



The
United
Reformed
Church

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2023



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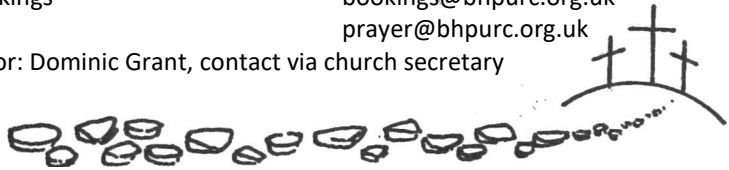
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Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).

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.

Any hope for the disappeared?

We are lucky here in the United Kingdom that we do not suffer as Christians as in some parts of God's world. We must give thanks to God for this. Although there are many missionary's that travel the world and visit some places where a Christian is not so free and over the years many have disappeared without trace. We must pray to our Lord for these people and their families.



My own prayer to God is 'Why can't all human being's live as friends, side by side, as most faiths will tell us to. Please Lord help to make everyone see that this is the way to live and it's futile to live any other way. Amen.

I found the following report on the Parish Pump website, where I find quite a lot of help with the magazine. It draws your attention from a VERY small minority of missing Christian's.

Jim, Editor Lancaster Road URC

It was a normal day in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. A Christian pastor, who ran a non-governmental organisation focussing on people living with HIV/AIDS and recovering addicts, was in his car on a city street when five SUVs and two motorcycles drew up. Fifteen men wearing black balaclavas emerged and took just 42 seconds to abduct Raymond Koh. An eyewitness described it

as like "something out of a movie."

Raymond Koh has not been seen or heard of since that day in February 2017. His family is still seeking answers nearly five years after the event and continuing to trust that God will help them find the truth. His wife, Susanna, says, "I believe the Lord is my Good Shepherd." She tells of how God has encouraged her

very personally. “He is the provider of all my needs.”

Many other Christians have disappeared in recent years. Alice Ngaddah was taken by Boko Haram from her home in Rann, Borno State, Nigeria along with two other humanitarian workers. Her friends were both executed, but Alice was spared, her captives declaring that she was now their “slave,” and it was now lawful “to do whatever we want with her.” Little is now known of Alice’s situation, except that she is still alive, and in the hands of a highly dangerous and violent terrorist group.

Gao Zhisheng is a Chinese Christian human rights worker who was first detained by the authorities in 2006. Between 2006 and 2011 he was ‘disappeared’ many times and suffered beatings and torture. In a memoir published in 2016 he detailed the torture and solitary confinement he had endured and said he was sustained by his Christian faith and his hopes for China. Gao was arrested again in

August 2017. Nothing has been heard from him since that time. His wife, Geng He, says, “There have been no phone calls, no information. Nobody knows anything about him. It is as if he has evaporated.”

These stories of Richard Koh, Alice Ngaddah and Gao Zhisheng are repeated time and time again in a number of countries around the world. The sheer depth of emotional pain that must come simply from not knowing about your loved ones is terrible.

Please pray for the people mentioned, and you can even send a word of encouragement to Susanna Koh at the following address:- #107, Lot LG109B, One Itama Shopping Centre, No 1, Lebuh Bandar Utama, 47800, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, West Malaysia

Learn more about the work of CSW at www.csw.org.uk.

Smile Lines

Holiday “book titles”

Hill Walking by Wanda Farr

The End of the Road by Peter Out

Journey to the South Pole by Ann Tartick

My Sojourn to the Sahara by Baron Lands

The End is Within Sight by Neil E. Dunn

Round the World by Sir Cumference

Sleeping under Canvas by T. Pea

Tales of Ireland by Pete Marsh

River Life in Florida by Al E. Gayter

The Atlantic Coast by C. Shaw

Thanks to Evelyn for these

Bathroom tidy

Constant nagging didn't seem to provide any relief from having to clean up the bathroom after each of my three teenage children. After I cleaned it one day, I resorted to posting a sign that read: 'Please leave the bathroom as you found it'.

Then I noticed the bathroom was in the usual mess after my son used it, so I called sharply:

“Brian, how did you find the bathroom?”

After a brief pause, he replied, “Straight down the hall, first door on the right.”

Sun

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

Here is the News

Ordination - save the date!

Ruth's ordination as our new minister will take place on Saturday 23rd September. Full details to follow. We look forward to welcoming Ruth and Stuart to our church family and pastorate.

Churches respond to gambling paper

The Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the URC called the publication of the UK government's gambling white paper a combination of welcome changes, disappointing delays in some important areas and missed opportunities. Read more at <https://urc.org.uk/response-to-the-governments-white-paper-on-gambling>

Mission visit boosts female representation at South Korean church meeting

The Revd Nicola Furley-Smith, the URC's Secretary for Mission, recently spent a week visiting the Presbyterian Church of Korea. In this reflection, Nicola shares what the trip was about and how, as a woman, the URC's story and her presence at a meeting resulted in the relaxing of certain rules for women. Read more at <https://urc.org.uk/urc-visit-boosts-female-representation-at-south-korean-church-meeting>

Calls for benefit levels to be increased

More than 90 charities, organisations and churches, including the URC, have written a letter to all UK political party leaders to say that, despite living in one of the wealthiest countries in the world, nine in ten low-income households on Universal Credit are currently going without essentials. The letter forms part of a new campaign for benefit levels to be increased to cover essential living costs. Read more at <https://urc.org.uk/politicians-urged-to-do-more-for-households-during-cost-of-living-crisis>



Help hedgehogs in hot weather. Hedgehogs particularly need help in a heatwave, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out a juicy snack, such as mealworms or canned dog food, can help in sustained warm weather. If you have a garden pond, ensure there's always a way for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in.

God's Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind
Peas of heart
Peas of soul

Plant three rows of turnips:

Turnip for services
Turnip for meetings
Turnip to help one another

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant three rows of thyme:

Thyme for God
Thyme for Bible study
Thyme for prayer.

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce love one another

And finally –

Water freely with patience,
Cultivate with love,
And remember – you will only
reap what you sow.



BHP URC Foundation 1887

The Bush Hill Park Christian Mission was the start of our church. They met in the Hall in Percival Road. The first Minister was Rev Hugh Chapman believed to be ordained into the church of England and from Stockwell.

Number 2 was Mr Benjamin Farrington. The church was taken over by the Congregational Union and Mr Farrington was ordained in 1901. He stayed until October 1905...

Number 3 from October 1906 was Rev Henry George Gray he settled into a long ministry until 1920. His address was 'Amberley'.

Number 4 from October 1921 was Mr E H Wilcox who was ordained within his time with us. He stayed until August 1928.

Number 5 from October 1929 was Rev W Peebles Fleming until about 1940. He later served at Cranbrook 1947-1950 and ended his ministry at St John Congregational church on Jersey in the Channel Islands.

Number 6 from 1940 was Rev John P Carroll. He stayed until July 1945.

Number 7 from June 1946 was Rev Owen D Jeffrys until April 1951.

Number 8 from July 1953 was Rev H Oswald Bale – 'poached' from Ponders End Congregational church. He stayed until 1962 when he migrated to Australia.

Number 9 from 1964 was Mr Ralph Eveleigh. He came as a trainee minister and was ordained while with us. He stayed until November 1972. The United Reformed Church came into being a few months into the end of his ministry.

Number 10 arrived in October 1974. Rev Margaret Laurie stayed until

1979 when she was installed at Dronfield in Yorkshire.

Number 11 from September 1980 was Mr Tom Holst – he was a lay preacher working at Rectory Road U R Church but lived in Winchmore Hill. He was ordained while with us. He stayed until October 1984 being asked to leave so a younger man could be installed.

Number 12 from July 1985 was Rev David S Hamblin. He stayed until 1997 before accepting Ministry at Christchurch in Hitchin (Methodist/URC).

Number 13 from July 1998 was Rev Steve Faber. He stayed until 2003 when he moved to Lincolnshire and has since become the Moderator of the West Midlands Synod of the URC.

Number 14 from 2008 was Rev Denis Simons, A South African. He only stayed until the autumn of 2010 moving to Suffolk.

Number 15 from July 2015 was Rev Henriette Wentinck. She stayed until June 2017 before moving to Plymouth in Devon.

Number 16 from July 2018 was Rev Mark Meatcher. He and his wife Melanie Smith (Minister of the other Enfield pastorate) were instrumental in keeping the work going during the Covid-19 pandemic hosting Forest Church in Winchmore Hill on some Sunday afternoons when weather permitted. They left in 2022 for work in Fiji.

It must be mentioned that from the ministry of Rev David Hamblin we have had the services of Rev Martin Legg. He came as a trainee from Oakhill College and was ordained in 1991. Martin gave tremendous support to the church during vacancies, and this has continued.

Sylvia

In September Ruth Dewis will become our 17th minister. We look forward to working with her and growing in our community reach.

Boys Brigade Jumble Sale

Saturday 15th July 10am

BHP URC Church Hall

Doors open 10am, Entrance £1

Jumble sale, selling all kinds of second hand items large and small its all got to go. pick up a bargain.

This is the 2nd Enfield Boys Brigades Legendary Jumble Sale: probably the best jumble sale around.

All manner of everything for sale: Clothes, shoes, books, china, glass, nick nacks, white elephant goods, hardware, electrical stuff, furniture, toys, pictures, paintings, lamp shades, in fact too much stuff to list its easier to say there will be more stuff than you can shake a stick at.

All proceeds will go to the 2nd Enfield Boys Brigade



Spiritual Disciplines: Solitude

'Solitude is a time when we withdraw from the company of others in order to give God our undivided attention' (John Ortberg).

The spiritual discipline of solitude is about spending time alone with God, to grow in relationship with Him and hear Him more clearly. This practice was a priority in Jesus' life and ministry, especially at crucial moments eg *'Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed'* (Mark 1:35).

Solitude is not so much about what we do as what we don't do! If we want to hear God, we need to consciously shut out the external noise in our lives and focus on the quiet inside us. If we are honest, this can be a real struggle. We want to do it, but other things can so easily get in the way: distractions, tiredness, jobs that need doing, wandering thoughts etc. Solitude gives us an opportunity to enjoy God's presence, as somebody who we really want to spend time with.

Richard Foster (*'Celebration of Discipline'*) suggests some ways in which we might grow in this discipline:

Little solitudes: small everyday moments to seek inner silence eg, coffee times, travelling to work and time spent outside.

Quiet place: having specific places where we go to be quiet, eg a room or special chair in our home.

Retreat: organising a retreat where we can have time in silence and solitude.

We need to plan carefully how we use our time with God, including silent listening, meditating on Scripture, prayer, journaling, taking a meditative walk, or listening to a worship CD.

'If we possess inward solitude we do not fear being alone, for we know that we are not alone.' (Richard Foster)

Canon Paul Hardingham

Diary

July and August

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

July		
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Communion with Revd Martin Legg
Sun 9th	10.30am	Parade with Chris Hall
Mon 10th	10.30am	Book Club
Thur 13th	10.45am	Friends Group
Sat 15th	10.00am	Jumble Sale
Sun 16th	10.30am 11.45am	Worship with David Moir Church meeting
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Worship with Anna Erikson
Sun 30th	11.15am	No service at our church, we meet at Lancaster Road URC, EN2 0BS
August		
Sun 6th	10.30am	Communion with Martin Hamblin
Sun 13th	10.30am	Worship with Lisa Hamblin
Sun 20th	10.30am	Worship with Lisa Hamblin
Sun 27th	10.30am	Worship with Lisa Hamblin

Prayer Diary

JULY 2023

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Saturday 1st

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 2nd

Give thanks for those who lead and help with Boys and Girls brigade

Monday 3rd

Lisa

Tuesday 4th

Enfield charity – Pam's pantry, based in Ponders End URC, providing food to local people

Wednesday 5th

Blakesware Gardens

Thursday 6th

Bin and recycling workers

Friday 7th

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

Saturday 8th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 9th

Thanks for carers and those helping people to live a normal life

Monday 10th

Lynda

Tuesday 11th

Enfield charity – Pathway, providing Christian education for children

Wednesday 12th

Broadfields Avenue

Thursday 13th

Social workers

Friday 14th

The work of The Leprosy Mission
(we support them)

Saturday 15th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 16th

Thanks for our ambulance, medi-
cal services and the air ambu-
lance helping to save lives

Monday 17th

Mabel

Tuesday 18th

Enfield charity – Enfield Street
Pastors, out on a Friday and Sat-
urday night to care for, listen to
and help people

Wednesday 19th

Burleigh Road

Thursday 20th

For our parks and those who
maintain them

Friday 21st

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

Saturday 22nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 23rd

Thanks for holidays and the
chance of meeting new people

Monday 24th

Margaret (both)

Tuesday 25th

The Message, a charity working
in Enfield and across the UK,
Christian outreach to youth in
secondary schools, local commu-
nities and prisons

Wednesday 26th

Bury Street West

Thursday 27th

Our libraries and those who
work in them

Friday 28th

Those in pain, suffering without
a diagnosis or cure

Saturday 29th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 30th

Thanks for all the benefits we
enjoy living in England

Monday 31st

Martin

Prayer Diary

AUGUST 2023

Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

Tuesday 1st

For politics of wisdom, integrity,
self-sacrifice and policymaking
for the good of all

Wednesday 2nd

Bycullah Avenue

Thursday 3rd

Missionaries in Europe

Friday 4th

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

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Give thanks for the preachers
who come to our church each
Sunday

Monday 7th

Olanike

Tuesday 8th

For the positive influence of
God's people for the good of all
throughout all Government de-
partments

Wednesday 9th

Cecil Avenue

Thursday 10th

Missionaries in Asia

Friday 11th

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

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

Give thanks for our homes and the shelter we have

Monday 14th

Robin (both)

Tuesday 15th

For the work of the House of Commons and the House of Lords: that good and just decisions will be made and that the tone of debate is measured and constructive

Wednesday 16th

Clive Road

Thursday 17th

Missionaries in the Americas

Friday 18th

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

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks for water, whether rain or from the turn of a tap

Monday 21st

Stephen

Tuesday 22nd

For effective and gracious Chris-

tian presence and influence in political debate

Wednesday 23rd

Charles Street

Thursday 24th

Missionaries in Africa

Friday 25th

The elderly and the charities seeking to provide information and help on health, money matters, friendships and more

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Give thanks for answered prayers

Monday 28th

Sue

Tuesday 29th

For integrity, truth and compassion throughout Government

Wednesday 30th

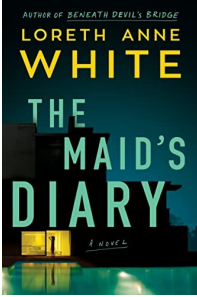
Chatsworth Drive

Thursday 31st

Missionaries in Australasia



Book Club



The Maid's Diary by Loreth Anne White

This book is about a murder - no spoiler there, it tells you at the beginning! Kit Darling is the maid and has a habit of snooping around her client's homes and finding personal information and sometimes secrets they would prefer to remain hidden. One day she is given a new customer to work for, who lives in a luxurious house in a wealthy part of town. As she enters the property she sees pictures of the owners and is hit with the realisation that she knew the man from a long time ago and with this realisation, bad, bad memories flood back. She continues to work at the house, never actually meeting the owners. During her usual snooping, Kit finds out something so dark and damaging that if this information became known, the lives of the couple and their unborn child would be destroyed forever and this knowledge makes her dangerous.

The local police get a call from a neighbour one night claiming to have heard a piercing scream coming from the house. However, the neighbour has a history of making false claims - is this another one? The detectives decide to go to the house and on arrival are confronted with evidence of a violent, bloody attack... but no body. The owners are not there and the maid is missing. As the detectives investigate, they come to realise no-one is as they appear.

The book begins two weeks before the murder, with chapters about each of the main characters working through to the day of the actual murder when the whole scene is laid before us. This is a dark tale with twists and turns and a surprising end. There were mixed reviews from the group, some thought it quite good and others not so enamoured.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 10 July and we will be reading: The Midnight House by Amanda Geard.



Yvonne

The story behind the hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

The joy and serenity of this hymn are staggering, when you learn the circumstances in which it was written. Martin Rinkart was a pastor at Eilenberg, Saxony, during the terrible Thirty Years' War (1618-1648).

As a walled city, Eilenberg offered some protection to the inhabitants. No wonder that political and military refugees of all sorts poured into the city, making it dangerously overcrowded. Soon the water supply was fouled, the sanitation overwhelmed, and the food ran out – leaving people famished and diseased.

In 1637 a terrible pestilence swept through the city, killing some 8,000 people, including Rinkart's beloved wife. By that time Rinkart was the only minister left in Eilenberg, because the others had either died or fled for their lives. Rinkart alone conducted the burial services for 4,480 people, sometimes taking as many as 40 to 50 funerals a day!

Eilenberg was besieged and overrun three times – once by the Austrian army and twice by the Swedes. When a Swedish general demanded the town pay him 30,000 thalers, Martin Rinkart pleaded that the impoverished city could never meet such a levy, but the general scorned him. At that, Rinkart turned to his companions and said: 'Come, my children, we can find no mercy with man; let us take refuge with God.' On his knees there and then, Rinkart led his friends in a fervent prayer and in the singing of a hymn. The Swedish commander was so moved that he decided that the levy be not 30,000 thalers, but instead 1,350 thalers.

Somehow, out of the hell of the Thirty Years War, came this lovely hymn of peace and total trust in God. Martin Rinkart had had to dig deep into his faith to survive, and the result was utter, serene dependence on God – despite chaos and destruction all around.

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and
voices,
Who wondrous things hath
done,
In whom His world rejoices;

Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,

The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

By Martin Rinkart



Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

We are going on The Adventure Cruise

A Holiday Club - For children aged 5 to 11

31st July to 4th August 2023

9.30am to 12.30pm



In The Church Hall, Armfield Road, EN2 0DH

For registration forms contact
holidayclub@lancaster-road-urc.org.uk

Tel. 020 8367 0289

Prayer

A prayer for July

Loving Father,

July brings long days and summer pleasures, for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don't know how they will feed their children during the upcoming long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid.

Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility. And please Lord, show us how to help, how to be part of the solution. May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us.

In Jesus' name.
Amen

By 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

Girls' Brigade News

I can't believe that it has been three months since my last report to the church on our GB activities, but it is now July, and we are getting ready for our last half term before the summer holidays.



We have just completed a program based on "Trust", using part of the story of David. We looked at how he was anointed by Samuel to be king, and used Kings Charles Coronation to illustrate that anointing is still part of the service. David had to trust God when he fought and killed Goliath. We discussed how difficult it can be to trust people, and I set a test to see if the girls trusted me.

I prepared a dish of slime, cow poo, and worms (not really it was green jelly, chocolate custard, & sweet shoelaces), and



the girls
(blindfolded)
had to trust me
that the food
was edible.
Some did and
some
didn't.....!!



We have also been making lots of crafts like the bottle lights
in the pictures.

Please keep us in your prayers, and my thanks to Margaret,
Sue and Vicky and especially to Chris for the ideas and
inspiration.

God Bless
Lynda

Oh wonderful, wonderful Girls Brigade!

Arts & crafts with lots to do,
Happiness & tasty food!
Give the sports a try & you will say,
Oh wonderful, wonderful Girls Brigade!

People play & have much fun,
Sometimes eve in the sun!
On Sunday we do church parade,
Oh wonderful, wonderful Girls Brigade!

by Raven

Boys' Brigade News

Starting this update as the last finished, with the competitions. Alongside the individual competitions which ran throughout the year, there is also the Victory Cup. The Victory Cup runs through the session and Companies are awarded three points per young person that attends an event, whether it be a competition, Remembrance or an activity day. Points are also awarded depending on the finishing position in competition results based on 10 points for the winner, 9 for second and so on. But first the athletics competition. We had a strong showing across the age groups at this year's athletics competition, there were track events including the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m and field events such as long jump, shot put, javelin and discus. I've been told the reason that athletes are in such a good mood is because they always have a running joke. Once all the events had taken place and the positions calculated the results were in - the Anchors came in 7th place whilst the Junior Section came in 3rd and the Company/Seniors also finished third. With the athletics being the culminating point of the BB Competition calendar, once all points had been tallied up, 2nd Enfield finished in a solid 3rd place in the Victory Cup, with there being only 11/3 points between 1st and 2nd place.

Our summer session started with a trip down the road to Jump In trampoline park. With wall-to-wall trampolines and giant inflatables to jump in. This same week we hosted our awards night, each group performed a short item as well as a presentation of the year. Six of the Seniors got their

Presidents Badge, which is the second highest BB award. Tom and Miles received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award while Jeff won the Fred Camp Walking Stick. We then had a well-attended trip to do some canoeing at a local outdoor centre which we will be returning to for a raft building activity later in the summer session. The next Monday was a session of Danish Rounders over the park and then a game of volleyball back at the hall. The following week was a challenge night, with cypher puzzles, memory test, assault courses and skill challenges. These included a spot the difference, with two similar images in two different rooms and teams having to communicate between the rooms to find the differences in the pictures and teams making their way around a course without touching the floor, by walking on crates and/or planks. The next Monday we headed off to Laser Quest for a couple of games of laser tag battles. We will then be having a games night, including cricket, ultimate frisbee and 5-a-side football.

As our summer session reaches its last few weeks, we will be holding our camp meeting. Here, all those attending camp will find out their tents, the offsite activities we will be doing and, of course, the theme for camp 2023! The camp meeting night is interspersed with a few games of Pirates! The penultimate Monday night we are heading off to the Nuclear high ropes course, a three-tiered multi levelled ropes course with zip line. As is tradition, our last Monday meeting of the year will be a game of Danish rounders and a BBQ before we get ready to head off to camp.

Joseph

Wordsearch

On 3rd July the Church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the Resurrection. But 'doubt' did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus! Only a few weeks before, Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to follow Jesus to see Lazarus in Bethany, despite danger from the Jews. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas was sometimes very confused about just where Jesus was headed. But in John 14:5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Thomas, showing him the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was electrified, and his response immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff). Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of people down the centuries.

july	thomas
resurrection	
doubt	doubting
love	jesus
follow	lazarus
bethany	danger
jews	die
life	confused
going father	
wounds	crucifixion
response	immediate
lord	god
honest	faith
reassurance	

F	I	S	U	T	E	I	L	A	R	L	F	T	O
N	S	R	B	S	S	A	I	I	E	E	Y	N	D
D	O	U	B	T	I	N	G	E	F	R	H	R	I
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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

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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

