

15th November Country and Western dance £6.00 Bring and share supper Phone Pat Dowson 601495

24th November 10am – 3pm Craft Fayre Come along and see the gorgeous array of handcrafted items made and find a present with a difference!

8th December Christmas Lunch £15 3 course, glass of wine Book with Sue 601602

Friday 13th December Christmas Auction Come and have a fun evening. Complimentary mulled wine and mince pies

And there will be a pantomime oh yes there will! Thursday 6th February, Friday 7th February and Saturday 8th February. Our first meeting (before newsletter is printed) is on Tuesday 1st October to see who is interested. However if you would like to help in anyway – scenery painting, back stage, chorus, speaking part it's not too late so please get in touch 601602. Rehearsals will normally be on a Tuesday (but not 8th October) in the new extension up until Christmas and then in January in the main hall.

A festive poster for a Christmas Craft Fair. The top section has a red background with white snowflakes and Christmas ornaments. The text 'Christmas Craft Fair' is written in a white, cursive font. Below this, on a white background, the event details are listed in bold red and black text. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a red Christmas ornament with white snowflake patterns, resting on a surface covered with white and red star-shaped confetti.

*Christmas
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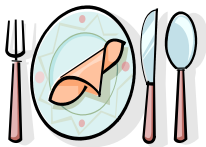
We were very pleased to be able to welcome lots of new families to our school at the beginning of Term as we returned refreshed from our Summer Holiday to begin the new school year and, we feel sure, lots of excitement and challenges ahead. We are celebrating the Harvest time of year on Friday 11 October in Langtree Parish Hall when we will be thinking about what Autumn means for us and, should you read this before that day, you are very welcome to join with the school at 9.30a.m. to enjoy this too, with just a little help from our classes.

We have lots of exciting clubs and activities taking place during our lunchtimes this term: netball and football training; skipping; short mat bowls (with grateful thanks to our local Club), gardening and wildlife and the very popular afterschool, Surf Club. Along with other daily lunch time activities, many of these are organised by our older children who take the lead to enthusiastically make sure that equipment and participants are in the right place at the right time and have knowledge enough to enjoy taking part. Our very active school Netball Team is looking forward to taking part in friendly matches against other schools, league matches and tournaments throughout the year.

Fund-raising and thinking about others this term will include supporting MacMillan Cancer Support and the Samaritan's Purse ShoeBox Appeal in the run-up to Christmas.

New for us this term is the introduction of a Nursery Lunch Club when our youngest children can stay for lunch with us and spend an extra hour in the company of their friends to eat, chat and play over our lunchtime. This is the first step towards providing extended childcare here at Langtree and has been put in place in response to requests from families as being the facility they would most like to use. The possibility of before-school or after-school care, to extend the school day, are other provisions being considered by governors. We will let you know the progress of all of these in our next update.

Foundation Stage Nursery Open Morning 'Stay and Play' Session Our sessions for this term will be held during the mornings of **Thursday 24th October** and **Tuesday 3rd December**. Each session runs from 10.30 am till 12 noon so if you would like to take a look at, and try for yourself, some of the activities we are able to offer, including our very exciting outside play activities - please come along as we would love to meet you. For more information, please be in touch: by 'phone: 01805 601354; e-mail: admin@langtree.devon.sch.uk; or visit www.langtree.devon.sch.uk.



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'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.'

Our harvest festival service was held on Sunday 15th September led by our minister, Rev Ken Morgan. This was followed on Monday 16th with a service led by Chris Bourne and a supper and sale, the proceeds of which (£205) are being sent to Rurcon, a charity supporting communities in Africa.

<http://www.rurcon.net/>

Our forthcoming service dates are as follows:

October

20th 11am Mrs Elsie Potter (united service at the Chapel) 27th 11am Rev Ken Morgan

November

3rd 11am Mrs Vivienne Sheriff
10th Remembrance service at the Parish Church
17th 11am Rev Fuller (united service at the Chapel)
24th 11am David Ley

December

1st 11am Toy service - First Sunday in Advent
8th 11am United service at the Parish Church - Second Sunday in Advent
15th 11am Service - Third Sunday in Advent
22nd 11am Carol service - Fourth Sunday in Advent – come and sing Carols and listen to Bible readings about the birth of Jesus, who is 'the reason for the season'. Tea/coffee and mince pies to follow.
29th 11am Service - First Sunday of Christmas

Most weeks we have **Sunday School** for about 40 minutes. We usually have a Bible story with a craft activity, quiz or DVD to watch. All children are welcome - please come along and see what we get up to!

Weekly Bible study and meal starts on Thursday October 10th. We begin with a cooked meal at 7pm followed by Bible study and discussion. All are welcome.

Operation Christmas Child,
www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



We are hoping to have fill plenty of Christmas shoeboxes this year to send to children in need overseas. We had a **'shoebox wrapping party' on Saturday October 12th** in the Sunday School room at the back of the chapel, (empty shoeboxes were gratefully received). There were plenty of coffee, cakes and chatter and lots of box wrapping! Once the boxes were wrapped in Christmas paper we filled them with a variety of goodies such as toys, knitted hats, gloves, crayons, small colouring books, sweets, soap, flannel, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We tend to do this as a group effort in Sunday School with donations from the community but we also received complete boxes from individuals. Thank you to all those who have been busy knitting hats and gloves. Last year we wrapped, filled and sent 42 boxes which made there way to children in Bosnia. For further information please give me a call on 01805 601247.

May God bless you all.

Cathy Ley On behalf of Langtree Methodist Church

"Langtree in Bloom"

I would like to thank our kind neighbour and Langtree resident who has personally provided plants at the entrance to the village and looked after them to ensure they have continuously given a wonderful show.. These have given us colour all through the summer and have enhanced the entrance to the village near the Green Dragon immensely. My grateful thanks.

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From the Team Rector –

Rev Martin Warren,
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It has been a wonderful summer, hasn't it? The sun has shone, the gardens have blossomed and the fields have flourished. We have all felt so much better. The contrast to the last few years is amazing. It has done us all so much good. Even the farmers are mostly sounding better. I saw somewhere the possibility of a fourth cut of silage! That's just over the top.

Now the harvest has been mostly gathered in, the apples and the maize still to go. And we come to the harvest celebration season. In churches and schools, in village halls and many other places thanks will be given for the goodness the earth has given us this year.

And don't you want to say thank you? It has been so good, we have felt so much better, you just have to say thank you somewhere.

Of course you could explain it all away. The cycles of climate have given us good weather this year; the jet stream has been in the right place this summer. Which may or may not be true – but it is a bit of a damp squid way of only looking at things.

There has been a good feeling about this summer. It has done us good. We have to do something with that feeling. And it is good to do it together, especially in a community gathered around farming.

So let's join together to celebrate, to say thank you. It may not be overtly to God for you, but still let's join together. Find a harvest lunch or some other community event. Or even come to church or chapel – and say 'thank you' there. There is so much to be grateful for.

Yours, *Martin Warren.*

Lucy Coles

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Services at All Saints' Church

October 2013

20th 11:00am United Service at Methodist Chapel
27th 9.30am Holy Communion

November 2013

3rd 9.30am Morning Prayer
10th 10.50am Remembrance Service
17th 11.00am United Service at Methodist Chapel
24th 9.30am Holy Communion

December 2013

1st 9.30am Morning Prayer
8th 11.00am Family Communion
15th 11.00am United Service at Methodist Chapel
22nd 6.30pm Carol Service: *Carols and Candles*
25th 9.30am Christmas Communion
29th 11.00am Holy Communion at Buckland Filleigh

January 2014

5th 9.30am Morning Prayer

From the Registers

Baptism: Welcome to the Church family

14th July Archie Bettiss
8th Sep Charlie Mayo

Funerals: Our prayers for the bereaved

2nd July Mick Taber
23rd Aug Sylvester Quinlan

Dates for the diary.

Remembrance Service - Sun 10th Nov @ 10.50am
School Carol Service (in church) - Thurs 19th Dec @ 2.30pm
Carols and Candles - Sun 22nd Dec @ 6.30pm

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March 2013	277 W Salde	91 S Ley	243 P Copp	158 T Robinson
April 2013	228 C Weston	108 P Hazelhurst	123 M Bridgman	124 L Bridgman
May 2013	293 J Upfold	282 I Brend	123 M Bridgman	70 K Kebby
June 2013	259 C Dare	193 D Soby	220 S Marshall	174 R Moseby
July 2013	15 L Bettiss	102 P Soby	174 R Moseby	146 C Gent
August 2013	31 B Hawkins	65 T Attridge	276 A Kinsman	157 R Robinson
September 2013	179 K Martin	252 S Fishleigh	281 P Daniel	148 G Bariball

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I also have items entered in the "What's On" section of the "Gazette", and the diary section of "The Crier" You can email me at sylvie.smith@tiscali.co.uk

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