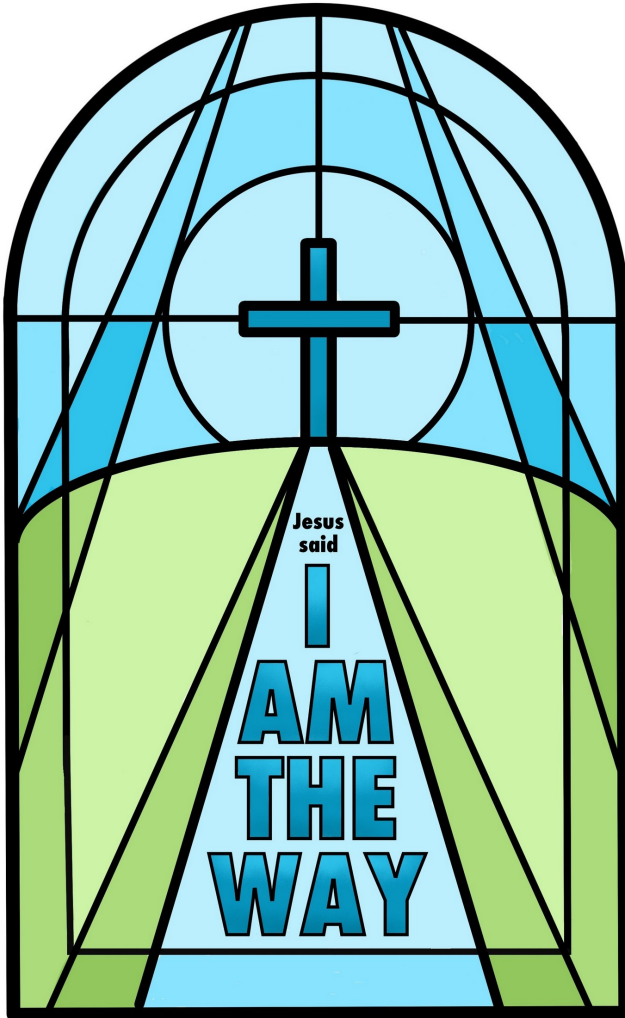


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Safeguarding Statement

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.

Hello!

I hope this letter finds you keeping well and that the cold viruses of the winter months are behind everyone now. This month means I have now been in Enfield for six months. The time has flown and so much has happened.

The Manse garden has finally started to look like a garden. Sometimes it crops into my head that Adam and Eve really didn't do us any favours did they because gardening is often a thankless task and requires hard toil. I cannot take any credit for the garden 'makeover' because it has been Stuart's hard labour that is finally paying off. I have been reminded though that good can so often come out of the rough. Stuart has made rockeries (yes there was enough rubble for more than one). With careful placing and filling with soil we can now enjoy the newly formed rock gardens (as we have affectionately named them). With a bit of vision, it's amazing what can be achieved. It's like that in



church. When we have a vision, we have something to work towards but we need to listen to God for that vision. A church without vision just drifts. New shoots are beginning to show in the garden, however other plants are growing but we do not have a clue what they are. There's an anticipation about what will bloom (or not). It is a time to see how patient we can be – we cannot rush nature and so we just have to wait and see what happens. Rather like waiting on God, His plans happen in His timing.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

April starts with April Fool's Day, the day when everyone tries to play tricks on one another before midday, after this time you become the fool yourself. I really was an easy target for my family and without fail they got me within minutes of me waking up. Eventually it was agreed that making Mum mad because she had been tricked again before breakfast wasn't worth the sulk she went into (confession time!!!).

Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians in Chapter 4 verse 10, deals with the fact that the Corinthians thought so highly of themselves spiritually, they thought themselves wise because they thought they were in a better position than Paul. The Corinthians thought they had attained more but this was not so. On the contrary, Paul and those with him may have been made 'fools for Christ's sake', in how lowly they were made to look, but they were spiritually much richer than the misguided Corinthians.

Sadly, The Church has often been seen as being full of people who think of themselves 'high and mighty' and better than those who do not go to church. In all fairness this may have been true in some instances. How tragic that The Church has been the cause of this feeling. It only takes an insensitive word or an indifference to a new visitor and that's the impression someone may walk away with.

I saw a fantastic quote on Facebook from a David Huskins who said,

"If God didn't send Jesus into the world to condemn it, I doubt God sent you."

This made me smile but also made me very aware that at times I can be far too judgemental and there is then a risk that I too could be guilty of pride just like the Corinthians. Our humanness can let us down so badly and that is why I am so thankful that I have Jesus to look to as my guide and safe place to go

to when I have done something that does not glorify God. I will end now but would like to leave you with a prayer that you may like to say yourself.

Loving God,
Please forgive me for all the times when pride has crept into my thoughts and when I have thought myself better than others. Forgive me for the times I have passed

judgement on others, forgetting that Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save it. Make me a lowly fool for you Lord, prepared to follow you in ways that seem foolish to the world. May everything I do and say, from this day forward, glorify your Holy name. In Jesus name. Amen

God bless you all,
Ruth

Smile Lines

Up or down?

Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head?

What am I?

I'm not old. I woke up, I lifted my arms, I moved my knees, I turned my neck. Everything made the same noise:

Crrrrrrraaaaaacccccckkkk! So I've come to the conclusion that I'm not old, I'm crispy!

Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

Here is the News

Good Friday witness

It was lovely to see a number of our church join with members of various churches across Enfield at the Good Friday witness in Enfield Town. Rev Mandy led a time of worship and reflection with a message from the Salvation Army



remembering the last words of various people and comparing Jesus' last words.

Don't hesitate to use hearing aids

Here is something you didn't expect: using hearing aids if you are a bit deaf can be of great benefit to your overall health.

Crystal Rolfe, director of health at the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) said: "Hearing aids bring enormous benefits for people with hearing loss. Research shows that wearing hearing aids may reduce the risk of cognitive decline, and it is well known that they have positive effects on physical, social, emotional, and mental wellbeing.

According to hearing loss charity RNID, 12 million adults in the UK are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus and an estimated seven million people could benefit from hearing aids, but only about two million use them.

The researchers hope the findings, published in The Lancet Healthy Longevity journal, will encourage more people to wear hearing aids. As one doctor said: "If you have hearing loss, get hearing aids. The benefits could be limitless."



Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. As the weather warms up, it's worth considering what journeys can be made by walking or cycling. Could you get off a stop early to walk the rest of your journey, take a relaxing stroll home, or hop on a bike and enjoy a cycle friendly route? If you prefer

exploring outdoors on foot, find out if there's a local Ramblers group.

World Autism Acceptance Week 2nd – 8th April 2024

Autism is on the rise. Or at least, the recognition of it is.

According to the website psychcentral.com, there was a 787% exponential increase in the number of people who were diagnosed with autism between 1998 and 2018 in the UK.

The National Autistic Society says that in the UK, more than one in every 100 people are now on the autism spectrum. It reckons that around 700,000 adults and children in the UK suffer with the condition to some degree.

All of which means that you probably know of someone who has autism, to some degree. And you may know that, as it says on the NHS website:

Autistic people may act in a different way to other people, ... and find it hard to understand how other people think or feel. They may find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful, or uncomfortable. They may get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events and take longer to understand information.

To help people with autism, you may wish to support this 'acceptance week', by going to the National Autistic Society's website, <https://www.autism.org.uk> and taking part in some way in their fundraising campaign.

Committed to supporting our global partners in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

Reflection On Palestine “Flight into Egypt” by Andy Braunston

Have a look at this picture... What do you see?

This painting was created by Sliman Mansour, an artist in Palestine. His style which has come to symbolise Palestinian national identity has inspired generations of Palestinian and international artists.



Using symbols derived from Palestinian life, culture, history, and tradition, Mansour illustrates Palestinians’ resolve and connection with their land. With women wearing traditional embroidered dresses, he represents Palestinian land and protest. With images of Jerusalem and the glistening Dome of the Rock, he represents the Palestinian homeland and the dream of return.

He’s called this piece the “Flight into Egypt’. Let’s now take a moment to remember the story of the flight into Egypt.

To read the full reflection go to <https://urc.org.uk/your-church/church-local-and-global/commitment-for-life/reflection-on-palestine/>

Pam's Pantry at Ponders End United Reformed Church

It was with great sadness that we had to close our food bank last year due to funding being withdrawn and loss of volunteers.

However, we decided to continue to help about eight families who have specific needs. Unfortunately, this venture is becoming more difficult as donations are not so forthcoming.

We are grateful for the support we do receive, especially from members of Bush Hill Park and Hertford URC but to continue we need regular donations. So, I am asking that when you do your weekly shop could you add a little something for Pam's Pantry then bring to church where it can be collected and brought to Ponders End.

The items we would like are below, but all gifts gratefully received.

- Chopped tomatoes
- Tomatoes puree
- Chickpeas
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Basmati rice
- Lentils
- Tuna
- Sweetcorn
- Biscuits
- Cereals especially wheat a box (own store brand is suitable)
- Gluten free products
- Meals in a tin (spaghetti, beans with sausage etc)
- Toiletries Shower gel etc
- Nappies size 6+
- Nappy Pants size 7
- Baby wipes

You can also donate money, if you would like to, at www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/pamspantry

Thanks, Chris

Youth Assembly 2024 round up

“Story, Story, Story” was the theme of United Reformed Church Youth Assembly 2024, held at Whitemore Lakes in Staffordshire between 26-28 January.

Throughout the weekend, Youth Assembly explored the theme through personal storytelling and engaged in a range of workshops from drama, short-form video, and Bible study.

Two keynotes were delivered by the Revd Rosalind Selby and Tessa Henry-Robinson which helped members of Youth Assembly to ponder their place in God’s story but also God’s place in theirs, as well as what it means to be created in God’s image.



There were opportunities to learn more about Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory with a live link up with Samuel in Jerusalem for a workshop and Bible study.

Hilarious late-night entertainment by poet Harry Baker allowed Youth Assembly to hear other stories. A mix of different late-night activities including Godly Play and Lego Church, sports and games, ensured there was plenty to do in the evening.

More stories at urc.org.uk/youth-assembly-2024-round-up

Called to be Fools

April Fool's Day is the traditional way to begin this month. In medieval times the fool (or jester) was not just there for amusement. He had an influential role in the court, because he could speak the truth in ways others couldn't. As Christians we are also called to be fools; Paul described himself as a *'fool for Christ'* (1 Corinthians 4:10). In what ways is this an appropriate description of a Christian? In his letter Paul expands on this theme.

A foolish message: *'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.'* (1 Cor 1:18). The heart of the Gospel does not focus on clever ideas, but on the Cross of Jesus Christ. This message of foolishness and weakness is both God's wisdom and power for our lives.

A foolish community: *'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.'* (1:27). The church in Corinth consisted of slaves, rather than the rich and successful. God calls the weak and vulnerable to follow Him, in order to shame those who think they don't need God.

A foolish ministry: *'My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.'* (2:4,5). Paul's ministry didn't rest on human wisdom, but on the power of the Holy Spirit. For us, this power is often displayed when we are at our weakest.

'A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.' (William Shakespeare).

Paul Hardingham

Prayer Walking in our community

Prayer walking is just what it sounds. You pray as you walk.

What is the point? Think of it as stepping out as God's children, to intercede for those who are living in your community. Be intentional about praying for God's blessings on what you see and feel.

Simply praying: "Your Kingdom come, your will be done..." is an excellent start.

Prayer walking is NOT about being seen to be praying, you are not doing it to 'show off'. It is about seeing your neighbourhood with compassion, and then praying for God's mercy and blessing to be upon it.

So, as you go along, you can pray quietly, or in silence. If you do want to pray out loud, take a friend along, so that it will seem merely as if you are chatting. In fact, when you do a prayer walk, it is best not to do it alone. Always try and go with someone else. After all, Jesus sent His disciples out in pairs.

On your prayer walk, try and be aware of what God is saying to you as you move around the community. As the former Archbishop of York, Lord Sentamu, once advised: "If any Bible verses pop into your head or if you have any pictures, visions or words of knowledge, turn these into prayer."

At the end of the prayer walk, share with others what you prayed for, and heard from God. Write any impressions down, so you can keep track of how you have prayed for your area.

Again, to quote Lord Sentamu, "If you feel that God has highlighted specific needs or challenges, think about how to take action. Could you or the church be part of God's solution practically, as well as prayerfully?"

Diary

April

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 7th	10.30am 11.45am	Communion with Rev Ruth Dewis Church Meeting
Sun 14th	10.30am	Parade with David Moir
Sun 21st	10.30am	Worship with Anna Erikson
Sun 28th	10.30am	Worship with Barrie Thompson



**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 14th April**

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

Prayer Diary

APRIL 2024

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 95:1-2

Monday 1st

Olanike

Tuesday 2nd

Worship God for his
faithfulness

Wednesday 3rd

Poynter Road

Thursday 4th

For a more eco attitude to my
carbon footprint

Friday 5th

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

Saturday 6th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 7th

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

Monday 8th

Peter

Tuesday 9th

Worship God for his mercy

Wednesday 10th

Roman Way

Thursday 11th

For a more eco attitude to eat
less meat

Friday 12th

Safety for men, women and
children facing violence in the
home from a spouse or parent

Saturday 13th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 14th

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

Monday 15th

Philippa

Tuesday 16th

Worship God for his compassion

Wednesday 17th

St Marks Road

Thursday 18th

For a more eco attitude to the cleaning products I use

Friday 19th

Those suffering from cancer and the charities who seek to find a cure

Saturday 20th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 21st

Give thanks for the hard won freedoms we enjoy in the UK

Monday 22nd

Robin (both)

Tuesday 23rd

Worship God for his justice

Wednesday 24th

Second Avenue

Thursday 25th

For a more eco attitude to buy locally

Friday 26th

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

Saturday 27th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 28th

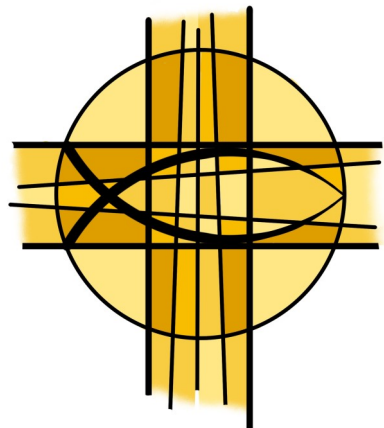
Give thanks for good health

Monday 29th

Ruth

Tuesday 30th

Worship God for his righteousness



Book Club



Clock Dance by Anne Tyler

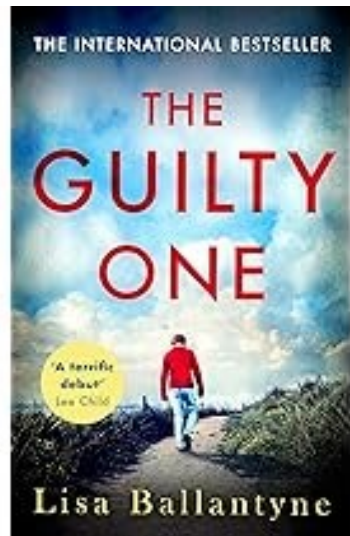
This novel is Willa's life from her childhood. She had a solid father but a wispy mother. She and her sister are chalk and cheese. We follow her as a student, her marriage to Derek and then as a mother to Sean and Ian. Derek's death in road rage was his fault. She soldiered on.

After some years she married Peter a selfish man, a lawyer. It's a different life but is she fulfilled?

She receives a call of help, goes from Arizona to Baltimore with her husband when Sean's ex-partner Denise, who is has never met, is shot in the leg. She cares for Cheryl the nine-year old daughter by a previous liaison who is delighted to have a 'grandmother'. She gets to know the neighbours and enjoys being needed. Peter is not enjoying this experience and goes home. Willa stays until no longer needed.

We quite enjoyed this very easy read.

Our next meeting is on Monday 25th March in Dunelm café at 10.30. The chosen book is 'The Guilty One' by Lisa Ballantyne.



Sylvia

Speed cameras and Moses

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. (1 Timothy 2:2)

It is not often you get Moses and the local police popping up in the same sermon. I was thinking about the Bible passage that has Moses' second attempt at the Ten Commandments, one of God's greatest gifts to the world.

God had given Moses the laws, but he broke them in disgust when he found the people were behaving so badly. God asked him up to the mountain again and then gave him a second set. "Keep taking the tablets"!

I was walking in my village and wondered why the traffic was driving so peacefully and slowly. When I got to the lay-by to catch a bus into town, I saw the explanation. There was a police van fitted with a speed camera. The cars were driving slowly, well within the 30mph limit. I nearly went up to the officer to thank them, and to ask if they could come every day.

It was a good illustration for the sermon I was preparing. We do not want to get caught ourselves! We expect everyone else to obey the law, but often find exceptions when we are late or have an important errand. We repeatedly make mistakes but have a loving and gracious God.

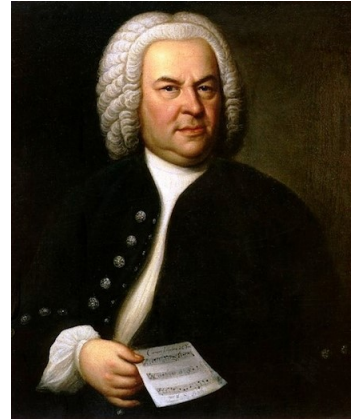
As Christians we should be good drivers, and in my case a good pedestrian and road user. We should take an interest in local affairs and find out how parish and town councils deal with these issues. We should pray for people in authority and the police-officer who spent a long Saturday morning looking at slow traffic!

David Pickup

Appreciating Johann Sebastian Bach

Three hundred years ago, on 7th April 1724, the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

It was put on as part of Good Friday Vespers at St Nicholas Church, having been transferred from St Thomas at the last moment by the music council. Bach, who had just turned 39, agreed to the move, while pointing out that the booklet had already been printed, there was no room immediately available for the musicians, and the harpsichord needed some repair. These problems were overcome.



Bach was already highly regarded, but primarily as a harpsichordist and organ expert. Later seen as one of the best composers of all time – renowned for such works as the Brandenburg Concertos and his Mass in B Minor– he was one of a large family of north German musicians. He is widely praised as a great synthesiser of styles and traditions.

The St John Passion, written during his first year as director of church music in Leipzig, was designed to be used as part of a church service. It follows John 18 and 19 in the Luther Bible, but the writer of the libretto is not known. A possible earlier Passion, written in Weimar, is lost.

Nowadays the St John Passion is heard mainly in the 1739–1749 version, which was never performed in Bach's lifetime, though he made many revisions to the original before his death.

Image: https://www.operatoday.com/content/2018/04/johann_sebastia.php

Don't Lose Your Right To Vote

What is changing?

The UK Government has introduced a legal requirement for voters to present photo ID. This will apply to all UK General Elections taking place after October 2023.

What other options are there?

Voting by post:

- Requires an identity check when applying.



Voting by proxy:

- The person voting on your behalf shows their own ID, not yours.

To do either, you need to fill in an online application. Your local council can help if this is difficult for you.

Register to vote

Photo ID doesn't replace the need to register to vote.

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Check if you're eligible and register online at the above address.

Need extra help?

1. Ask somebody you trust for help
2. Contact your local council
3. Call the Electoral Commission helpline on: **0800 328 0208**

Which ID Can be used?

You need only one form, in the original version e.g:

- Passport
- Driving licence
- Blue badge
- Concessionary travel card
- Identity card with PASS mark
- Biometric immigration doc



Find a full list of other forms at: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

It's okay if your ID has expired, as long as it still looks like you.

What if you don't have ID?

If you don't have ID you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate.

- Apply online at: voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk
- Apply by requesting a paper form from your local council
- Apply in person at your local council (some councils may not offer this)

To apply you will need:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- National Insurance number
- A photograph (passport style)



Voter Authority Certificates don't expire so it is worth applying for them at any point.



The Easter Glow

For three years Jesus had held the tiny band together, through journeyings, storms and opposition. And now – following a public trial and execution – He was gone.

Take away the dominant figure, and an organisation can quickly crumble. Take Theudas, an earlier messianic claimant. Once killed, his 400 devotees melted away. Then there was Judas the Galilean. When he, too, was removed, the movement scattered.

Now, it was Easter Day. Here were two disciples walking to Emmaus. As far as they were concerned, their leader was dead. The ‘scattering’ process had already begun. It had started on that fateful Thursday evening of Christ’s arrest, when Jesus had quoted to His disciples from the prophet Zechariah: “It is written ‘I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered’” (Matthew 26:31).

The dream was over. “Let’s go home – back to Emmaus.” *Yet Luke 24 is the glowing account of the entire re-building of a worldview.* As the apparent Stranger joins the two, it was like the uncorking of a bottle; the story pours out. Surely *crucifixion and the future Redeemer of Israel had nothing to do with each other!*

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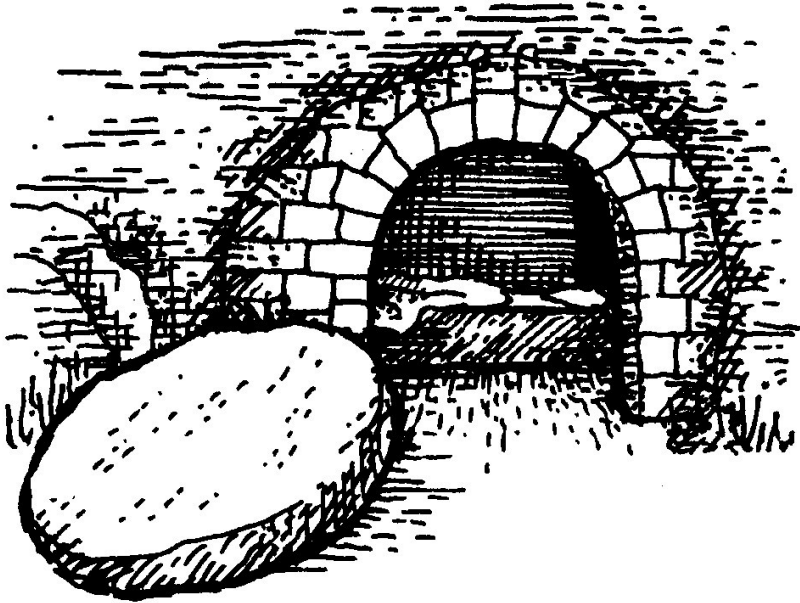
Then began a fascinating Bible study on the road. Evidently in their studies, the two had skipped the passages that spoke of a suffering Messiah. The Stranger says, “Let me fill in those bits for you.” Now the figures of a Conquering King and a Suffering

Servant begin to coalesce into a single photo fit. Then, at supper with the two, comes the familiar action of the breaking of bread, and – *Why.... it's Jesus.*

The disciples rush the seven miles back to Jerusalem. They can't keep the glowing news of the risen Christ to themselves!

If Jesus had not been bodily raised from the grave, the demoralised movement – like those of Theudas and Judas the Galilean – would have folded within days. And you and I would never have heard of Him!

Adapted from the LICC website



Girls' Brigade News

During the last couple of months, we have been looking at "Justice" using the example of Amos. During our discussions the girls drew up a set of rules that we should personally stick to. Rules that we should follow at Girls Brigade:-

- Share
- Kindness and caring to others.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Do not hurt others.
- Be fair to everyone.
- Always be honest.
- Do not tell.
- Do not steal.
- Do not speak over others.
- No shouting

As we approached Easter, we looked at the Easter story. We decorated Easter bonnets and made some Easter gardens which we displayed in the church.



On our last Wednesday Ruth came to talk to the girls about the Passover, Jesus's last supper and explained how it related to the Communion service.

Please remember us all in your prayers.

Lynda

Boys' Brigade News

As half term approaches, the Rocket projects are starting to take shape, once finished the model rockets should be able to launch and will come back down with the aid of a built in mini parachute. Where do astronauts keep their snacks? In a launch box. Once they have finished building their model rockets, they will be designing and decorating them ready for take-off!

The younger group in the company section have been successful in their cooking, working well together preparing and cooking various dishes and washing everything up keeping a clean and organised kitchen along the way. Week 1 they made a chorizo,

Will cooking Gnocchi with mixed peppers, green beans and chorizo

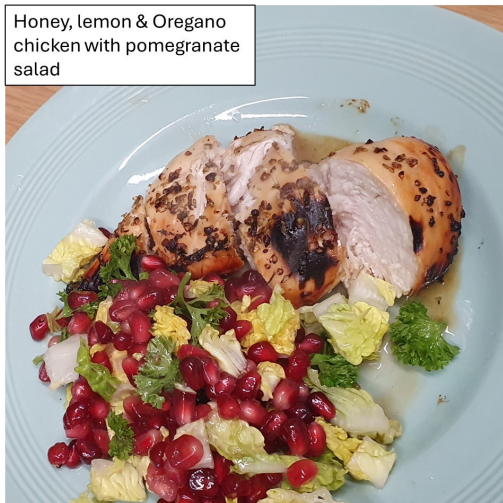


Chipotle Chicken burger



green bean and mixed pepper gnocchi followed by chipotle chicken burgers with guacamole. It was at this point that I noticed how much the group like to eat the ingredients when half a

Honey, lemon & Oregano chicken with pomegranate salad



lettuce and 3 slices of cheese mysteriously disappeared. Week three they made a pomegranate chicken salad, the chicken marinated in honey lemon and oregano before baking, the salad, a mixture of lettuces and pomegranate seasoned with black pepper and topped with parsley. From week four some of

the Seniors have also been cooking. Whilst the company section group baked triple chocolate brownies with milk and white chocolate chips, which were eaten before I was able to get a picture, the Seniors made meatballs with orzo in a tomato sauce, topped with shavings of cheese. Having tasted the brownies of the other group, the Seniors wanted to make brownies of their own the next week, however they didn't turn out quite as well. The Company Section group, meanwhile, made lamb chops, roasted with

Alex and Miles cooking meatballs



seasoned diced baby roasting potatoes, red onion, garlic, and rosemary, with the garlic and rosemary removed then fished off with vine tomatoes cooking until the tomatoes began to burst allowing the tomato juice to lightly cover the lamb.

The uniform sessions will soon be coming to an end and our summer session starting after the awards night at the end of April.

The Battalion church parade was well attended by over 20 boys from the 2nd Enfield attending, this was followed by an explore event which was themed around formula one.



Roast Lamb and potatoes

I would like to finish by congratulating the Seniors on their quiz night. Led by Tom they raised £620 to go towards camp and summer activities. With rounds including, IKEA or Cheese, Quotes and World Records, the Seniors put their own twist on a quiz night which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Joseph

Wordsearch

St George of the Golden Legend

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages. In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

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saint	england
officer	roman
army	diocletian
terror	martyred
palestine	courage
example	helper
evil	soldier
hero	golden
legend	dragon
princess	converted

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Prayer

The God who answers prayer

There is a God who answers prayer
Who intercedes before the throne,
The Son of God who ever cares,
Do not believe you walk alone.

When life seems hard, no answers come
He knows the path that you now tread
Believe on Him though all seems lost
He knows about the tears you shed.

Hold on to Him who is your strength,
Although it seems there's no way through,
Though pain and heartache both are near,
Who holds the world holds also you.

There is a day when all is clear
A day when we all understand
That all our lives but marked a way
That led us to the Promised Land.

Megan Carter

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, 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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