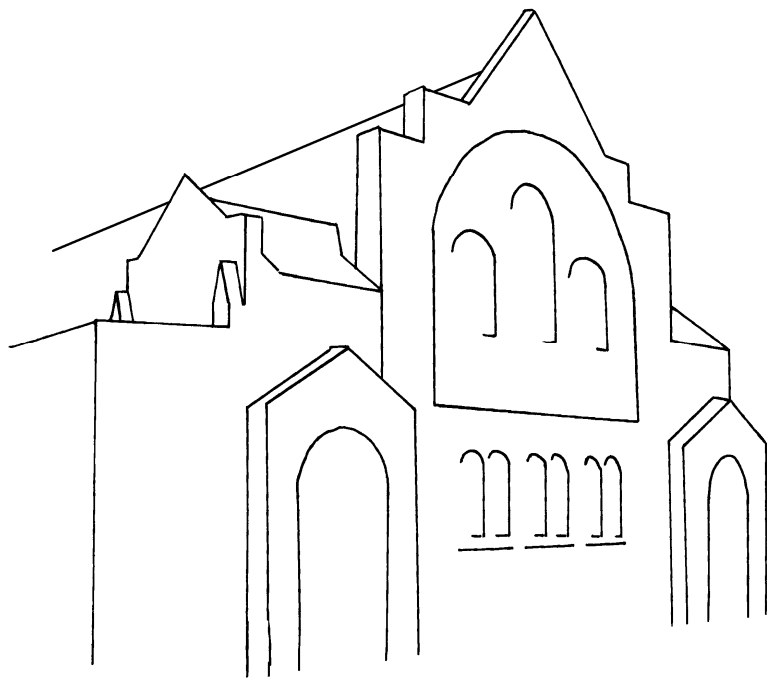


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Newsletter



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The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church policy.

Have you seen the news on the Church Internet site? Check it out at www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 31st October. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 17th October**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

Editor: Lisa Hamblin, 130 Clive Road, Enfield EN1 1RF

FROM THE MINISTER: October 2010

Sometimes in our lives we are called upon to make very difficult decisions that tear at your soul and mind as you prayerfully discern the calls that are made upon your life. In my case the tearing came between the people I have come to know and love at Bush Hill Park URC and my longing to live again in a small village in a rural setting which is where I find real comfort of the stillness and the rhythms of change brought about by the four seasons influencing the farms and the lives of animals and plants and people.

‘Goodbye’ means in effect “God be with you” and this is my prayer for the saints at Bush Hill Park URC. **Acts 20:32** *“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.* Living under the grace of God’s Word is the real blessing we Christians are receiving day in and day out. The minister is blessed to be able to share these words with the flock who have called him. I pray that I have done this with reverence and sincerity and that I have brought some change via the Holy Spirit to your lives. Thank you for your patience and understanding of my many failings, for whilst I am called I am indeed human and a sinner living under God’s grace.

Bush Hill Park URC has an amazing jewel in its crown! There are not many URC congregations blessed with the energy and joy of having so

many young people in their midst. The Brigades and Baby and Toddlers group and Grafton School give a unique and vigorous energy to the place and I am glad that the fabric has been repaired to ensure this activity remains a vibrant entity for all. Jesus said, *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20.35b)* and we who have been privileged to give for the young ones have indeed been blessed and given blessings. I am humbled by your dedication - thank you!

To the Elders and our Church Secretary go my thanks for love and support and to Rev Martin, my thanks for guidance and encouragement. Look after the precious jewel God has given you here! I have also to thank Martin Hamblin for his dedication and support as Treasurer and musician and IT boffin who made our services work so seamlessly on the screen – I am in awe of the work he and Lisa put in to

making communications happen here.

There are so many others who have been an inspiration and a joy. Jesus got it so right when he knew we needed to gather as church. The gathered church at Bush Hill Park has so much happening and so many ministries just getting on with the Lord's work that I am grateful and also impressed by how God uses so many to do His will. Bless you for responding to the call on your precious time that makes this congregation special.

Pat and I pray God's blessing on you all and invite you to visit if you are in the Halesworth area of Suffolk.

Denis and Pat Simons

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 4:6)

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**THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER
AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED**

Smile lines

Say again?

Three elderly church ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. The Methodist minister observed, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the Baptist pastor said, "it's Thursday." The Anglican vicar agreed: "So am I! Let's go get a pint."

Way to go!

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he ventured: "Did you start at 1?"

Whose fault is it, anyway?

In a small town a businessman put in planning permission to build a nightclub complete with dancing girls. The local church started a vigorous campaign to block it from opening. The church launched a petition and held prayers in public. Work progressed, however, right up until the week before opening. Then one night a bolt of lightning strike hit the nightclub and it burned to the ground.

The church members were rather smug after that, until the nightclub owner sued them all -on the grounds that they were responsible for the fire. Loudly protesting their total non-involvement and innocence, the church members were all taken to court.

As the case began, the judge looked over the paperwork and observed: "I don't know how I'm going to decide this. It appears that we have a nightclub owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't!"

If only

Computer message I'd like to see: 'Smash forehead on keyboard to continue'.

Oh dear

Confidence is that feeling you have just before you fully understand the situation.

Here is the News

Building Fund

Thank you for all your donations to the Building fund.

The Building fund stands at £26,805 of the £60,000 needed. The work is almost complete.

If you have any ideas for fundraising please talk to Martin Hamblin. Could you do a sponsored sky dive or run? Please have a think about different ways to fundraise.

Don't forget our online donation page www.charitygiving.co.uk/bhpurcbf

Thank you.



Christmas is approaching!

If you have any ideas regarding the service or would like to get involved with the Christmas services (particularly on 19th December) please talk to Carol Rensch.

Preachers

Kath would like to know if you have a favourite person who took a service here so that she knows who to book back in for future services.

Also, if you know of anyone who would like to take a service here please give their contact details to Kath Cole. Thank you.

Pam Pite has recently been in hospital but hopes to be back in her new home soon. Please continue to pray for her.

Keep up to date with events at BHPURC; discuss those important topics; see photos of our building work.

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Operation Christmas Child make a child's Christmas this year

Wondering how our church can directly impact the lives of needy children overseas? Wondering how our church might reach out in some way to our own local community this autumn? There may be one answer for both questions: Operation Christmas Child – the UK's largest shoebox appeal run by Samaritan's Purse.

The idea is simple. All we have to do as churchgoers (young and old) is to find shoeboxes and fill them with gifts and goodies, which are then sent to children in need around the world. Last year, more than 6,000 churches throughout the country got involved. Nearly 1.2 million shoeboxes were sent to Africa, Eastern Europe or Central Asia.

Getting involved with Operation Christmas Child between September – November will bring us several benefits as a church. For example:

1. It's good to work as a group to make a real difference to people in need.
2. It's a great opportunity to reach out to our own neighbours. We can use fun shoebox-themed events and activities to draw them in.
3. It's a chance for us to 'unite' as the Body of Christ, by supporting local churches around the world, as they reach out to their local, needy children with our shoe boxes.

What's more, a shoe box can bring astonishing joy into the lives of children like 4-year old Sasha from Belarus. She was abandoned by her parents and left in the care of an orphanage. But last year, when she was given a Christmas shoe box, she realised that God loves her and that she had not been forgotten. The breakthrough was shown by her big smile – the first time anyone had at the orphanage had seen her smile!

Getting started... There are a number of FREE resources available, from leaflets for packing shoeboxes, to a 20th anniversary DVD. Details at: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk or phone 0870 011 2002.

Please start to bring items to go into a shoebox & any unwrapped shoe boxes, these will be wrapped & filled by our young people. If you have already filled shoeboxes please give these to Ivy Neate by early November.



FAMILY FUN QUIZ

Saturday 20TH November 6pm

Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church

A quiz for all the family to help raise funds for our building works. Why not invite your friends and work colleagues and make a couple of tables?

Supper is included – please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Menu

Pizza; Jacket
Potatoes – with
Choice of Chilli Con
Carne, Cheese
Baked Beans

Tickets (8 per table)
from Anthony
Rensch
07956 914526
£7 for adults £5 for
under 13s.



Diary

October

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

Sat 2nd	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 3rd	10:30am 6:00pm	Communion with Rev. Denis Simons Bible Study
Tues 5th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 10th	10:30am	Remembrance Parade with Rev. Denis Simons & Rev. Martin Legg followed by... BB Anniversary Dinner
Sun 17th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Rev. Denis Simons
Sun 24th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg
Sun 31st	10:30am	Morning Worship led by the Elders

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 17th October

PRAYER PLAN

OCTOBER 2010

As we pray to our God and Father may we speak expecting him to answer our requests, drawing closer to him, that others will know that we have a relationship with him. Each day may we know your presence in our lives and in our hearts. Amen

Friday 1st

Christopher Whippe

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for the renovation
work that has been done on
the building.

Monday 4th

People of Bangladesh as
they face annual floods

Tuesday 5th

Those women facing
increased violence in war
zones

Wednesday 6th

People of Falmer Road

Thursday 7th

For our Church and its future

Friday 8th

Hermione and Ray White

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 10th

Thanks for good health

Monday 11th

People of Democratic
Republic of Congo suffering
the after affects of civil war

Tuesday 12th

The Chileans still trapped
underground and their
families waiting for them to
be saved

Wednesday 13th

People of First Avenue

Thursday 14th

Those facing cuts in services especially the elderly and vulnerable

Friday 15th

Dot and Dave Williams

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Thanks for those babies born recently and those expecting babies

Monday 18th

People of Burkina Faso, one of the poorest countries in the world

Tuesday 19th

Those who face losing their jobs or a change in working conditions

Wednesday 20th

People of Firs Park Avenue

Thursday 21st

Women who are marginalised though they do most of the work in their society.

Friday 22nd

Tracey, Steve, Georgina and Rhianna Williams

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 24th

Thanks for those who use our buildings that they may want to become part of our fellowship

Monday 25th

The people of Iran, especially the Christians still living there

Tuesday 26th

Street children in Brazil and those who live in the slums

Wednesday 27th

People of Fotheringham Road

Thursday 28th

Those in our society facing physical or sexual abuse or harassment at work

Friday 29th

Alison, Matthew & Anthony Witter

Saturday 30th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 31st

Thanks for all those who give their time and support to our organisations and to help in our community.

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We have a prayer book in the lounge where you can request prayers and there is a Friday morning Prayer Group who meet to pray and we would be happy to include your requests.

One at a time Evangelism

Rigby, a travelling salesman in the United Kingdom, often used to find that at the end of a working week he would have to spend the weekend in Edinburgh. When this happened he always stayed at the same guest house, always went to St George's for Sunday worship and he would always persuade or twist the arm of a fellow guest to go to church with him.

This particular weekend, after a lot of 'twisting', he eventually managed to persuade a fellow guest to go to St George's with him. The guest was so excited after the morning service that he insisted on going back to the evening service. He thanked Rigby for taking him and said that for the rest of his life he would devote himself to the Lord's service.

When setting out on his travels on Monday morning Rigby passed St George's and thought he would drop in, introduce himself to Rev Whight and tell him about the previous day. Needless to say, Rev Whight was delighted and said that he had been feeling a bit miserable because he had thought the previous day's service had not been very good. This news really cheered him up.

As Rigby was leaving, Rev Whight said, "By the way, what did you say our name was?" When Rigby replied, Rev Whight said, "You are the chap I have been looking for, for years, wait a minute." Rev Whight returned with a handful of letters, all from people relating the story of staying in Edinburgh, meeting a salesman called Rigby and being persuaded to go to St George's. All testified to it having been a life changing experience and four had moved into full time ministry.

The faithfulness of one servant! Maybe the world has too many souls for us to witness to. Maybe it is too frightening. Why not start with ONE! If each one won one in one year we would double our congregation!



What's the Big Idea?

an introduction to the New Testament book of Galatians

It's easy to see how religion can be used to control people's lives! Paul's letter to the Galatians has been described as the 'Magna Carta of Christian Liberty', because it emphasizes the freedom that we can know through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul vigorously defends the essential truth that people are justified ('made right with God') by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Our standing with God is not determined by what we do, but by dependence on what God has done by the grace and power of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The date and destination of Paul's letter are disputed. One view holds that Paul wrote this letter in the mid 50s to the churches in north-central Asia Minor that he visited on his second missionary journey. More generally, it's believed that he wrote it in 48/9 to the churches in the southern area of Galatia, which he planted on his first missionary journey. In this case the letter would have been written before the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), making it the earliest of Paul's letters.

However, there is general agreement about the problem Paul is dealing with in Galatia. When he left the new converts, Jewish-Christians (or Judaizers) advocating ceremonial practices of the Jewish law, including circumcision, in addition to the cross of Christ as a means of salvation. They also undermined Paul's authority as an apostle, by asserting that he had not been trained by Jesus and that his gospel did not agree with the original apostles in Jerusalem.

In response, Paul defends his apostolic authority and presents the true gospel, by emphasising the unique importance of Christ and his cross as God's means of salvation. He argues that 'a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ' (2:16). He employs a variety of arguments, appealing especially to the example of Abraham (3:6-9) and the difference between Hagar and Sarah (4:21-31), interpreted as a contrast between being a 'slave' under the law and 'free' in Christ.

Therefore, a key verse in the letter says, 'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.' (5:1). It is by grace through faith alone that people are justified, and it is by faith alone that they are to live out their new life in the freedom of the Spirit.

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Teenage Christianity

As the father of two boys (14 and 10), a recent article at CNN.com caught my attention. In it, author Kenda Creasy Dean argues that most teenagers in American churches have a case of "fake" Christianity. Some excerpts:

"Dean says more American teenagers are embracing what she calls 'moralistic therapeutic deism.' Translation: It's a watered-down faith that portrays God as a 'divine therapist' whose chief goal is to boost people's self-esteem."

"Though three out of four American teenagers claim to be Christian, fewer than half practice their faith, only half deem it important, and most can't talk coherently about their beliefs, the study found. Many teenagers thought that God simply wanted them to feel good and do good."

"No matter their background, Dean says committed Christian teens share four traits: They have a personal story about God they can share, a deep connection to a faith community, a sense of purpose and a sense of hope about their future."

"The Christian call to take risks, witness and sacrifice for others is muted, she says. 'If teenagers lack an articulate faith, it may be because the faith we show them is too spineless to merit much in the way of conversation,'" wrote Dean, a professor of youth and church culture at Princeton Theological Seminary.

This is a challenge to parents, pastors, youth pastors and other leaders: We can't assume that our kids are getting it when it comes to committed Christian faith. We need to make sure they hear the gospel and see it lived out in our lives.

Michael Duduit
Editor: Preaching Magazine



Boys Brigade News

Where to begin? Well let's look back to before the summer holidays. In the last few weeks of the session, we did a number of activities. One of these activities was to return to the archery centre. Once again this was a great evening and everyone had loads of fun. We also went to a canoeing centre, where we messed around on a lake playing different games. Some staff, not mentioning any names - Derek, thought it best to stay on dry land and watch!

We also took the boys and a few of the girls from GB to the snow dome in Hemel Hempstead. This is an indoor ski slope with real snow (that's right, actual snow!). They were given inflatable rings and access to the slope to hurl themselves down it. I am not sure the girls liked us throwing snow at them, but it was funny!

The last Monday session of the summer was our annual game of rounder's and the BBQ of all BBQ's. All the boys turned up and ate burgers and hot dogs.

We finished the summer session with the long awaited Camp (Excitingly there are now less than 11 months to go till camp 2011). Once again we were off to the Isle of Wight for a week of fun. Our theme for camp this year was 'Robin Hood' and everyone made a massive effort to arrive on Saturday morning in full Robin Hood style fancy dress. There were a lot of Robin Hoods, a few Friar Tucks and 1 Sheriff of Nottingham's knight. No-one seemed brave enough to come as maid Marion.

We set off from the church at 6.30am in full fancy dress for the ferry. When we set foot on to the deck of the ferry, our fancy dress caused a lot of interest from the tourists on board. They wanted photos with us and seemed very excited about our Robin Hood clan.

We finally arrived at our field around 11.30am, and straight away got stuck into sorting everything out. There are a lot of important things that need to be unloaded from the lorry, such as the 'Rock' which sits on the staff table in the marquee. Camp would not be camp without the Rock.

The week was crammed full of activities, and food! We went to the beach loads and the sea was great. We did lots of activities in the field such as

Football competition, Wallyball tournaments, large puzzles, slippery pole, balloon games, assault course and loads of other things, as well as some off site activities. One of the offsite activities that we did this year was an all day bike ride across the island. There were some really great and long down hill stretches on the way, which everyone really enjoyed. Unfortunately with every downhill bit there is always uphill.

As well as going to the beach a few times to swim in the sea we also held our very traditional beach Olympics. Another thing that the boys really love doing while down on the beach is looking for crabs. We managed to catch a lot this year (we put them back at the end). This year we brought some snorkelling gear, so the boys could snorkel around the rocks.

We also returned to a place called Head Hunters, which is a large outdoor quasar centre. There are 2 teams and wooden bases that need defending, while the other team attacks. I must just point out that it was our right flank that let us down, not mentioning any names - Derek.

Another activity the boys did was a foot rally. As I mentioned earlier the theme for camp this year was 'Robin Hood', so on Wednesday we all put our fancy dress back on, and with a small marching band in front, paraded through the campsite to the beach, to the amusement of all its residents.

The weather was very good this year which meant it was hot, and when it is hot it leads to only one thing - water fights!! This year we had some great water fights, with the staff being very stealthy when it came to sneaking up on someone to tip a bucket of ice cold water over them.

All the boys were exceptionally well behaved this year and Mr Rushbrook did not have to get his 'deadly toothbrush paste of doom' out, as there was no bad language from the boys all week.

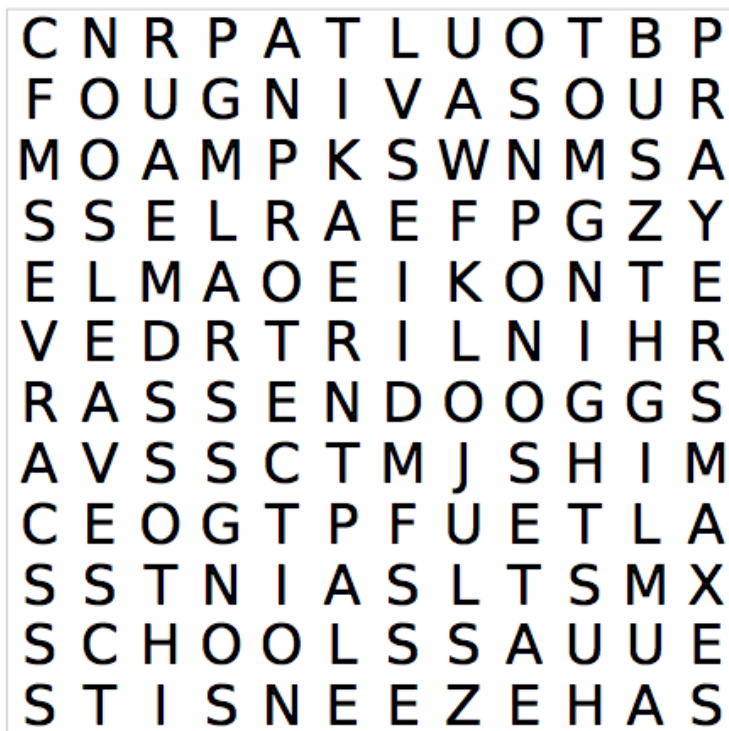
As you can tell, it was a very successful camp, and one of personal favourites to date. Did I mention that there is less than 11 months to go till camp 2011.

And now we are fully up to date. We have all started back and are looking forward to a packed programme of events. There will be our normal trips away in the coming months as well as many competitions. We also have our birthday celebration to look forward to, which is being held on Sunday 10th October. It's a Sunday lunch and it is hoped that many people will join us. If you would like to know more please speak to me or Robin Ward ASAP.

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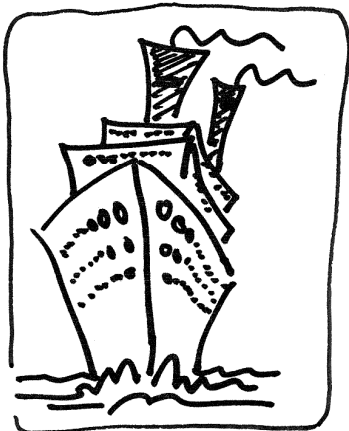
With October, autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them. So they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when he died for us on the cross, he overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that he is our shield and protector!

Autumn	Gold	Night	Dark	Pumpkin	Sweets
Saints	Goodness	Saving	Prayer	Protection	Light
Jesus	Son	fearless	School	Exams	Half term
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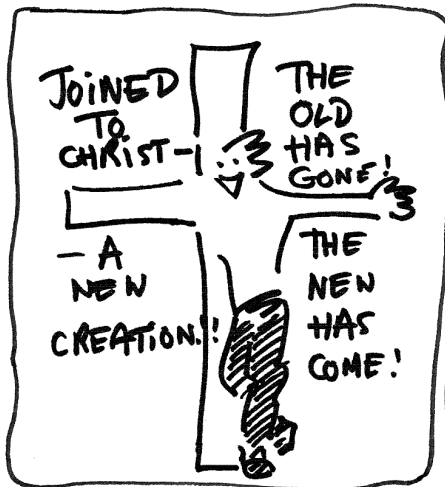


Bible Sketchbook

Watch your tongue!



Our tongues are far more powerful than we imagine. They are like the steering wheels of huge trucks or massive ships. Tiny as they are they can make huge things happen. They reveal the sin and dirt in our hearts causing massive damage if left unchecked. Only Jesus can bring lasting change. If we turn to him and are "joined" to him we become "new" people. Have you done this? If so your body is a "temple" for the Holy Spirit and can be used for God's glory! Read more in James 3 and Mark 7.



William Mather©

BHP DAY BY DAY URC

Sunday 10:30am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday in the month)
6:00pm Bible study (1st Sunday in the month)
3:00pm Messy Church (4th Sunday in the month)

Monday 7:30pm Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
8:00pm Book Club (1st Monday in the month)

Wednesday 6:15pm Girls' Brigade

Friday 9:15am Prayers in the **Junior Room**
10:15am Baby & Toddler Group
6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys and Junior Section)

Saturday 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (1st Saturday in the month)

