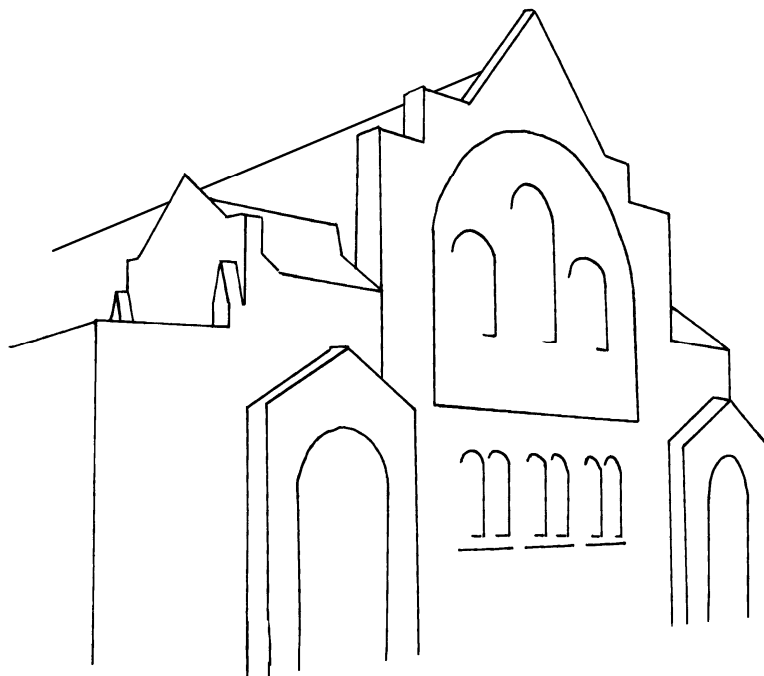


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*Have you seen the new Church Internet site? Check it out at **www.bhpurc.org.uk***

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 27th June. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk**) by **Sunday 13th June**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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FROM OUR MINISTER – JUNE 2010

One of the terms we hear often in our modern lives is that we are considered to be a people who seek to be ‘more spiritual.’ For many, it is an imagined dreamlike quality – a mild anaesthetic to see you painlessly through the turmoil of an over filled life which seeks to balance work, family, leisure, home management, children’s schooling and coping with aged parents. Others may see spirituality as a rare, spasmodic mystical experience; many ‘celebrities’ experience this with the help of mind-altering illegal substances. Some forms of spirituality rely on an ability to meditate in order to release the human potential bound up in our subconscious mind. Many in the church are afraid of a spirituality that is based in the ‘gifts of the Holy Spirit’ as laid out for example in 1 Corinthians chapter 12.

“Biblical spirituality is however concerned with bringing our body into an intimate relationship with the heart of God.”¹ It involves the concept of holiness that affects every facet of our living each day, rather than focussing on transient experiences.

Developing spirituality requires discipline for without it we cannot live as disciples of Jesus.

Meditation, scripture study, silence, solitude, frugality, fasting, contemplation [dwelling quietly in God’s presence], intercession, submission, service, celebration and service are what it takes to live closer to Jesus. I know that it is hard to get that correct with the pressures in our modern lives.

St Paul enumerates the benefits

of this discipline: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.* [Galatians 5.22-23] These benefits aid us to reach a new vision of God. The Holy Spirit is the agent of the love of God that allows us to be led into these eternal truths. Finding these gifts is achieved in a community God chooses to call ‘church’ where love of ones neighbour is paramount and where we can find stillness and space to *rest in the Lord*.

In the words of a well-loved hymn; *Bold I approach the eternal throne*, we may feel as if we are about to arrive at a spiritual place. But this thinking is

¹Eddie Gibbs and Ian Coffey *Church Next quantum changes in Christian ministry*. 2001; IVP ISBN 0-85111-544-6

flawed because before we can do that, we must have been broken and humbled by the experience of the Cross of Christ at Calvary. There may have to be a journey with Jesus that cries, *Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani?* [Mtt 27.46] which means, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* My experience has been that in the seeking for a deeper, spiritual relationship with God, there comes a time when you seem to have lost your old life and where you have not graciously yet been moved into a closer spiritual place with God. It is lonely there!

As we journey together as church at Bush Hill Park URC, we have to become engaged to the task of making space to encounter God's glory in all we do. There is wisdom in the closing verses of the Book of Ecclesiastes 12.13-14: *Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.* ¹⁴ *For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

Davis



...I don't mean to alarm anyone, but I think the smoke and ash from Neville's thurifer has grounded most of the aircraft flying over Western Europe!

Smile lines

Black death

An elderly parish priest was tending his garden near a convent when a passerby stopped to inquire after the priest's much-loved roses. "Not bad," said the priest, "but they suffer from a disease peculiar to this area known as the black death."

"What on earth is that?" asked the passerby, anxious to increase his garden knowledge.

"Nuns with scissors."

Holidays coming....

My grandchildren believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too.

Ready or not?

There is a knock on St. Peter's door. He looks out and a man is standing there. St. Peter is about to begin his interview when the man disappears.

A short time later there's another knock. St. Peter gets the door, sees the man, opens his mouth to speak, and the man disappears once again.

"Hey, are you playing games with me?" St. Peter calls after him. "No," the man's distant voice replies anxiously. "They're trying to resuscitate me."

Success

Success is relative - the greater the success, the more relatives.

If at first you succeed, try to hide your astonishment.

When you think of a dove...

Old Trevor, the Horticultural Society patriarch, allowed himself to be dragged to church one Sunday morning, to find that the vicar was preaching on the symbolism of the dove. "Tell me," he asked this congregation, "what do you think of when you see a dove?" When nobody answered, he urged them: "Oh, surely, you must have some automatic association you attach to the lovely, white dove."

"Gentleness," called out a parishioner.

"Purity," said another.

Trevor couldn't restrain himself. "They eat my Brussels Sprouts!" he shouted from the back pew.

Here is the News



This year's Christian Aid street collections raised £472.66 while the beetle drive raised £106.

This year funds are being used in Kenya in particular.

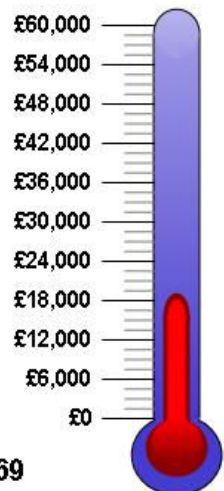
Thank you to everyone who delivered and collected envelopes on the street, to everyone who joined in with the beetle drive & to all who donated.

We are pleased that we now have a number of new Anchor Boys in the BB and Explorers in the GB. However we do not have enough people to enable us to do really fun things with them. If you are able to give a couple of hours on a Wednesday or Friday evening from 6pm please see Margaret Trevellian or contact the office on 8366 5526.

We do need more people to come forward to help in the church so that we can continue to be a support to the community in the future.

Building Fund

Thanks to all who have contributed so far to our Building Fund helping to raise money for our essential stonework and roof repair at the Church. Our total at the end of May is £19,169. Please continue to give generously! If you are able to make a regularly donation via Standing Order please contact treasurer@bhpurc.org.uk for the necessary forms. Cash/cheque donations can be made via the Church (cheques payable to Friends of BHPURC). Please ensure that your donation is clearly marked 'Building Fund'.



£19,169



OutCry! campaign - NEWS FLASH!

Amazing news! The new coalition Government have now published their agreed policy priorities and within the document is a commitment to "end the detention of children for immigration purposes". This is a huge step forward for the campaign and for every one who has helped demand this change. Thank you and well done!

This, of course, is not the end! We do not yet know the detail of their policy – how it will be implemented, what other proposals they may put forward, and crucially, how quickly they will stop locking up children in immigration detention centres.

In the coming days and weeks it will be vital that we hold the Government to its promise and demand that they make this change as soon as humanly possible. Please help maintain the pressure until we finally have an end to the immigration detention of children.

Keep updated on the OutCry! website via www.childrenssociety.org.uk or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Thank you.

Camilla Engeset
OutCry! national co-ordinator

A jet tour through the minor prophets flown by your ministers:

Understanding the reason God needed to send Jesus.

Date of Service (preacher)	Date BC	Prophet name (meaning of name)	Theme of the book	Prophecies to/about	Major sins addressed
6th June (Martin)	740-700	Micah (who is like Yahweh)	The Eternal is just judge	Samaria, Jerusalem, all nations	Lack of justice in the land & oppression
13th June (Denis)	640-620	Nahum (Consolation)	Judgement on Nineveh. Comfort to Israel	Assyrians, Primarily city of Nineveh	Cruelty of Assyrians, Overstepped boundaries
20th June (Denis)	640-609	Zephaniah (Hidden by Yahweh)	God's indignation on earth. Who may be hidden? Israel repents then God saves them.	Judah, Jerusalem, all Israel and all peoples warning them of the Day of the Lord.	Spiritual fornication
27th June (Martin)	608-605	Habakkuk (Embrace)	God embraces Judah through destroying the Chaldeans	Babylon, with implications for all peoples	Aggression and plunder. Greed and self-assertion. Graft, violence in building. Inhumanity and idolatry.

Diary

June

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

Tues 1st	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sat 5th	9:00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 6th	10:30am 6:00pm	Communion with Rev Martin Legg Bible study
Sun 13th	10:30am	Parade with Rev Denis Simons
Sun 20th	10:30am	Worship with Rev Denis Simons
Sun 27th	10:30am 3:00pm	Worship with Rev Martin Legg Messy Church

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 13th June

PRAYER PLAN

JUNE 2010

God of truth, we call your Son our King
Help us to serve him faithfully and first,
Truly and totally, in all we do and say.
May the kingdom of heaven be within us
As we tell your truth in a world that needs to
hear of Christ our King. Amen

Tuesday 1st

Haiti earthquake victims and
the ongoing work in the area

Wednesday 2nd

Alberta Road

Thursday 3rd

Our Government as it makes
decisions about cuts in ser-
vices

Friday 4th

People of Rwanda

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for marriage and
couples as they care for and
support each other

Monday 7th

Carol Regan

Tuesday 8th

Our soldiers in Afghanistan
and their families in England

Wednesday 9th

Amberley Road

Thursday 10th

Our new council as it looks af-
ter our local environment

Friday 11th

People of Nepal and Tibet

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

Thanks for our children and
Kings Club sharing the good
news of Jesus

Monday 14th

Anthony, Luke & Megan
Rensch

Tuesday 15th

The continuing threat of pollution to our fish stocks and our inshore waters

Wednesday 16th

Blakesware Gardens

Thursday 17th

Those recently bereaved

Friday 18th

People of Malawi

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks for our Brigades as they help local boys and girls to learn useful skills

Monday 21st

Carol Rensch

Tuesday 22nd

Those people who are awaiting operations or treatment

Wednesday 23rd

Bertram Road

Thursday 24th

For those doing walks, trekking etc. to raise money for charity

Friday 25th

People in Cambodia

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Thanks for our education whether our young people at school or our older members still taking the opportunity to learn new things

Monday 28th

Evelyn & Fred Rolph

Tuesday 29th

Those people who continue to be affected by the fallout of ash, both in Iceland and those hoping to fly abroad

Wednesday 30th

Broadfields Avenue



We need more training

I have decided to join the US Army. Depending on whether or not I could pass the physical.... Well, let's assume I did. In that case, I figure it should only take me about one week of training and I'll be ready to go to Iraq or Afghanistan. OH COME ON NOW! We all know better than that. One week of training would never prepare anyone for going to war, not even Superman.

What makes us think a minimal amount of church attendance will get the job done in the Lord's army, fighting against Satan and the world of evil? It should be obvious that it will take a lot more training once a month church attendance or even once a week!

A woman approached the minister after the sermon, and thanked him for his message. "I found it so helpful," she said. The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why, what do you mean?" asked the astonished woman.

"Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months."

From Steve Shepherd's Sermon "What's So Important About the Church



"But, apart from the pews, the sermon, the hymns, the coffee and, 'all that praying', you'd come again?"



Come along & have fun, get
creative,
eat & worship with us!

Bush Hill Park United
Reformed Church
on the corner of Main Ave & Third Ave



4th Sunday of every month
Next time: June 27th
3:30pm

Church Library

The Shack

Where tragedy confronts eternity

William P. Young

Mackenzie Allen Philips's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend.

Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answer Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!

"*The Shack* is the most absorbing work of fiction I've read in many years. My wife and I laughed, cried and repented of our own lack of faith along the way. *The Shack* will leave you craving for the presence of God." - Michael W. Smith

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

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If you shop online anyway then why not raise valuable extra funds for us by using this fantastic scheme. All you need to do is visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bhpurc> and when you register, select Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church as the organisation you wish to support.

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When you search the Web with easysearch instead of Google or any other search engine, you'll raise funds for us with every search you make! Just like easyfundraising it's completely free to use and if you make just 10 searches a day, you could raise £20 a year - or more - for us, just by switching to easysearch.

What's more, easysearch is a 'super' search engine that combines the strengths of several search providers together - Yahoo!, Bing, Ask.com and many more. easysearch tracks down the most relevant and accurate results from across the Web, which means you'll find what you're looking for quickly and easily every time - all in one 'easy' search.

Check out our unique easysearch page at <http://bhpurc.easysearch.org.uk> and use it every time you search the web.

Boys Brigade News

At the beginning of May we had our Awards night, where all the boys were presented with any badges and awards they had gained throughout the year. There was almost full company attendance. Each section had also prepared some sort of presentation / item to show to the parents. These items usually present what each section has been up to over the last year. The company section boys wrote a script, briefly detailing the year and had photos on the big screen to accompany their talking.

The guest of honour this year was none other than Antony Rensch, who made a fantastic speech at the end of the evening. The Awards night closes the formal part of boys brigade for the year and kick starts the summer session. For the company section, this means no more uniform and lots of different activities to take part in.

We opened the summer session with a foot rally. This saw 3 teams setting off around Bush Hill Park, following clues and answering questions. The next week we took the boys to Quasar in Hemel Hempstead. Quasar is a fantastic game, where you are in 2 teams. Everyone is given a lazer gun and a target chest pack to wear. The winning team is the team that scores the most points by shooting the other team with the lazer from their gun. To add to the fun, the arena is split into 4 themed zones, Wild West, including a wild west town with its street and a saloon. World War 1 zone, with turrets and bunkers. Futuristic Zone, with, well futuristic stuff!! And the final zone was a creepy wood.

Yes before you ask, Mr Cutts was very competitive and was so serious about winning, that he was crawling over the floor and doing commando rolls (it had to be seen to be believed).

We have taken the boys over to Whitewebbs for an evening of challenges, involving a golf challenge, a bike challenge, a football challenge and the river crossing challenge. As you can imagine, all these challenges were right up the boys streets and enjoyed by all (and surprisingly no one fell in the river on the river crossing challenge!)

Coming up in the next few weeks, we will be going Bowling, Ice Skating, having a football competition, go swimming, go to Top Golf (it's a driving range, but each ball has your details scanned into it, so you play an electronic golf game while actually hitting the ball up the range).

I would also like to let you know about our Jumble & Book sale which is due to take place on Saturday 10th July. If you have any jumble or books, we would love to take them off your hands. Please let a member of staff know and we will pop round and collect them off you. If you can offer any assistance to run a stall on the day, that would be fantastic. Please inform Mr Rushbrook if you can help in anyway.

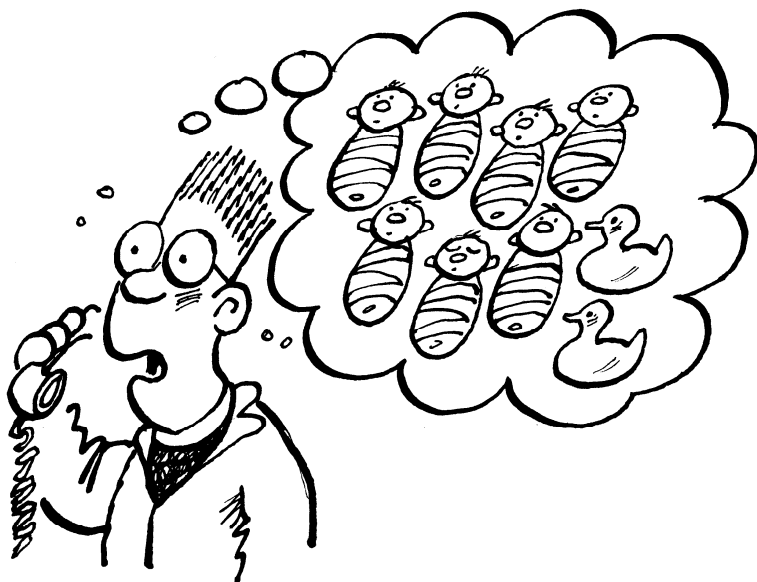
Andrew Caddies

Wrong number

The curate took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and said that he would ring later for news. When he phoned later in the day he got the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground.

He said: "I brought my wife to your place this morning, is there any news?" He was surprised to be told

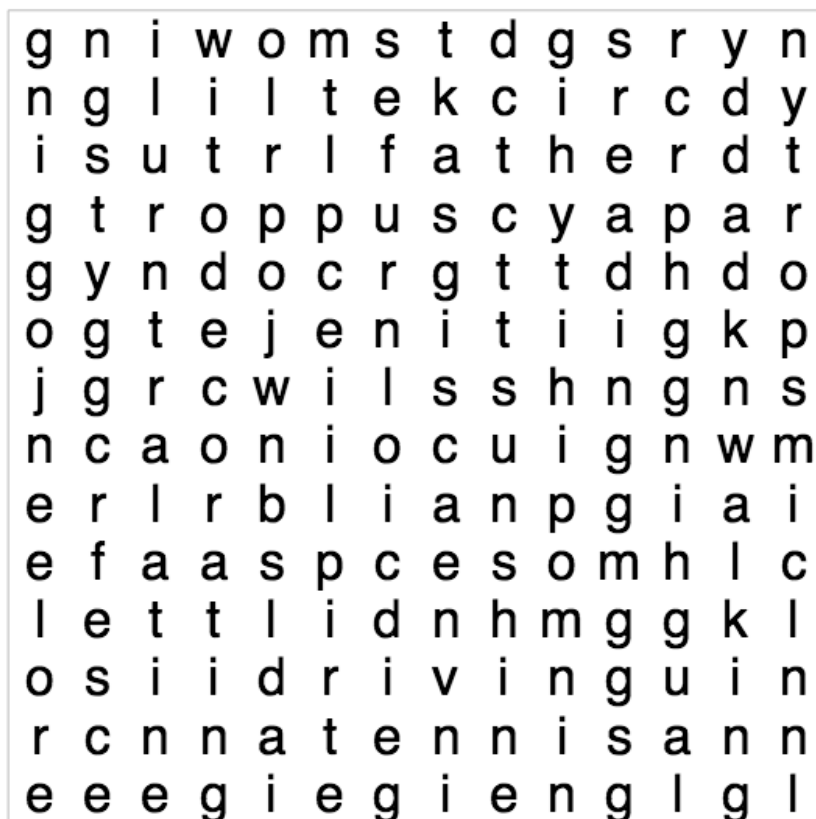
"Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks."



Wordsearch

June brings us the beginning of Summer, and hopefully long sunny days in the garden enjoying at least a few barbeques with our friends and family. We celebrate the centenary of Father's Day this month, and also the Summer Solstice. So in this month's word-search, look out for words which describe things a father might do, or which bring to mind the easy delights of summer living.

solstice	sunshine	light	barbeque	flowers	weeding
father	daddy	care	support	stability	strong
sporty	smart	decorating	earning	walking	reading
jogging	tennis	cricket	swimming	discipline	mowing
laughing	driving	gardening	working		





COMMON ENGLISH

Over 400 years ago, on 9th June 1549, the Book of Common Prayer was first issued throughout the Church of England. It was called 'Common' because it was in English, the language people used in their everyday lives instead of in Latin which only the priests understood.

Imagine how strange it would be to say prayers in a language you don't understand? You can get an idea of what that is like when you are holiday in a foreign country where you don't speak the language. Some things will seem familiar but there will be long stretches when you don't understand what is going on. And the Book of Common Prayer changed that: suddenly people could understand and take part in the act of worship.



There have been lots of

changes in church services over the years but few can have been as major as when our prayers suddenly became 'common'.

COMMON WORDS

Lots of words have 'common' in front of them. What would you add to 'common' to make...

1. Someone who isn't royalty
2. Place in a school where the staff meet
3. A group of countries under the Queen
4. Also known as the European Economic Union
5. Makes you sneeze
6. Is very ordinary



What did the maths book say to the history book?

Boy, do I have problems!



What did the book worm say to the librarian?

Can I burrow this book?



Answers:

1. commoner
2. common room
3. commonwealth
4. common market
5. common cold
6. commonplace

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)

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)

