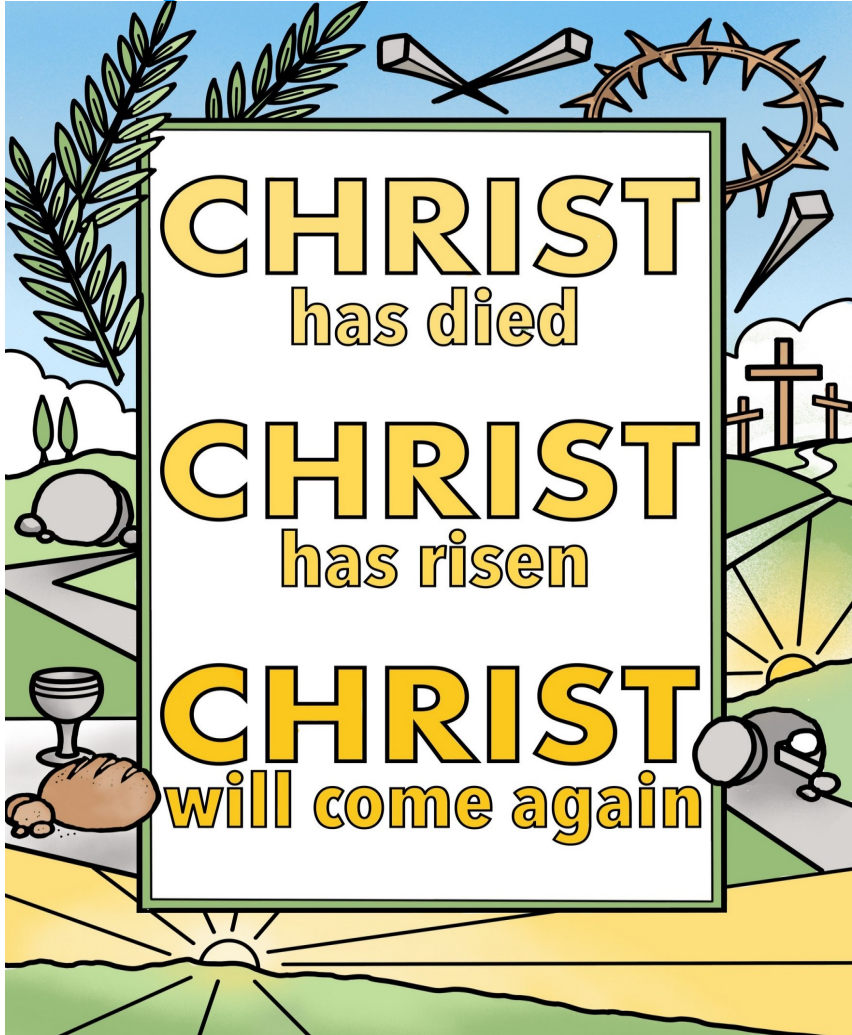


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Safeguarding Statement

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.

Happy Easter Everyone,

It's early this year and just manages to stay in the month of March on the 31st.

Eastertime is a time for hope isn't it? The signs of Spring are evident as flowers push through their winter beds, stretching open for us all to enjoy their

glorious colours. The sun does start to get warmer and the day light lasts so much longer than the winter months. Things do seem better when the sun shines. It's a time for some churches to dress crosses with flowers and then display them at the front of their church buildings. I remember when I was small we always had Easter bonnet competitions at school and of course the obligatory Easter Egg hunt. Mind you, you are never too old for an Easter Egg hunt are you?

On March 2nd this year it is the annual World Book Day when children go to school dressed as their favourite character from a book; or whichever character can be rustled up the night before.



There's plenty of characters in the 66 books of the Bible that people could choose from too. Jonah with his big fish, Noah and his ark or Joseph and his colourful coat; the choice is endless. What is your favourite book of the Bible? Who would you choose to dress up as?

During Lent church groups get together to study the Bible and often use resources that either focus on a theme or one of the books of the Bible. The 3 churches in the North Enfield Pastorate are joining together to look at Holy Week over a 5-week period on a Tuesday evening (more details on page 20). Everyone is welcome to join these times of study and discussion. We all too often can't wait to get

to the joy and celebration of Easter without really looking at the lessons we can learn from those last days of Christ's life before his crucifixion.

Because of what occurred over 2000 years ago, our Christian faith is built on our belief that Jesus went to the cross in our place to take the punishment of death we deserve because of our sin.

'Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen'. (Galatians 1:3- 5)

His glorious resurrection has given us the opportunity to

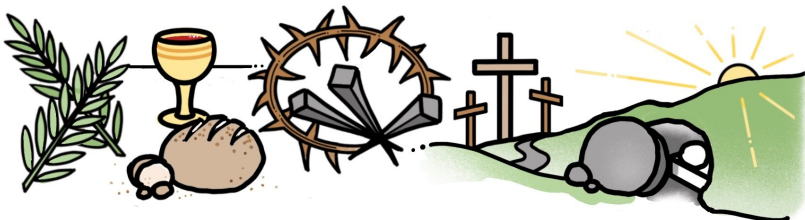
invite him into our lives and turn away from the life we once led towards the life Jesus has promised us; an eternal life with him.

Recently I have been upheld by a song by We are Messengers called God You Are. It has a beautiful chorus. For me these words remind me of the amazing love of God for us all and how safe we are in his embrace.

*It's in the empty tomb
It's on the rugged cross
Your death-defying love
Is written in Your scars
You'll never quit on me
You'll always hold my heart
'Cause that's the kind of God
You are.*

May God bless you and keep you.

Ruth



Smile Lines

Destination?

Lenora, 95-years-old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: "Every one of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went!"

St Patrick's Day groaners

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?
Regular rocks are too heavy.

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?
He's Dublin over with laughter!

Expensive boat

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."

"Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"

Pewsheet notice that went wrong...

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Here is the News

Support for Russian priest who prays for peace

Thousands of Russian Orthodox Christians have been urging Patriarch Kirill of Moscow to reinstate a very popular priest in the capital, the Revd Alexei Uminsky, who has refused to recite an official prayer for Russia's victory over Ukraine.

An open letter, which attracted more than 11,000 signatures, including the heads of local charities, says:

“The decree banning this priest from serving will deprive thousands of people of spiritual support – a great tragedy for many believers, for children’s hospice patients, for hundreds of prisoners and thousands of homeless people.”

Uminsky had repeatedly warned that he could not endorse the invasion of Ukraine.

Now Russia’s online news agency, Gazeta.ru, says that Fr Uminsky was banned from ministering under a decree issued by the Moscow Patriarchate, for suggesting in a YouTube interview that Christians should “pray for peace, rather than victory”.

The Russian news agency went on to say that Uminsky has long been seen as “a thorn in the Kremlin’s side” for his anti-militarism. He was branded a ‘criminal in a cassock’ by the Russian Orthodox Church’s own TV channel Spas, after calling for mercy for the opposition leader Alexei Navalny, during his prison hunger strike.

For the moment, Uminsky remains banned, and may face defrocking as a priest. More than 300 Russian Orthodox priests, who signed an appeal against the Ukraine invasion of 2022, have since been silenced, or forced to emigrate.



Take 15. Last year, the UK government released plans to restore nature and make sure that everyone in England lives within a 15 minute walk of a green space or water.

Challenge yourself or with a house/work/church mate to find and explore the green spaces or water within 15 minutes of your home, workplace or church.

Children or the young at heart, could try a few of the 15 minute nature walk ideas at www.naturedays.ie/15minutes-naturewalks including a colour walk or a blossom and berry hunt!

World Water Day, 22nd March

World Water Day became a UN observance day in 1993.

It wants to focus attention on the global water crisis, and raise awareness of the 2.2 billion people still living without access to safe water. It hopes to inspire action to tackle the water and sanitation crisis. This year, World Water Day 2024 will focus on the theme, 'Leveraging Water for Peace'.

Did you know:

Roughly half of the world's population is experiencing severe water scarcity for at least part of the year (IPCC, 2022).

Water-related disasters have dominated the list of disasters over the past 50 years and account for 70 per cent of all deaths related to natural disasters (World Bank, 2022).



Committed to supporting our global partners in Bangladesh

We recently heard about an amazing young woman in Kurigram, one of Northern Bangladesh's poorest regions.

Thanks to Aid Comilla, our wonderful partner in that part of Bangladesh, 21-year-old Kakoli Khatun is studying her college degree. Not only that, Kakoli has set up and manages a group of gifted young artisans and entrepreneurs. This group has set up a craft making business. They now sell their gorgeous craftwork online using their mobiles as an interface to their customers.



Photo: by Christian Aid

“These women have become a powerful force for change in their communities,” says Christian Aid.

We at Commitment for Life want to thank you for your ongoing support of women just like Kakoli.

If you would like a visit, please contact David Hart:
dhart@christian-aid.org



Quiz Night

On: Saturday 23rd March 2024

To raise money for Lancaster Road URC's
Food Hub

Start Time: **7pm prompt**

At: Church Hall, Armfield Road, EN2 0DH

Tickets: £12 per person
includes Ploughman's Supper
and tea or coffee



Bring your own drinks

Tickets booked in advance from:
Beryl 07950592454

Tables of 8 or less competing
for a star prize



Why saying hello is important

What lessons can Christians learn from a London rail worker who was recently honoured by King Charles, for talking 29 people out of taking their own lives?

Maybe something about the power of conversation and being willing to ‘stop for a chat.’

Rizwan Javed helped to save each life over a period of eight years, by being alert and approaching vulnerable individuals in difficult situations. He was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours earlier this year.

Rizwan was alert, and willing to engage people in conversation.

Anglican priest Jemima Prasadam’s style of talking with people has been described as ‘bus stop theology.’ She put it into action on the half-mile walk from her home to the church in Lozells, an inner-city area of West Birmingham, with high unemployment and poverty.

Her engaging approach is featured in *Stick with Love*, a recent book by Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall in northern England.

“People often say they are not religious, but I say we are all spiritual beings”

She explained: “I don’t go out looking to talk to people, but I am ready to do it. I don’t pass anybody without saying ‘Hello’ and when I leave, I always say ‘God bless you.’ Meetings happen on a daily basis, but often only last as long as it takes for the bus to arrive.

“People often say they are not religious, but I say we are all spiritual beings, and they agree. So, I simply tell them that weak and simple people like me call that God.”

Sadly, we are living in a society where conversations are being closed down. People who might have chatted on the bus or train, are now deeply involved with their mobile phones.

Supermarkets are phasing out staffed checkout points, so that elderly people and others who live alone are deprived of those conversations that can make a difference to their day.

Jesus asked questions as a vital component of His earthly ministry. His deep conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 begins with Him asking for a drink.

Maybe we, as Christians and churches, need to be looking out for more chances to start conversations, to give people the opportunity to open up about their lives. In our busy, rushing-around world, there are many people out there who are just longing for a chat...

Revd Peter Crumpler



Maundy Thursday reflection

with Rev Ruth Dewis and Rev Martin Legg

Thursday 28th March 7pm
Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church

Come and join us as we remember the last supper
Jesus had with his disciples in the upper room before
his crucifixion and resurrection



World Day of Prayer



The World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

More than 120 countries participate in an annual day of celebration which brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions sharing together in God's word and worship. Through World Day of Prayer, Christians around the world affirm their faith in Jesus and share their hopes, fears, joys sorrows, opportunities and needs.

The worship service has a special annual theme. Through preparation and participation in this, we can come to know how people of other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them. In this way it is possible to experience the richness of the Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

This year the planning has been done my Palestine. It was started some years ago before the latest troubles.

The invitation to write the service for 2024 was an opportunity to reflect on continuing challenging times, encouraging Palestinian Christian women to keep searching for a deeper understanding among all the people who share the land, trusting for and hoping in the humanity of one another.

There is no service in the Enfield area but can be streamed from Harpenden <https://highstreet.church/watch-online> or Holy Trinity New Barnet have one on Saturday 2 March at 2.30.

Thanking two kinds of Mother on 10th March

Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, is the day for honouring our Mother Church, and has been celebrated since the Middle Ages.

Mother's Day is an annual day to honour our mothers, and it began in America in May 1907.

In the US, Canada, Australia and Mexico, Mother's Day is still held in May. In Britain, Mothers' Day is held on Mothering Sunday, so the two days are often merged in people's minds.

If you ask Google for ideas of how to be nice to your church on that day, you won't find much. But if you want to be kind to your mother that day, you will be spoilt for choice. High on all the lists are suggestions for taking her to lunch, giving flowers, a card, or paying for her to have a day doing something she loves.

Whatever you choose to do, probably the best thing to give your mother must surely be yourself: some time and some love. Remind her of the funny and touching stories of your childhood and thank her for all the things that she did for you. Give her some good company and show her some gratitude. Let her know that you love her and appreciate her.

Remember that the Commandment 'Honour thy father and mother' was the first commandment that came with a promise of blessing on you, if you obey.



Diary

March

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

Fri 1st		World Day of Prayer, see page 13
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Communion with Terry Silvey
Tues 5th	7.00pm	Lent study at BHP, see page 20
Sun 10th	11.15am	United Worship at Lancaster Road URC led by Rev George Watt (Moderator)
Tues 12th	7.00pm	Lent study at Lancaster Road URC see p 20
Sun 17th	10.30am	Worship with Chris Hall
Tues 19th	7.00pm	Lent study at BHP, see page 20
Sat 23rd	7.00pm	Quiz night at Lancaster Road, see page 9
Sun 24th	10.30am	Palm Sunday worship with Rev Ruth Dewis
Tues 26th	7.00pm	Lent study at BHP, see page 20
Thur 28th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday reflection with Rev Ruth Dewis and Rev Martin Legg
Fri 29th	10.30am	Good Friday witness in Enfield Town
Sun 31st	10.30am	Easter Sunday communion and celebration with Rev David Hamblin

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 10th March**

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

Prayer Diary

MARCH 2024

Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things
he does for me.

He forgives all my sins
and heals me from all my diseases.

He redeems me from death
and crowns me with love and tender mercies

Psalm 103: 2-4

Friday 1st

Those caring for vulnerable
adults and the charities which
help

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

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

Monday 4th

Margaret (all three)

Tuesday 5th

For the Staff of the Girls

Brigade that God will give
them vision and strength to
fulfil their mission

Wednesday 6th

Main Avenue

Thursday 7th

For the Coastguard Service

Friday 8th

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

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 10th

Thanks for our service men
and women

Monday 11st

Martin

Tuesday 12th

For The Boys' and Girls' Brigade staff and the recruitment efforts

Wednesday 13th

Melbourne Way

Thursday 14th

For Special Policemen and women

Friday 15th

The work of Tearfund (we support them through Toilet Twinning)

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Thanks for sunshine and rain

Monday 18th

Melissa

Tuesday 19th

Book Club

Wednesday 20th

Millais Road

Thursday 21st

For hospital staff

Friday 22nd

Children and staff at Al-Shurooq School in Bethlehem

who we support as a church

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Palm Sunday 24th

Give thanks for answered prayers

Monday 25th

Noah

Tuesday 26th

Our Eco Church group and the work to reduce our impact on the planet

Wednesday 27th

Percival Road

Maundy Thursday 28th

For doctors

Good Friday 29th

For anyone who is uncertain about their future

Saturday 30th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Easter Sunday 31st

Give thanks that Jesus rose from the dead



Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of Luke's gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course, each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So, did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, but we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds? That He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped? That the disciples nursed Him back to

health? But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus all along, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me," and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.'

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

Pastorate Lent Study Group

Over five weeks we will be looking at the events of Holy week.

Often we rush to the Good News of Easter Sunday and miss what each of the days can teach us.

You are invited to spend time together looking at:

Maundy Thursday
The Garden of Gethsemane
Good Friday
Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday

The course will start on:
Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 7pm

Discussions will take place at either BHP or Lancaster Road URC, sadly Christ Church is not free on a Tuesday evening.

27th February @ Lancaster Road URC in the lounge
5th March @ Bush Hill Park URC in the lounge
12th March @ Lancaster Road URC in the lounge
19th March @ Bush hill Park URC in the lounge
26th March @ Bush Hill Park URC in the lounge



Come to discuss with others or just sit quietly reflecting on what God reveals to us as a group through the sessions.

There will be no cost for the resources used.

A reflection on The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:1-18)

Our Father in heaven, please help us.
We, Your children, learn slowly.

So often we say nothing when Your name is mis-used.

Often our lives do not reflect Your ways,

Mostly we do what we want on earth,
And this can make heaven unimaginable.

We expect so much more than we actually need each day.

Sometimes we think we don't need forgiveness,
Sometimes we think we are unforgivable,
And we forget that other people make these same errors of
thinking.

When it comes to temptation, we find our own ways,

We are confused about what is and is not evil,
We are confused about deliverance,
We are confused.....

And here is the wonder, the grace and the mystery,
That You know us completely,
Our failings, our secrets,
And love us forever and ever,
Amen

Daphne Kitching

Could God be calling you to Church Related Community Work ministry?

Are you interested in Church Related Community Work (CRCW)? CRCW is a distinctive and recognised ministry in the URC.

Church Related Community Workers are called by God, professionally trained in community development and theology, and commissioned to help the Church live out its calling.



There are currently 14 CRCWs ministering throughout the URC and between them they enable local churches to widen their mission by identifying local needs and opportunities, confronting injustice, organising community action, developing and supporting initiatives that improve the lives and wellbeing of local people, and theologically reflecting upon all that action.

If you'd like more information or want to get involved, please email Steve Summers, steve.summers@urc.org.uk with the subject "I'd like to know more about CRCW". Alternatively visit <https://urc.org.uk/your-church/church-local-and-global/church-related-community-project-work/> to learn more about CRCW.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday

24th March

10.30am

Parade led by Rev
Ruth Dewis

Maundy

Thursday

28th March 7.00pm

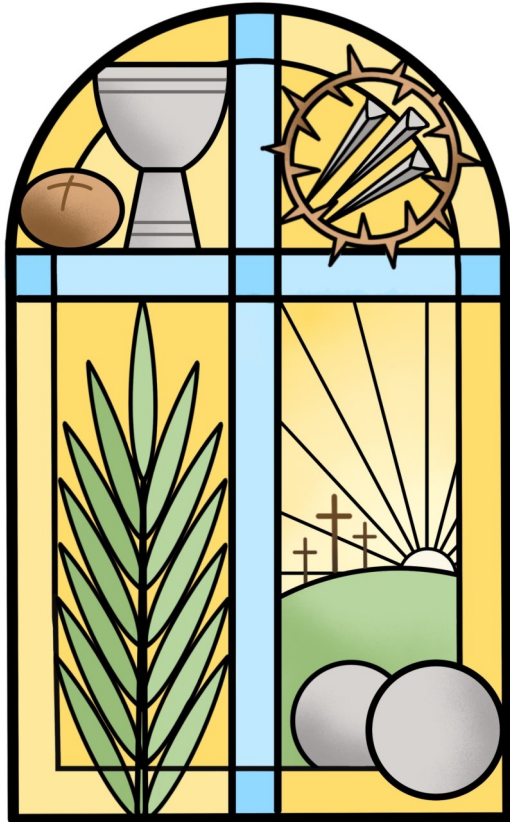
Reflection led by
Rev Ruth Dewis and
Rev Martin Legg

Good Friday

29th March

10.30am

Witness in the
community in Enfield
Town outside HSBC
There will be a brass
band playing from
10am



Easter Sunday - 31st March

8.30am Breakfast Communion at Lancaster Road Hall

(breakfast choices to be made in advance in our Lounge)

10.30am Easter Celebration and Communion at Bush Hill Park
led by Rev David Hamblin

Looking for the Resurrection

An old couple are driving down the motorway when the wife gets a call from their daughter. 'Mum, there's a car driving the wrong way down the motorway!' The wife warns her husband that there is a lunatic on the motorway. Her husband, clutching the wheel in terror, replies: 'One lunatic? There are dozens of them, all headed straight for us!' What we see is determined by our perspective on life.

In the Nicene Creed we say: 'We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.' In the gospel accounts of the Resurrection, there is a lot of looking and seeing. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome went early to the tomb. They saw the stone rolled aside and inside the tomb a young man dressed in white said to them: 'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him...He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him' (Mark 16: 6,7).

Like the women we would probably have been left 'trembling and bewildered' by what we saw that morning. Had the body been taken? Was the young man an angel or deceiver? Was Jesus raised to life again, or was this an elaborate hoax?

Easter gives us a choice. We can approach life looking for disappointment, fear and despair. Or we can look for resurrection and find not just an empty tomb, but encounter the living Christ. He continues to meet us in our daily lives bringing new hope, forgiveness of sin, healing and wholeness and the assurance of His presence through the darkest of times. God invites us to see our lives differently and look for Christ's resurrection life at work in our lives and the people around us.

Paul Hardingham

Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

139th Church Anniversary

COFFEE MORNING



On



Saturday 9th March 2024

10am until 12 noon

**This will take place in the Church,
Lancaster Road, EN2 0BS**

**Tea, Coffee, Home Made
Cakes and a Raffle**



The
**United
Reformed
Church**

Rain or shine we will be here
and look forward to meeting
friends, both old and new!

Pastorate Policies Workshop

Along with serving elders and group leaders in the churches of the North Enfield Pastorate and others in the South and East Enfield and North Lea Valley Pastorates, I attended a workshop at Bush Hill Park URC on the 3rd February. It was led by our minister the Revd Ruth Dewis, the Revd Martin Legg and Chris Marlow (an Elder at Lancaster Road URC)

The aim was to ensure that all churches were compliant with URC policy. Even though I am not a serving elder or leader of a group of adults or children, I still found the day useful in understanding issues concerning security checks, safeguarding and fire safety.

In individual church groups we looked particularly at safeguarding. We were asked to ensure that our policy was legally compliant and that we followed good practice, we knew who was responsible for safeguarding and what to do if problems arose.

It was suggested that, particularly for those who do not want to or who are unable to participate in individual online presentations, group sessions on safeguarding in front of a large screen would benefit group leaders and church members.

Stephen Gilbert



Boys' Brigade News

Believe it or not, as I write the latest update, we have reached the end of the first half term of the year. What a start it has been! With a range of badge classes, the whole of the Company and Seniors sections doing first aid and culminating with Company Supper; before heading into second half term with lots more excitement to come.

Across the first half term, the boys in the Company Section and Seniors have been doing first aid, this included a DR. ABC as well as the use of a defibrillator. Assessing the situation for danger, how to check for responsiveness, the correct way to check airways and for breathing and if a defibrillator is needed the procedure to follow, which is also explained on the defibrillator.

Getting into a creative mindset, the Company Section boys have been designing posters advertising BB. Speaking of, I saw and advert in the newspaper the other day, "yacht for sale" as if people don't know what a yacht is for.

In the build up to Company Supper, the Seniors had been working on a comedy piece as part of the night's entertainment. It was a rendition of Little Red Riding Hood... goes wrong. Dressed in green, Little Red Riding Hood smashed her mother's vase of flowers before setting off to

take a large small basket of bread and honey to her grandmother who was feeling unwell. Meeting the big bad wolf (horse?) in the woods along the way, he finds out where Little Red Riding Hood is heading and beats her to it. Despite the best efforts, of Taekwondo trained grandmother, to fight off the wolf he still managed to eat her and then impersonated her to trick Little Red Riding Hood. Luckily for them a there was a woodsman near by who arrived late and defeated the wolf by poking him with the handle of his axe to save Little Red Riding Hood and her grandmother. After a few touch and go rehearsals, the narration by Evan, and the acting of Alex, Miles, Tom, Ritchie and Charlie, led for perfectly scripted comic timing from the 2nd Enfield' s own am-dram directed by Jude.

Some of the Seniors will be working on a fund-raising quiz night which will shortly be hosted to raise funds for the company. At time of writing there is no confirmed date to provide, however keep your eyes peeled as posters will be out soon! More details will be shared soon, so for now brush up on your general knowledge and dedicate all your spare time to watching repeats of TV quiz shows in preparation for a night of fun, facts and food!

Some of the Seniors and Company section boys will be making model rockets, with the hope of launching them. They're not

quite NASA standard but they do usually go quite high up towards the sky before crashing into a tree and getting stuck. What happens when a rocket doesn't launch? It gets fired!

The remainder of the company section will be putting their skills to the test and cooking up four main courses and a desert. All the meals they will be making are quick and easy meals which can be made at home, they include Crispy Gnocchi with Chorizo and Green Beans, Kebab Wraps, Steak and Pepper Stir-fry, Mexican Style Chicken Burgers and finishing off with Chocolate Chip Brownies. Hopefully it all goes smoothly and doesn't turn into a clam-ity.

Regarding competitions and events, we recently entered into the Swimming Gala, finishing in 2nd place in the Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors competitions and 3rd place in the Company section. We will also be entering the badminton competition with a confident Charlie eyeing up the 1st place trophy. A few of our Company Section will be attending the Company Section Weekend away, which include activities at an activities centre that offers archery, rifle shooting, high wall climbing and such; a trip to TopGolf, Swimming at a water park and games, quizzes and devotions on site. More to come on the next update.

Joseph Nicolaidis

Wordsearch

Love and serve one another

On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to His disciples before His death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed His disciples' feet. This was astonishing for a 'teacher' to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' ceremony was an important part of the medieval church's liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

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Prayer

Easter Prayer 2024

Almighty, God,

You hold all things in Your hands. You make sense of everything!

So often we only see where we are now, what we feel now, in this moment – but You know the end from the beginning.

In all our troubles, our assurance is in Your sovereignty, in Your mighty act of salvation.

Thank you that, just as after winter comes spring and after night comes morning, so, most gloriously, after death on Good Friday, comes resurrection on Easter Day!

Christ is Risen – and we can know, by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit, that He is risen indeed! We can know, in our real and every-day lives, where our help comes from.

Hallelujah! Thank you, living Lord,

In Jesus name.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

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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, date inside)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 10.30am 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

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