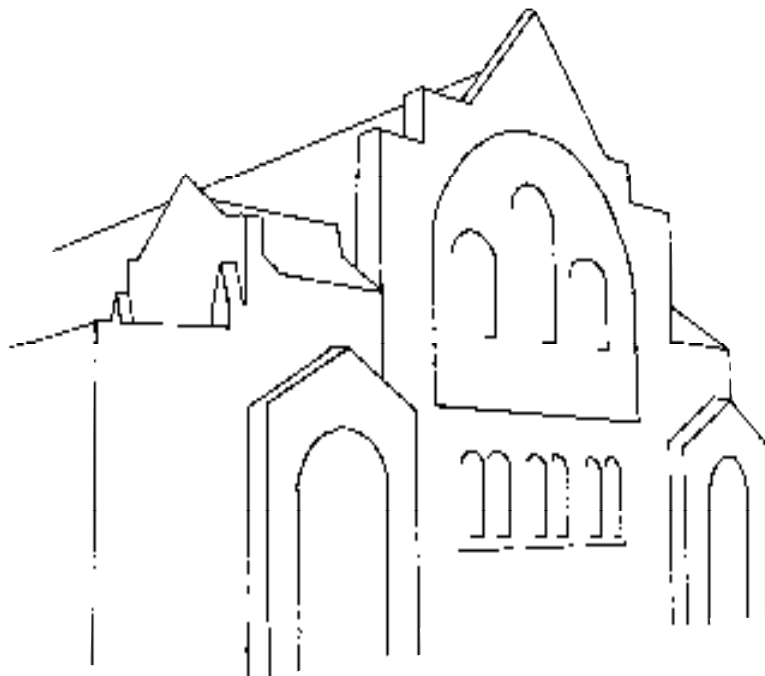


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Newsletter



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

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 25th April. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 11th April**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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FROM OUR MINISTER

"Of all the trails in life there is one that matters more than all the others. It is the trail of the true human being." (Kicking Bear – Native American Chief.) Is Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church on that trail?

Some answers to being fully human may include: being real; making good relationships; being a good lover; to be sensual, understanding, and beautiful inside; to be in touch with your feelings; to flow into your potential; to have the masculine-feminine balance correct; to be healthy in body and mind; to be free; to live and die well; to appreciate good food, friends and things; to appreciate the wonder of life; being alive with all your senses; to be deep but full of fun.

Being a church means that we need to be fully human by allowing our humanness to fully reflect God's likeness in us. God's glory then becomes a worship lived to the full. To be redeemed is to be redeemed into all that we are meant to be; to be like Jesus, who is the most complete human being.

Being more Christ-like is to understand fully the difference between good and evil which God has given us an innate capacity to do. So, for example, shame, guilt, fear & furtiveness are all signs alerting us to the fact we're making wrong choices. We need therefore to be a church that seeks to understand without judgement.

To rediscover the 'windows to our souls' is to find and read and

understand the signs of God's life in our everyday and inner worlds. I well remember my great grandmother who would regularly stop what she was busily doing to thank God for her success at darning a sock beautifully, or asking Him to find her needle she had dropped. Her everyday was really grounded in her Maker!

In the early years of the Christian Church we are aware of; "See how Christians love one another." being a quality that was truly visible to the outside world. The credo for living in this loving attitude was preached by Jesus on a mountainside one day in what we now call The Beatitudes (Matthew 5.1 – 12). How we relate is summed up fully in these "beautiful attitudes" of Jesus and should form the basis

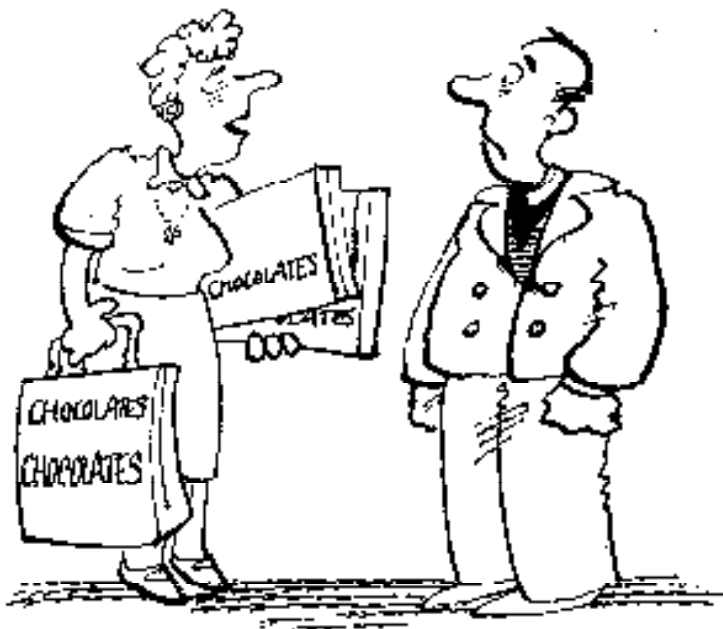
of our relationships in every circumstance, committee and conversation. Following them is to be blessed by God in every aspect of our living.

As being human is fraught with human weakness, we need a powerful leader in our high priest Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 4:14-16 (ANIV)**¹⁴ *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.* ¹⁵ *For we do not have a high priest*

who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ *Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Being human is to truly follow Jesus Christ our Saviour in all we do.

Darius



I was going to give up chocolates for Lent - then I thought of all those poor Cadbury workers and their anxious shareholders...

Smile Lines

Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, eight-year-old James stayed home from church with a neighbour. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. James asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, and he shows up."

Flowers

There are women whose thoughtful husbands buy them flowers for no reason. And then there's me. One day I couldn't stand it any longer. "Why don't you ever bring me flowers?" I asked.

"What's the point?" my husband said. "They die after about a week."

"So could you," I shot back, "but I still like having you around."

Granny

The little boy came home from his first day at Sunday School. He told his mother that his Sunday School teacher was Jesus' granny. Startled, his mother replied, ""How did you reach that conclusion?"

"Well, she never stops talking about Jesus," he replied.

Happy

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

Science

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

Here is the News



Give Blood

The national blood service will be in our hall collecting on Thursday 18th. If you would like to make an appointment to give blood or for more information go to www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Thank you to all who give stamps for this charity. Please keep them coming. They want British and foreign (even very common ones). They also want Postcards (British and foreign, posted and unused), Coins and Banknotes, Cigarette cards, Old match boxes and Medals. If you have any of these that you don't want, please let me have them at any time as these also make a necessary contribution to the work of TLM. Stamps should be on or off paper, providing they are not damaged. If possible stamps on paper should have no more than 5mm of single thickness border around them. Please do not trim them so close that the perforations are damaged as this makes them worthless. The Leprosy Day retiring offering raised £51. Thank you to all who gave.

Christine Hughes

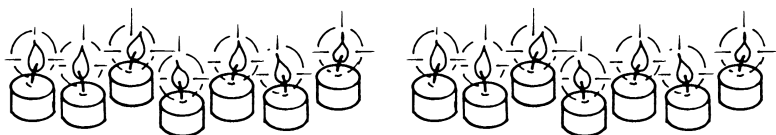
Don't forget -

The clocks go forward in the early morning of Sunday 28th March



Visit of the Moderator, Reverend Doctor Andrew Prasad

On the 21st March the Moderator is coming to preach at the service to mark 100 years of worship on this site. It would be nice to provide a buffet lunch after the service where we would have a chance to meet the Moderator. We thought sausages, sandwiches, crisps etc and cakes. So a list will be put out in the lounge for people to add their names and what they could contribute or speak to Pat Simons and she will put your name down.



Charlie Cox

It is with much sadness that we tell you that Charlie Cox passed away peacefully recently.

Charlie has been married to Phyl for 65 years and they have lived their married life here in Enfield where Charlie was a benefactor of great skills in carpentry having made the communion table, both the lecterns, the wooden screen that forms the lounge at the back of the church and repaired and maintained many things over the years. A reserved man, Charlie met Phyl at a dance during the war years and it was love at first sight! He served in the Grenadier Guards in the war in Palestine.

We have indeed been blessed by his care and we pray God's blessing on Phyl his wife, his daughter Ann and son Stephen and his family. We have been blessed by his love and care.

There will be a memorial service for Charlie at Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church on Friday 12th March at 12:00 and then the Committal will be at the Crematorium at 13:30.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

1st April 7:30pm

Tenebrae service of light & darkness



Good Friday

2nd April 10:30am

Family communion

Easter Sunday

4th April 9:00am

Breakfast

10:30am

Family communion



Diary

March

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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| Tues 2nd | 7:45pm | Elders Meeting |
| Sat 6th | 9:00am 2:30pm | Prayer Breakfast Anchor Boys craft afternoon |
| Sun 7th | 10:30am 6:00pm | Communion with Rev Martin Legg Bible Study |
| Sun 14th | 10:30am | Mothering Sunday Parade with Rev Denis Simons |
| Sat 20th | 7:00pm | Quiz at Lancaster Road |
| Sun 21st | 10:30am 6:00pm | Centenary Service Morning Worship with Rev Dr Andrew Prasad Café Church at Cheshunt |
| Sun 28th | 10:30am 3:30pm | Palm Sunday Morning Worship with Rev Denis Simons & Julia Pascoe from Jews for Jesus Messy Church |

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 11th April

PRAYER PLAN

MARCH 2010

Ever and everywhere God, you are here in the place where we pray, and in our praying hearts. In church, home or workplace, in traffic jams and busy shops, help us to see you in the present and trust in your plans for our future, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Monday 1st

People of Wales on St David's Day

Tuesday 2nd

Vivienne and Martin Legg

Wednesday 3rd

Main Avenue

Thursday 4th

Think of those suffering in the cold weather without a warm place to sleep

Friday 5th

All women as we celebrate the Womens World Day of Prayer

Saturday 6th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 7th

Thanks for our Minister and Elders and the work they do

Monday 8th

Penny and Chris Levett

Tuesday 9th

People of Zimbabwe suffering from an unjust regime

Wednesday 10th

Melbourne Way

Thursday 11th

Our elderly especially those who now live in homes or live alone

Friday 12th

Bush Hill Park School, the children and staff

Saturday 13th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 14th

Thanks for our mothers and
grandmothers and all who
care for children

Monday 15th

Gertrude, Forbes and Mwabi
Mwenya

Tuesday 16th

Millais Road

Wednesday 17th

People of Ireland on St Pat-
rick's Day that they will con-
tinue to know peace

Thursday 18th

New babies, their mothers
and those expecting a baby

Friday 19th

George Spicer School, the
children and staff

Saturday 20th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 21st

Thanks for our Kings Club
and its leaders working each
week with our young people

Monday 22nd

Charlotte, Martin & Jessica
McBride

Tuesday 23rd

For those taking part in the
Winter Olympics

Wednesday 24th

Percival Road

Thursday 25th

People of Tanzania

Friday 26th

Raglan School, the children
and staff

Saturday 27th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 28th

Thanks for the Fairtrade ini-
tiative and the extra money
for farmers and their families
which enables them to feed
and educate their families

Monday 29th

Arthur and Ivy Neate

Tuesday 30th

For our Jewish friends cele-
brating Passover

Wednesday 31st

Poynter Road



Mothering Sunday - 14th March

There is an old Jewish saying:
God could not be everywhere,
and therefore He made mothers.

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

Palm Sunday - 28th March

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death.

On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

A message from the people our church sponsors children through:

A New Year Message from JHF

Dear Praying Friends,

At the beginning of a new year I am reminded of the words of Micah concerning what the Father says is good, indeed what he requires of us, that is...*to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with Him.*

China is a country with vast potential and vast need—including more than 550,000 orphans; over 60 million disabled citizens; millions of elderly and sick people in need of basic care; and thousands of schools and businesses in need of educational support. There is also a great moral and spiritual need.

Since 1978, China has opened her doors to foreigners. At that time, a group of Christian businessmen and academics from Hong Kong began building a bridge for Christians to help meet these needs. As a result, Jian Hua Foundation was established in Hong Kong and since 1981 has equipped, enabled and supported Christian individuals to serve in China.

Jian Hua means “build China”—and that is what we to do. Currently we have more than 170 full-time associates teaching, operating businesses, practicing medicine, managing orphanages, training medical personnel and midwives, and serving in community health and physical therapy programs - a list that keeps growing as new associates join us. In all we do, Jian Hua associates build relationships—changing lives as we serve with hope and love.

You Can Make a Difference

Today, China’s doors are still wide open. The needs are great and the opportunities many. But, we can’t do it alone! We want to **increase** awareness of Jian Hua. We want to **expand** existing projects and start new ones. We want to better **support** and train our associates. Would you help?

We need more care givers in our orphanages; qualified physiotherapists, counsellors, special education teachers; more doctors and nurses; and many more teachers. We need more skilled Christians who will bring hope and love not only through their actions but also through their words.

Will you continue to help us build China?

Please pray for our work, for our associates, for new people to join us, and especially for funding for these important projects.

We thank you for your prayers. If you also wish to contribute to these vital funds, please see the ‘How to give to JHF’ page on www.jhf-china.org.

May you and all whom you love be greatly blessed during this coming year.

Gary Lee

Church Library

Soul Survivor

How my faith survived the church

Philip Yancey

We stand at the dawn of the twenty-first century, yet still we struggle to understand the ways in which God taught us to live. Even the church has distorted the message on many occasions, damaging lives and confusing countless people in the process.

Is it possible to live a meaningful life of faith in a world where religion has caused so much harm?

Best-selling writer Philip Yancey, whose own Christian belief was almost destroyed by the Church, has spent a lifetime searching for a faith that works. *Soul Survivor* tells his story, and the stories of thirteen people whose remarkable lives have shaped his own spiritual journey.

From John Donne to Martin Luther King Jr., Dostoevsky to Mahatma Gandhi, G.K Chesterton to Henri Nouwen, he pays homage to some of the most inspiring, selfless, yet provocative individuals our world has known and asks what both he and we can do to find such beautiful faith in our own lives.

Soul Survivor is Yancey's most personal, revealing book to date.

Find this and other great books at the back of the church, if you stand on the stage it is far left, just in front of where the teas are served!

Failure

What is wrong with failure?

A glorious failure – I mean – to fail well

Means you've got to put in tremendous effort in the first place,

And having gone to all this effort and trouble

Look at what you've learned,

what experience you've gained,

What knowledge from trial and error you have

How very much farther you are,

Than if you had never ventured –

and risked failure.

And now that calamity and collapse have

blessed your venture,

You're still in one piece,

Been through the storm,

More knowledgeable, more calm, more humble,

More mature and likely to succeed next time –

And maybe you will have learned

something about faith.

Ken Walsh

Fairtrade Fortnight continues until 7 March 2010

As this year's Fairtrade Fortnight continues (22 Feb to 7 Mar) it is not too late for you to join in 'The Big Swap'. This year the campaign is urging people to "swap your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff. Your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, your usual cotton socks for Fairtrade cotton socks, and your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. This means that every time you go shopping, you can use your wallet to make a stand."

The campaign is hoping to register one million and one swaps during the fortnight. It explains: "Every swap will be proof that the people of the UK want producers in the developing world to get a fairer deal."

Please visit: www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap.

Boys Brigade News

Once again it seems like the weeks are flying past. We are already into March—wow. That means there are only 5 months to camp!

Once again we have been very busy over the last month. At the start of February we held the Battalion PR Games here in the James Hall. We had been practicing for this competition on a Monday night for a few weeks. On the night, the team worked very, very hard and they won the competition. Our results have now been entered into the London District competition, so we are up against all other companies in London that entered. We should find out the results soon.

During half term we held our annual company supper. This is the one night of the year when all the staff and helpers for all 3 sections join together for a meal. Current company section boys and a hand full of 'old boys' are also a part of the festivities.

Once again the food was fantastic, our thanks go to Robin W and Pat S for all their hard work in the Kitchen. The 3 course meal was followed by some toasts and then a speech from our guest of Honour.

This was followed by some comedy (well if you can call some rubbish one liners comedy) put on by some of the staff and boys. We did have a special stand up comedian this year going by the stage name of Anthony Rench.

So, what is planned for march. Well, the 4th years boys will now be planning their 2 day walk, which forms part of their bronze Duke of Edinburgh. They have to plan the route, making sure they take into account how long it will take them to go from one point to another. They will need to work out gradients of any hills, as walking up hill increases the time it will take. They will need to work out where their over night camping stop will be and plan meals etc.

Once all the planning is done, we hope they will be able to carry it out and be one step closer to gaining this award.

Our first year boys will be spending the next few weeks in the kitchen doing some basic cooking. Our 2nd year boys will be looking into crime and fire prevention. Our 3rd years boys will be building rockets. Once again the rocket factory will be up and running on a Monday night. If constructed correctly, once finished, the rockets should take off vertically, up to a height of 300ft before deploying a parachute and returning back down to earth safely.

We also have a number of competitions taking place during the next month, which I shall fill you in on next time.

Andrew Caddies

Anchor Boys News

On Saturday 6th February five of our Anchor Boys joined twenty five others for a post Christmas party held at Totteridge Road Baptist Church, headquarters of the 11th Enfield. Two hours of fun, courtesy of Mr Marvel, included a magic show and Punch & Judy. We then got to meet Mr Bubbles, a very friendly rabbit and all the boys had a turn of stroking him. After a tea of sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps, cakes and biscuits Mr Marvel finished the afternoon off with a disco which included a bubble/snow machine.

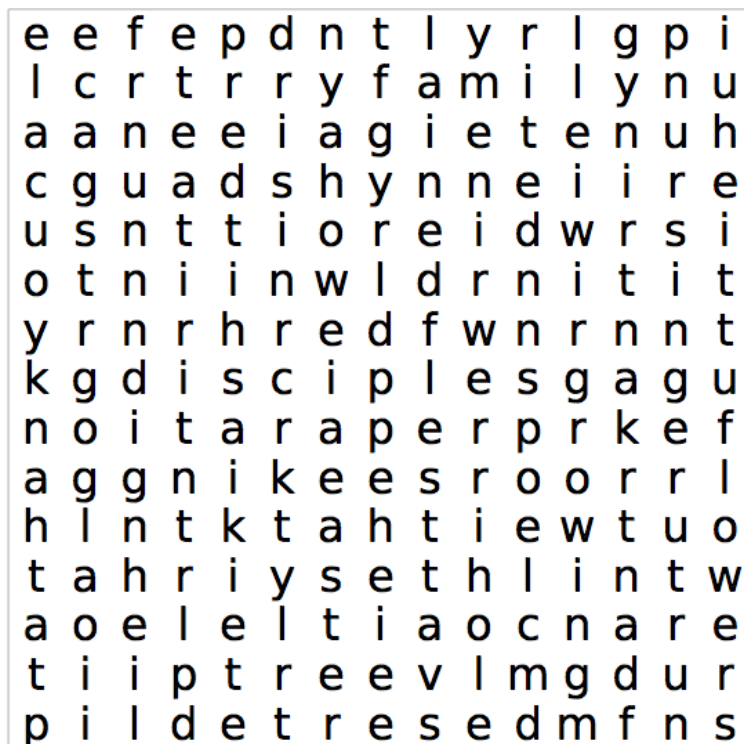
Over the past couple of weeks the number of boys coming to Anchors on a Friday night has doubled from five to ten. There has also been an increase in the number coming along to Junior Section which, if all are present could mean fifteen boys attending. Whilst this is a good thing for the company overall it means that more help is needed on a regular basis at both Anchors Boys and Junior Section. If you are free on a Friday evening between 6pm and 7.15pm for Anchor Boys or 7.15pm until 9pm for Junior Section then please have a word with either myself or Robin Hall. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Margaret Travellion

Wordsearch

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

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| lent | spiritual | easter | preparation | fasting |
| prayer | desert | selfdenial | repentance | seeking |
| finding | growing | mothers | love | care |
| nurture | learning | teaching | disciples | worldwide |
| flowers | thankyou | nursing | family | |





FOLLOW ME

We quite often look at saints on this page, people who have lived their lives for others, who followed Jesus Christ and did His work. But time and time again the people that Jesus chooses aren't the ones we would have thought of as natural leaders or preachers. Someone who knew him wrote that St Paul was 'a little man, a big red nose, bandy legs and not able to speak very well'. Moses tried to



convince God that he wasn't the right person to persuade Pharaoh. In the end Moses had to take his brother Aaron to speak for him (Exodus, chapter 4).

We have to remember that we are all called to follow Jesus. We might think that it is too difficult and someone else would do the job better than we could. But by our baptism we are all called to serve and we all have different gifts and talents to bring to the job. How boring it would be if we were all the same and how great the excitement in finding out just what God wants us to do.

JUMBLLED JOBS

All the answers to this are jobs but the letters have been jumbled up. For example TVE unjumbled is VET. Can you work out what these people do?

1. Sarah is a TODROC.
2. Peter is a RORLY VERDIR.
3. Amelia is a THEERAC.
4. Jack is a EFCH.
5. Rose is a GEDUJ.
6. Sam is a NICEOMPLA.
7. Liz is a HOSP STAISTSAN
8. Calum is a TOPLI.
9. Emma is a READRENG.
10. Andy is a MAFRER.



How many schoolteachers does it take to change a light bulb?

None. Anything not completed during the lesson is added to the homework.

How many firemen does it take to change a light bulb?

Four - three to cut a hole in the roof and one to change the bulb.



Answers: 1.doctor 2.lorry driver 3.teacher
4.chef 5.judge 6.policeman 7.shop assistant
8.pilot 9.gardener 10. farmer

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)

