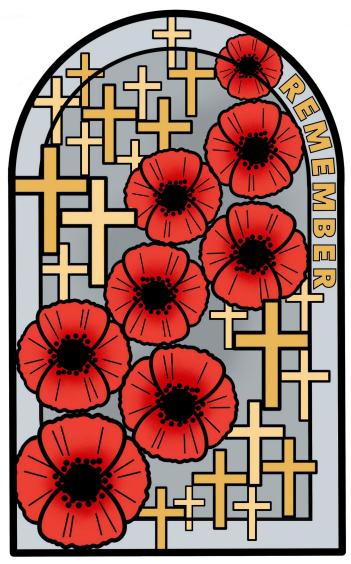


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#### Safeguarding Statement

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 month's letter finds you well? It is that time of year when we try to dodge the germs isn't it?

We all have faith in something or somebody for some people it might be themselves. If we put our faith or belief in earthly things (people, football teams, horses at the race course) we open ourselves to the real possibility of disappointment. Atheism is the belief in nothing - there is no hope in atheism because there's no one to have faith or hope in outside of this world. You are still at risk of the disappointment of being let down and after death you believe there's nothing - that's it - you cease to exist.

Being a follower of Christ you put your faith in the one you believe created everything, who came to earth as God incarnate, who willingly died on a cross to take the punishment for our sins and conquered death so that we have a hope (if we believe) of



life after death with him and that one day he will bring justice for the times we have been disappointed on earth and salvation for when we've caused disappointment and sinned ourselves.

November is the month when we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom but a lot of those people really did not have a choice did they? This is the disappointment of war, the unnecessary loss of life. God however as God incarnate chose to be killed for you and me. No greater love has the world seen and God invites us to rest in this amazing all consuming love.

The leaves are falling and the

plants are starting to recede for their winters slumber but we have hope of their return. This is but one sign of a creator God whose message of hope is written in nature.

The big question is who or what do you put your hope in?

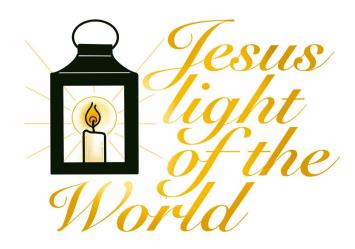
'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible'. Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV)

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your promise that you never leave us but please help me in the times of my doubt. May the Holy Spirit strengthen my faith when times are difficult. Please make your presence felt in ways that help me to know you are with me. Forgive me when I do not live a life that honours and glorifies your name but thank you for the reassurance that when we are truly sorry you forgive us. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

May God bless you richly this November.

God bless, Ruth



### **Smile lines**

#### Signs found outside churches

Church car park sign...This is for MEMBERS ONLY.
Trespassers will be baptised!!

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

A singing group called 'The Resurrection' was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the minister fixed the outside sign to read, 'Resurrection is postponed - due to snow.'

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

#### What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?"

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: "He's the one you can move diagonally."

#### Here is the news

# Russian evangelicals praying for political wisdom to end Ukraine war

The General Secretary of the Russian Evangelical Alliance says political leaders need to show wisdom if peace between Russia and Ukraine is to be secured.

Almost three years on from the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, an end to the conflict remains elusive.

Vitaly Vlasenko, who is based in Moscow told Premier: "Many Russian evangelicals and Christian people are praying that this conflict will stop. But because we are a minority group, we have no access to our government leaders to tell them that we really want to stop this conflict. And many Russians have a relative on both sides."

For the full story go to: https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/russian-evangelicals-praying-political-wisdom-ukraine-war

#### **Rev Mark Meatcher Induction**

Rev Mark Meatcher, our previous minister, will be inducted as the new minister for the new pastorate of East Birmingham and

Solihull on Saturday 9th November at 3pm at Digbeth in the Field United Reformed Church, Moat Ln, Yardley, Birmingham B26 1TW.

The pastorate is made up of Digbeth in the Field URC, Solihull URC and Hall Green United Community Church - URC / Methodist / Moravian.



# The Lebanese Christians staying in their villages, despite Israeli threat

In a Maronite Christian village near the border of Lebanon and Israel, residents refuse to leave despite the jets roaring overhead and constant threat of airstrikes.

"We just want peace," Manal El Hajj, a local mother told The Washington Post. "We do not want this war."

Yet the church prevails. Regina Lynch, executive president of Aid to the Church in Need said: "Lebanon has been going from crisis to crisis over the past decades, suffering from political instability... and now these attacks from Israel.

"Despite all this, the Church has continued serve the people, providing material and spiritual support at every turn... We are confident that our friends and benefactors will understand the urgency of supporting the Church in Lebanon to carry out God's work."

For the full story go to: https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/lebanese-christians-refuse-to-leave-their-villages



This month we're looking at ways to avoid using chemicals like bleach and phosphates, found in many washing powder and dishwashing products, and which pollute water systems and harm aquatic life. Safer alternatives work effectively and traditional methods can be cheaper.

When shopping for laundry or household cleaning products look for plant based ingredients such as Ecover, with other products arriving in shops – look for "plant based" or "non-toxic" on the label.

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



In the wake of the ongoing violence in the land we call holy, the 2024 General Assembly of the United Reformed Church has

asked local congregations actively to reach out in solidarity to both Jewish and Muslim neighbours.

The International Court of Justice has indicated that Palestinians are plausibly at risk of a genocide. The world court has offered an Advisory Opinion indicating that the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza is illegal. Israeli civilian hostages are still



Photo credit: AndPan 614 Pixabay

being held illegally by Hamas. Our news and social media feeds are filled with horrifying images of death and brutality in Gaza. It is tempting to despair.

Nevertheless, General Assembly has made it clear that it is wrong and dangerous to hold Jews or Muslims in the UK responsible for the violence in Israel and in the occupied territory. Rather, we must ensure that every community here is loved, respected, and protected.

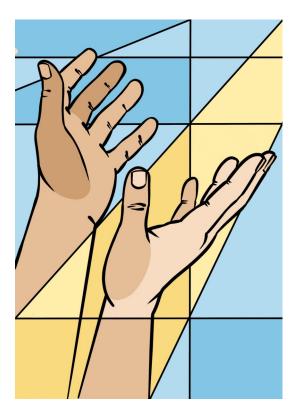
Whatever your views, are you able to reach out? Write a note of support? Invite people to a meal, shared activity or upcoming event? We must consciously choose the precious path of peace rather than the snaking highway of hate.

### **Pastorate Prayer weekend**

It was good to meet on the morning of Saturday 28 September to give prayerful consideration to the needs of our three churches under the guidance of Ruth.

After coffee about twenty or so were scattered at tables with research Bibles, hymn books and artwork available. There was quietness with gentle movement around as the mood took us. Three large sheets were ready for use to write our thoughts for the future of our own or the other two fellowships.

We met in prayer and then ended the session with soup and rolls.



I'm sure those lists will be taken to the relevant Elders meetings and we will be hearing more as the spirit leads.

On the Sunday we joined for worship at Lancaster Road continuing the theme.

Thank you to Ruth for the organisation of this special morning.

Sylvia

#### Terracycle recycling schemes

Sadly KP are going to stop funding the Terracycle scheme for crisps, nuts, pretzels or popcorn meaning we will soon be unable to accept these items for recycling.

We can send one last shipment so please ensure you bring any wrappers you have collected to the church by 10th November.

We have been able to add a new scheme with Warburtons Bakery meaning you will now be able to bring us any brand of bread and bakery wrappers.

#### **Accepted Waste:**

- Any brand of bakery plastic packaging (e.g. plastic trays, zipper bags, plastic packs, etc.)
- Any brand of plastic bread bags and closure tags

You can recycle bakery plastic packaging from all brands through the Warburtons Bakery Free Recycling Programme, including plastic trays, zipper bags and plastic packs. As well as any brand of plastic bread bags and closure tags.

#### Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Paper bags
- Combined paper and film window bags
- Wax wrap

#### What you can recycle at our church:

- Bread and bakery plastic packaging
- Cracker, biscuit and cake wrappers
- Pringles Tubes (not lids or other brands)
- · Cheese Packaging
- Dental Care

Please ensure that any packaging is clean, flattened and separated by scheme. For full details see bhpurc.org.uk/recycle



# When poverty pushes people into dark places

As Christmas approaches, the charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is warning that "Poverty has become more ruthless than ever. There are rarely simple solutions anymore. Families can't afford to live, let alone repay debt, as incomes don't cover the basics."



CAP tells the story of Bea, one of its clients. "Like nearly half of CAP's clients, Bea's income wasn't enough to live on. She and her husband had been made redundant and, no matter how careful she was, after paying for rent, food, and other essentials, the money couldn't stretch to the end of the month. "I got to the point where I didn't want to be here. I was in a black hole, and couldn't get out."

Nearly half of CAP's clients have attempted or considered suicide as a way out of debt, as on-going poverty and debt is literally driving people to the brink.

And so this Christmas, CAP is asking for support, as "your gift to CAP could save lives. The holistic care and debt help local churches across the UK are providing is vital for people like Bea."

If you would like to send a donation, please visit: https://capuk.org

#### **War and Peace**

John Lennon wrote: 'Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace.' But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present, and consider the real way to peace.

The way of war: 'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.' (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

The way of peace: Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: 'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as He took God's anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection. He did this out of love for us, and calls us to love others in the same way: 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' (John 15:13).

How can we demonstrate such love ourselves? We can be confident in God's plan to bring an end to all wars when Jesus returns.

Canon Paul Hardingham

# **Diary for November**



#### See back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 3rd	10.30am	Communion with Martin Hamblin
Mon 4th	10.30am	Book club at Dunelm Cafe
Sun 10th	10.30am	Remembrance Parade with Eddie Boon
Sun 17th	10.30am	Worship with Terry Silvey
Sun 24th	10.30am	Worship with Lynda Cook and a speaker from the Leprosy Mission



# Next newsletter deadline: Sunday 10th November

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

## **Prayer diary for November**

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

Jeremiah 32:17

#### Friday 1st

The work of Christian Aid (we support them)

#### Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### Sunday 3rd

Give thanks for our young people and all children who visit our church and its buildings

#### Monday 4th

Julia

#### **Tuesday 5th**

Leadership and Congregation of Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

#### Wednesday 6th

Fotheringham Road

#### Thursday 7th

For those on duty or training in the RAF

#### 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 ambulance, medical services and the air ambulance helping to save lives

#### **Monday 11st**

Kath

#### **Tuesday 12th**

Leadership and Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint George

#### Wednesday 13th

Haileybury Avenue

#### **Thursday 14th**

For those on duty or training in the Paratroopers

#### Friday 15th

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

#### Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### Sunday 17th

Give thanks for answered prayers

#### **Monday 18th**

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#### **Tuesday 19th**

Leadership and Congregation of Jubilee Church

#### Wednesday 20th

Harman Road

#### **Thursday 21st**

For those on duty or training in the Army

#### 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

#### Sunday 24th

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

#### Monday 25th

Lisa

#### **Tuesday 26th**

Leadership and Congregation of Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church

#### Wednesday 27th

Harrow Avenue

#### Thursday 28th

For those on duty or training in the Special Forces

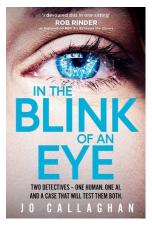
#### Friday 29th

Those without enough money for heating and food and the charities who aim to provide help

#### Saturday 30th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### **Book club**



'Blink of an eye' by Jo Callaghan: A good read on an interesting (and topical) subject.

The police hierarchy want to investigate how humans and Artificial Intelligence can work together in investigating crime. How experience/'gut' feelings work against Al logic and speed. Recently widowed, DCS Kat Frank is asked to lead the project and work alongside AIDE Lock (the Artificially Intelligent Detection Entity). Kat has years

of experience, understands human emotions and has good empathy with people. Lock has millions of case notes, law books and Internet entries, which can produce results in "the blink of an eye", but it does not understand humans or have empathy – it is sometimes very blunt, which leads to a few humorous moments! Together they start investigating two cold case murders.

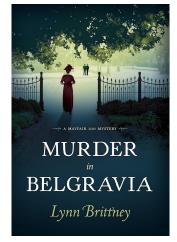
It is a thought-provoking book, with good storylines and an unexpected ending. It was interesting how, as the book progressed, we started to view Lock in a different light. We all

enjoyed the book, although it left us with a slightly uneasy feeling - are we in danger of being taken over by machines?

Our next read is Murder in Belgravia by Lynn Brittney.

We will meet on Monday, 4 November at 10.30 in Dunelm's cafe, you are welcome to join us!

Yvonne and Sylvia



#### Stories of answered prayer during World War II

Premier has produced a series of podcasts on extraordinary stories from World War II.

When we prayed:
Miracles of World War II,
is in seven podcasts,
hosted by Pam Rhodes.
Premier says: "Join us
on a journey back in
time to witness how God
answered the nation's
prayers during one of
history's most
tumultuous periods."



King George VI called the UK to a national day

of prayer on seven critical occasions throughout WWII, and each time, those prayers were met with extraordinary outcomes. This series, produced in cooperation with the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, weaves together firsthand accounts from those who lived through the war, insights from their families, and analysis from historians, offering a powerful look at the divine intervention during the conflict.

The series is produced by Premier and can we heard at: https://www.premier.plus/podcasts/when-we-prayed-miracles-of-world-war-ii

or

https://www.eternalwall.org.uk/news/142/when-we-prayed-miracles-of-world-war-ii or search for it in your podcast app.

#### What does 'cosy crime' have to show us?

Richard Osman, game-show-host-turned-best-selling novelist, writes books in the genre called 'cosy crime'.

In these stories, a murder has been committed and a sleuth sets out to discover whodunnit. But this isn't gritty noir. There's usually a pleasant rural setting and an amateur detective, and the bloodless murder is rarely dwelt upon. Most importantly, there's a satisfying conclusion in which the mystery is solved, and justice is served. Osman even speaks about the 'humour and warmth' in his writing – terms not commonly associated with crime.

In a world full of violence, where headlines and TV series alike feature unfathomable crimes, perhaps it's little wonder we're drawn to their cosier counterparts. Osman's stories, and those like them, offer us a version of reality in which order defeats chaos, mysteries can be solved, crimes are met with punishments, and justice triumphs.

It is, of course, God's ultimate justice that motivates our desire for stories that provide resolution. We all long for the perfect combination of comfort and vengeance – and this can only come from the God who hates wrongdoing and loves justice (Isaiah 61:8).

Osman's heroes are a group of pensioners living in an upmarket retirement village. So cosy crimes show us that even the least of us can be part of putting things right.

Few of us will become sleuths, but we can all embed ourselves in our local communities and, through attentiveness, prayer, and discernment, recognise areas of injustice. Indeed, we are both the agents and the beneficiaries of God's plan to bring good news, freedom, restoration, and joy to our world (Isaiah 61:1–6).

So, this Christmas-tide, can you slow down and pay attention long enough to see what's really bothering that friend, colleague, or neighbour? When you read the news headlines, will you pray for justice and mercy to triumph? Or perhaps humour and warmth could change the tone of a conversation this week. In each of these situations, you're living as a sign of God's kingdom – a kingdom that is far from cosy, but that meets the deepest cravings of our crime-consumed culture.

Rachel Smith

Adapted from an article by Rachel Smith at https://licc.org.uk/resources/richard-osman-and-the-appeal-of-cosy-crime-blog/



#### **Our Royal Army Chaplains**

For centuries, armies worldwide have taken their clergy to war with them. And while over the years the roles of chaplains may have changed, still their presence among the troops has remained as important as ever.

For the British, it was in 1796 that the Army Chaplain's Department was founded by the Revd John Gamble, who became its first Chaplain General.

In 1854, the Crimean War found it had 26,000 troops depending on only one chaplain: the Revd Henry Press Wright. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) hastily financed more chaplains, and eventually 60 were sent out.

In 1879 the Revd James William Adams became the first chaplain to be awarded the Victoria Cross – for his brave actions during the Second Afghan War.

During the First World War (1914 – 1918) chaplains became known and loved for their bringing of comfort, care and

compassion to the troops.

In 1919 the King honoured the army chaplains by granting them the prefix 'Royal'.

The Second World War (1939-45) saw



chaplains learning new skills like parachuting with the Airborne Forces. During those years of violence and turmoil, Royal Army Chaplains were everywhere, even sustaining captives in Far East prison camps and on the Burma-Siam railway.

Since 1945, Royal Army Chaplains have continued to serve wherever British soldiers are sent. The wars may vary in shape and locations, but the need for care, compassion and prayer for the soldiers remains constant.

Currently the Royal Army Chaplains' Department looks like this: Chaplains are typically assigned to bases or units in sets of three, including Anglican, Catholic, and Non-Conformist chaplains. Chaplains are non-combatants and are not permitted to carry weapons. Four civilian chaplains minister to Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim soldiers. All chaplains are expected to provide pastoral care to any soldier, regardless of their faith or denomination.

It has been said that: "Life as an Army Chaplain is a calling like no other...it is a vocation that is both demanding and rewarding and offers an adventurous journey of faith."

The current chaplain general, the Revd M Parker KHC CF says: "As chaplains, we have time for people and time to care for them. We celebrate with them. We listen to them when they're having problems. We are there for them in all of the challenges that they might face, whether on operations, serving at home or times of separation from their families.

"It may to us be the smallest example of our vocation – listening, comforting, advising, praying – but to those we serve, it can be a life changing encounter."

Based on material from: https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-army-chaplains-department/

# Boys' Brigade news

Starting back in September there's a lot going on this half term. Returning after the summer break saw the company grow in numbers with a few new starters.

On the first Monday, the year 7s, 8s and 9s had a look at some basic engineering in the form of constructing baked bean towers. The enjoyment of building and construction work does vary, drilling a large hole, for example, is boring where as fastening two pieces of metal together is riveting! Whilst they were doing that the Seniors played dodgeball followed by handball. The groups then switched over with the years 7 to 9 playing dodgeball and handball while the year 10s and 11s constructed baked bean towers, the year 12s opened their account in the kitchen making a mixed vegetable pasta dish containing mixed bell peppers, red onion, courgette and chilli, in a homemade tomato and herb sauce. Across the weeks the year 13s will be working on a DIY project picking up some tips and tricks and learning new skills along the way.

The second week back saw the annual commencement of the year 7s target badge. This week they looked at fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. The year 8s and 9s explored the world of energy drinks. This began with a tin can alley style quiz, they were asked energy drink related questions and the first person to buzz in with the correct answer would then have to knock down that energy drink with a bean bag. After this they looked at what goes into energy drinks before getting the chance to make their own healthy

energy drinks made with fruits and waters. Once they'd each made their drinks they tried them and scored each others. The years 10 to 13 played a game of unihock numbers, a series of 1v1, 2v2 or 3v3 games of hockey with each team member assigned a number if the numbers one, four and five were called out, as an example, then the people with these numbers on each team would go head to head. The first team to score, gets a point, if no one has score at the end of the timer its a draw and each team gets either no points or one point each. After this they played one big game of hockey. Following the switch where the year sevens, eights and nines played unihock numbers and hockey and the years 10 to 13s went to their badge classes. The years 10s and 11s explored energy drinks, much in the same way as the eights and nines and the year twelves delved deeper into the world of cooking. This week making chicken souvlaki with salad in flat breads with tzatziki sauce, homemade chips and roasted vegetables.

Into week three now and the year 13s have figured out how to use a paint brush without also painting the floor, well most of them have... the year 7s have continued along their target badge course. The purpose of the target badge is for those boys joining the company section to give them a taste of what they'll be doing in their time in the company as well as learning the basics of some valuable skills that they can use in life. This week cooking was on the menu as they made ciabatta pizzas. With a range of toppings from 15 grates of cheese to the ultimate loaded, double stacked; cheese, ham, pepperoni, tomatoes and sweetcorn. Due to the sheer quality of the food, the boys quickly ate them up. The year 8s and

9s made a start on their volcano projects and the year 10s and 11s took a look into the world of A.I., whilst on the topic of computing, there are 10 types of people in the world, those who understand binary and those who don't. The year 12s cooked a familiar dish this week, each putting their own twist on the classic cheese burger. This week's games were lacrosse and basketball.

Into October now and for week four, the year 7s will be going on a night walk. The year 8s and 9s will be continuing on their volcano project, so far they seem to be having a blast and there could be some magma-nificent volcanos when they've finished. The year 10s and 11s will be cooking a rump steak stir fry with long grain rice. Having had a practice week, in week three, the year 12s will be competing to see who can make the best gourmet burger, something the staff are looking forward to judging. The year 13s will be continuing their DIY project, they're easel-y improving their painting skills, and their project is coming on some what. This week the company section and seniors will be playing non-stop cricket.

Moving into week five- and the year 7s will be picking up brass instruments and giving the band a go with a beginner brass session. The year 8s and 9s will be continuing their volcano projects and the year 10s and 11s will be making a Cajun chicken and tomato pasta, with the year 12s constructing beef burritos. The year 13s have continued their DIY project, still not quite sure though how the walls have the least amount of paint on them. For the final week of the half term the year 7s will be looking at compasses and

map reading this will bring a close to their target badge. Being the final week of half term the years 10s to 12s will be making a dessert and the year 13s should be putting the finishing touches to their DIY.

Congratulations, must go out to our team who entered the BB Quiz Night and came in first place only getting eleven questions wrong across the whole night! A first of many victories, hopefully, for the 2nd Enfield as the BB competition calendar gets under way. As well as the Battalion church parade and the quiz night, we also had our enrolment parade before half term.

Toseph



An epic struggle between good and evil took place in the Vicarage kitchen

#### Wordsearch

Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.

Remembrance Day Died Landings Second World War Europe France Picnic Beach Bagpipe Omaha Parades Parachute Millions Soldiers Normandy Liberation

Fireworks

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## **Prayer**

Dear Lord,

November can be a dreary month. Even the first syllable is negative and reminds us of all the things we are missing; the long light days, summer breaks, blossom and fresh green leaves.

As we walk through the dark days, help us to remember that You brought light into this dark world. You sent Jesus, who is that light in person, Your positive who overcame all negatives by His death on the cross.

November leads us closer to the time of celebration of His coming. Lord, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for November!

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching



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



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

#### Monday

6.15pm Boys' Brigade Junior Section7.30pm 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)



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