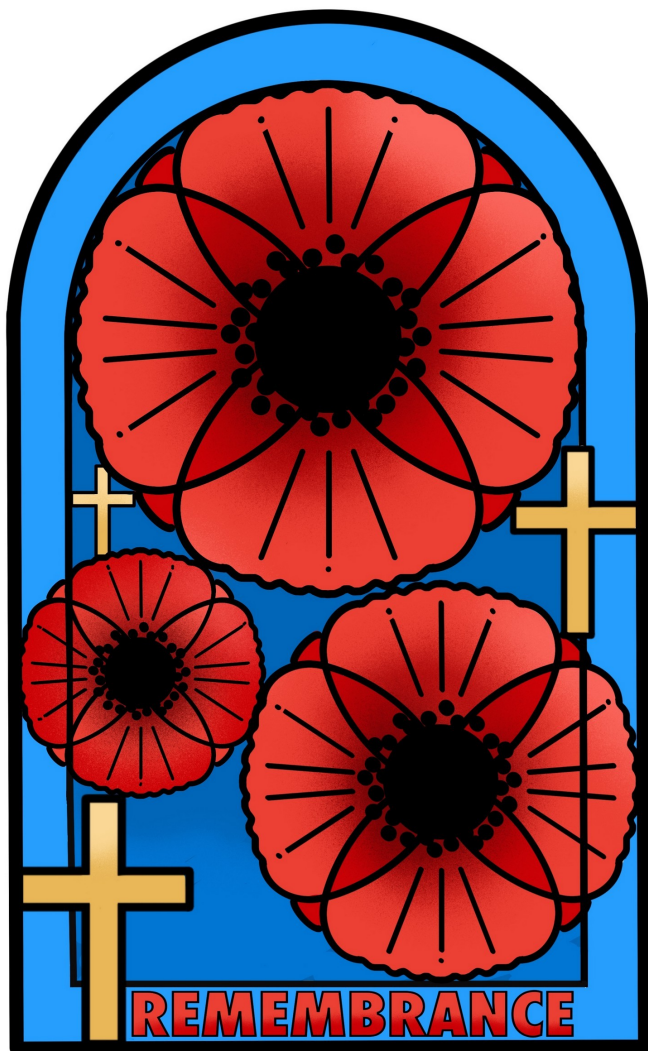


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We expect all of our leaders, volunteers and those who use our premises to share this commitment and value the support of those who worship here in achieving this. Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone 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 started writing this letter as I sat on a train travelling to Stockholm from Oslo. Visiting another country always stirs me to reflect on my own country. It's easy to feel the grass is greener on the other side isn't it? You see the good things in a different country on a short visit because you're not there long enough to see the 'not so good' bits.

A fact pointed out to us on a tour around Oslo, is that the Scandinavian flags all bear a cross, a sign of the Christian faith, the predominant denomination being Lutheranism. It made me reflect on how there's been a lot of debate over the flying of flags in our own nation recently? Sadly, it wasn't just a pride in our nation that generated the love of our flag, there were the undertones of prejudice too.

There's really only one banner worthy of being raised across our nation and that's Christ's - not just in the UK but across the whole globe. It reminds me of the song by Noel Richard's,



*'We want to see Jesus lifted high
A banner that flies across this
land
That all men might see the truth
and know
He is the way to heaven'*

The problems we face these days isn't just the fault of the politicians or even society, it's equally the fault of the Church. We should have been preaching about Jesus' love, his justice and God's judgement with more urgency and passion. We have not wanted to 'upset' people though have we?

We have not been tasked with placating society and the desires that are in fashion. We are called to join the mission of spreading God's good news of salvation for the world. The way we live should be the living example of our faith, for example the way we care for creation, how we help in the community and how we love people as Jesus loves us

remember all people are made in the image of God. Every need of the world can be met through Jesus. When we talk about Jesus, we are preaching about a love beyond our imaginations - agape love. A love that gives itself for others.

Our faith should not be dictated on how we feel. How we feel from day to day is not something we can rely on. We need to put our faith in the One who is our Creator, Provider and our ever present Refuge and Strength.

When we preach Biblical justice and truth it translates as loving our neighbour as ourselves. It should motivate us to encourage one another to walk on the path of righteousness and holiness.

If we preach about God's judgment, which is a fair and just judgment, retribution would be no business of ours because it would remind us that we will be judged as we judge - that in itself is a very good reason to leave things in God's hands.

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your

heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins". (Matthew 6:14-15).

But we can't help ourselves can we? We insist on 'preaching' our own agendas, the things we are passionate about, rather than being passionate about God's agenda and His will. Then when people disagree with us, or we are challenged, we have a tendency to make our disapproval personal.

Look at the recent death in America of Charlie Kirk? Whether we agreed or disagreed with his views, it exemplified how one side's disapproval of the other can lead to unnecessary tragedy.

Which ever way you look at it, many lives changed forever in a moment of hatred that day. There's a young family without a father, a wife without a husband and a young person whose life will be spent incarcerated or ended prematurely with the death penalty. God insists on unity for a very good reason - division that leads to hatred and

intolerance has devastating results.

The Church in Britain is on the platform of a 'train station'. Do we get onto the train, to follow God's travel plans and reach His intended destination for us in the power of the Holy Spirit? Or, does the Church just watch the train leave the station and watch society continue to fall into chaos because we just couldn't be bothered to get on it and so stand there watching the train go out of sight? Going to church on a Sunday alone will not save our country but sacrificing our own desires for Christ's mission will certainly help,

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land",
(2 Chronicles 7:14).

God is quickening his steps and we need to keep up with Him in his strength (not ours) and by His Grace. You may think to yourself, "but I can hardly walk,

never mind quicken my steps". Well the good news is (apart from the Good News of the Gospel), even the bed bound can pray. Prayer is our most powerful weapon against the works of the devil, whose mission is to lie, steal, kill and destroy our hope of an eternity with God and our involvement in God's mission.

"The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". (John 10:10).

You may not physically be able to bend your knee in prayer but I encourage you to metaphorically do it and pray that the Church in this nation will climb aboard God's 'train' and that this country will truly turn back to God, because people need all the prayer we can offer them and they need us to guide them to the one true Saviour who promises to make all things new.

*God bless,
Ruth*

Smile lines

Duck

I have a severe nonlinear waterfowl issue.
(I don't have all my ducks in a row.)

Bible knowledge

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy," the boy replied.

"It means: 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Fish

Somebody just threw a handful of Omega 3 tablets at me!
It's okay, I only suffered super fish oil injuries.

Coffee

The only thing that wakes you up faster than coffee is
spilled coffee.

Morning

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and those who say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Here is the news

Harvest Collection

Thanks to all who brought items for Pam's Pantry to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 28th September. £90 was also given via the bucket



Cheese Recycling Programme closing

Thank you for taking part in The Cheese Packaging Free Recycling Programme!

Please ensure any cheese packaging is left in the box in the church by 9th November as we will be unable to accept cheese packaging after this date.

Congratulations

On 18th October Lisa was awarded a certificate for becoming a locally recognised worship leader following training from the URC and assessed services.



Stick to your shopping list. It's as simple as only buying what you need! Create a plan for weekly meals and write a shopping list. Only buying the ingredients you need will reduce food waste and save money.

Remembering John Hatchett

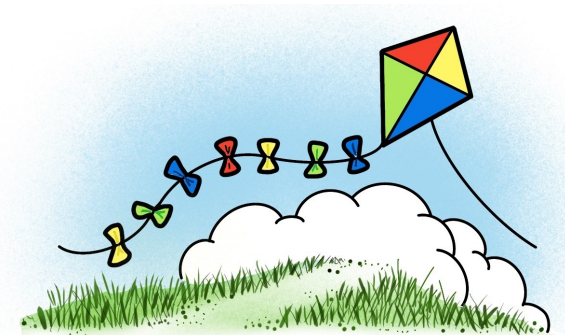
We send our condolences to Anne Hatchett on the unexpected death of her husband John while on a 'Round the UK' cruise.

While not a member, John had been coming to the Thursday coffee mornings and sometimes to worship.

He was a local boy from Harman Road attending Bush Hill Park School and did for a short time attend our Boys' Brigade company. The lure of football matches with his father to his beloved Tottenham Hotspur changed his loyalties!

On marriage he moved to Enfield Highway and Mark their son, was a member of the Ponders End BB Company. He was a very supportive father. A carpenter by trade, he worked for Enfield and Broxbourne Councils as well as for local firms. With a strong work ethic, his hours were long. They later moved back to Bush Hill Park.

Upon retirement, he was helping around the church building when small jobs needed doing. He was very useful at Christmas when putting up the decorations!



We remember Anne, Mark and the grandchildren Ethan and Chloe at this time. He will be sadly missed.

Sylvia

Committed to supporting our global partners in Zimbabwe

When the family farm began struggling, Blessings' husband moved to the city to find work.

"Things were hard," remembers Blessings. "We were living hand-to-mouth and had to wait for provisions to be sent from my husband. I found life really tough – doing everything on my own, trying to get something out of the land in drought. When I managed to harvest something, I couldn't get decent prices."

Blessings tells how things changed for herself and the wider community with the coming of BRAC, a Commitment for Life sponsored project in Zimbabwe. "The project taught us about disaster risk management, and this helped us plan what we need to do in case of droughts and even price fluctuations. The 'climate smart' agriculture training made us realise we can use less fertilisers, farm without cattle to help us plough and still get a harvest even when the rainfall is low. We can also grow feed for our livestock in our fields and make hay for the cattle and goats. This was all completely new to us."

Thank you to you for your wonderful support for BRAC through Commitment for Life. People all across Zimbabwe, like Blessings and her family, have had their lives transformed.



Blessing and her sister processing sunflower oil using the group oil press

Photo credit: © Christian Aid

What happens if you put the wrong items in your blue recycling bin?

What is contamination?

Recycling contamination happens when non-recyclable materials (or recyclable items that are improperly prepared), are placed into the recycling bin. This includes:

- Non-recyclable items such as plastic bags, textiles, nappies, or general waste. To find out what we do accept, see what to put in your recycling bin <https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/rubbish-and-recycling/household-waste-collection-services/blue-recycling-bins>
- Food waste left inside containers, such as half full food tins, yogurt pots or jars or pizza boxes with crusts left in them
- Incorrectly sorted items, such as putting electrical goods or batteries in with paper and plastics.
- Dirty recyclables such as glass jars or tins that have not been rinsed out of remainder sauces

Why is contamination a problem?

Contamination can:

- **Ruin an entire vehicle load of recycling** – even a small amount of contamination can spoil an entire truckload of recyclable material. For example, half a tin of baked beans is enough to cause a whole load to be rejected. The sauce can leak onto paper and cardboard, making it unable to be recycled. Contaminated loads are often rejected by recycling facilities and sent to incineration or landfill, wasting the efforts of all your neighbours who recycled properly.
- **Increase operational costs** – sorting contaminated recycling is labour-intensive, time-consuming, and expensive. Recycling centres must slow down or halt

operations to remove contaminants. Items like stringy materials get tangled in machinery, leading to breakdowns and dangerous conditions for workers who must untangle them. The extra costs are fed back to local councils, leading to increased costs to the council and reduced budgets for other public services. Contamination costs Enfield Council over £85,000 per year.

- **Lower the value of recyclables** – once sorted, recyclable materials are sold as commodities, just like metal, glass or paper. Contaminants reduce the quality and purity of these materials, meaning they are worth less and push up the costs to the council.
- **Pose health and safety risks** – contaminated bins often contain items that can be dangerous. This can result in injuries to workers or fires. The increase in disposable vapes wrongly being placed in the recycling bins can lead to dangerous fires at the sorting facility.
- **Reduce public trust and participation** – if others are not recycling properly why should I? If more waste is not able to be recycled because of a few not recycling properly, it can lead to a reduction of public trust and participation in recycling, leading to more waste.

Preventing contamination

- Know what you can and cannot recycle
- Never put general refuse in your recycling bin
- Rinse recyclables
- Remove food waste
- Remove problem items - remove bubble wrap and polystyrene from cardboard boxes.
- Involve your neighbours or flatmates - talk about recycling rules. Shared bins often get contaminated by mistake.

From Enfield Council website

Christian Aid update

Thank you to everyone who gives to Christian Aid, your generosity is helping communities recover from disaster and begin to rebuild their lives with dignity and resilience.

But the impact doesn't stop there. Around the world, from Gaza to Guatemala and the Democratic Republic of Congo, your support is enabling our partners to stand alongside families facing unimaginable challenges. Together, you are helping people rebuild their lives, protect their livelihoods, and find hope in the hardest of times. Here are a few of their stories...



A Grandfather's fight for survival

At 79, Michel should be enjoying time with his grandchildren. Instead, armed conflict forced his family to flee their home in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Returning to devastation and hunger, Michel now struggles to

provide for his loved ones. Discover his powerful story of resilience and survival.

Read Michel's story at www.christianaid.org.uk/news/what-we-do/michels-story-christmas-appeal



From seeds to security in Guatemala

Thanks to your support during Christian Aid Week 2025, Sofia, a farmer in Guatemala's Alta Verapaz region, is finding solutions to the climate crisis. With training from Christian Aid's partner, she is growing resilient crops, earning an income, and sowing seeds of hope for her children's future.

Find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk/news/what-we-do/seeds-resistance

Cultivating dignity in Gaza

In Gaza, farmer Imad and his family cultivate tomatoes despite repeated displacement and scarce resources. With support from PARC, this story shows how INGO assistance is more than just 'aid' - it fosters resilience, dignity, and survival, helping Palestinian families withstand extreme challenges while sustaining their livelihoods and hope for the future.

Read Imad's story at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/what-we-do/tomato-farming-gaza>



Enfield Choral Society

Charity Number: 293997

Celebrating 150 years of Christ Church URC

Chase Side Enfield EN2 6NU

7:30pm Saturday 8th November 2025



Including

Vivaldi: Gloria

Parry: I Was Glad

Elmer: Psalm 46

(World premiere)

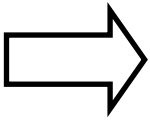
Conductor Mark Sproson

Tickets: £16 in advance, £17 on the door
£7 (under 25s in full time education),
free for accompanied under 16s.

Book via any choir member
or phone 07864 061755
or scan QR code
or visit enfieldchoralsociety.org.uk



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 2nd	10.30am	Communion with Terry Silvey
Mon 3rd	10.30am	Book Club at Dunelm café
Sun 9th	10.30am	Remembrance Parade with Rev Ruth Dewis
Sun 16th	10.45am	Worship with Rev George Watt at Christ Church URC, EN2 6NJ to celebrate their 150th Church Anniversary No service at BHP URC
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Worship with Rev Eddie Boon
Sun 30th	10.30am	Worship with Rev Martin Legg - streamed from Lancaster Road URC - feel free to go there to be in person with others in our pastorate

A Celebration of Christmas
Presented by Enfield Concert Band
In aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice
Suggested donation £10
Saturday 29th November 2025 at 6pm

 **NOAH'S ARK**
children's hospice

Lancaster Road URC, EN2 0BS

 **Enfield Concert Band**

Prayer diary for November

I urge, then, first of all,
that petitions, prayers,
intercession and thanksgiving
be made for all people—
for kings and all those in authority,
that we may live peaceful and quiet lives
in all godliness and holiness.
1 Timothy 2:1-2

Saturday 1st

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 2nd

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

Monday 3rd

Robin (both)

Tuesday 4th

For The Boys' and Girls' Bri-
gade staff and the recruitment
efforts

Wednesday 5th

Harman Road

Thursday 6th

For those on duty or training in
the Navy

Friday 7th

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

Saturday 8th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 9th

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 10th

Ruth

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

Harrow Avenue

Thursday 13th

For those on duty or training
in the Royal Marines

Friday 14th

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

Saturday 15th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 16th

Thanks for clean water, gas
and electricity and sanitation
for our homes

Monday 17th

Simon

Tuesday 18th

Book Club

Wednesday 19th

Hadrians Ride

Thursday 20th

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

Friday 21st

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

Saturday 22nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 23rd

Thanks for those who enter-
tain us, make us smile and
show us other worlds

Monday 24th

Stuart

Tuesday 25th

For the Staff of the Girls Bri-
gade that God will give them
vision and strength to fulfil
their mission

Wednesday 26th

Halstead Road

Thursday 27th

For those on duty or training
in the RAF

Friday 28th

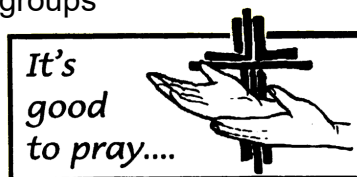
The homeless on the streets
of London as the weather gets
colder

Saturday 29th

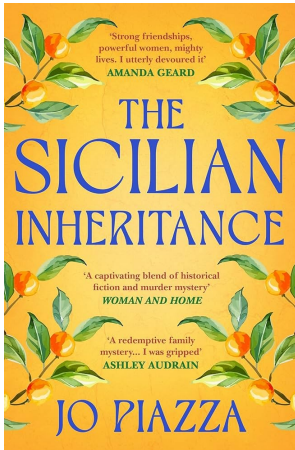
Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 30th

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



Book club



‘The Sicilian Inheritance’ by Jo Piazza

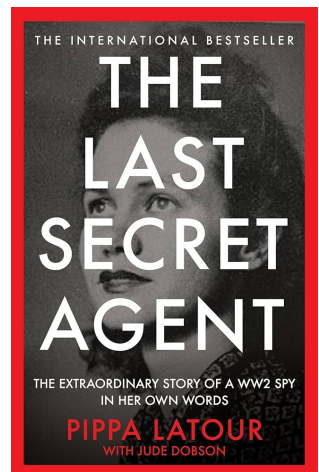
This is an historical fiction novel that follows two timelines: modern-day Sara Marsala and her great-grandmother, Serafina, in early 20th-century Sicily. When Sara inherits a plot of land in Sicily after her great-aunt Rosie's death, she travels there from America to claim it. There, she uncovers her aunt's belief that Serafina was murdered, not killed by illness as family lore states, and becomes entangled in a dangerous investigation into the past and a conflict over her family's land.

With this book we are into the lovely scenery of Sicily, learn of the lives of the early peasants with poor living conditions and no medical help.

The men go off to War or to earn a living elsewhere, especially to ‘la Merica’ leaving these strong women with lots of children to cope with and they did ... Serafina learns things medical and helps her fellow citizens in so many ways.

It is a good read. Some characters we like but others like Giusy (pronounced Juicy) not so much!

Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd November at 10:30 at Dunelm café. We will read ‘The Last Secret Agent’ by Pippa Latour.



Sylvia

Time to remember the Persecuted Church – 2nd November

Have you ever felt frightened to go to church? Afraid that someone might see you and report you to the authorities?

380 million Christians around the world have that anxiety, because one in seven Christians worldwide live in countries with high levels of persecution. That includes one in five in Africa and one in seven in Asia. These Christians make up the Persecuted Church, and live with the threat of discrimination, violence, imprisonment, and even death.

To support these suffering Christians, The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is held each year in November. It is a good month to choose, because November is the month of remembrance – not only of our armed forces on Remembrance Sunday, but also of all Christian saints and martyrs who have given their lives for Christ, on All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

And so, on 2nd November thousands of Christians in churches across the UK will pray for the Persecuted Church worldwide. They will also send practical help through supporting well-established UK organisations such as Open Doors, Release International and Christian Solidarity Worldwide. These work to advocate for persecuted Christians in the UN and to advocate with national governments. They also distribute humanitarian aid to the affected communities around the world.

If you would like to join in this year, Open Doors, Release International, Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), and International Christian Concern offer you digital resource packs containing prayer guides, information about specific regions of persecution, and materials for church services, home groups, and children's activities.

When there is no peace

They dress the wound of My people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace.
(Jeremiah 6:14)

I wonder what peace felt like in 1945, after 9th May or 16th August? These, of course, were the days after Victory in Europe Day and then Victory in Japan Day. Once the parties and hangovers were cleared up, life would go on as before, for many months to come: with shortages, rationing, men overseas, houses bombed and people on the move. On the continent and in the Far East it was much worse.



What does it feel like now? Yes, we have had 'peace' of sorts in most of Europe between the major continental powers for decades, which is an achievement, but there is no peace in Ukraine, the Middle East or Sudan. If anything, the world is now looking to be a more dangerous place.

This verse from the prophet Jeremiah was the theme of a sermon recently. The preacher talked about peace making, peace keeping and a lasting peace, which are not the same and require different skills. In and after the Second World War peace making meant winning the war and defeating evil. Peace keeping was occupying the defeated lands until they could establish communities built on democracy and justice. (The preacher was born exactly nine months after either VE or VJ Day, so he was a 'child of peace'!)

What about a lasting peace? Many world leaders say, "Peace, Peace" but they mean only peace on their terms and do not care

about anything else.

As Christians we should:

Pray for the peace makers: the women and men in the forces

Pray for peace keepers: the experts helping to build new societies

Pray for lasting peace: the willingness of world leaders and politicians to act for the greater good.

David Pickup

Lord,

With your spirit, guide the efforts of humankind to bring peace and justice to the nations of the earth, and give strength to rulers and all who work to establish peace and justice in the world.

Prosper the activities of those who work to preserve human rights.

Promote the endeavours of all who work for reconciliation and justice.

Deliver us from the forces of malice, jealousy and fear. Direct us into the ways of understanding, cooperation and mutual respect.

Bless all peacemakers.

Sustain all peace keepers.

Break down all barriers of ignorance, suspicion and fear.

Build up those things that make for peace, justice and freedom.

Enable us to live with dignity as brothers and sisters united in our diversity and our desire for a world where war itself is but an event only dimly remembered.

Amen.

The nation's favourite school hymn

This autumn the BBC has been in the process of discovering our favourite school hymn. It gave the public a shortlist of 50 hymns to choose from.

The vote was organised by the BBC's Songs of Praise team, with an accompanying programme, The Big School Assembly Singalong, hosted by singer and presenter Aled Jones.

Aled Jones well remembers his school hymn days. "Every morning, we sat cross-legged on an uncomfortable wooden floor, which doubled up as our gym and school canteen.

"We would sing the songs that don't get sung in cathedrals, where I ended up, because they're perhaps seen as child-like, but actually that's what brought me into religious music in the first place.

"There's a joy in being able to sing these hymns that uplift you and make you feel out of this world, but back at school, it was even better to do it with mates. I think that these hymns and this collective singing just takes you back to an easier, simpler, safer time."

The Big School Assembly Singalong will be filmed with an audience of a thousand voices, singing along at the Victoria Hall in Bolton. They'll be joined by a special choir, an on-stage band playing the instruments from school days and king of the assembly songs, James B. Partridge.

The results of the big vote will be announced in a special programme, The Big School Assembly Singalong, hosted by Aled Jones and The Rev. Kate Bottley, on BBC One at 1.15pm, on Sunday 23 November.

Partridge said: "I think the school assembly songs that we sang

as children have a special place in our heart. Having that experience of singing together as a community really brings back the joy of those childhood days.”

Here is a full list of the hymns that the BBC offered. Which are your top five?

All Creatures of Our God and King
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Autumn Days
Bind Us Together
Black and White (The Ink is Black,
the Page is White)
Cauliflowers Fluffy (Paintbox)
Colours of Day (Light up the Fire)
Conkers!
Cross over the Road
Do not be Afraid, for I Have
Redeemed You
From the Tiny Ant
Give Me Oil in My Lamp (Sing
Hosanna)
Glad that I Live am I
Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Clapping
Gloria)
God Knows Me (There are
hundreds of sparrows, thousands,
millions...)
Go Tell It on the Mountain
He's Got the Whole World (He's Got
the Whole World in his Hand)
He Who Would Valiant Be (To Be a
Pilgrim)
If I had a Hammer
If I were a Butterfly
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I
am Lord)
I Watch the Sunrise
Kum ba yah (Kumbaya)
Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of the Dance
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Mine Eyes have seen the Glory of
the coming of the Lord
Morning has Broken
My Lighthouse
Oh Jesus I have Promised
One More Step (One More Step
Along the World I Go)
Peace, Perfect Peace
Praise Him (Praise him in the
morning)
Shine, Jesus, Shine
Sing it in the Valleys
Spirit of God as Strong as the Wind
Thank you, Lord
The Building Song (All Over the
World)
The Lord's my Shepherd
The Wise Man Built his House upon
the Rock
Think of a World (Think of a World
without any Flowers)
This Little Light of Mine
Water of Life
We are Climbing
We Plough the Fields and Scatter
When a Knight Won his Spurs
When I Needed a Neighbour
Who put the Colours in the
Rainbow?
Who's the King of the Jungle?
You Shall Go Out with Joy

St Andrew and football

‘Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don’t like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that’ (Bill Shankley). When you replace the word ‘football’ with ‘mission’, this quote still has something to say! The apostle Andrew (we remember him on 30th November) demonstrates what the mission of the Church is all about (cf John 1:35-42). It’s not unlike following your favourite football team!

When we support a football team, we make sure that we know all about them! When Andrew and his friend heard about Jesus, they wanted to find out more: ‘Look, the Lamb of God.’ (John the Baptist, v35). The first stage of mission is finding out more about Jesus, the One who enables us to be friends of God through His death and resurrection.

Secondly, when supporting a football team, we will spend time watching their games. Andrew asked, ‘where are you staying?’ and Jesus replied, ‘Come and you will see’ (v39). Andrew spent the rest of the day talking and listening to Jesus. As a result of this time, he had something to share. How much time do we spend with Jesus, reading His word and praying?

When our team wins, we want to share the good news! After meeting Jesus, Andrew’s first action was to tell his brother Peter: ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ)’ (v41). Are we willing to tell others about Him too? Sharing with family and close friends can sometimes be harder than talking with strangers. However, we don’t need to follow a football team to engage in mission. It’s all about being excited to share Jesus with those we meet day by day.

‘Mission is seeing what God is doing and joining in’ (Rowan Williams).

Canon Paul Hardingham

Boys' Brigade news

Returning back in September we welcomed three boys who have joined the Company section from the Junior section, with a total of eighteen across the Company & Seniors; we started back with strong numbers. Across each term there will be weeks which follow the format of fall in & inspection followed by a short warm up game, then split into badge classes before returning for a game to end with; some weeks will slightly differ with the boys competing in inter squad challenges.

There's been a range of games played across the first half term such as uni-hock, football, dodgeball, tchoukball and an adaptation of lacrosse. Speaking of lacrosse, what's a ghost's favourite position? Ghoul-keeper. The two inter squad challenges that we've done so far, this year, have included a building bridges challenge where using just a ball of string, four sheets of paper, three small sticks, ten small cable ties and a roll of sticky tape. Once the building time was up, they had to use their bridges to drive a remote-control car across despite appearances, they all managed to hold up, just about and all three had successful remote control car crossings, even if there were to be any that fell, bridges don't hold grudges, they just get over things. Why did the chicken cross the bridge? To get to the other side. The other inter-squad challenge we've done is a team games, including, completing a maze with the person walking it blindfolded and other members of the team able to guide without using directional words or touching the walker. A hockey skills dribbling course, an obstacle course which was completed in pairs, with each pair having to complete whilst

balancing a golf ball on two snooker cues, passing a football through chairs, and a hula-hoop walk, where the teams had to get from one end to the other but they could only walk when in a hula-hoop and could only have one person in each hula-hoop at a time and only being able to move the hula-hoops with a stick, more than one person in a hoop at a time, moving a hoop with anything other than the stick or stepping outside the hoops.

For their badge classes the company section has been looking at a mix of skills including cooking, where they have made giant cookies and microwave mug cakes (images below), basic first aid, a takeaways themed programme, and a try out of brass band. What's a trumpets favourite sport? Brass-ketball. The Seniors have been looking at starting their Duke of Edinburgh, and their expedition, including brushing up on their map reading, route planning and tent craft. There is one thing I have to say on map reading, that one person who invented the part of the map that explains what all the little



symbols mean, what a legend. I recently brought a map of the world and I'm going to put a pin in everywhere I travelled... only thing is I have to travel to the top two corners of the map so it won't wall down. We had a well attended enrolment parade in October, after many years in the company, setting a prime example, supporting the company and generally true Second Enfield, Tom, Miles, Jude, Dylan, Alex, Charlie and Richie were discharged as boys, however they will be staying on to help out, you can see them in an image them here.



Following half term, we will begin preparation for the 2025/2026 drill tournament as well as compete in the bowling competition. More updates on the competition in future editions. Speaking of bowling, how do you know when a bowling alley is quiet, you can hear a pin drop. That's all for this month's edition, until next time.

Joe

Girls' Brigade news

This term has been a difficult one for us. We have lost four members. Three have moved out of London and one has moved to secondary school and finds it difficult to get here. Nevertheless, we have embraced the new material from headquarters and have been looking at one of the seasons, Autumn.

The first week we looked at "Change", and the girls politely listened to the Byrds song "Turn, turn, turn" based on Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verses 1-8, then we had a discussion on how we change, and the changes we are going through.

Session 2 was "Harvest Thanks" and we constructed a mini cornucopia. The reading was James 1 :17 "every perfect gift we have is from above"

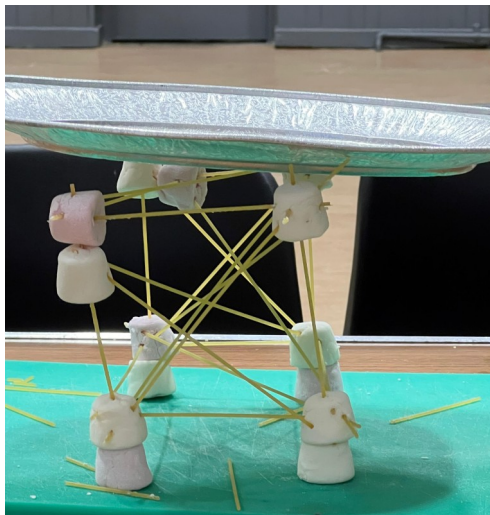
Session 3 was based on "courage" and how God is always with us especially when the going is tough. (Joshua 1:9 Be Strong.....For the lord your God is with you, and Matthew

28:20 And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age)

Sessions 4 & 5 were "being part of Gods



family" (Romans 12:5 So in Christ, though we are many, form one body and Galatians 3:28 We are all one in Jesus Christ) & "Lighting the way" (Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet, and Matthew 5:14 You are the light of the world) The girls decorated glass tea-light holders and constructed bridges using Pasta and marshmallows.



Please pray for us and the girls as we move forward. The things we have been teaching the girls are all very relevant to what is happening in the Company, and as leaders in the company we need to draw strength from our teaching,



God Bless,
Lynda

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 out Jesus to Andrew and his friend, and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed 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. For 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. And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

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

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Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Here we are in November – the month of short, dark days. A dreary, difficult month, unless you have a birthday! Lord, it seems as if the world is permanently in November at the moment. So much is so difficult for so many people, through no fault of their own. And it seems to go on and on.

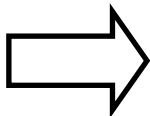
Lord, would You bring your healing light into the world's darkness. Bring transformation, compassion and a softening into the hearts of those with responsibility for the conflict and the suffering, that they might work for peace for all people. We know that nothing is impossible for you, Lord, so we pray in faith – and in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Daphne Kitching



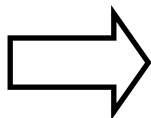
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Weekly activities



Please check the church website to confirm if the activity you want to go to is going ahead.
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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

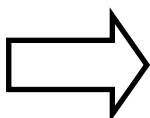
- 10.30am Coffee time - Those were the days, a time to reflect on days gone by (1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday)
- 10.30am Coffee time - general chat (2nd & 4th Thursday)

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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