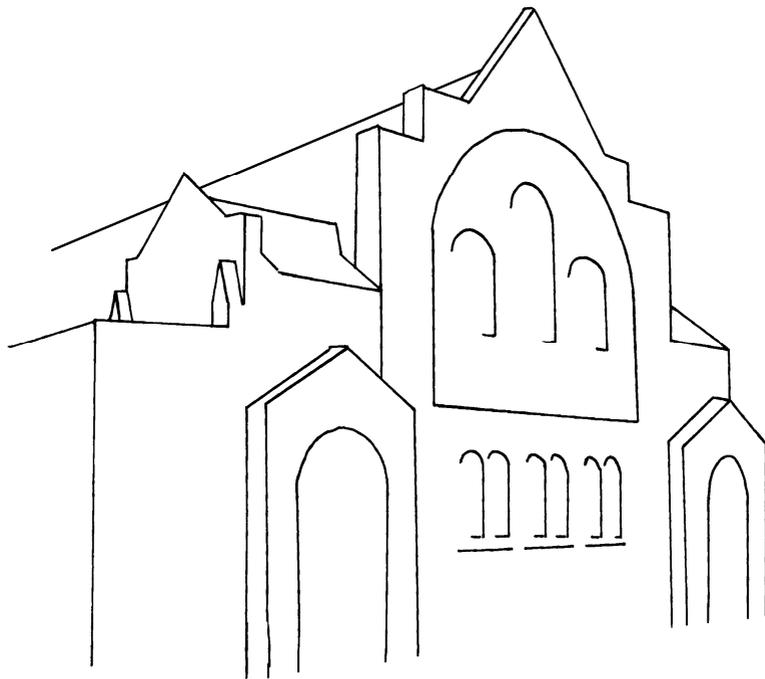


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Newsletter



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*Have you seen the news on the Church Internet site? Check it out at [www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm)*

## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 29th August. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk)) by **Sunday 15th August.**

**Please note that late contributions may be held over.**

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## FROM OUR MINISTER – JULY 2010

By the end of this month the saints at Bush Hill Park URC will have gained some understanding of prophets and their role in guiding society and the religious establishment in a world that makes increasing demands on our lives. I pray you will have seen some new insights into what Jesus had to cope with in his daily life in a nation that had needed guidance and loving care. The prophets challenged but they could never do what Jesus eventually had to do for ordinary folks like me – to die and rise again bearing my sin and by grace setting me free to seek his kingdom by service of my life.

I pray Martin and I have given you an understanding of the history of God's chosen people who seemingly were often divided against themselves and at loggerheads with their political neighbours. Wars and counter wars tore apart the twelve tribes, broke down their moral codes and exiled them, restored them, scattered them and brought them back to the chosen land, weakened and by the time Jesus came, the Romans had conquered them and rebuilt their temple. By September of 76 AD they were finally destroyed by the Romans and the city of Jerusalem burned to the ground – a ruin that is the centre of inter-faith conflict today between Jew, Muslim and Christian.

Perhaps the greatest thing we learn from the Psalmists and the prophets is that religious practices are far less important than doing God's will. **Micah 6:8 (NIV)** “*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*” Is this perhaps the most difficult thing for individuals or nations to do?

In our democracy in the UK we have been rocked by a deep seated

corruption that has seen personal gain rise above the calling to ‘act justly’ by applying the rules of governance in a way that could probably be proved to be ‘legal’ but when judged against the innate goodness required by God fails to measure up to what the Lord requires. But we need to heed Jesus’ challenge of whoever is not guilty in some way being able to cast the first accusatory stone. We must examine the mote in our own watery eye first so that it can be removed to see God’s truth and merciful grace in all we do so that we can ‘love mercy’. When this is our first priority, then we begin the difficult walk along the narrow way that leads to Christ’s forgiveness and the hope of eternal life being gracefully given.

Our walk in humility with God is where we have our burden shared and where we encounter the guidance of the Holy Spirit to allow us to be empowered to live as the Lord’s servants. Giving glory to God for whatever talents you have been blessed with leads to a new place in subduing pride and self-centredness that tempts us to push the boundaries of what we deep down know to be not what Jesus would

have us do. The prophets teach that when we take our eyes off God's ways, then we stumble and fall often with disastrous effects on our loved ones.

The question remains for us today. "Do you and I recognise the good God has shown us?" Do we therefore walk humbly with our God as the main thing we do here at BHPURC? The truthful answer to that question can become a life changing experience for the rest of our time here on earth.

**2 Peter 1:5-7 (ANIV)** <sup>5</sup> *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;<sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;<sup>7</sup> and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.*

Peter understood what the prophets asked us to do!

I pray the August summer holidays will be filled with laughter, fun, family quality time and most importantly the quiet of places not being swamped by the buzz of vuvazelas! May the buzz you get be supplied by good feelings of relaxation and love of friends and family. And then remember, "Slap on the sunscreen lotion if the said celestial ball does make an appearance from behind the clouds of over our beautiful island.

*Davis*



Er..., now you come to mention it - p-raps it wasn't the best site for the coconut shy!

## Smile lines

### Say a prayer

Young James and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When James received his plate, he started eating right away. "James! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always pray before eating at home."

"That's at our house," James protested. "This is grandma's house, and she can cook!"

### Sport

Q: What sport do elephants play in a taxi?

A: Squash.

### "Dear Mr Minister..."

- I know God loves everybody but then he never met my sister.  
Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.

- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.

- My father should be a minister too. Every day he gives me a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, age 11.

- I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10.

- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.

# Here is the News

We have heard that both Dorothy Ilines and Dorothy Dibble have been unwell. We send them our best wishes. Please remember to pray for them and their families as they care for them.

Both the Boys and the Girls Brigade will be going away to camp at the end of July. If you can send a **cake** or two they would be most grateful. Please leave them in the kitchen on 23rd July for the boys and 29th July for the girls.

## Congratulations

Margaret and John Hitchcock have become grandparents. A grandson Harry was born on 16th June. We wish them and their family all the joys of a new baby.

With sadness we have learned of the passing of Thelma Fulcher. Many will not know the name as she left us for Cornwall many years ago but while with us she was a committed member. She always kept up with us through the regular newsletter distribution. We send our sympathies to her family at this time.

Donate to the Building Fund online:

<http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/bhpurcbf>

Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 15th August



Do something  
amazing today.

Save a live.

Give blood.

Thursday 21st July

14:00 - 16:00

17:00 - 19:30

In our church hall

Please try to support  
this event and make a  
difference!



Billy  
Blood Drop

# Diary

## July & August

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

|                          |                    |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| <b>July</b><br>Sat 3rd   | 9:00am             | Prayer Breakfast                               |
| Sun 4th                  | 10:30am<br>6:00pm  | Communion with Rev Denis Simons<br>Bible Study |
| Tues 6th                 | 7:45pm             | Elders Meeting                                 |
| Sat 10th                 | 9:00am -<br>2:30pm | BB jumble sale                                 |
| Sun 11th                 | 10:30am            | Parade with Rev Denis Simons                   |
| Sun 18th                 | 10:30am            | Worship with Rev Denis Simons                  |
| Sun 25th                 | 10:30am<br>3:00pm  | Worship with Rev Martin Legg<br>Messy Church   |
| <b>August</b><br>Sun 1st | 10:30am<br>6:00pm  | Communion with Rev Denis Simons<br>Bible Study |
| Sun 8th                  | 10:30am            | Worship with Rev Denis Simons                  |
| Sun 15th                 | 10:30am            | Worship with Rev Denis Simons                  |
| Sun 22nd                 | 10:30am            | Worship with Michaela Lawrence                 |
| Sun 29th                 | 10:30am            | Worship with Rev Martin Legg                   |

# PRAYER PLAN

JULY 2010

Lord God, we thank you for the diversity of people you call into your kingdom. Give us loving hearts, so we may cross cultural divides and find genuine expressions of our family relationship in Christ. Amen

Thursday 1st

People in France who have been affected by severe flooding

Friday 2nd

Morning prayer group as they meet to pray for our concerns in the world, our community and friends

Saturday 3rd

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 4th

Thanks for our musicians playing for us each week

Monday 5th

Angela and Alan Rushbrook

Tuesday 6th

Grace and Gary our cleaners

Wednesday 7th

Burleigh Road

Thursday 8th

Those in America affected by the oil still pouring into the sea in the Gulf of Mexico

Friday 9th

Grafton Nursery School

Saturday 10th

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 11th

Thanks for those who work behind the scenes to keep the church as a centre for our activities

Monday 12th

Vera and Reg Sear

## Tuesday 13th

For the couple who were taken hostage by pirates and still have not been released

## Wednesday 14th

Bury Street West

## Thursday 15th

For the people of Haiti who are still living in homeless camps after the earthquake

## Friday 16th

Baby and Toddlers and their mothers and carers

## Saturday 17th

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

## Sunday 18th

Thanks for Lifeboat men saving people from the sea

## Monday 19th

Mavis Seligmann

## Tuesday 20th

Teachers, School Governors and Dinner ladies

## Wednesday 21st

Bycullah Avenue

## Thursday 22nd

People of Zimbabwe

## Friday 23rd

Boys Brigade as they go away together for fun and fellowship on Isle of Wight

## Saturday 24th

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

## Sunday 25th

Thanks for doctors and nurses who go to areas where the people have no access to health care

## Monday 26th

Pat and Denis Simons

## Tuesday 27th

Our street cleaners and dustmen

## Wednesday 28th

Cecil Avenue

## Thursday 29th

People of Kenya, many of whom live in slum conditions

## Friday 30th

Girls as they go to camp in Houghton, Huntingdon

## Saturday 31st

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

The church needs more people to provide flowers each week and to help as stewards on the door. Please see an elder if you can help.

# PRAYER PLAN

AUGUST 2010

Lord God, give us wisdom, we pray, so that we may see the wonder of your creation and appreciate that in our own lives which makes us rejoice in our families and friends. Amen

## **Sunday 1st**

Thanks for our Neighbours and friends.

## **Monday 2nd**

Joyce Smith

## **Tuesday 3rd**

Those caring for children with learning difficulties during the holidays

## **Wednesday 4th**

Clive Road

## **Thursday 5th**

People of Northern Ireland

## **Friday 6th**

Wright Rhythm and the dancers who use our hall

## **Saturday 7th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 8th**

Thanks for luncheon clubs for the elderly and their carers

## **Monday 9th**

Robert Stone

## **Tuesday 10th**

For those suffering depression

## **Wednesday 11th**

Charles Street

## **Thursday 12th**

People of Mozambique

## **Friday 13th**

Stepping Out dance class and the children who attend

## **Saturday 14th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 15th**

Thanks for Sunshine and rain

**Monday 16th**

Susan and Graham Stubbs

**Tuesday 17th**

The homeless and unemployed

**Wednesday 18th**

Chatsworth Drive

**Thursday 19th**

People of Brazil and the Amazon

**Friday 20th**

The Chinese Church and its members

**Saturday 21st**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 22nd**

Thanks for holidays and the chance of meeting new people

**Monday 23rd**

Helen, Mark, Chloe and Jack Thornton

**Tuesday 24th**

Pray for charity workers and money for projects

**Wednesday 25th**

Cross Road

**Thursday 26th**

People of Argentina

**Friday 27th**

Messy Church and those who come each month and enjoy their time together

**Saturday 28th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 29th**

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

**Monday 30th**

Margaret Trevallion

**Tuesday 31st**

For our organisations, elders and helpers as we prepare for the start of a new year of activities.

Please remember that our Girls Brigade and Anchor Boys need more helpers. Could you give a few hours on a Wednesday evening to teach the girls a skill or to help the younger boys on a Friday evening with their craft. We also need people willing to give the occasional Sunday to help with the young people in the Kings Club. See any member of staff for more information.



## Building Fund

Our Building works are due to begin this summer - but as you can see from the totaliser at the bottom of this page (20th June) we have only raised 33% of the required funds. The balance will be funded by a loan from the URC (between £40,000 and £50,000 - BUT we don't want to borrow more than we have to and we will have to pay it back within 5 years! We urgently need your help.

### Time to Give

Inside this Newsletter you will find an envelope to enable you to make a donation. If you pay tax please complete the Gift Aid declaration which will enable us to claim back the tax you have paid - making your donation worth at least 28% more (at no extra cost to you).

If you would rather give online (or anonymously) please visit [www.charitygiving.co.uk/bhpurcbf](http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/bhpurcbf) where you can still

give with Gift Aid. Please don't put off your gift until tomorrow - we will need to request the loan during July so please give NOW! The less we borrow, the less we have to pay back.

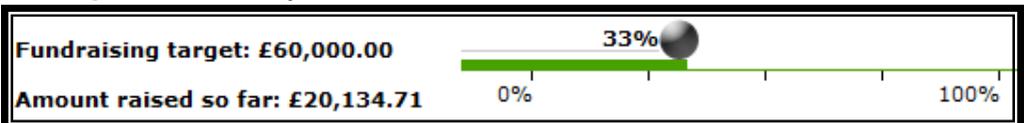
If you are able to contribute regularly to help payback the loan, please contact me ASAP at [treasurer@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@bhpurc.org.uk) I can then send you a standing order form to enable you to contribute weekly, monthly or quarterly.

Are you able to complete a sponsored event to help raise money? I can setup a webpage to enable your friends, work colleagues and family to sponsor you online. Contact me, together with your target to raise and I can do the rest.

Now is the time to consider how much you can afford without your support we cannot complete these works.

Please place your envelope in the weekly offertory in July - or post it back to the Church.

Thank you all for your generous support.



# Church Library

## Prayer

### Does it make any difference?

*Philip Yancey*

Multi-award winning journalist and spirituality writer Philip Yancey has written books that have explored many of the mysteries and wonders of the spiritual life, including faith, grace and suffering.

But this is perhaps his greatest challenge to date: to explain that most foundational aspect of our relationship with God - Prayer.

What is prayer?

What difference does it make?

Why and how should we pray?

What about unanswered prayer?

How should we understand prayer for physical healing?

His quest to unravel these mysteries reads as the journal of a fellow traveller: observing, questioning, lamenting the unexplainable and rejoicing in the discovery of awesome insights. His journey is beautifully illustrated with moving true stories drawn from around the world.

Find this and other great books on the windowsill in the lounge at the back of the church.

# Boys Brigade News

At the beginning of June we took the four Duke of Edinburgh award boys to the Chiltern Hills for their assessment walk. We had spent the previous 8 Saturday mornings with them doing lots of preparation. They had to plan their route and fill in route cards, they had to book their own camp site.

The boys were all very nervous about the assessment but there was no turning back. They set off at 9am sharp and were on their own now, navigating their way across countryside and up hills towards their camp site. They would be walking about 24km today and another 24km on the 2nd day.

All 4 of them had large back packs, filled with all the essentials. They had to carry their tents, cooking stoves and all the food they required. What they had set out on was a very hard task and it would test them to the limits. Not only was it hard for them to carry their rucksacks plus the walking for about 6 hours each day but they had to navigate their way as well. Would all the preparation with extra compass and map lessons pay off?

Myself and Robin would be monitoring them at times along the way, checking they made some of their check points and that they did not walk for 6 hours in completely the wrong direction. We did this from a distance and the 4 boys hardly ever saw us. It was very funny for us, climbing trees and hills, and using telescopes to view the 4 boys keeping to their route.

Half way through the day, it started to rain very, very heavily. This would just add to making the day very, very hard. The boys finally arrived at their camp site that evening, looking very exhausted and wet through. However they could not rest yet! They still had to put up their tents and cook their evening meal.

Myself and Mr Ward left them to it as we had our luxurious bed and breakfast to get to!! And by luxurious I mean awful. If you had seen the state of this B & B you would understand why. We had to pay extra to have a room that had a toilet in it!

The next morning we arrived at the campsite at 7.30am to find the boys cooking breakfast (very impressed that they had got up at 6.30am). After

# Boys Brigade News *cont.*

their breakfast, they packed up camp and were off on the road for another 24km by 9am. Luckily the sun was shining and they seemed in high spirits.

At the end of the day myself and Mr Ward made our way to the pick up point. The boys were due to be there at 4pm. Would they make it? Well at exactly 3.59pm the 4 of them rounded the corner and ran the last 50 meters to us. The excitement and sense of achievement on their faces was brilliant. They had done so, so well and they new it. It was great for me and Mr Ward to see them complete this epic task, as we had spend loads of time preparing them (which had been worth while).

They all removed their walking boots with relief. None of them had believed they could actually do it and I think they all surprised themselves. A huge well done to Thomas, Charlie, Darnell and Michael. Next year they will be doing their silver, which is an even longer hike.

At the end of June we took part in the Athletics competition. Thomas won the shot put, Darnell won the 200 meters and Raymond won the high jump. Everyone who took part did really well.

Well, we are really into the summer session now, with great activities happening every Monday. We are going to Top Golf very soon, Having an evening at an Archery centre and also going canoeing. To end the summer session we will be having a massive BBQ. And then at the end of July we are off to the long awaited CAMP. As I am sure you all know camp is the highlight of our year. Once again we will be off to the Isle of Wight.

We will be holding our Jumble & Book sale on Saturday 10th July. Please come and have a look round. We are always after helpers on the day or for any old jumble you might have. Please just let me know.

Finally, we will be holding a celebration Sunday dinner to mark our 120th Birthday on Sunday 10th October. We will be inviting past members and would love it if members of the congregation would like to join us too. Please speak to me or Mr Ward if you would like to know more or reserve a place.

# Girls Brigade News

Charlotte has asked me to say a few words about the District Camp which was held over the weekend 11<sup>th</sup>. to the 13<sup>th</sup>. June at Gilwell Park.

There were only 4 girls who were brave enough to join the 30 or so girls from the other companies in the district and new friendships were formed, and old friendships were cemented.

The girls were able to experience all sorts of different activities, such as Canoeing, Rifle shooting, Archery, Revolving Wall, Team Building & an Assault Course, as well as competitions, quizzes, good food & bible study.

The first night (Friday), the girls eventually got to sleep about midnight to wake up again at 4 in the morning. The staff were determined that the next night the girls would be tired and would be glad to get to bed, and after a night walk through the fields (on young lady came back covered in mud) there was total silence by 10.30. Such bliss!!

I am sure the Ellie, Alyssia. Anne-Marie & Lauren enjoyed the weekend - now we have to prepare for our own Company Camp. Lynda Cook

## HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR COMPANY CAMP GET YOUR CAR WASHED ON WED. 7th JULY

On Saturday 26th June it is the District Sports Day and we are inviting parents and friends to come along and support us. The girls did really well last year coming 3rd overall so we are hoping with the same support we can do even better. If you would like to come along it is being held at Grange Park Primary School, Worlds End Lane, N21 1PP, 2pm - 5pm.

This year we are going to camp again and have decided to take the Juniors as well. We have 9 girls and 6 officers going . We are going to a lovely little village called Houghton in Cambridgeshire and we will be staying in Houghton Chapel. We are going on Friday 30th July and will be returning on Thursday 5th August.

There will be lots to do, including a visit to the working Flour Mill in Houghton, Swimming in St. Ives, a trip to Hamerton Zoo and Go-Karting. We are hoping that this will keep the girls occupied for the week and are all looking forward to it.

# Wordsearch

Yes, those summer days are here for us (we hope), but in South Africa our football team is "enjoying" more wintry weather as the players battle the best in the world for the most sought-after trophy – the World Cup. In this month's word search are words that are associated with football, the "beautiful game".

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| referee    | penalty  | goal     | pitch     | corner     | kick  |
| goalkeeper | team     | score    | stopwatch | result     | draw  |
| sideline   | handball | midfield | striker   | trophy     | save  |
| rebound    | winner   | flag     | offside   | substitute | final |

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## BIBLE BIRDS

There are lots of birds in the Bible - Noah sent them out from the Ark to see if the flood waters had gone down, first a raven and then a dove (Genesis 6: 6-13). Elijah was fed by ravens while he lived in the desert (1 Kings 17: 1-8).

Mary and Joseph made an offering of 'a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons' (Luke 2: 22-24) when they took baby Jesus to the Temple. When Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, the Spirit of God descended like a dove (Matthew 3:3-17). That is why the Holy Spirit is usually shown as a dove. The

dove is also a symbol of peace.



But my favourite bit about birds is Luke, chapter 12, verses 4-7. 'Aren't 5 sparrows sold for 2 pennies? Yet not one sparrow is forgotten...' It reminds us that God loves and cares for everything, even the smallest part of his creation.

## BIBLE BIRD WORDS

Some clues are in the first column, but can you answer these Bible questions all about birds? Which bird...

1. Didn't come back when Noah sent it out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
2. Flocks of these fed the Israelites in the desert. (Numbers 11)
3. Those who wait on the Lord will rise up with wings like... (Isaiah 40)
4. The first bird Noah sent out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
5. Saul hunted David like one of these in the mountains (1 Samuel 27)
6. Jesus said this bird would be at a scene of desolation (Matthew 24)
7. cost 2p for 5? (you shouldn't need a clue for this one!)



**What do you give a sick bird?**  
Tweetment.

**Why can't a duck fly upside down?**



Because he'd quack up.



- 1) dove 2) quail 3) eagles 4) raven 5) partridge 6) vulture 7) sparrow

# 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month)

