

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

November 2024



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CHURCH SERVICES

3rd November All Saints Sunday

9.30am at St Peter's – Holy Communion (said)

10.30am at St Peter's – Morning Worship

Refreshments are served at 10.15 between the services

3.00pm at St Mary's – All Souls Service

5.00pm at St Peter's – Taize style worship

10th November Remembrance Sunday

10.45am at St Peter's – Remembrance service

11.00am at War Memorial School Road Langham –

Remembrance service followed by Act of Remembrance at the airfield

17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30am at St Mary's – Holy Communion (said)

10.30am at St Mary's – Morning Worship

Refreshments are served at 10.15 between the services

2.00pm to 4.00pm at St Peter's – Shoebox packing service

24th November Christ the King

9.30am at St Mary's – Holy Communion

1st December First Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to the November Newsletter.

Well, here we are again, almost ready to say farewell to the Old Year as it withdraws into its chrysalis and prepares to re-emerge as a bright, shiny New Year full of life, hope and promise. Ken Dodd used to have a one-liner: “You know it’s Christmas when the shops are full of Easter eggs” and it certainly feels like the children have barely gone back to school when the shelves are stuffed with both Halloween and Christmas merchandise ... simultaneously! Quite what the average six-year-old is supposed to make of this juxtaposition, I am not sure. Spooky skeletons, bats and pumpkins sit next to snowmen, holly, sleigh bells and cards with images of St. Nick. Perhaps a weird contamination

will take place as the two events merge and blend?

Anyway, that aside, you will find in these pages advertisements for the Langham Bonfire Night bash, the Boxted Players’ pantomime, Boxted Wildlife Walks and forthcoming Christmas services. Next month ... anyone’s guess!

The long-standing local campaign regarding Boxted Bridge is also back in the news, now that we have a new government and (potentially) new attitudes at Westminster. Nothing substantive has been decided as I write these words in mid-October but there seems to be a whiff of change in the air ... or is that the harvesting over at Rix’s farm?

Watch this space.

Steve Pollington,
Editor

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be a service at 11am at the **Langham School Memorial**.

The **2nd Langham Scout Group** will be parading.

At 11.40 there is a service at the **American Monument** in Park Lane.

BOXTED W.I.

Last month the members were truly entertained by the animated **Rev. Emma Barr**.

Some of you may have already made her acquaintance as she is part of the busy team covering 6 rural parishes. Members discovered her impressive achievements and drive to support the community.

Having started with a polluted and derelict farm, she now has a flock of 400 sheep and other animals, alongside she generously takes in charity referrals such as those needing to re-plan their lives such as ex-offenders or agricultural workers finding themselves homeless, this is in addition to her Farm Church and supporting the charity

Ladsneeddads.org The group thoroughly enjoyed meeting this most energetic Reverend.

The regular monthly meeting was followed up by a visit to Nayland to hear member **Sue Carbutt** talk of her maternal grandmother **Baroness Catherine Petre** of Ingatestone Hall. She found herself a war widow with children in 1915 after just 2 years of marriage. Catherine took on the restoration of the hall whilst caring for her children and helping the war effort in a variety of ways including starting and chairing the **Essex Federation W.I.** movement. By 1921 it had expanded to



300 members supporting young wives and widows, some with many children. She continued to campaign for rural improvements such as bus services, waste collection and food prices alongside her personal achievements as an artist and master mariner. There is much more to learn of this remarkable woman and Boxted W.I. hope to arrange this during 2025.

Finally and more locally, in fine weather, some members enjoyed lending a hand at the annual harvest of the local vineyard.

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The Spirit of Kindness

In the spirit of kindness, thoughtfulness and fellowship how can we help someone this winter?

The nights are now pulling in and we are all feeling the chill as we hunker down and get ready for winter. It is an exciting time to change the T-shirts to jumpers and open toes to boots, light fires, eat soups and watch the leaves fall from the trees to redefine the landscape.

But it can also be a time of huge anxiety for many; winter can put a heavier strain on some more than others, the very old, the very poor and the very sick. So the question is: In the spirit of kindness, thoughtfulness and fellowship how can we help someone this winter?

Simple things we can do for others really can make a huge difference to someone's life as St Paul said:

"Carry one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ"

Galatians 6: 2

Few of us need to look very far to find someone who would be better for a little encouragement a helping hand in some way or just simply some human contact in the form of regular conversation.

We must not get hung up on our own burdens and forget others, remember that it is easier to carry two heavy shopping bags than one, because they balance. So as winter approaches look out for those in need it is what we do that means so much more than what we say and a community full of kindness, thoughtfulness and fellowship is also one of love.

Rev Em x



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LANGHAM LADIES

Langham Ladies meeting was held in the Langham Community Centre on Thursday evening October 10th.

This was an open meeting so non members joined in with us listening to our speaker **Tony Friedlander**. Tony has had so many mixed emotions during his life. He was adopted and was given his adoptive Mothers surname Plumb. His adoptive mother was very poor so he didn't have the privileges that other children had. When he was seven years old he found a letter sent to his adoptive mother regarding her adopting a son. He questioned his mother and found out that the letter was referring to him.

Later in life he decided to try and find out who his birth mother was. It took him years searching to find out who she really was. Eventually he found her and found out that her surname was Friedlander so he changed his name

officially from Plumb to Friedlander not liking the surname Plumb.

On December 2nd 1938 his birth mother was one of the first 48 to go on the **Kinder Transport** to Dovercourt. As time went on he found his family grow as he found out about other family members. It was a very interesting talk about all the ups and downs in Tony's life , too much to put in this report.

The next meeting is **Thursday November 14th in Langham Community Centre starting at 7.30pm.**

Some Ladies are coming from **Colchester Sugarcraft Guild** demonstrating icing techniques and modelling sugar paste. The members will have a chance to do some themselves if they would like.

The evening will end with tea/coffee, homemade cakes and a raffle

New members will always be welcome so come along and see what we get up to.



Langham Community Centre's

100 Club Draw

September's winners were

| | | |
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| 1st | 34 | Marlena Lipski |
| 2nd | 46 | Freda Doyle |
| 3rd | 95 | Gill Salt |
| 4th | 88 | Gill Salt |

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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Churchyards and gravestones are little researched but are rich sources for family and social historians. They have changed their function over the years. Now restful places, in the Middle Ages churchyards were used for fairs and other social gatherings. Some parts of the churchyard were more prestigious than others. The east side was reserved for the clergy, being nearest the altar, the south side was considered the next best and the north side (the dark side) was where paupers and suicides were buried. Some church yards have distinct features. For instance, Rudston in Yorkshire has a huge stone. It was dragged from 70 miles away, Legend has it that it was hurled by the devil who wanted to destroy the church, but he missed.

Yew trees abound in many churchyards, being a symbol of everlasting life. Churchyards have a problem in that they get full. If six people a year get buried in a single churchyard over a period of 800 years that amounts to just under 50,000 bodies. Action is already being taken: in some places plots are sold for only 25 years of occupation.

On the gravestones themselves changes have been made over the centuries. Classical architecture was much imitated and symbolism was much used. For instance, 'skull and crossbones' were a reminder of mortality, while a broken column suggested a life cut short. The Victorians introduced crosses. In the 18th

century metal cages were constructed over graves to deter bodysnatchers. In areas where there is no local stone wooden headstones were used but these did not last long. Metal was also tried but these deteriorated quickly and became difficult to read.

In the 1850s inscriptions became longer, some being very witty. Others tell a story. In a churchyard in Chelmsford there is the resting place of Joseph Freeman who had been a slave in America but who had escaped to England.

There are no national standards for graves in England. Decisions about what is appropriate are made locally and practices vary widely. Some are very formal and conservative – objections have been made to familiar names, for example, while others are very tolerant of quirkiness, allowing representations of such things as a favourite car. Particularly ostentatious can be those associated with gypsy families who often have their own area in burial grounds.

Janette Robinson talked to the Boxted History Group about churchyards and headstones. For information about future meetings phone 01206 272250.

[Alan Ladbrooke](#)



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Boxted Parish Council Report – October 2024

A reminder that parish council meetings are open to the public to attend and we have a space at the beginning of the meeting for residents to raise issues. At the October meeting we had Tom Rowe one of our Colchester City (CCC) Councillors talk to us through some of the changes that are likely to be implemented across Colchester in order to save money. Some of these will mean changes to waste collection. It's worth keeping an eye on Colchester City messages to see how this will affect you.

We very much still support the **Save Our Bridge campaign**, and we are trying to persuade Essex County Council (ECC) to stand by their new promise to investigate repairing the bridge before deciding to put in a wide flat longer structure capable of taking 40 tonne traffic. We have also seen the law changed when it comes to protecting what used to be called AONBs but are now termed National Landscapes. The previous Government really strengthened the legal requirement to protect National Landscapes from harm and development and we don't think that ECC have done this yet. It was also interesting to see that the similar plan to replace the small humped-back brick bridge in the centre of Finchingfield adjacent to their village green has now been withdrawn and Essex Highways now plan to repair it instead.

We have installed CCTV at the Boxted Recreation Ground and Village Hall. All outside cameras cover the hall, car parking and the field. Our system is managed under our Information Commissioners Office registration and all GDPR public rights are managed via the parish council. We hope this acts as a deterrent against vandalism, anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping all of which can now be reported to the police with hard evidence.

On a more upbeat note, we now have a sign at the outdoor table tennis table with a QR code linking to local table tennis information.

We are still looking for some volunteers to join a new committee to organise a village fete in 2025. If you could help, then please email Karen on clerk@boxted-pc.gov.uk and I can pass your details to the right person.

The next council meeting is Wed 13th November at 730pm in the Village Hall. Please get in touch with the Council by dropping an email to clerk@boxted-pc.gov.uk, look at www.boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk and follow the Facebook page '**Boxted Parish Council**'.

PROBUS CLUB OF COLCHESTER

Our members had an informal coffee morning last Wednesday. This was a good opportunity for members to have a good catch up, which we rarely do at normal meetings. Interestingly a couple of questions came up about the origins of PROBUS clubs and who is eligible to join and become a member. So I thought it would be useful to provide a little history of the origins of PROBUS clubs, particularly within the UK.

There are many such clubs in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United States of America.; also a few in Western Europe. PROBUS clubs within the UK were mainly set up by former members of Rotary. The majority of clubs are for gentlemen. There are some ladies-only clubs and an increasing number of multi-gender clubs.

There is no central body controlling clubs, so each club can set its own rules and constitution. Typically clubs elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Secretary, Speaker Finder, Auditors and an Almoner. Our club also as appointed a Publicity Officer. When the COVID lockdown ended many clubs lost members and some clubs ceased to exist. Our Colchester club took the decision to

welcome ladies who wished to join our club. Since then our numbers have crept up and already 30% of our members are ladies.

Our club meets every two weeks at the Colchester Rugby club house. This is a very modern building with a number of meeting rooms, ample parking and disabled access. The location is just off the A12 not far from the Park and Ride. At our meetings we usually have an invited speaker and members enjoy and learn from a variety of interesting talks. Every three or four meetings we have a lunch meeting.

Membership

PROBUS is short for Professional and/or Business. So PROBUS clubs are for retired or semi retired professional or business people There is no formal dress code but the majority of members wear smart casual, some even have a PROBUS tie.

Any one interested in knowing more about our club should contact. Mr Jim Duffy (Hon Secretary) who will be pleased to tell you more about our club

Bob Cash

Publicity Officer



02.11.2024

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We're thrilled to announce the southern African country of Malawi as a new destination for shoebox gifts this Christmas. Very sadly, Malawi remains one of the world's poorest nations and lots of its children grow up without toys—many end up making their own out of the clay-like soil that forms after it's rained. *At Samaritan's Purse, we want to do something about that.*

That's why we're inviting you to join with us once more, and help bring thousands-upon-thousands of gift-filled boxes and hope to children in need around the world.

Item donations (toys, hygiene items, stationery, hats, gloves) can be placed into collection boxes

found within Harpers Caffe at Boxted Hub or at St Peter's Church, Boxted until Thursday 14th November. Or you may prefer to make a donation towards the transportation costs by donating to our just giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/6parishescolchesterocc24>

Shoobox Sunday will be on Sunday **17th November** with services at **St Mary's Langham at 9.30 (Holy Communion) and 10.30am (All Aged Morning Worship Service)** with our **Community Packing Party** between **2.30 and 4.30pm** at **St Peter's Church Boxted** where you are invited to come along and help to pack shoeboxes and find out more as the boxes start their journey to a needy child this Christmas.



It's Shoebox Time! **Box-by-Box,**   

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**1st December at Boxted Village Hall:
Boxted Methodist Silver Band at 3pm
Christmas Tree Lighting 4pm**

**19th December at The Shepherd and Dog, Langham:
Carol Singing at 7:30pm**

**22nd December at St Peter's Church, Boxted:
Community Carol Service at 3pm
with the Boxted Methodist Silver Band**

**Christmas Eve 24th December:
Christingle Service, 4pm at St Mary's Church, Langham
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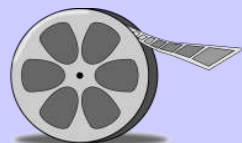
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LANGHAM LADIES

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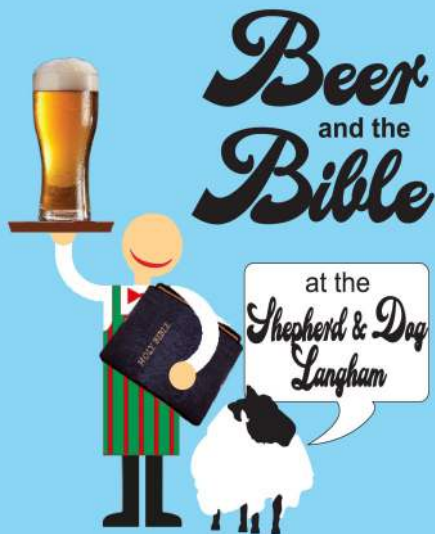
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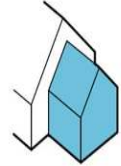
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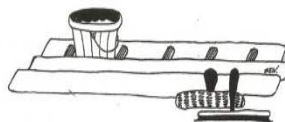
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