

**Bush Hill Park**  
United  
Reformed  
Church

**October  
2025**



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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 everyone,

I pray this month's letter from me finds you well? It's my favourite time of year again, with all the changing colours. I'm just amazed at how quickly this year is going. It really is true isn't it, the older you get, the years pass quicker. Alternatively, I'm having so much fun time is flying by!



I've been thinking about harvest time and remembering harvest times gone by. One of my daughters used to love the harvest song,

*'Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green  
Strawberries are sweeter than any I've seen  
Beetroots purple and onions white  
All grow steadily day and night  
The apples are ripe, the plums are red  
The broadbeans are sleepin' in a blankety bed'.*

When I was at school we sang the more traditional hymns, the most frequent being,

*'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand'.*

In the times we find ourselves in, the seeds we need to be sowing (and are called to sow), are the seeds of the good news of salvation offered to us by Jesus, remembering what the hymn says,

*'but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand'.*

The Holy Spirit does the convicting of people's hearts but our stories of faith and how God has rescued us from our sinfulness are the seeds we must sow.

Now as the parable explains in Matthew 13:4-8

*'some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,'*

Let us pray that the seeds we sow fall on good soil so that we can encourage people to turn to Jesus and that they will have strong roots to hold them firm during life's trials.

It's not just the sowing we are called to do; we are also called to be harvest people. This harvest time let us think of the harvest that is out there. The harvest of people.

In Luke, Jesus told them,

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* (Luke 10:2).

May God guide us this Autumn to be strong and courageous with our faith and that he sends people across our paths for us to share the wonderful story of Jesus' salvation with. May God also bless you this season and I pray we can all try to avoid colds, flu, or any other nasty viruses as we sow and harvest.

*God bless,*

*Ruth*

## Smile lines

### **All Angels?**

The slightly harassed minister stood on the railway station platform with a number of lively Sunday School children, while the two Sunday School teachers went off to buy tickets. A porter came up to him and asked: "Excuse me, are you St Michael and all the Angels?"

### **Oddest**

The parish magazine was reporting on a recent parish away-day at the seaside. It said: 'The results of our competition for the oddest item found on the beach were: First prize: Mrs Wainwright; second prize: The Vicar; and third prize, Mr Simpson.'

### **Truths about children**

A young child is a noise with dirt on it.

An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

A child will not spill on a dirty floor.

Having children is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.

Having children will turn you into your parents.

If you have trouble getting your children's attention, just sit down and look comfortable.

Avenge yourself; live long enough to be a problem to your children.

# Here is the news

## **Birthday thanks**

Thank you very much for the lovely tea to celebrate my 80th birthday and all the cards and presents. It was a lovely time with reminiscing, looking at old photos and talking about the old times. A special thank you to Sylvia P and Rosemary for organising it. It was a Lovely surprise.

*Christine*

## **Hope thrives at the 2025 Greenbelt festival**

The URC partnered with food poverty charity Trussell (who shares its offices in London) at the Greenbelt Festival, at Boughton House, Kettering, over the August Bank Holiday.

Greenbelt is a culturally and politically engaged festival with a committed Christian faith and worldview. The venue included talks, worship and debates alongside yoURCafe, serving food rescued from going to landfill by the brilliant team at Refuse, Chester le Street, and at Lodge Road Community Church, Birmingham and lots of teas, coffees and cakes.

The three-day festival included a communion service attended by thousands which reminded us that hope is something we need to keep choosing and practising, and to celebrate the strength of Jesus' resurrection and the power of God's promises.



## Resources for holding a Halloween ‘Light Party’

Do you have children wanting a Halloween party this autumn? Why not offer instead a Light Party on the same night? They can still dress up in costumes, but the emphasis of the party will be far more positive.

For resources, visit the Eden website at:

[www.eden.co.uk/halloween-light-party-resources](http://www.eden.co.uk/halloween-light-party-resources)

It offers light party resources, Christian gifts, tracts and crafts for every light party, outreach events and to share with trick-or-treaters.

## Plastic carrier bags

This year marks ten years since England introduced the 5p charge for single-use plastic carrier bags. The charge has had a dramatic effect – with a reduction of 98% in sales.

In 2014, 7.6 billion single-use plastic bags were sold in the UK. By 2023, 133 million single-use bags had been sold in the major supermarkets. The average person in the UK now buys only about two single-use plastic bags per year.



**It's UN World Food Day.** It often focuses on how investment in food security and rural development will change the future of migration. We can play our part in this by choosing to buy items that are labelled organic or Fairtrade/Rainforest Alliance/EcoSocial, or that have an indication of sustainability, for

example “palm oil from sustainable sources or palm oil free and plastic free”. These products don't always cost more than alternatives, but when they do you can be assured that somewhere a small-scale farmer and their community are benefitting environmentally as well as economically.

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

A chance to be themselves

The YMCA's family intervention work is one of the programmes funded by Christian Aid. Weekend camps are organised at their centre in Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem in the West Bank, bringing together counsellors, trainers, young boys who have faced imprisonment and their families for team building. They take part in



Imead/cforl YMCA swimming pool at the Beit Sahour centre which is used as part of their family intervention work

fun games designed to create team spirit and confidence as well as developing leadership skills. Tree stumps, set in the grounds of the buildings in Beit Sahour, are used for balancing and team spirit building while the swimming pool and adjoining hard area amenities encourage sporting activity. Many of these young boys, especially those from the refugee camps, have not had the luxury of being able to play sports because open spaces and facilities are non-existent in the camps and limited or of poor quality in the West Bank.

Twice yearly away days are also arranged for the wives, mothers and sisters involved with those needing counselling.



These days away are vital to the women as they provide them with a safe and secure environment with the chance to meet others in the same situation. Swimming in the onsite pool is always the highlight, with laughter filling the air as stress is released and problems shared. Many of the women struggle to understand the changes in their children after time in jail and want to keep them safe. However the young men want to be out with friends and this causes friction. The women know this may lead to more trouble and arrests and so continually worry. It is often the women who will keep a family going when husbands or sons are in jail.

So for the young men and their families these away days are a chance to recoup, refresh and revitalise as they continue to live with the difficulties experienced as a result of the Israeli occupation.



## Falling Leaves

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and shorten day;  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

From a poem by Emily Bronte (1818-48)

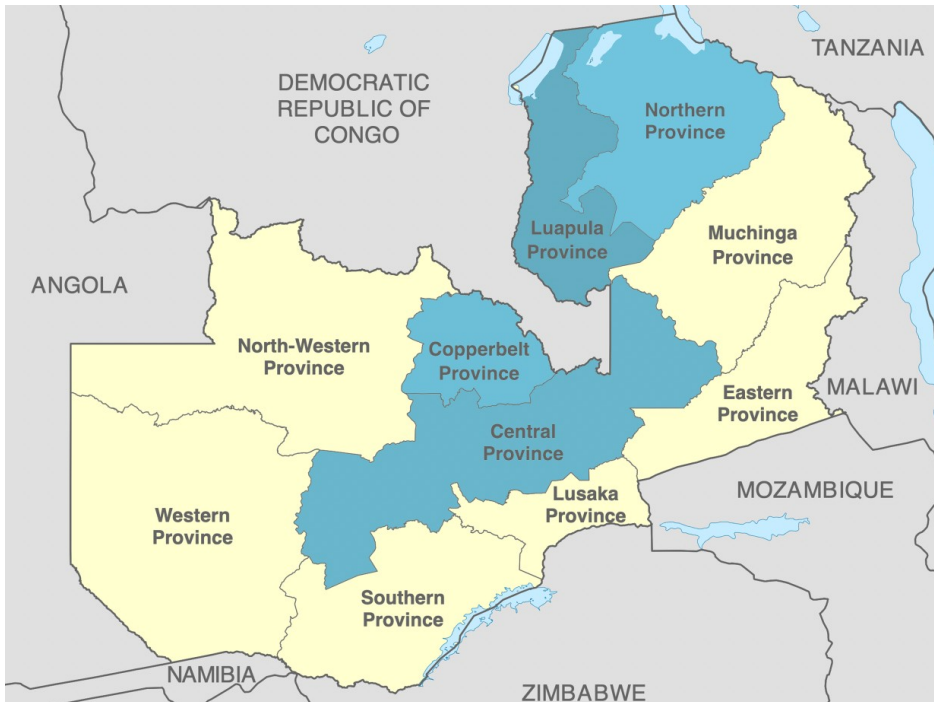
# Update from Beyond Ourselves

It's hard to believe it's already been **seven years** since we first started training teachers in our contextualised literacy programme. Over those years, we've trained more than **8,500** teachers, equipping them to help over **one million children** build strong foundations in reading and writing.

## National Rollout Progress

So far, we've rolled Jolly Phonics out to **3 of Zambia's 10 provinces**, and the new **National Curriculum** is closely aligned to our resource and training. The future of literacy in Zambia is looking very Jolly indeed - and we're thrilled to be part of the story!

What's even more exciting is that we are now reaching beyond Zambia. Right now, we're partnering with incredible teams in



**Kenya** and **Ethiopia** to create versions of our resource tailored to their contexts. Both countries are hoping to roll it out with the hope of transforming literacy levels for thousands of children.

And in June, Dan and I had the privilege of travelling to **Thailand**, where we explored how a new adaptation of our resource could serve the **Burmese migrant community** living there. It's estimated that over **14,000 migrant children** are studying in more than **60 Migrant Learning Centres** (schools) in the region. We left hopeful and excited about what could be possible as we work alongside local leaders to help make this vision a reality.

Our team in Zambia continues to grow and flourish. Since March, we've welcomed **Jordan** (joining the Education team) and **Chibangu** (leading the Dignity Campaign, which helps teens explore identity, belonging, purpose, and the real-life challenges they face).

There have been some powerful testimonies from the Dignity Campaign's Dare and Dream Days in recent months. Stories we look forward to sharing with you during this year's Big **Give Christmas Challenge, 2nd- 9th December**.

And there's more to celebrate - both **Matthews** and **Shadrack** welcomed new babies into their families, and **Hannah** married the wonderful Stanley! I'll be sure to capture some updated team photos during my trip in October.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update and thank you for your ongoing support and for being part of this incredible journey with us.

With gratitude,  
Jodie and all the Beyond Ourselves team

# Thursday morning coffee time

10.30am every Thursday

at

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**1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month:**

**Those were the days**

A time to reflect about days gone by, A time that will be especially welcoming for people living with memory difficulties

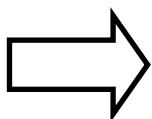
**2nd and 4th Thursday of the month:**

**Time to chat**

A time to come and relax and have fellowship with others over tea or coffee



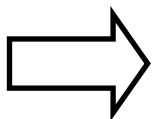
## Diary for October



### **See back cover for regular activities**

The full diary with regular activities is also online at [www.bhpurc.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/whats-on)

Sat 4th	10.00am	Risk assessment and safeguarding training, see page 24
Sun 5th	10.30am	Communion with Evodian Fonyonga
Sun 12th	10.30am	Enrolment Parade with Rev Mandy James
Sun 19th	10.30am	Worship with Ola Lawal
Sun 26th	10.30am	Worship with Rev Ruth Dewis



**Next newsletter deadline:  
Sunday 12th October**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk)

## Prayer diary for October

When I said, “My foot is slipping,”  
your unfailing love, Lord, supported me.

When anxiety was great within me,  
your consolation brought me joy.

Psalm 94:18-19

### **Wednesday 1st**

Falmer Road

### **Thursday 2nd**

Staff and pupils at Enfield  
Grammar School

### **Friday 3rd**

The work of Pam’s Pantry (we  
support them)

### **Saturday 4th**

Sunday’s Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

### **Sunday 5th**

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

### **Monday 6th**

Martin

### **Tuesday 7th**

Persecuted church in North  
Korea

### **Wednesday 8th**

First Avenue

### **Thursday 9th**

Staff and pupils at Latymer  
School

### **Friday 10th**

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

### **Saturday 11th**

Sunday’s Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

### **Sunday 12th**

Thanks for the small things  
people do to help us

### **Monday 13th**

Noah

**Tuesday 14th**

Persecuted church in Eritrea

**Wednesday 15th**

Firs Park Avenue

**Thursday 16th**

Staff and pupils at Kingsmead School

**Friday 17th**

For those who are fearful in their own home

**Saturday 18th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 19th**

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

**Monday 20th**

Peter

**Tuesday 21st**

Persecuted church in Yemen

**Wednesday 22nd**

Fotheringham Road

**Thursday 23rd**

Staff and pupils at Chace Community School

**Friday 24th**

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

**Saturday 25th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 26th**

Give thanks for God's love

**Monday 27th**

Philippa

**Tuesday 28th**

Persecuted church in Iran

**Wednesday 29th**

Haileybury Avenue

**Thursday 30th**

Staff and pupils at Enfield County School

**Friday 31st**

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



## Book club



### The Devil's Bargain by Stella Rimington

In 1988 Harry Bristow, a Policeman made one mistake: he took a bribe, letting a man he knew as Igor into Britain – and he's regretted it ever since. So, when he recognises Igor many years later as his newly-elected MP, he knows he has to come clean. But the MP recognises him too – and Harry fears what he might do next.

Peter Robinson, MP: salesman, politician, bachelor, spy. It was easy to get into Britain in 1988 as an illegal, working deep undercover, but the break-up of the Soviet Union cut Robinson off from his homeland. He's inching closer to Britain's levers of power – but now the one man who knows his secret has reappeared. With no way to contact Moscow, he must act fast to preserve his position and reap its rewards – at any cost.

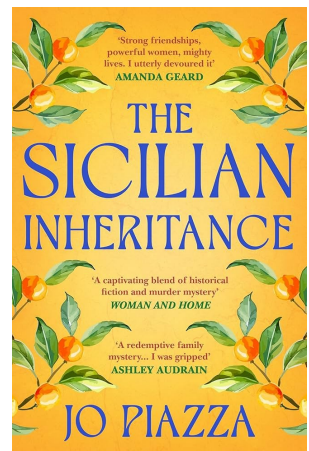
Manon Tyler, CIA analyst, has just boarded a plane to London – with a report on Russian illegals to read. Louise is her friend...

This is a cleverly put together novel but with the author a former head of MI5 she knows a thing or two...

We liked this; again, something different but perhaps not as good as the novels she wrote with Liz as the MI5 operative.

Next we meet on 29th Sept after reading 'The Sicilian Inheritance' by Jo Piazza.

*Sylvia*





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## Being a pastor in the Ukraine

Pastors in the Ukraine are continuing to minister to their beleaguered congregations, bringing comfort and hope into the most frightening and desperate war-torn situations.

So says Transform Europe Network, a Christian ministry which serves alongside indigenous Christians in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. In a recent report, it gives an update from one of its partners on the ground:

“Pastor Evgeniy serves in the war-torn Kherson region of southeastern Ukraine. Since 2022, he and a small group of volunteers have brought food, comfort, and hope to people living amid the destruction.

“Evgeniy and his team recently came to a village that had been shelled. One family’s home was reduced to rubble, and their vital documents were buried. The team arrived in bright, civilian clothing, deliberately chosen to identify them as volunteers, not military. As they began to pull back the rubble, they remained calm, focusing on their priority to help the family escape.

“40 minutes later, the volunteers heard and saw a reconnaissance drone circling above them. They couldn’t tell who it belonged to, but its presence was ominous. Then came a different sound - sharper, lower, and closer. A small military drone was heading straight for them. In a moment that could only be described as divine intervention, the drone clipped a tree branch and crashed to the ground next to the team’s car.

“The team cautiously approached the drone, still twitching and sparking. Minutes later, a second drone appeared. It aimed for the fallen drone, possibly to trigger an explosion by striking the first. But it too missed its target—crashing about six meters from the car, hitting a nearby concrete wall rather than the group. No one was injured.

“But the volunteers knew then that they were under attack. They gathered their tools, helped the family into the vehicle, and drove away. Just seconds after they left, a third drone struck — right where

their car had been parked moments before. The resulting explosion could have easily taken their lives. But once again, by what they all believe was God's hand, they were spared.

"Reflecting on the events, Pastor Evgeniy was asked if he ever felt hatred or the desire for revenge. His answer was quiet, but unshakable

*'No. I just understand. I understand the pain. I understand the fear. But if we don't bring light into this darkness, who will?'*

"For Evgeniy, war is not a reason to harden the heart - it's a call to deeper compassion. Even as drones fly overhead and homes crumble, he continues his ministry, bringing food, prayer, and humanity into places others flee from.

"This is what faith looks like in the ruins. It looks like a small group in bright vests, carrying hope into danger. It looks like a pastor who chooses grace over vengeance. And it looks like a God who protects, even when the bombs fall close."

Since the talks involving the US and a possible ceasefire, the local leaders testify that instead of de-escalation, they've experienced a significant rise in attacks and shelling.

Transform Europe Network (TEN) asks Christians in the UK:

Please pray for pastors and church teams, exhausted by serving many people on the frontline.

Pray for those who are confused, discouraged and angry, even with each other. Pray for healing and comfort from the Holy Spirit. Churches in Ukraine do all they can to reconcile local people, but it is getting harder and harder.

Mothers are afraid that their teenage sons will be taken away for conscription, which has become increasingly aggressive. This also causes men to run away from home and so many families are fractured and deeply stressed as the war grinds on.

More details at: <https://ten-uk.org>

# Enfield recycling

Recycling is an important part in helping our environment, but only if you recycle in the right way.

I recently checked what Enfield will accept as recycling and was surprised at some of the items, particularly shredded paper, jar lids and toothpaste tubes! Here's the detail from their website so you too can know what to include or exclude.

## **Before you put something in the bin:**

- check it – make sure it is a recyclable item, see below
- flatten it – squash cardboard boxes and take out any bubble wrap or polystyrene (these cannot be recycled)
- rinse it – give bottles, pots and jars a quick rinse before recycling
- lid it – put the lid back on bottles and jars after rinsing. This helps the lids get recycled too.

## **What can go in your blue-lidded bin**

### **Tins and cans:**

- Aerosol cans that are empty (such as deodorant and furniture polish)
- Aluminium foil (scrunched up in a fist-sized ball – if you're unsure, visit YouTube - Do the scrunch test)
- Drink cans
- Food tins (rinse first)

### **Glass:**

- Glass bottles (all colours)
- Glass jars (rinse and replace lids)
- Non-food bottles and jars (such as perfume, aftershave and face creams)

### **Plastics:**

- Plastic bottles (all types, such as drinks, cleaning products)

and shampoo)

- Plastic tubs, pots and trays (such as margarine tubs, yoghurt pots and fruit trays)
- Cartons (such as Tetra Paks for fruit juice, milk and soup)
- Toothpaste tubes
- Empty plastic carrier bags

#### **Paper:**

- Newspaper and magazines
- Catalogues and directories
- Office paper, junk mail and flyers
- Envelopes (including window envelopes)
- Brown packaging paper
- Shredded paper (place in a paper bag first)
- Books (consider donating to a charity shop)

#### **Card:**

- Corrugated cardboard (remove all polystyrene and other packaging)
- Printed cardboard boxes
- Shoe boxes

Putting the wrong items in your bin can mean good recyclables become waste. **Key items to exclude** are:

- Dirty plastic and metal containers
- Polystyrene and plastic wrapping
- Batteries of all types and sizes
- Hard plastics (such as plastic toys and garden furniture)
- Light bulbs or broken glass
- Wallpaper

For the full list, visit:

[www.enfield.gov.uk/services/rubbish-and-recycling/household-waste-collection-services/blue-recycling-bins](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/rubbish-and-recycling/household-waste-collection-services/blue-recycling-bins)

## Continuing the Celebration!

On 6th-13th October this year many people around the world will be celebrating the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, or Sukkot. They will celebrate the Harvest, and also remember God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert.

The biblical book of Deuteronomy contains a description of what Tabernacles should have been like back then. “Celebrate... for seven days. Be joyful... you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.”

These festivals were not just a celebration, but also an expression of gratitude to God: “celebrate the festival to the Lord your God... For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” Tabernacles was a proper holiday, with two whole days off normal work and seven days of feasting.

Farming looks very different today. Very few of us have had to sweat long hours over crops, so we’re not as ready for (or deserving of) a rest and a party as our ancestors were at this time of year. That might be even more the case in future, as the agri-tech revolution unfolds. For example, small autonomous tractors are already becoming available that do less damage to the soil and make better use of steep or oddly shaped fields.

Many arable farms already hire contractors to do the routine work with large specialist GPS-equipped machinery. In future years those people might find themselves using very different kinds of high-tech kit, acting more as land-management

advisors, helping farmers to gather data and to find ways of improving soil quality, biodiversity and the water cycle.

I'm very grateful for the food that arrives on my shelves. Instead of worrying about whether or not we earned it, our modern-day Tabernacles or Harvest celebration could include ways of encouraging those involved in agriculture and developing new agricultural technologies, as well as enjoying how we can learn about and benefit from God's creation through Science.

So, after you celebrate Harvest at church, why not follow it up with a trip to a local farm this month? Why not learn from the ancient Israelites, and follow it up with a meal together? It stands to reason that those of us who live in countries where food is plentiful and cheap could do with being proportionately more generous in our gratitude and giving. Should we throw better parties? Probably!

*Dr Ruth Bancewicz*



# Enfield & East Hertfordshire Local Area Group



## Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Training



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
at

Bush Hill Park URC  
10.00 am – 12.30 pm

### **Preparing your own Church Risk Assessment 10am to 11am**

This is an interactive session looking at Church Risk Assessments to enable churches to put together their own bespoke Assessments for the different activities they hold.

### **Safeguarding 11.30am – 12.30pm**

This is open to anyone within the church not only those who are required to complete safeguarding training. It will look at the different types of abuse which people may come across, how to recognise signs of abuse and to whom and how to report abuse. Again this is an interactive activity.

For further information and to register your interest, please contact Vivienne Legg, [safeguarding@lrurc.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lrurc.org.uk) by Thursday 3rd October 2025.



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## Time to make your Will?

Been putting off writing or updating your Will? Next month the charity Will Aid's 'Make a Will Month' will offer you the opportunity to put your affairs in order, secure your loved one's future and give to charities helping those in need.



Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November, when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £120 for a single Will, or £200 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities: namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Crisis, NSPCC, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

As many as half of all UK adults in the UK don't have a Will. They have not made any legally valid provision for what they would like to happen after their death. This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship, for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

*More details at <https://www.willaid.org.uk/register>. Please book early as solicitors tend to fill their appointments very quickly.*

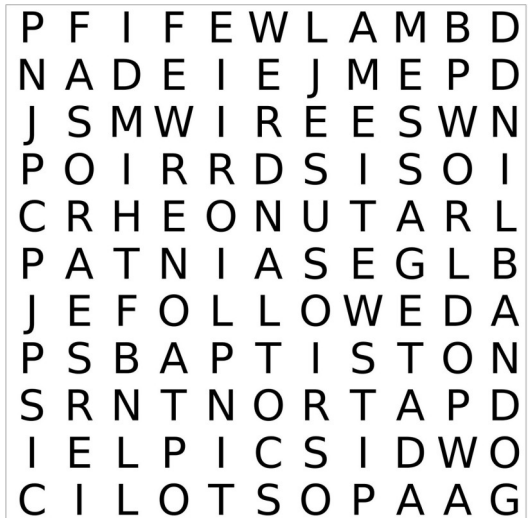
# Wordsearch

Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time, Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the prophet John the Baptist. When one day John pointed Jesus out to Andrew and his friend, and described Him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men realised that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So, as Jesus made off, they followed Him.

When Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about His current place of residence: "where are you staying".

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: "Come and see". So they did, and the results of their response were life changing. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus, and soon the little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was formed.

andrew	patron
saint	scotland
fife	first
disciple	john
baptist	lamb
god	followed
jesus	come
see	peter
apostolic	band
message	world



# Prayer

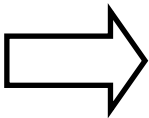
Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers. Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.



Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love – and a kinder world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

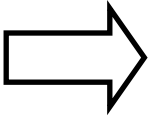
*Daphne Kitching*



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# 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](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/whats-on)

## 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

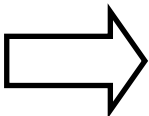
- 10.30am Coffee time - Those were the days, a time to reflect on days gone by (1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday)
- 10.30am Coffee time - general chat (2nd & 4th Thursday)

## 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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