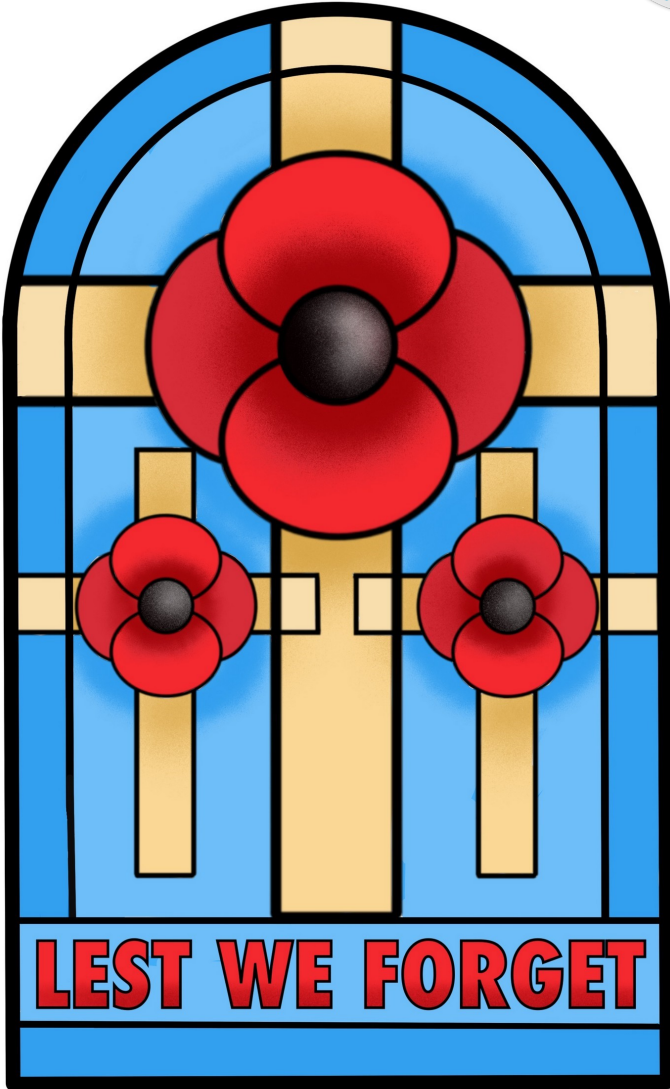




The
United
Reformed
Church

November
2023



Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church
25 Main Avenue, Enfield EN1 1DJ

www.bhpurc.org.uk



Who to contact

Minister

Ruth Dewis 07592 125 027 minister@bhpurc.org.uk

Serving Elders

Andrew Caddies	andrew.caddies@bhpurc.org.uk
Lynda Cook	lynda.cook@bhpurc.org.uk
Martin Hamblin (Treasurer)	martin.hamblin@bhpurc.org.uk
Diann Nicolaides	diann.nicolaides@bhpurc.org.uk
Robin Ward (Secretary)	secretary@bhpurc.org.uk

Youth activities

Boys Brigade	bb@bhpurc.org.uk
Girls Brigade	gb@bhpurc.org.uk

Other activities

Toddlers	toddlers@bhpurc.org.uk
Book Club	bookclub@bhpurc.org.uk
Weekly news sheet	link@bhpurc.org.uk
Newsletter	newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk
Hall & Room bookings	bookings@bhpurc.org.uk
Prayer requests	prayer@bhpurc.org.uk

Safeguarding Statement

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.

Hello to you all,

Firstly, Stuart and I would like to thank you for your warm welcome into the pastorate family.

I was overwhelmed by the love shown to me and the family by so many people who came to my Ordination and Induction service and watched online on September 23rd and those who have sent messages of congratulations and love to me and the family since. I'd

like to thank all those of you here in Enfield who have sent me cards, they are very much appreciated as is your kindness.

There is nothing like belonging somewhere, especially to a family that cares. The truth is family can come in all shapes and sizes. We three churches belong to the wider family of the United Reformed Church which spreads across our nation. However, we have our smaller local church families where we get to know one another that much better. In these smaller family units, we are able to offer each other care, support and encouragement – yet not forgetting we are part of something much bigger than where we worship on a Sunday.

This is what a church family can provide; a sense of being wanted, being cared for, being thought about and most importantly, being prayed for, especially when we are going through difficult times. Stuart and I have definitely felt your warm welcome, your generous hospitality and loving care over these first few weeks and know that anyone who wanted to see what our three church families are like will receive this same warm and genuine welcome.

As we enter November we start to think about Remembrance Sunday and those who lost their lives - all those who have lost their lives to allow us the life we are able to enjoy in peace. This year Remembrance Sunday will fall on what would have been my father's birthday. He was a

medic in Burma during World War II. He was fortunate that he was not on the battle fields in the way so many were. Sadly, while we live in peace, so many across the world still are suffering the trauma of war and having to flee their homes and in many cases their home countries. Often we feel helpless – what can we do that makes a real difference? We can pray! There is power in prayer especially when we use Scripture.

The Psalms give us words of lament that we can use to cry out to God on behalf of those we so often will never know or meet yet are called to cry out for. The Psalms are prayers that we can look to when we don't know what to pray for. Even Jesus quoted Psalm 22: 1 when he was on the cross,

'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

The Psalms are filled with raw but honest emotion. So may I encourage you all to delve into the Psalms and use them in your

prayer times especially when appropriate words become difficult to find. As I bring this month's letter to a close I will leave you with a prayer for us all this month based on Psalm 91: 2-7

Heavenly Father,
This we declare about you our Lord: you alone are our refuge, our place of safety; you are our God, and we trust you. For you will rescue us from every trap and protect us from deadly disease. You will cover us with your feathers. You will shelter us with your wings. Your faithful promises are our armour and protection. We thank you gracious Father. Hear our prayer of praise in Jesus' precious name, Amen.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Your servant in Christ,
Ruth



Smile Lines

Someone out there must be very good at Scrabble!

Presbyterian - Best in prayer
Astronomer - Moon starrer
Desperation - A rope ends it
The eyes - They see
The Morse Code - Here come dots
Dormitory - Dirty room
Slot machines - Cash lost in me
Animosity - Is no amity
Election results - Lies; let's recount
Snooze alarms - Alas! No more Z's
A decimal point - I'm a dot in place
The earthquakes - That queer shake
Eleven plus two - Twelve plus one

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

St Matthew

Underneath a street sign 'St Matthew's Close', someone had added: 'Well, I can't see him.'

Here is the News

Thank you to everyone for my beautiful gift from the pastorate, I will treasure it.

Many thanks to you all and God bless,

Ruth

Donations

Thanks to your generosity in October we have been able to send £80 to the North Enfield Foodbank and £78.70 to Christian Aid for their Libya Flood Appeal.

The Foodbank money came from donations made during our harvest festival on 24th September.

The Libya flood money came from donations made during October's communion offertory.

We thank God that we can give and help those in need and pray that these monies will be used well and that they would reach those most in need.





Eat less meat. Animals produce lots of greenhouse gases and need a lot of feed. Try cooking yourself plant-based meals once a week and take it from there. As time goes on, cook more vegan/vegetarian meals and try to eliminate some animal products from your diet. Explore tasty recipes with Meat Free Mondays

<https://meatfreemondays.com/our-recipes>

A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL’s commitment to sustainability.”



The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.”

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from “bespoke red and green paper.” The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury’s stores for recycling.

Committed to supporting our global partners in Bangladesh

Climate change makes dengue fever deadlier this year in Bangladesh

Rising temperatures and a longer monsoon season are providing ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Bangladesh is grappling with record deaths of the Mosquito-borne dengue fever this year. Disease experts are linking worsening outbreaks to the impacts of climate change.

A lack of proper prevention measures has allowed the dengue carrying *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito to spread across almost all of Bangladesh. Dengue is common during the June-September monsoon season when mosquitoes thrive in stagnant water.



Photo: by Wikimages on Pixabay

Authorities are scrambling to contain and treat the disease. By August of 2023, 778 people had died so far in Bangladesh, making this the deadliest year since the first recorded epidemic in 2000.

Thanks to your prayers and support for people in Bangladesh, *Commitment for Life* can make a difference.

Prayer

Creator God, we thank you for the creative thoughts and talents you have given each one of us. Help us to use those gifts in ways that express your sadness over global justice issues which affect people in regions such as Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. May our hearts be so moved that our response is simply to love and support these people, as you would, in the best way we can through *Commitment for Life*. Amen.

The Two Minutes Silence

Remember, Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You, Lord, are good. (Psalm 25:5-7)

I love the Psalms, as they cover every emotion and religious experience, from despair to praise and from fear to rejoicing. Some say they are difficult, but life is difficult, and so the book of Psalms is great for dipping into and finding the right one for you. This one is about remembering – remembering the past failures in our lives, and dealing with them.

What do you think about during the Two Minutes' Silence on Remembrance Sunday? Perhaps you do not think about anything. I find it helpful to make an effort to think about the war dead. I used to do some research into local men who were casualties. I had some photos taken from newspapers or sent home. These memories added some personalities and characteristics to the names on memorials.

I also think of members of my own family, who lived through the wars, and the experiences they had. Most did not go off to serve away from home, but lived through the blackouts, blitz, and evacuation and rationing. My grandfather left a photo of some comrades and had written on the back a request to 'keep this safe'. And so we have, for over one hundred years! I also remember, with thanks, the comparatively peaceful lives we have had.

There are some things we do not want to remember, usually bad things we have done or had done to us. When we turn our memories over to God, we are asking God to be merciful and loving, for although we make mistakes we can appeal to His enduring love.

David Pickup, a solicitor

How to Deal with Enemies

In the season of Remembrance, we consider those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls all of us to a radical heroism in our daily lives: *'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.'* (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies:

Our 'enemies' are rarely life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or neighbour, our attitude toward them should be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors:

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone whom we find difficult, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote:

'This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer, we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them.'

Become More Like Jesus:

When we start loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors, we become more like Jesus Himself. He willingly laid down His life for us, prayed for His persecutors and gives us the power to love our enemies as He did.

At a time when we recognise that we all need heroes; how will we respond to this call to radical heroism in our own life?

Canon Paul Hardingham

Give more than a gift this Christmas

Shop online and raise
donations for free!

#MoreThanAGift



Find out more and register:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bhpurc/

Thanksgiving Service for loved ones who have died

You are invited to a Thanksgiving Service to remember those who have died, (not just in the last year). This is an opportunity to reach out and invite those you know in the community who may be finding their grief difficult to deal with or didn't have the opportunity to say a proper goodbye, especially during Covid. There will be an opportunity to light candles and quiet times for personal reflection.

The dates of the services will be:

**Friday 24th November 2023 @
Lancaster Road URC at 4pm**

**Saturday 25th November 2023
@ Christ Church URC at 4pm**

**Saturday 2nd December 2023
@ Bush Hill Park URC at 4pm**



We give thanks for each of our loved ones, for all the ways in which their lives touched ours, for the difficult as well as the good times, for the ways in which their lives and their love continue to be with us.

Yet, we rejoice in God's promise of love, joy and peace. In your mercy, God, turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, rose again and lives for evermore.

In our sadness and with thanksgiving, we will remember them.

Diary

November

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 5th	10.30am	Communion with Chris Hall
Thurs 9th	10.45am	Friends Group
Sun 12th	10.30am	Remembrance Parade with Rev Martin Legg
Sun 19th	10.30am	Worship with David Moir
Thurs 23rd	10.45am	Friends Group
Sun 26th	10.30am	Worship with Barrie Thompson

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 19th November**

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

Prayer Diary

NOVEMBER 2023

Do not seek revenge
or bear a grudge
against anyone among your people,
but love your neighbour as yourself.
I am the Lord.
Leviticus 19:18

Wednesday 1st

Firs Park Avenue

Thursday 2nd

For those on duty or training in
the Army

Friday 3rd

The work of Tearfund (we sup-
port them through Toilet Twin-
ning)

Saturday 4th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 5th

Give thanks for the stewards,
those who project our services
and everyone who helps our
services happen week by
week

Monday 6th

Charlotte

Tuesday 7th

Leadership and Congregation
of Enfield Baptist Church

Wednesday 8th

First Avenue

Thursday 9th

For those on recovering from
injury (physical or mental) on
the battlefield

Friday 10th

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

Saturday 11th

Sunday's Worship Leader and

the service tomorrow

Sunday 12th

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 13th

Christine (both)

Tuesday 14th

Leadership and Congregation
of Bush Hill Park Methodist
Church

Wednesday 15th

Fotheringham Road

Thursday 16th

For those on duty or training
in the Royal Marines

Friday 17th

Those suffering from addic-
tion, their families and the
charities that help them break
free

Saturday 18th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 19th

Be joyful in hope and faithful
in prayer giving thanks to God
for his blessings

Monday 20th

Danny

Tuesday 21st

Leadership and Congregation

of Christ Church United Re-
formed Church

Wednesday 22nd

Haileybury Avenue

Thursday 23rd

For those on duty or training
in the Navy

Friday 24th

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

Saturday 25th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 26th

Thanks for those who teach
us whether at school, universi-
ty or as we get older in self-
help groups

Monday 27th

Derek

Tuesday 28th

Leadership and Congregation
of St Marks Parish Church

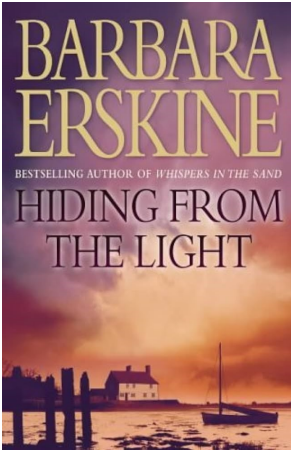
Wednesday 29th

Harman Road

Thursday 30th

For those on duty or training
in the Special Forces

Book Club



'Hiding from the light' by Barbara Erskine

This strange read is from the time slip, say historical fiction, genre so typical of the author.

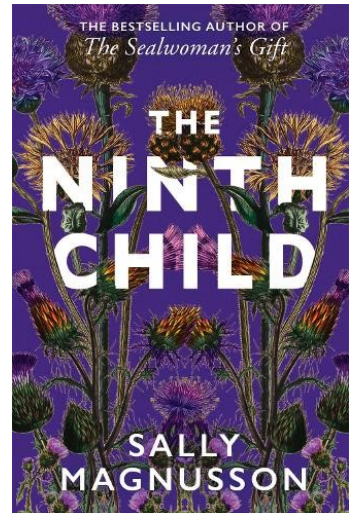
Set in atmospheric Manningtree and Mistley in Essex it links the witch hunts of the Cromwell era to modern times with a TV crew trying to film the ghost known to haunt a local shop and other places in the area.

Emma is a new resident who recently gave up a lucrative job in the 'City' to buy Liza's cottage, known to her from childhood holidays. Her partner will not move away from London but she insists she goes. She does, meets the villagers and the fairly new rector with whom she becomes embroiled.

Liza of the remote past was a herbalist and many of the plants are still in the wilderness of Emma's garden. Can Emma bring it back to life and start a business? Throw in Halloween and the local women's prayer group, it is all very silly but a good read. Will the villages be saved from the resurgence of the devilry?

We will meet next at Dunelm café at 10am on Monday 6th November having read 'The Ninth child' by Sally Magnusson.

Sylvia



Come and explore Church membership

What does membership involve?
Do you want to know more without making a commitment?

The pastorate will be running a church membership course

The first will be on
7th December 2023 @ 7.30pm (online)

The second session will be on
14th December @ Lancaster Road URC (in person)

Please let your Robin W know if you are interested
in attending one or both of the sessions
by Sunday 19th November 2023

Looking forward to seeing you!



Spiritual Disciplines: Generosity

'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35).

What does generosity look like for us? The practice of generosity is about more than finance, as we recognise that everything we possess belongs to God (Ps 24:1). We are stewards of all our resources, including time, possessions, gifts, as well as our love and compassion for others. God enables us to be generous, because of all that He has given us:

'You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.' (2 Cor 9:11).

Here are some practical ways of practising generosity:

Give consistently: Planning our financial giving ensures that it isn't an afterthought, but carefully considered (2 Cor 9:7). We can offer time to volunteer in church or in the wider community. We might open our home to others for a meal or coffee.

Give spontaneously: God often brings opportunities across our path where we can respond spontaneously. This might be prompted by a text from a friend in crisis or giving a neighbour a helping hand. Acting spontaneously reminds us God is always working in and through us.

Give sacrificially: Being generous also involves making sacrifices with our time and priorities, as we help others, share our possessions, or use our gifts. How can we simplify our busy lives, in order to free up space to practise more life transforming generosity?

To engage in generosity is an invitation to experience more of God's provision in our lives:

'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you' (Luke 6:38).

Canon Paul Hardingham

Christian Aid's 2023 Annual Lecture

I invite you to **join us for our 2023 Annual Lecture, Here I stand: Women's Advancement and Role in Tackling Climate Change, delivered by Amina J. Mohammed**, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

Book Your Free Ticket at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/christian-aid-annual-lecture>

Ms. Mohammed first joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with responsibility for post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed served as Nigerian Minister of Environment where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and the natural environment.

We're delighted that Ms. Mohammed has agreed to speak about the impact of climate change on women and girls and why their role is critical to achieving environmentally sustainable and inclusive development. **Ms. Mohammed will aptly be speaking ahead of the the COP28 international climate conference in Dubai.**

We would be delighted if you're able to join us at the lecture on **Monday 20, November, 7pm, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.** Tickets are free but we do require you to book. Please do so on our website. If you'd like to bring a guest, you'll both need to book a ticket. Once booked, you'll receive further information the week before the event.

With warm wishes, Patrick Watt CEO, Christian Aid

Ways to help wildlife in Autumn

As the autumn nights draw in and temperatures start to drop, habits change for a lot of our wildlife. Many species depend on extra food and shelter as they prepare for the cold and scarce winter months. The good news is, we can all take small actions to help. From your balcony or workplace to the local woods and beyond, here are some top tips.

Plant trees

Add colour and life to your outdoor space with native trees and shrubs. Autumn is the perfect time to plant as trees are dormant and less likely to suffer damage. Native species like holly, hawthorn and rowan are all suited to small spaces and provide vital food and shelter for birds, insects and small mammals through the colder months. Choose carefully and you can enjoy other benefits too - admire fantastic displays of spring blossom or fiery autumn leaves, capture carbon, create a shady spot and much more.

Offer clean nest boxes for birds

Nesting season may be over but birds can benefit from nest boxes all year round. Autumn is the ideal time to put up a new one or clean out any you already have – chicks have safely fledged and boxes will instead offer valuable shelter for our feathered friends as temperatures drop. Birds will also be checking out potential breeding sites for next spring - if you're lucky, they might decide to adopt your box to rear their next brood.

Help hedgehogs prepare for hibernation

Autumn is a crucial time for hedgehogs as they need to build up fat reserves to see them safely through their winter hibernation. Leaving out a small amount of food can help them do that when other sources may be growing scarce. You can also help by leaving a small pile of

leaves and twigs in a quiet corner for them to use as a winter sanctuary - a 'hibernaculum' - or even build or buy a hedgehog house.

Be selective with secateurs

Autumn gardening often involves cutting everything back and having a good tidy up as plants die back and lose their flowers and leaves. But a few seedheads, hollow stems and low-lying foliage can provide important habitat with extra food and shelter for lots of animals in autumn. It doesn't have to be untidy or on a grand scale – you could cut back some species but not others, leave a small area untouched or put small bundles of natural materials at the back of borders or behind a shed. Keep an eye out in the coming months to see how many species are appreciating your efforts.

Build a bug hotel

As the weather turns cooler, give minibeasts like bees, ladybirds and spiders a safe and cosy space to shelter with a bug hotel. Autumn is a great time to find lots of natural materials for your construction too, including pine cones, dried twigs and fallen leaves. They don't have to take up much room - try your hand at one of our ideas, from a log pile lodge to a pinecone palace.

Let ivy thrive until the new year

Ivy's nectar, pollen and berries are an essential food source for insects and birds in the autumn garden, so leave any pruning until after the last fruits if you can. Flowering from September to November, ivy is one of the last garden nectar sources for late-flying insects. Birds feast on its fruit from November to January too – the high fat content is nutritious for birds like thrushes, blackcaps and blackbirds. The plant also offers shelter for insects, birds, bats and other small mammals.

For more information see <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

Love your neighbour

who doesn't

look like you

think like you

love like you

speak like you

pray like you

vote like you

Love your neighbour

with no exceptions



The
United
Reformed
Church

www.urc.org.uk



Re-Enchantment

If you have a craving for feelings of awe and wonder, you are not alone. When the huge American advertising agency, Wunderman Thomson surveyed 3,000 adults in the UK, USA and China, they found 75% said they ‘just want to feel something, to feel alive’.

So, they wrote a report for the benefit of their commercial clients, who include Heinz, Burger King, HSBC, KitKat and scores of other well-known brands. Its language has extraordinarily religious overtones.

Called ‘The Age of Re-Enchantment’, the report suggests that people would be prepared to buy products which sought to engage them emotionally, to inject joy and, in an uncertain world, to connect them to their communities. People are feeling jaded and disconnected; they yearn for emotional experiences and are open to brands which offer to deliver them.

That’s why erotic advertisements for perfume are designed to persuade the prospective purchaser that a romantic experience can be sprayed from an atomiser, though it sounds ridiculous when analysed so bluntly. When social medium Twitter became ‘X’, it was claimed it would transform the global town square – a combination of something recognisably local and community-based, but with universal reach and utilising hi-tech.

We may like to think we are in control of what we buy and are unaffected by advertisements. That probably proves how effective they are, subconsciously or subliminally. £39.4 billion was spent annually on UK advertising at the last count. In one way or another, advertisements prompt us to imagine a better world.

Compare all that with a friend who said becoming a Christian felt like experiencing proper daylight for the first time. Until then he had been living under a large rock in half light. The world now looked different, more colourful, and full of opportunity. You can understand why people like him claim to be born again.

Lots of stories like that are in the books of the New Testament. No TV advertising, no internet. But the word passed from mouth to mouth about a travelling preacher called Jesus, who brought awe and joy into jaded lives. And – it’s free. Can you believe it?

Boys' Brigade News

The first half term has seen the company return with strong and growing numbers. We started back with a game's night, including pool, table tennis and table football as well as dodge ball and football.

The Company Section Boys have been making wooden 3D model wild animals including tigers and wolves as well as cooking biscuits. Once they have assembled their models, they paint them before taking them home. Over the coming weeks they will be making cakes, their own water filtration system as well as small model crafts. Each week the Company section will be doing a mini craft such as model crafts that can fit in your hand, which they can take home with them each week, as well as an informative or longer project, such as the water filtration systems more to follow on these.

The Seniors have been building infinity mirrors from scratch, measuring, and cutting parts to size. An infinity mirror is formed where two or more parallel or angled mirrors are arranged to create a series of smaller reflections that appear to go on forever. The mirrors will be placed inside a self-built wooden frame with Led lighting around the edge used to create the effect. After the half term break, they will be finishing off their mirrors before completing a shorter technical project, more details to come on that next month!

During the half term we held a trip to Thorpe Park for fright night, with rides such as Stealth, a ride with a top speed of

80mph and reaching heights of 62.5m or 205ft, propelling from 0-80mph in less than two seconds and gliding across the top experiencing negative *G*-force before returning back to earth. Then there's Nemesis a ride with a top speed on 47mph on a 750m track on twist, turns and going upside down, after that you could understand my surprise when Mr Caddies fell in terror at the thought of the banana boat and passed up the opportunity to go on the ride, a large banana shaped swing which oscillates up to 180 degrees. Everyone who attended had a good time on the rides and in the mazes. The journey back was entertained by a sing-along, which was particularly enjoyed by Miles who could be heard, signing above all the whole way! What is a Jedi's favourite way of singing? Yoda-ling!

Joseph

REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT **BIBLE GATEWAY**



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Mark 10:25)

01-10-2007

**YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FIT A CAMEL
THROUGH A NEEDLE**

Wordsearch

This month, on 30th November, Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured, not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.

Scotland	disciples	Jesus	Andrew
Honoured	Peter	Nathanael	Bartholomew

Messiah
Saviour
Patras
Achaia
eighth
remains
translation
Fife
pilgrimage
tenth
pious
patron
saint
love
introducing
place

H	T	H	G	I	E	F	I	F	S	B	L	E
S	N	P	I	L	G	R	I	M	A	G	E	R
A	I	A	H	C	R	A	E	R	N	N	A	E
T	R	A	N	S	L	A	T	I	O	N	N	M
M	E	S	S	I	A	H	C	R	D	W	A	A
T	S	R	E	I	O	U	T	E	N	E	H	I
N	S	C	H	L	D	A	A	V	P	T	T	N
I	A	A	O	O	P	R	U	O	I	V	A	S
A	T	M	R	T	E	I	I	L	O	E	N	U
S	E	T	T	T	L	C	C	C	U	O	D	S
W	N	U	E	N	A	A	A	S	S	N	R	E
I	T	P	N	E	L	P	N	L	I	I	E	J
P	H	O	N	O	U	R	E	D	P	D	W	T

Prayer

Prayer for November 2023

Father God,

November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward.

Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days.

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

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/whats-on

The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly. To receive email notifications please email newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk
Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church policy.

