

# Langtree Parish Magazine

November 2014



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## Langtree Rainfall

From Joan Lampard

Let's say 'Welcome to the better late than never Winter newsletter', I am sorry to all of you who got your articles to me in plenty of time but I am afraid I just don't know where the time has gone with a full schedule I have just not been able to spend the time on the magazine as I normally would have hoped and its slipped later and later.

Firstly I would like to extend my condolences to Pat and thank both her and Ian for all there help for delivering the magazine. They have been very kind and have been covering a lot of the remote houses in the parish ensuring we get a magazine to everybody in the parish. If anyone would be interested in taking this on for her please could you let me know, I am afraid a car will be needed as many of the houses are spread out.

I have been giving the magazine a little bit of thought and have decided that as the subscriptions for the magazine adverts were due this edition I decided to try a new format to try to save paper and reduce costs so I am no longer going to be running full page adverts. The adverts have been reduced in size and will either be a small business card size 6.5cm by 5cm (£40 for 4 editions) or quarter page advert (£100 for 4 editions).

The Langtree Facebook page is up and running with over 80 likes now, Please feel free to use this to share your events, community news or as the winter approaches any problems or areas to avoid.

<https://www.facebook.com/langtreeparish>

And Lastly with Christmas around the corner I would like to wish our readers a Happy Christmas and look forward to joining everybody with what looks like a packed festive period with a busy schedule of things going on.

Tom

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	2011 (mm)	2012 (mm)	2013 (mm)	2014 (mm)
Jan	105	127	142	246
Feb	56	47	55	166
Mar	26	24	97	63
Apr	30	157	27	79
May	40	38	81	118
Jun	117	202	41	64
Jul	73	138	26	44
Aug	61	124	88	127
Sep	77	101	63	9
Oct	116	193	172.15	
Nov	65	167	116	
Dec	187	242	180.5	

	MM	Inches
2008	1152	46.1
2009	1081	43.24
2010	859	34.00
2011	955	38.2
2012	1560	62.40
2013	1089	44

### Next Deadline

Please could I have items for the Spring 2015 edition by end of January 2015 - Please send items to [magazine@langtree.net](mailto:magazine@langtree.net) I can be contacted on 01805 601502 please could I have items as a word document, PDF, Jpeg or plain text in an email.



Congratulation to the Friends of Langtree Park with the instillation of the new Swing, It looks great and I am sure it will be enjoyed by many children and of course a few adults who will have to give it a go.



I understand work has also started on a new pathway to join the school to the entrance to the playing field to allow people to walk to school without having to past the old post office which does not have a pavement.

### Langtree Parish Hall – by Sue Lee

Well it's more than a year since the extension was completed and fully equipped. The Leader Room has been used by a number of one off meetings and training sessions and now with the installation of WIFI and the projector and screen more bookings have been secured. Pilates (Mondays 9.30am -10.30am) and Craft Group (Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm) also regularly meet there.

The web site is now fully up and running [www.langtreeparishhall.co.uk](http://www.langtreeparishhall.co.uk) our thanks to David Gubb for designing the site. Here the calendar of events can be viewed and also booking forms can be downloaded. However if you are not on the internet we can of course take bookings by telephone. Call Anne Cadman 01805601609 or if Anne is unavailable Sue on 01805601602.

We had our AGM on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, All Existing Officers were re-elected, we would like to welcome David Gubb who has joined the committee. The accounts will be published in the spring magazine.

A mobile fish and chip shop will be stopping at the Parish Hall car park on Mondays and serving from 5pm – 7.30pm.

### Events over the next 3 months include

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11am -4pm **Christmas Craft Fayre**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Bingo** Eyes down 8pm

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Lunch** – **sorry sold out**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Auction** 8pm in aid of local charities including Langtree Park. Come along and bid on gifts or promises. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine or cider and some Christmas nibbles.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas buffet dance with band One 4 the road**. All proceeds from this will be going to Air Ambulance Tickets £15.00 includes a glass of mulled wine.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm and matinee on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1at 2.30pm **Pantomime Goldilocks and the Three Bears**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10am – 3pm **Wedding Fayre**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm **The New Jersey Boys are coming to Langtree!**  
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.Tickets £13.50, Concessions £12.50 under 16s £10.50

### Congratulation to the Parish Hall Kitchen Team

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November a joint training day on Food Hygiene was held at the hall with West Heanton staff and members from the Hall's kitchen team.

It was a good day apart from the test which I would like to report everybody passed.

Following the training course the Kitchen at the hall was inspected on Friday by Torridge District Council and was award 5 Stars the highest rating.



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I recently read an article in the North Devon Journal that caught my attention, local residents had permission from the county council to garden in an unused field in South Molton. Being aware of a council owned unused field in Langtree.

I wrote to them to gain permission for us as villagers to do a similar project here. The council were supportive about this as long as a few likeminded people were interested.

You could either be a good gardener but no longer have the energy, know little about gardening but have lots of enthusiasm or just enjoy gardening, its open to all. I really think together we could enjoy growing vegetables and flowers and sharing the produce as a community. If there is anyone interested please call Sue Leach on 601348 or drop a letter addressed to the county council in to Colin at the Village Pub

### Copps Shop

*I would like to thank everyone who has supported me Over the last 2 ½ years we were open.*

*And a big thankyou to Susie Heard, Tracey Davies and my Mum for all their hardwork and support.*

*Wendy*

### Langtree Parish Hall



#### Stop Press

At our recent AGM meeting it was agreed that the 200 club had finally run its course so this will end at the final draw in December. Firstly many thanks to all the contributors and collectors over the years.

The 200 club contributions were very important as a source of fund raising for the Hall in the early days.

Our final monthly draw will be drawn at the Auction on 12 th December with the usual 4 prizes of £30, £20, £12 and £5. There will also be a special venue prize of £100 but you must be there to get this!

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6 Dec	3 days	Christmas at Warwick Castle & Cotswolds	£130
13 Dec	2 days	Christmas Carols at the Albert Hall	£185
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23 Dec	5 days	Christmas in Forest of Dean	£395
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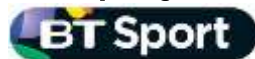
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Thank you to everyone who helped with  
the Shoebox appeal this year.

Between us we have managed to pack 65 boxes to send  
to children in other parts of the world that do not  
receive gifts at Christmas.

We also raised enough money for each box to be  
transported to its destination (£3 per box). Many of  
you have knitted lovely hats, gloves and bags to put in  
the boxes. We had 3 wrapping and packing days in  
October with plenty of coffee, biscuits and chatter. In  
recent years our boxes have been sent to Bosnia and  
the Ukraine.

Thank you all once again for such an amazing effort in  
showing love to children in need at this special time of  
year. As we prepare for Christmas may we praise and  
thank God for Jesus as without him there would be no  
Christmas to celebrate – 'Jesus is the reason for the  
season'

## Langtree History Group - Mike Roe

Not a lot to report since the last newsletter due to our normal summer break in August and also that little new material is reaching us. The group has several outstanding projects to complete when time allows and, at present, no new projects are planned. We are now hoping to make contact with history groups in neighboring parishes to "compare notes".



As part of our World War 1 collection we have some photographs of the poppies at the Tower of London and as these will be for sale (£25 each) a few of us have ordered one. Also in connection with WW1 we visited Cobbaton Museum.



We would still like to hear from anyone with stories or information from WW1. We are still looking for new members who will be very welcome. To contact the group please telephone myself on 01805 601114 or contact Margaret Knapman on 01805 601228.

### Langtree Church Clock

In January 1948, a special Parish Meeting was called to "consider what steps should be taken towards the erection of a memorial to the fallen of the Parish in the 1939-45 Great War". It was proposed that a tablet be created similar to the one already in the Church. At a Parish Meeting in March 1950 it was explained that the reason for the delay was that fresh instructions for the inscription had to be given to the makers, as it had been overlooked that one of the fallen had been a female.



Church Lane Langtree, often called "Toxpot Street"  
Note the Clock Face is painted white.



## Parish Hall Surgery

The Shebbear practice offers a day a month in the Langtree Parish Hall. We would very much welcome seeing patients or bringing medication that has been requested. We would need a phone call and we will try to accommodate the request.

At the same time, we would encourage patients to contact us by email or by online request for medication. We are aware that in a rural community, travelling distances are a factor to bear in mind.

Kind regards,

**Francis Fernandez** - Beech House, Shebbear Surgery  
Out of Hours Number 111

## Christmas pudding with brandy butter

**Dominic Chapman**

### Ingredients

#### Christmas pudding

115g of self-raising flour  
110g of white breadcrumbs  
110g of suet  
250g of soft brown sugar  
1/2 tsp of ground mixed spice  
1/4 tsp of grated nutmeg  
1/4 tsp of cinnamon  
50g of nibbed almonds  
90g of dates, stones removed  
125g of raisins  
125g of sultanas  
125g of currants  
25g of mixed peel  
1 Bramley apple, peeled & grated  
1 orange, juiced and zested  
1 lemon, juiced and zested  
3 eggs  
75ml of rum  
75ml of brandy  
75ml of Guinness  
100g of golden syrup

#### Brandy butter

100g of unsalted butter, softened  
225g of icing sugar  
brandy to taste

#### To plate

200ml of double cream, brandy



1. To prepare the pudding mix, sift the flour into a bowl and combine with the breadcrumbs, suet, almonds, sugar and spices
2. Remove the stones from the dates, chop the flesh and combine with the remaining fruits. Add to the flour mixture and mix well
3. Whisk the eggs together and add to the pudding mixture with the rum, brandy, Guinness and golden syrup. Stir thoroughly to combine
4. Leave the mix in the fridge for 1 week to develop its flavour. During this time, taste the mixture occasionally - more spices or alcohol can be added if required
5. To cook the pudding, butter and flour a pudding basin, then fill it 3/4 of the way up the side with the mixture. Place a circle of parchment paper on top of the mixture, cover the basin with tin foil and seal tightly
6. Place in a steamer and steam the pudding for 4 hours. Once cooked, allow to cool and store tightly wrapped in the fridge or a cool place
7. To prepare the brandy butter, add the butter to a large bowl and allow to soften. Once soft enough to beat, whisk the butter until light and creamy
8. Add the icing sugar and beat again until all of the sugar is mixed in, then whisk in the brandy, tasting to achieve the right balance of sweetness and alcohol. Store the butter in the fridge until required
9. Serve the reheated Christmas pudding with a good dollop of brandy butter or some cream. If desired, turn down the lights, splash some more brandy over the hot pudding and set it alight!

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until required. To reheat the puddings, return to the steamer and steam for a further 2 hours

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### Torrington & District Men's Shed

The Men's Shed movement in Torrington and district is very much on the move ! An enthusiastic core of "Shedders" is wading steadily through the bureaucratic necessities of writing a constitution, setting up trustees, becoming a charity and writing grant applications. With expert support and

advice from Jo Manley, the Group Development Worker from Torridge Voluntary Services, we are making progress.

We are working hard to raise fund to finance suitable and affordable premises for a Shed and are considering all possible options. What are we ideally looking for ? Briefly, a building in or really close to Torrington with easy access from both Torrington and the surrounding area; and large enough to house several workbenches with electricity, water, toilet and somewhere to make a cup of tea. This is our ideal but in the short-term we could live with less in order to get the Shed going. As we get going, we will continue to look for donations of old tools for use or repair as well as other equipment and materials. If you think you can help us with any of these, do get in touch.

As a reminder, the Men's Sheds movement started in Australia in the 1990's and has grown steadily in the U.K. A Men's Shed offers men the chance to meet in a relaxed way to pursue practical interests and at the same time do something fulfilling and useful. Activities can include woodwork, repairing tools and garden equipment, bicycles, toys and the like. A successful Men's Shed can offer a social and friendly outlet for men who wish to do something interesting and useful, either by using and passing on existing skills or learning new ones. Men's Sheds often link with charities to provide useful tools where needed, both at home and overseas.

We already have a core of dedicated members but are looking for even more Shedders. If then, you are interested in joining a friendly, social group of older men who want to mess about doing practical things a couple of times a week, do contact us. We're also very interested in knowing what activities and interests you might like to pursue.

So, if you think you may know of premises which might be suitable for a Men's Shed; or if you are interested in joining the Shed when it opens, or possible sources of funding to support a Men's Shed, do contact either Harry Cramp ([01805 938965](tel:01805938965)), email: [h-and-c-cramp@suapnet.com](mailto:h-and-c-cramp@suapnet.com)) or David Nainby ([01271 379016](tel:01271379016)), email: [david.nainby@btinternet.com](mailto:david.nainby@btinternet.com))

## West Heanton Residential Home

### Meals on Wheels

We are now able to provide a meals on wheel service to people living in the Langtree Area, Meals are delivered hot between 1pm to 2pm daily. We prepare all our own meals using local fresh produce.

### Join the Team

We are expanding and looking for energetic motivated staff to join our team, Part time and full time positions considered, No experience necessary, We are looking for people for House Keeping, Care in the Community and Cook positions or a combination of the three.

### Volunteers

We have plenty of tea and biscuits for anyone who would have a few spares hours to spend with some of the people who live with us, They are not able to get out and some do not have family and they would love to meet a few new faces to share their stories with. (A Police Check will be required but we will arrange this)

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**From the Team Rector - Rev Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424**

Dear Friends,

The churchyard is a precious space. It's a place of memories, as many come and recall those they have known, and, in many cases, still miss. Those memories can be of people back over the generations. It's a place of rest and peace, where those who feel the pain of loss can come and take time out. It's a place of hope, where with a place of worship in its midst, we can know the hope that God offers to us in the resurrection of Jesus.

It is good to see so many here who take time in our churchyard, who tend graves and for whom it is a significant place. To that end there are plans to enhance further this special place. First, that is to tidy it up – especially the area at the top of the churchyard. Often old wreathes are left there, broken vases, etc. We have sought before to clear this area, and have provided bins. But still the mess seems to reappear. Please, do take it away, don't just dump it. It makes the place very unsightly.

But then too the thought is to improve the churchyard. Not by letting it go wild with brambles and so on, as some of the 'wilder' stories would have it that have been circulating. No, rather to nurture more wild flowers - as has already happened in the spring with snowdrops and primroses and bluebells. In two small areas at the top of the churchyard, with no graves in them, this would be extended to summer flowers. This would too encourage butterflies and so on. In a country churchyard, new life is nurtured.

This all needs care and management – it cannot be a matter of leaving it just to grow. And if it doesn't work in our particular churchyard, then the whole approach will be re-thought.

This is a special place where heaven and earth touch. Yours Martin

### Services at All Saints' Church

#### Nov

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	Remembrance Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Service (at Methodist Chapel)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Advent Service (at Petrockstowe)

#### Dec

7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Christingle Service
21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm	Carol Service
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Christmas Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Team Holy Communion (Sheepwash Church)

#### January

4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Service (at Methodist Chapel)
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion

#### February

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
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### From the Registers

**Weddings:** Congratulations! 5<sup>th</sup> Jul Mark Knight and Natalie Heard

**Funerals:** Our prayers for the bereaved 20<sup>th</sup> Sep Ian Wilson

### Christmas Arrangements

Yes, Christmas is rapidly coming up once again. So what's happening?

**Christmas Tree Festival. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4.30pm**

Bring a Christmas tree – big or small. Sing a carol or two. Eat a mince pie

**Christingle Service. Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11.00am**

Always a lovely occasion. Take home an orange lit by a candle. Bring the family.

**Carol Service. Carols by candlelight. Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 6.30pm**

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**Communion Service. Christmas Day, 9.30am**

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**Posada through December.**

We haven't run this for a few years. But it's back this year. Figures of Mary and Joseph travel around the community on their way to the stable. Have them stay in your house for a night.

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We would like to say a huge thank you to The Stevenstone Hunt together with everyone else who supported a truly fantastic evening at The Party In The Barn on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014 which was held at Stretchacott Farm.

For anyone that doesn't know our precious little boy Sonny was born on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and it was soon discovered that he had some heart conditions, following this our little man successfully underwent major open heart surgery on 25th June 2014.

During this time Laura spent months staying away from home with Sonny whilst he was being cared for in the Bristol Children's Hospital. Royston travelled whenever he could to visit, often bringing Aiden with him.

Whilst in Bristol; we were given a room at The Ronald McDonald House, this gives you 'a little bit of home' whilst away during difficult times. This meant that Aiden could also come and stay, giving us that very important special family time.

Ronald McDonald House is an independent charity that survives solely on public donations & fundraising events. Stevenstone Hunt very kindly gave The Ronald McDonald House £1500 from part of the proceeds of The Party In The Barn. Together with donations, this meant we have been able to post them a cheque for £1600.

We are very pleased to say that Sonny is now doing extremely well and thriving from day to day. From the bottom of our hearts we are so very grateful to Bristol Children's Hospital and The Ronald McDonald House.

One last thank you goes to our family & friends for your overwhelming kind messages, support and help that was shown to us during this time.

Pam Wilson and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their care and friendship during Ian's illness. Their support gave him the strength, confidence and determination to fight his illness and is something which we know meant a huge amount to him.

Ian loved Langtree and the Langtree people. Our family took great comfort from the many beautiful cards, letters of condolence and gifts of flowers following his passing and we sincerely thank you for those.

Ian received excellent medical care during his entire illness and we will always be grateful to Dr. Mark Napier Oncologist and his team at the North Devon District Hospital whose hard work in effect extended Ian's life by three years.

His subsequent care was lead by Dr. Shawcross at Castle Gardens Surgery, Nurse Karen Kelsie and her team of District Nurses, Kath Howarth of the Devon Hospice and Jess from Pee Wee Care Services Torrington. We could not have wished for a more professional, compassionate and caring group of people. They ensured that Ian's every need was met and all parties were kept up to date with his condition, so we always felt confident that Ian was receiving the best possible care.

Our thanks go to The Rev. Julie Cartwright for her help and guidance in planning the funeral service and ensuring everyone felt comfortable in the parts they had to play in this very special ceremony as well as for her ongoing care and support.

Thank you also to Kate and Chris Lock for their sensitive and efficient funeral arrangements and to Sue Lee and her team for the excellent refreshments following the service.

Lastly, sincere thanks for the generous donations to North Devon Chemotherapy Unit received following the funeral which totalled £1076.

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## Notes from the Parish Council

As I write we have just commemorated the lives of so many who died defending our nation in the many wars we have been involved in. This year was of extra significance as it was 100 years since the start of the 'War to end all Wars'. There have many TV dramas, documentaries and history programmes that brought almost to life the hopes and fears, tragedy and loss that families, villages, streets and businesses endured. Society and relationships changed forever.' Greater love has no man than one who lays down his life for his friends'. We will remember them but we will also remember that war is dreadful and not to be entered into lightly. We will remember and cherish that freedom from tyranny that they died for.

But it wasn't all bad. People pulled together, women were valued for their industry, everybody had a role to play and the nation emerged from both major wars with a strong desire to make things better. In a democracy that means certain people with strong opinions and an unstoppable will seek the support of others and stand for office to fulfil their ambition for change for the common good or at least that is what we hope.

In our own little corner of England we can do our bit. Next year there will be a General Election and I know you might be fed up with politics and broken promises but do use your freedom and vote. But perhaps you would like to be at the cutting edge of parish life and stand for the parish council! The pay is non-existent, your status in society will barely register, but the workload is usually light and the time required is about 3 hours a month (except for wind turbine applications!) It is interesting, rewarding, and you get to sign peoples passport forms and shotgun licences! Party political opinions are not required. If you would like to represent your community on the council then why not put your name forward.

TDC have just announced that they are to go paperless on planning applications. Does that mean we will all have to have laptops in parish council meetings? We will find out in December.

*David Ley* - Parish Council Chairman



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## Langtree Short Mat Bowls Club

Anybody wishing to try their hand at bowls is very welcome to join us in one of our roll-up sessions, held every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30-3:30 or on a Wednesday evening at 7:30-9:30. Please check first for the evening session which may be dependent on the number of league matches being played.

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# Langtree Community School & Nursery Unit



## Welcome to Langtree Community School



## Welcome to Lots of Sensational News from Langtree Community School

This term is proving to once again be very busy. Maybe not unusually, we have been visited by a variety of visitors who have all popped into school to give our pupils some real-life curriculum experience: a small flock of waddling ducklings, a hedgehog and a pet dog have all been kindly loaned to us.

We have thought carefully about other people too by supporting the MacMillan Cancer Trust (holding a fund-raising coffee morning/afternoon tea); the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal; and the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal by filling at least two shoeboxes per class to be delivered before Christmas to children around the world – some, for example, to Ecuador, Bosnia or Syria.

With Christmas now firmly on the horizon, we are already planning lots of Christmas events to take place over the coming few weeks. These include the main school Christmas Play on Thursday 11 December in Langtree Parish Hall; the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 12 December from 2.30pm also in Langtree Parish Hall; and a traditional Carol Service due to take place on Thursday 18 December, in The Methodist Chapel, Langtree. Please choose an event and come along to see us if you would like a sprinkling of pre-Christmas spirit before the end of term – more details are available, as always, from the school: 01805 601354 or by e-mail: [admin@langtree.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@langtree.devon.sch.uk).



## British Legion Bingo

Shebbear Hall  
December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Eyes Down 7:30pm  
Turkey, Beef and Chicken  
Dinners

**Grand Raffle Draw**

### TGIF Club

*"I like playing the games"*

*"I really like all the different things we do"*

*"I liked the scavenger hunt – we found lots of blackberries"*

..... some of the things the children have said about the TGIF ('Thank God it's Friday') Club.

Our next club will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December; 9<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> February: usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in the month.

We meet in the church, after school until about 5 o'clock. Games, a craft activity, refreshments, songs, a bible story and a prayer. Aimed at children 4-10 (Juniors)

You don't have to be a Christian to come – and we won't tell you to come to church on Sundays!

*We look forward to seeing you. Martin, Trudi, Ruth and Pat*

### Little Acorns Toddler Group

Meet Thursday mornings during term time, in the parish hall - 9.15 to 12 noon. You will find that we are a friendly relaxed group and have a range of toys for babies and toddlers to play with. We provide a snack at about 10.30am for the children and a tea or coffee for the adults, at a cost of £1 per child and 50p per sibling.

We would welcome anyone who would like to come along and join our group. Please feel free to pop in on a Thursday morning or give Anna Moseby a ring on 01805 601155 or Laura Coles 01805 601666

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## Zion Methodist Chapel

We have much to be thankful for this year with lovely weather over the summer and a good harvest from our fields, gardens and hedgerows. I think we can all say that all is safely gathered in! Our Harvest Festival service at the Chapel was held on Sunday 21st September led by Roy Harris from Torrington. This was followed on Monday 22nd with a service led by Chris Andrew. Supper was served by the ladies and there was a sale of produce and gifts with our very own David Ley acting as auctioneer. Proceeds from the sale were sent to Tear Fund ([www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)).

### Our service dates for the next few months are as follows:

#### November

30<sup>th</sup> 11am David Ley

#### December

7<sup>th</sup> 11am Rev K Morgan (communion)

14<sup>th</sup> 11am United Service at Parish Church

21<sup>st</sup> 11am Rev P Jackson (PJ) – Carol Service

28<sup>th</sup> 11am Elsie Potter

#### January

4<sup>th</sup> 11am Rev Martin Goord

11<sup>th</sup> 11am United Service at Parish Church

18<sup>th</sup> 11am Rev S Hill Covenant Service

25<sup>th</sup> 11am David Hudson

#### February

1<sup>st</sup> 11am Rev K Morgan (communion)

8<sup>th</sup> 11am United Service at the Parish Church

February 15<sup>th</sup> 11am Rev P Jackson (PJ)

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am Roy Harris

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 – Thursday evenings.** We begin with a cooked meal at 7.15pm followed by Bible study and discussion. All are welcome.

As we prepare for Christmas may we praise and thank God for Jesus as without him there would be no Christmas to celebrate – ‘Jesus is the reason for the season’ May God bless you all.

*Cathy Ley* On behalf of Langtree Methodist Church



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Shebbear Surgery - 01409281212

### Police Email

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### Local Contacts

Parish Hall Bookings - 01805601609  
Langtree Church - 01409281424  
Langtree Methodist Chapel - 01409281262  
Langtree Primary School - 01805601354

## What's On in Langtree

### Health & Keep Fit

**Pilates** – PH – Term Time only Mon 9:30pm till 10:30pm

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

### **Short Mat Bowls – (PH)**

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** Tue 10:30 to 12:30 (PH)

**War Games** – Wed 6:15pm till 9:15pm (PH)

**Parish Whist Drive** - £2 entry - 8pm (PH) – Third

Thursday of the month

**Little Acorn's** Thur 9:15 to 12pm (PH)

### **Woman's Institute**

7:30pm to 9:30pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Month(PH)

### **History Group**

7:30pm to 9:30pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of month (PH)

### **Board Games**

6:15pm to 9:30pm (PH)

**TGIF Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Month (PH)

**Bible Study and Meal** – Thursday Evenings 7:15pm (MC)

### Other Services

**Mobile Post Office at the (PH) Call Park**

Mon to Wed & Fri 11:40am to 13.05am

### **Parish Council Meetings**

7:30pm to 8:30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu of the Month

### Social Events

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Craft Fayre 11am to 3pm(PH)

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Bingo Eyes down 8pm(PH)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Lunch £15.00 (PH)

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Dec School Christmas Play (PH)

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec PTA Christmas Fair 2:30pm (PH)

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Community Auction 8pm(PH)

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec xmas Buffet Dance – One for the Road(PH)

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Tree Festival 4:30pm (CH)

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Dec School Carol Service (MC)

Sun 21<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol Service 6:30pm (CH)

5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Goldilocks and the three Bears Panto(PH)

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Wedding Fayre (PH)

PH–ParishHall CH–Langtree Church MC–Methodist Chapel

### **Mobile Library -**

**Stibb Cross on a Wed - Union Inn** 15:35 to 16:35

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Langtree on a Thursday - Parish Hall** 10:40 to 11:15