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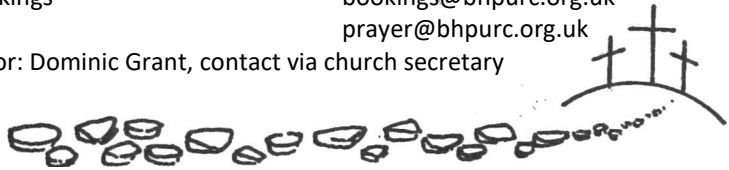
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We expect all of our leaders, volunteers and those who use our premises to share this commitment and value the support of those who worship here in achieving this. Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).

Please visit <https://www.bhpurc.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding> for further information.

A message from our soon to be minister!

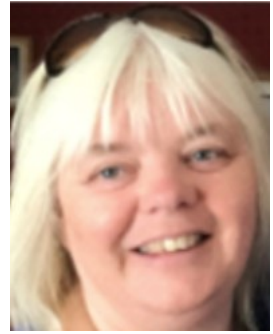
Dear friends in Enfield,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all again for your wonderful warm welcome to both Stuart and I. We both thoroughly enjoyed the weekend we spent with you and immediately felt at home.

I am absolutely delighted to accept the invitation to be your minister and look forward to the work God has planned for us all within the North Enfield Pastorate.

On a personal note, I prayed I would be called to a pastorate where I could truly be myself and my prayers have been answered in abundance. The warmth and love I received from you all allowed me to show you the real Ruth. I cannot thank God enough for answering that prayer and you for being the answer to that prayer.

During the weekend, the acronym TEAM was mentioned a few times and maybe this possibly could be our North Enfield Pastorate slogan Together Everyone Achieves More!



The warmth you all generated reminded me of Acts 2:44 so much,
'All the believers [in the North Enfield Pastorate of United Reformed Churches] were together and had everything in common'.

Our everything in common over the weekend was our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ who has opened the door to us all to know the Father. His Spirit moved through us and our fellowship together and the joy of the Lord was palpable. Such is the power of His Spirit.

Now I'm not as green as I'm cabbage looking (as my mother used to say) we will go through tough times - that's life. But be assured that I will, in Gods strength, do my best to serve you all.

I only ask two things of you:

If I fail you at any time, come to me in love so that we can talk and I can do something about it. The enemy loves to try to divide God's people and we must not let him. We have been given authority to stand against him.

Please keep Stuart and me in your prayers because we will need them and we will really appreciate them, whilst being assured you will be in ours.

May God bless you all and thank you once again for allowing us to be part of your generous and loving church family.

Yours in Christ,
Ruth (and Stuart)

p.s. You all passed the tea and cake test!!!

Ed: We expect Ruth and Stuart to join us in September, full details will follow in due course.



Smile Lines

Attraction

Several years ago, when I lived in California, I taught Sunday School at a somewhat rural church. One Sunday morning the minister texted me. "Come down to the sanctuary quick, and bring a net." As I was a biology teacher, I guessed he figured that I could deal with nature.

Expecting some kind of wild animal, I entered the church cautiously. I was greeted instead by the sight of an excited congregation watching a hummingbird fly around. Rather than use the net, I suggested they hang red paper by an open door. The bird would be drawn to it, I explained, and eventually fly out.

After teaching the Sunday School lesson, I went back up into the sanctuary. The minister saw me and interrupted the service. "Your idea about the red paper has worked," he said. "Now we have two hummingbirds flying around the church."

This next one...

A local DJ was introducing a record at our annual church fete/parish party. "This next one," he said, "is for Charlotte, a choir member, who is a hundred and eleven! Hey, Charlotte, congratulations on a ripe old age!"

There was a short pause and then the DJ said in a somewhat more subdued voice, "I'm sorry, I got it wrong. This next one is for Charlotte, who is ill."

Here is the News

Congratulations

I am pleased to announce the arrival of a second granddaughter, Matilda, who was born on the afternoon of Monday 8th May. Congratulations to parents Paul and Cherie.

Margaret

Christian Aid Week

The total raised for Christian Aid Week this year was £97. The Church e-envelope is still open if you didn't manage to give in May:
<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/bhpurc>

World Vision help children in war-torn Sudan

As the fighting between Sudan's military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan's capital Khartoum, continues, millions of people are living in fear and great need. Humanitarian activities to help them have been greatly interrupted, due to widespread insecurity.

Emmanuel Isch, World Vision Sudan Country Director, says, "The escalating violence is putting the lives of innocent civilians, particularly women and children, at risk. Many Sudanese, particularly in Khartoum and South Darfur have been stuck in their homes for days, running out of food and water and facing increased insecurity."

World Vision has local teams in surrounding countries who are ready to help children and families who urgently need food, water and shelter.

If you can help, please go to: <https://www.worldvision.org.uk>



Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food

Make plans to source locally grown foods that you can add to your diet/shopping list throughout the seasons.

Produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness and will be full of flavour, tasting better than the produce that has been imported and travelled thousands of miles.

Support National Week of the Ocean 4th – 10th June

The National Week of the Ocean is held each year during the second week of June. It aims to spotlight the threats faced by marine habitats and species, and also to offer some solutions on how to solve them.

The health of the oceans is critical to the health of our planet. The ocean makes up about 70% of the world's surface, and supplies about 50% of oxygen in the world. It acts as a vital source of carbon and even regulates the weather. It is the main source of protein for more than a billion people around the world, and as such, is essential to the economy of many nations, with an estimated 40 million people likely to be employed by ocean-based industries by 2030. More information at: <https://worldoceanday.org>



Committed to supporting our global partners in Israel and occupied Palestine

In its 2021 report *Where is Palestine?* Christian Aid notes that Palestinians and Israeli settlers living in close proximity in Area C of the West Bank exist under different legal systems. Palestinians are subject to Israeli military law. They are vulnerable to arbitrary arrest, and house searches by security forces and Israeli settlers. Israeli forces have seized land claiming 'military necessity' and given it to settlers. But under international law private property in an occupied territory cannot be confiscated for any reason, including military necessity.

Settler violence continues unabated. Palestinian activist Noor A'wad and others report attacks and stoning by settlers of shepherds, cars, homes, and children walking to school.

Commitment for Life has sponsored two young people on a Christian



Photo: by Kevin Snyman. Noor A'wad speaking at Roots, Sarras Farm, West Bank

Aid trip to Israel and occupied Palestine Territories, and we hope to hear from them in upcoming stories – please watch this space.

Bad Samaritan

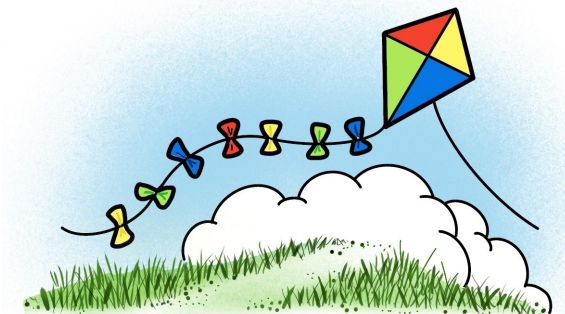
Campaigners worry that the government’s new Illegal Migrations Bill threatens to tear up the 1951 UN Refugee Convention, to which the UK was a signatory. “The UK’s draconian asylum system divides families and ravages the mental and physical health of some of the world’s most vulnerable people,” says Global Justice Now. “There is no ‘illegal’ way to claim asylum.”

Asylum is different to economic migration. Asylum seekers are protected under international law, and the UK has strict guidelines for the latter. The Joint Public Issues Team organised a response to the introduction of the Illegal Migration Bill, that reflected the parable of the Good Samaritan. It summarised the awfulness of the Bill by stating, “If ever there was a contemporary example of ignoring our neighbour and walking by on the other side, this is it.”

<https://jpit.uk/response-to-illegal-migration-bill>

Prayer

God of love, protect all asylum seekers around the world. Soften the hearts of hardened politicians. Pour compassion onto cynical lawmakers. Open our arms in welcome of strangers. Fill us with the unstinting generosity that we have found in the heart of Jesus. Amen.



In praise of passion

Enthusiasm – I love it. Give me passion, excitement, fascination and joy over calm detachment and a cool distance anytime.

I see that passion at football matches when I support my Premier League team, and I see it when I visit a range of grassroots organisations thriving in the city where I live. Hopefully, you see it in your area as well.

Enthusiasm is infectious. But sadly, in our churches, we don't always do enthusiasm well.

Research shows that many Christians fail badly at passing on their beliefs to the next generation. Faith, it seems, is not as infectious as a passion for a football club that can easily be passed down the family line.

Maybe it's part of our character not to talk about religion. It's something some people feel is very personal and might give offence. Other cultures have no such reserve – and I love the impact that Christians from a variety of backgrounds have made on the UK church scene.

Many churches run all kinds of community groups – without articulating the faith that drives them to make a difference in their local area. It's a missed opportunity to explain the reason behind what we do.

I love it when I hear people talking about their faith – a living faith that has made a real difference in their lives. Perhaps prompting them to launch a charity, or a group that helps people with specific needs, or to start a new business.

Or maybe a faith that drives them to leave behind a high-paying City job to work in the health service on lower pay. Or to take their skills

abroad to work in a developing country and train local people to replace them.

Our churches have so many stories of transformation to share with their communities.

That's the type of enthusiastic faith that works for me. It's about a passion that makes a difference in people's lives – both themselves and the men and women around them.

Maybe we Christians should be more passionate and open about what we believe – and the impact that faith has had on our lives, as well as the communities around us.

Revd Peter Crumpler

International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services

Each year, the Christian Police Association hosts an International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services. This year it will be on Thursday, 22nd June.

There are various ways to get involved.

- Watch the CPA YouTube channel "International Day of Prayer" playlist <https://www.youtube.com/@ChristianPoliceAssociationUK/playlists>
- Use the Pray 4 Your Police (P4YP) material on the Publications page <https://cpauk.net/downloads/>
- Engage in the CPA's Social Media, using the hashtag #WaveofPrayer

The Christian Police Association asks: "Please join us in praying for our Emergency Service colleagues around the world, as they face a variety of challenges."

Russia is ‘weaponising religion’ and persecuting churches in Ukraine

A new report claims that Russia is ‘weaponising religion’ in its conflict with Ukraine.

The report, by the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), states that since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Russian soldiers or occupation authorities, have closed or taken over 76 places of worship, looted, desecrated or destroyed 13 of them, and have killed or seized 29 religious leaders in occupied Ukraine.

According to the Institute for the Study of War, Russia’s primary target is the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC), which continues to assert its independence from the Moscow Patriarchate. 34 per cent of the reported acts of persecution are against the UOC.

The report warns: “Russia will continue to weaponise the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and religion to incite social tensions in Ukraine and influence battlefield realities.”

The ISW also warns that Russia may try to eradicate religious organisations that remain independent of Kremlin control. Russian forces did the same with the Crimea’s Muslim Tartar population, after occupying the peninsula in 2014.

Release International urges Christians in the UK: “Please pray for the Christians of Ukraine, that they may weather the storm.”



Diary

June

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

The full diary with regular activities is also online at
www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

Sun 4th	10.30am	Communion with Barrie Thompson
Thur 8th	10.45am	Friends Group
Sun 11th	10.30am 11.45am	Parade with Chris Hall Church meeting
Mon 12th	10.30am	Book Club
Sun 18th	10.30am	Worship
Thur 22nd	10.45am All day	Friends Group International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services, see page 11
Sun 25th	10.30am	Worship with Ray Pettipher

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 11th June**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to
newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk

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“Ah, Sovereign Lord,
you have made the heavens
and the earth by your great power
and outstretched arm.
Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32:17

Thursday 1st

Those in gangs and the charities who seek to educate young people about the futility of violence in our streets

Friday 2nd

Those suffering from Parkinson's and the charities who seek to find a cure

Saturday 3rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 4th

Give thanks for our musicians, the stewards, tea makers, those who project our services and provide the flowers week by week

Monday 5th

Joseph

Tuesday 6th

Thanks for lives saved through Toilet Twinning and improved sanitation

Wednesday 7th

Alberta Road

Thursday 8th

A reduction in gun and knife crime, for safety in our neighbourhoods

Friday 9th

Children in Zambia, particularly those who are helped by Beyond Ourselves who we support as a church

Saturday 10th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 11th

Give thanks for long summer days

Monday 12th

Judith

Tuesday 13th

For education around hygiene, here and across the world

Wednesday 14th

Amberley Road

Thursday 15th

A reduction in burglaries and peace for those affected

Friday 16th

For the vulnerable

Saturday 17th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 18th

Thanks for our service men and women

Monday 19th

Julia

Tuesday 20th

For the work of Toilet Twinning

Wednesday 21st

Amberley Gardens

Thursday 22nd

A reduction in dangerous driving and for safety when travelling

Friday 23rd

Children and staff at Al-Shurooq School in Bethlehem who we support as a church

Saturday 24th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 25th

Thanks for doctors and nurses who go to areas where the people have no access to health care

Monday 26th

Kath

Tuesday 27th

For awareness of sanitation need globally

Wednesday 28th

Bertram Road

Thursday 29th

Local "Safer Neighbourhoods" police and PCSOs

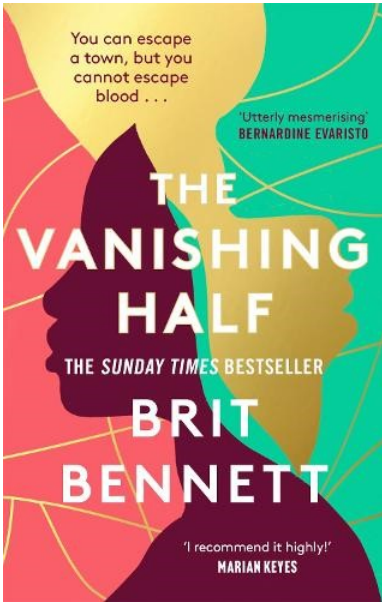
Friday 30th

Parents needing help and support to care for their children

Saturday 31st

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Book Club



‘The Vanishing Half’ by Brit Bennett

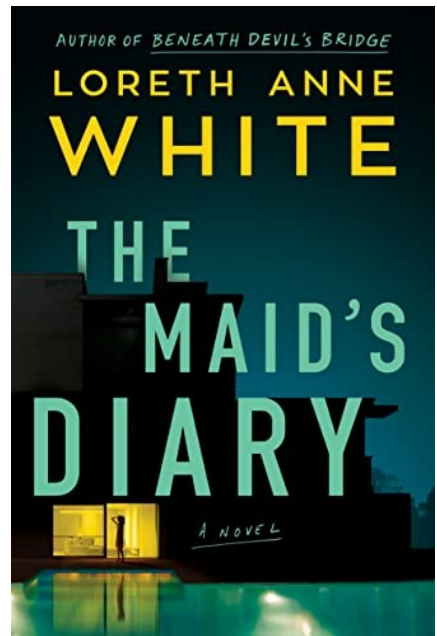
This is a somewhat unusual read. Twins in the south of the USA born to black parents, both born light in colour but one twin is much paler than the other - the town of their birth is considered black. Stella feels herself white, while Desiree does not.

We follow their lives together from children and then as young adults until suddenly one day Stella leaves town to escape to a different life and the twins don't meet again for many years. Although from the same background,

they lived very different lives. They each have a daughter, one was white and the other one black. We read about their lives, loves and how eventually the twins meet again.

The book has a number of themes and the characters are complex and not always easy to understand but it is a worthy book which is very thought-provoking.

We meet next on 12 June having read *The Maid's Diary* by Loreth Anne White.



Yvonne

Celebrating Fatherhood

'What is a Christian? The richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child and having God as his Father.' (J I Packer, Knowing God)

The month we celebrate fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's fatherhood and what it means for us.

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: *'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'* (Matthew 3:16,17). What can we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptized, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to call God *'daddy'* (abba, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as *'beloved'*, who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is *'well pleased'* with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents. Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’: Tintoretto’s ‘Christ at the Sea of Galilee’

In 1833 Mendelssohn composed two overtures inspired by the sea. ‘Fingal’s Cave’ portrays the gentle roll of the waves and the call of the wind on the waters around Staffa. ‘Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage’ paints a sea journey when the fog lifts, the sky clears, the safety of land beckons and the boat arrives in the harbour.

This month’s painting shows us a very different picture of the sea. It is ‘Christ at the Sea of Galilee’ by Tintoretto. He was an Italian painter of the Renaissance period who worked in Venice until his death in 1594. All his paintings are marked by intensity and drama, whether it is the Last Supper, the Conversion of St Paul, or this canvas. Tintoretto worked so quickly and so single-mindedly that he was nicknamed ‘Il Furioso.’ And it is the fury of the sea that is captured here. Not the lazy waters of Venice or the calm seas of Mendelssohn’s music. Now the sea and the sky above are in torment and revolt, and the world is dominated by the violence of this storm.

The Sea of Galilee is like that. One moment, the sky is clear and windless, the next, a gust can whip up the waters into anger. In



Scripture the sea is always an element to fear. For the psalmist the sea contains creeping things innumerable and even monsters. For John in the

book of Revelation, the sea ceases to exist when the new heaven and the new earth appear. The threat of that element is pervasive in this painting. The sail of the boat bends with the raging of the wind, and the vessel is tossed up and down – so near the shore, and yet so far. Above, the clouds frown.

But enfolding the scene are two signs of hope and life. To one side we see a tall tree in leaf and growing. At the other side is the tall figure of Jesus: a sign of safety and hope to the disciples, floundering in the boat. His feet are just vague outlines in the water, but His hand is firm as He beckons to His followers. Peter, brave and headstrong as ever, begins to climb out of the boat with no immediate sense of danger. This month of June ends with his feast day when we celebrate a saint who was so much like us. Wanting to follow Jesus, but finding himself weak; eager to serve, but unable to back words up with deeds. And yet, through all that, God's grace triumphed in Peter's life. We know that he will be saved here as he steps onto the wild water to reach Jesus.

This raging element is a parable of life with its storms and challenges for Peter and for all of us. Just as the sea threatens to swallow the boat and the disciples in it, so we know how the world threatens to swallow us up. Each of us, in our discipleship, faces concerns and challenges, anxieties about the present, even despair about the future. Tintoretto is saying to us from this canvas, Reach out and take hold of the sure hand of our Lord. That will be an anchor for you when the sea of life is calm and when the storm rages. 'Will your anchor hold?' asks the hymn, and we can reply:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

Michael Burgess

Synod Green Day

A day for all ages to reflect on the wonders of God's creation
- and our care for it

Saturday 8th July 2023
Celebration - Reflection - Action

at Cores End URC, Buckinghamshire SL8 5HZ

- 10.30am Arrivals and refreshments
- 11am Worship, sensory walk and bible study
- 1pm Picnic lunch
- 2pm Workshops and Activities (around five eco themes)
- 3.30pm Worship in the meadow and tree planting
- 4pm Tea and departures

The Synod Green Team is excited to present this event and looks forward to meeting you on the day.



Travel

The event will be held at Cores End United Reformed Church. Please use public transport if possible. We will arrange pick-ups from Taplow Station (on Elizabeth Line, between London and Maidenhead) or Beaconsfield (on Chiltern Line between London Marylebone and High Wycombe).

If you are coming by car, please share if possible (car park beside church from Princes Road).

Refreshments

Tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits will be available. Please bring a Picnic Lunch.

We have limited places so please book with Colleen at modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk



The Bible in 50 words

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peaked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.

– anon



Can Science Prove God Exists?

To risk sounding like a smart aleck seven-year-old, technically speaking you can only prove things mathematically. If you need to know that one plus one equals two, don't go to a chemistry lab. The natural sciences only deal with things that can be observed and measured. Science has been so successful that it's tempting to get carried away, valuing science above any other kind of knowledge, but there are other ways of knowing that are equally important. For example, art conveys ideas, experiences or emotions that provoke us to think or do something in response.

In fact, to find answers to any of the really important questions about meaning and purpose that affect us throughout our lives, we always have to go beyond science. Some scientific data might help define the question, for example a farmer facing a drought would probably like to know some details about the current weather patterns and the availability of seeds for more hardy crops before she can start asking "What is the point of trying to grow anything at all?" But in the end, she is asking a deeper question – and so are the rest of us when we go through any significant experience in life.

So rather than asking "Can science prove God exists?", what about: "Are the findings of science compatible with the existence of a purposeful Creator?" For many scientists today, the answer to the second question is yes. They have investigated the Bible's descriptions of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and found that they make sense. They have discovered that they can interact with God – especially in prayer – and that this faith has changed their lives.

Professor Christine Done, an Astrophysicist at Durham University, writes, "for me the more we know about the vast, yet intricate and beautiful Universe we live in, the bigger and more awe-inspiring is the

God who made it all.”(Thinking About: The Big Bang, <https://www.cis.org.uk/resources/thinking/>)

Some go even further, making statements like this: “the way the universe exhibits an ordered structure, which is open to science to investigate, points to a mind behind it.” (Revd Dr Rodney Holder, Astrophysicist, in *Longing, Waiting, Believing* (BRF, 2014))

The question “Can Science Prove God Exists?” turns out to be a category error – trying to use science to answer a non-scientific question. On the other hand, many scientists think there is enough evidence from a wide range of sources to warrant belief in God.

Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz

God – the Three in One

This month we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most important of the Christian faith, for it goes to the very heart of what God is like. The Bible is quite clear: there is one God, but He is revealed in three ‘persons’ – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever wondered at what point in the Bible God is revealed as being more than one person? Well, you don’t have to read very far: only to Genesis 1:26, where God (Elohim – a plural noun) says: Let US make man in OUR image. (Gen. 1:26)

The Bible reveals a pattern: God the Father lives in heaven and has never been seen. God the Son became the incarnate Jesus Christ, who made known to us the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, who is unseen, has been sent to live within and to equip His people, the Church.

The Trinity is basic to our salvation – for these three persons in the one Godhead have combined to save us from our sins: it is the WILL of the Father, the saving WORK of the Son, and the indwelling WITNESS of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16, 23-26).

Prayer

Dear Father,

As we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer.

This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, child of encouragement. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Lord, help each of us to be a Barnabas to someone today, to encourage and lift up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith.

Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Daphne Kitching

Ed: If you have a prayer you would like put in the newsletter instead (or indeed as well as...) do email it to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk.

If you would like prayer for yourself or family and friends please email prayer@bhpurc.org.uk

Boys' Brigade News

A short update this time around with a lot more to follow once we enter the summer session.

Following the completion of their badge classes, each group has been working on their items for the awards night. Those in the band have been rehearsing for a band item, the Company Section item involves a journey back in time through the year with snippets of what they have done including making bird boxes, first aid and cooking. The Seniors have been working on gymnastics using a gym horse and parallel bars.

We are then moving in to the summer sessions, we will be having trips out to Go Jumpin' Trampoline Park, Canoeing, Laser Quest, Raft Building and a High Ropes Course, we'll also be having a session of Danish Rounders over the park as well as cricket and football, having a challenge night, involved of physical, mental and skill challenges, and the annual game of pirates before the camp meeting and the final week BBQ before we head of to camp!

In between all these activities, we have entered the cross country competition where the Anchor Boys won their age group, and our Seniors came second overall with second and third place finishes. We also have the upcoming athletics competition coming up with an update on how we get on still to come.

Joseph

Wordsearch

Each June, the Church of England holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who led the Church at Pentecost. Simon had been a fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, when his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name – Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The ‘gates of hell’ would never prevail against Jesus’ Church, and He gave Peter the power of ‘binding and loosing’, and also the ‘the keys of the kingdom of heaven’. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ’s flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

simon	peter	fisherman	bethsaida
galilee	andrew	jesus	rock
transfiguration	raising	daughter	garden
gethsemane			

betrayed
cock
crowed
feed
my
lambs
sheep
keys
kingdom
gates
hell
binding
loosing

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Other local church activities

Weekly

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Mon	10am	Ladies Bible Study	Living Room
	7.30pm	English Conversation Club	Living Room
Tues	9.15am	Tots and Toys	Gospel Hall
	10.45am	Bumps and Babies	Gospel Hall
Wed	9.45am	Bible Study (Fortnightly)	Lancaster Road
	10am	Prayer (Fortnightly, alternates with above)	Lancaster Road
	2pm	Wednesday Fellowship (alternates between general chat and talks from various speakers)	BHP Methodist
Fri	10am	Shoppers Coffee Morning	Lancaster Road

Other activities take place monthly or fortnightly. See the following websites for details:

Lancaster Road - www.lancaster-road-urc.org.uk

Christ Church - ccurc.org.uk

BHP Methodist - www.bhpmethodist.org.uk

BHP Community Church (Living Room and Gospel Hall) - www.bhpcc.org.uk

Weekly Activities

Monday 6.15pm Boys' Brigade Junior Section
7.30pm Boys' Brigade Company Section
10.30am Book Club (Once a month, see inside for date)

Wednesday 10:00am Toddler Group
6.30pm Girls' Brigade

Thursday 10.45am Friends Group (2nd & 4th Thursday)

Friday 6.00pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys

Sunday 10.30am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)

Please check the church website to confirm if the activity you want to go to is going ahead. www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

