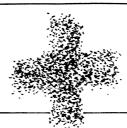
## February



2010

## 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 28th February. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by Sunday 14th February.

Please note that late contributions may be held over. Editor: Lisa Hamblin, 130 Clive Road, Enfield EN1 1RF

#### FROM OUR MINISTER FEBRUARY 2010

#### *Matthew 5:15-16 (ANIV)*

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

In my diary pages there is a little feature that promises light: On the Monday page each week there is a tiny font printing of the sunrise and



sunset times for the week. They tell me that the days are slowly beginning to lengthen bringing with it the hope of long sunlit days. It is an emergent hope that the fabulous British summer light will come and warm us and lift our spirits. God graciously shares this warming with all forms of life here in his creation on earth.

Perhaps as we enter the second month of the New Year, we too need to begin to give more of the light we have been blessed with into our community. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." We as members of Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church need to reflect that light in our community for all to be drawn in so that His light may illuminate more and more lives. bringing hope through His grace.

What light can you shine into our community? Do you have a gift of hospitality that loves to meet and greet people? We need folk to volunteer for this most important work of welcoming folk through our doors every Sunday

of the year. Do you have the gift of being able to let the light of IT skills shine through in operating our sound desk during services? What of the light of housekeeping? We are always in need of extra cleaning of cobwebs and dust in our church building along with dusting and refreshing various areas.

A new and very small light has begun to flicker again at Bush Hill Park URC. It is the one I pray that will burst into floodlight proportions this year. I know it needs hard work, dedication and sacrificial time devoted to it, but the light of music seems to me to be peeping out from beneath the bowl it has been under since the

glory days remembered by many when there was a full brass band in the Boy's Brigade.

Yes, the Psalmist (See Psalms 145 - 150) is sure that 'Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise'; 'Praise the Lord O my soul'; 'Praise the Lord from the earth'; 'Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of saints'. And the final Psalm 150 envisions an amazing act of praise - 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.' The talents of musicality seemingly abound among us, but we are unable to lift the bowl covering it so that its light shines forth into the world.

God has blessed us in the past few years and I believe that if we are to grow in faith and spirituality, we must expand and make every service we plan and present to be for God's glory where others see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

For God's sake let <u>your</u> light shine here in 2010.





Moving up from Tooth Fairy to Guardian Angel meant complete retraining for Penelope.

#### Smile lines

#### with Valentine's Day in mind...

#### Listen

My wife says I never listen, or something like that...

#### Lights

Halfway through a romantic dinner, my husband smiled and said, "You look so beautiful under these lights." I was falling in love all over again when he added, "We really should get some of these lights."

#### Honeymooners

For our honeymoon my fiancée and I chose a fashionable hotel known for its luxurious suites. When I called to make reservations, the desk clerk inquired, "Is this for a special occasion?"
"Yes," I replied. "It's our honeymoon."

#### Know your spouse

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor: "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He addressed Tom. "For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's self-raising, isn't it?"

The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.

#### Chair

"Why did you hit your husband with a chair?"
"I couldn't lift the table."

<sup>&</sup>quot;And how many adults will there be?" she asked.

## Here is the News

This month's Grants, Loans and Property Group have agreed we have a grant of £10,000 and a loan of up to £50,000 on the proviso we can pay back this loan over five years at an interest of 4%. How much we should borrow is being considered by those with financial understanding and the Surveyor appointed has been asked to produce a specification of work and ask contractors to tender for the stonework restoration. The fabric committee will be working with the Surveyor and we will let you know more when we can. Meanwhile we fund-raise and have to realise this will go on for many years.

**Church Secretary** 



#### **Lent Reflection**

Explore how Jesus conducted Himself in the week leading up to His crucifixion.

Six Sessions starting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 10:30 a.m.

Concluding on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

At Cheshunt Free Church

We will be pleased to see you.

Why not come along and see what Easter is all about.

#### **Toddler Group**

We run a toddler group for mothers & small children locally.

If you would be interested in joining us please come along between 10am & 11:30am a Friday at

Bush Hill Park Church Hall in Main Avenue at the junction with Third Avenue.

There is a play area with toys for the children and they have a chance to run about and use the larger equipment. We also have refreshments mid morning.

Come along and join us.



An evening of musical excellence to celebrate 100 years of Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church and raise much needed funds to help replace our ageing roof

## Saturday 27th February 2010

Venue: BHP United Reformed Church Hall. Main Avenue. Curtains un 7.30nm

## Tickets £10

Featuring:

Linda Kollati Cellist



**Christina Petrou** Classical Opera singer



The Old Boys of The 2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield **Boys Brigade Brass Band** 



**Founding Fathers** Oomnah Band



**Martin and Lisa Hamblin** Paul Clarvis & Julian Stringle Piano and woodwind





Merlin O'doherty-Alb: Oboe **Darnell Goncalves: Pianist** 







Tickets: 07950 309 634



## messy Church

The first **Messy Charch** happened on the 24th January and exceeded all expectations. There were over 50 people in the hall creating, amongst other things, bugs out of pipe cleaners, animals (and the odd boat!) out of random boxes, globes out of balloons, fruit kebabs and a massive canvas representing creation with pictures of animals that the children had drawn & coloured in. What most of the children seemed to really enjoy was the green goo that was solid when pushed together, when they took it out of it's bucket but turned to a liquid as soon as you left it alone, it really dribbled through their fingers as they just held their hand out.

All these things worked towards the theme of creation, next month we'll be looking at Noah & the flood.

The craft was followed by a time of worship where we sang a couple of action songs, heard the creation story & saw a few things God has made. People seemed to get involved & do the actions and I think the kids had some fun. Worship was followed by tea of soup & a roll followed by cakes - thank you to all who provided us cakes.

We'll need some bits & bobs for next month's crafts like kitchen rolls & yogurt pots (the muller ones are best) so look in the Link for details of what we'd like.

If you'd like to join us & bring your family, the next **Messy Church** is on 28th February - come & join in the fun!

Lisa Hamblin

#### Lent – a good time to pray

Lent is traditionally a time when Christians take stock of themselves spiritually. They set aside extra time for prayer. So there you are, tentatively wanting to pray... Here are some helpful things to remember as you settle down to it:

People have been praying since Adam had a grandson named Enosh. At least the Bible tells us in Genesis 4:26 that it was during his days when "men began to call on the name of the Lord". They have been doing it ever since.

People have been answered by God since Genesis, too. But if you want to read some beautiful prayers – and answers to them, browse through the Psalms. Again and again the psalmist writes: "the Lord heard my cry".

So – what do you need to bring to prayer? Just the tiniest amount of faith that God is even there.... Jesus assures us that even faith as big as a tiny mustard seed will be effective.

What gives you the right to come before Almighty God? Jesus does. The Bible is clear that "there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ". (1 Tim 2:5)

The Bible makes clear that God does not stand on ceremony – he wants our personal, spontaneous prayers. Jesus was very matter of fact about it: "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:6)

Above all, prayer must be made with a pure heart. "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." (Psalm 66:18) That simply means that if you know you are doing something wrong, and intend to keep right on doing it, don't waste your time praying.

Finally, what can be the results of your prayers this Lent? Well, here are seven, for starters....

- 1. Joy and deep happiness. (John 16:24)
- 2. Relief from your worry, stress and tension (Philippians 4:6,7)
- 3. Wisdom and more mental clarity (James 1:5,6)
- 4. Protection and deliverance from temptations (Matthew 26:41)
- 5. An ability to share the Good News of Jesus to other people (Matthew 9:38)
- Strength to persevere when you feel under spiritual attack (Ephesians 6:18)
- 7. A growing thankfulness to God, who is worthy of all glory (Revelation 4:11)



## SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2010 A day focusing on Prayer

10:00	Arrivals & Welcome
	Session #1 (inc. worship, introductions &
	teaching)
11:15	Coffee break (20 mins)
	Session #2 (teaching, testimony & group
	work)
12:30	Lunch
13:15	Sharing GEAR's vision, plus worship
13:45	Session #3 (teaching, testimony, group
	work, prayer & debriefing)
	Closing worship
1600	Event finishes

#### SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY

10:30 Parade Service in the Church

Our leader for these activities is the Revd Paul Stokes who is an advocate for the Group for Evangelism and Renewal of the United Reformed Church.

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## Diary February

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

Tues 2nd	7:45pm	Elders Meeting	
Sat 6th	9:00am	Prayer Breakfast	
Sun 7th		Worship with Rev Denis Simons Bible Study	
Sun 14th	10:30am	Vision 4 Life Parade with Rev Paul Stokes	
Sun 21st		Worship with Rev Denis Simons Café church at Cheshunt Free Church	
Sat 27th	7:30pm	Raise the Roof concert	
Sun 28th		Worship with Rev Martin Legg Messy Church - Noah & the flood	

## Next newsletter deadline Sunday 14th February

## PRAYER PLAN

### FEBRUARY 2010

Lord God, help us to find our fulfilment in serving others according to the model of Jesus Christ, even to the point of sacrificing our leisure, when you ask it of us. Let us be ready to answer your call and find our happiness in helping others in their search for you. Amen

#### Monday 1st

Margaret and John Hitchcock

#### **Tuesday 2nd**

The people of Haiti suffering from the recent earthquake

#### Wednesday 3rd

Ladbroke Road

#### **Thursday 4th**

Those facing problems caused by the recent icy and cold weather conditions

#### Friday 5th

People of Burma still suffering from the effects of a cyclone

#### Saturday 6th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 7th

Thanks for the Helicopter Rescue Service saving people in recent cold and ice

### **Monday 8th**

Peter Hitchcock

#### **Tuesday 9th**

Pilots and engineers working for Mission Aviation Fellowship

### Wednesday 10th

Landseer Road

### **Thursday 11th**

Our local shopkeepers, hair-dressers and postmen

#### Friday 12th

Persecuted Christians in India and Sri Lanka

### Saturday 13th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 14th

Thanks for carers and those helping people to stay in their own homes

### Monday 15th

**Christine Hughes** 

### **Tuesday 16th**

People suffering from injuries in Haiti

### Wednesday 17th

Lathkill Close

#### **Thursday 18th**

New babies and their mothers and those still expected

#### Friday 19th

The people of the Sudan that the peace will not be broken

#### Saturday 20th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 21st

Thanks for Christian organizations providing aid when disasters strike

#### Monday 22nd

Judith Hughes

#### **Tuesday 23rd**

Pilots flying in medical supplies and helpers to places like Papua, New Guinea and Indonesia

#### Wednesday 24th

Leighton Road

### **Thursday 25th**

Those about to have or recovering from operations

### Friday 26th

The people of North Korea suffering from an oppressive regime, especially Christians who are imprisoned

#### Saturday 27th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### Sunday 28th

Thanks for our ambulance and medical services and the air ambulance helping to save lives



## World Leprosy Day 21st February 2010

God's heart is to replace the despair, shame and alienation of leprosy with His crown of love and compassion; with life, health and self-worth. The Leprosy Mission seeks to continue Jesus' ministry of love and healing among the world's most rejected people.

In 2010 The Leprosy Mission is focusing on Nepal to celebrate World Leprosy Day. At Anandaban hospital, patients not only receive medical care but staff also help them begin the slow process of emotional healing and release. The hospital's projects include medical treatment and surgery, counselling, education support, housing support and small business loans. The Christian staff also have weekly fellowship meetings in the hospital; other people are free to attend should they wish to, giving them the chance to hear about Jesus.

World Leprosy Day is a wonderful opportunity to join with people around the world in praying for those affected by leprosy and those working to eliminate the causes and consequences of the disease.

We will be holding World Leprosy Day on 21st February when the service will focus on the work of The Leprosy Mission especially in Nepal.

The Sunday before there will be leaflets, prayer and blessing calendar and prayer card given out with the Link. Please read these and on 21st February there will be a retiring collection.

LEPROSY MISSION

Please pray for this work and give as much as you can afford. Thank you.

**Christine Hughes** 



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: February 28th 3:30pm

### National Marriage Week – 8 to 14 Feb

Marriage Week UK celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life in the UK. It is timed to include Valentine's Day (8th –14th Feb 2010) and has been held every year since 1997.

Marriage remains incredibly popular – over 90% of young people in the UK aspire to be married at some point in the future, and the large majority will achieve this. Although many people fear that marriages don't last, two out of every three first marriages will last until one partner dies, and one in two second or subsequent marriages will also last a lifetime.

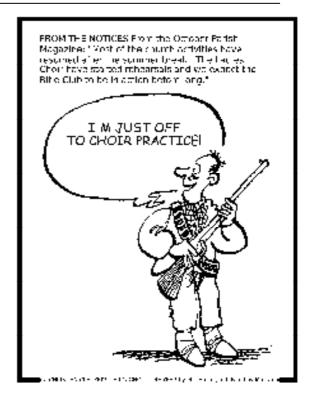
If you would like 25 ideas of how to strengthen the romance and love in your marriage, visit the website: www.marriage-week.org.uk/ and click on 'get involved'.

#### Jian Hua Foundation

Don't forget our Chinese children that we sponsor.

On the 14th at the start of the Chinese new year please lift up in prayer Chinese families as they gather to celebrate. May God's blessing be poured out in the coming year as our Father is made known.

Also towards the end of the month as the RHH children return from their villages, ask that they will adjust quickly when the new term starts.



## Job opportunities with Stewardship, a national Christian charity based North East of London

Stewardship is a well established and progressive Christian charity with a vision to transform Christian giving and improve the financial and legal administration of churches and Christian charities. Based in Loughton, Essex, we employ about 40 people and are actively seeking to recruit two new team members, with drive and energy and a strong commitment to our Christian vision and ethos

#### **Giving Services Administrator**

Our Giving Services Team delivers a tax-effective giving service to thousands of Christian 'givers' in the UK and 'recipients' across the world. Your main responsibilities would include a wide range of administrative processes involved in opening and operating our Giving Accounts. In addition, you would regularly liaise with givers and recipients over the telephone, by letter and e-mail. You should have previous administrative experience, be able to deliver high levels of accuracy, have a good level of computer literacy and demonstrate a strong customer service focus.

#### **Senior Payroll Administrator**

Stewardship offers a highly effective and appreciated payroll bureau service to Christian churches and charities. The service has seen strong growth over the last five years and is currently being developed through investment in a new internet based software service which will increase internal efficiency and improve customer service. Responsibilities include preparation of monthly payrolls to deadline, processing pay, PAYE/NIC and other BACS files and managing and implementing year end processes.

Both posts are full-time and offer salaries (and a range of other benefits) that compare favourably with the charity sector.

Closing date for applications is 1 February (Giving Services) and 19 February (Payroll).

For an information pack please contact Linda Hodges on 020 8502 8563 or linda.hodges@stewardship.org.uk, stating the role(s) in which you are interested.

## **Church Library**

## A Lineage of Grace Five unlikely women who changed eternity

Francine Rivers

Five women whom God chose:

#### **Tamar**

Betrayed by the men who controlled her future, she fought for her right to believe in a loving Gold.

#### Rahab

A woman with a past to whom God gave a future.

#### Ruth

She gave up everything, expecting nothing, and God honoured her.

#### **Bathsheba**

Her beauty stirred the passion of a king. Her pain moved the heart of God.

All eternity had been waiting for this moment God chose one woman

#### Mary

A six-part Bible study included with each woman's story. Perfect for personal study or group discussion.

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!

## Boys Brigade News

Before I tell you about things in 2010, I really should let you know about the end of 2009. I will start by saying that at the end of November we entered that Battalion Bowling competition, which was held at Hollywood Bowl in Finchley. We came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

As usual, we did our annual Carolling round the streets of Bush Hill Park. We normally do 3 nights, but in an effort to boost our recruitment campaign, we did a forth night and visited roads that we don't normally cover. At every house we visited we gave out recruitment leaflets for BB & GB and also for forth coming church events.

All four evening were a great success, the boys braved the arctic conditions and helped collect. I was very impressed with the fact that almost every boy in the company helped out on at least 2 of the 4 nights. There were some very dedicated members who did all four nights. This year we also invited to Girls brigade to come and help out on 2 of the nights. Thank you to the girls who also braved the cold conditions.

The brass band this year was of a very high standard, with some old faces coming and joining us. It was great to see past members of the company who had left for 40 - 50 years coming back and getting involved. (I would normally insert a joke here about Mr Cutts knowing all the old boys as he was staff back in the 50's, but as it is a new year I won't). I must mention that on the night when it snowed heavily, we still managed to get out and collect, even though the band was made up of 2 members, it still sounded great, and most of the boys still made it. Collecting in the falling snow with carols being played felt really Christmassy.

Once again Mr Rushbrook and the GB staff prepared hot dogs and drinking chocolate at the end of each night. A big thank you to all those involved in this year's carolling.

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## Boys Brigade News cont.

We started back on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January with a full turn out of boys. We even had a new boy join the company, which is really great. I now hope he brings a friend and we can expand. Our first year boys are learning about recycling and water conservation. They will be making their own recycled paper and learning about how they can save water and recycle.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys are learning all about expedition cooking. The first week they were taught about the different types of stoves and the different fuels used. They each practised setting up the different stoves and getting them working. Over the next few weeks they will be taught how to cook 4 different meals using 2 stoves each. Each week they will have to cook those different recipes on their stoves. I am sure Mr Rushbrook will insist that he has to taste the food, to see if it is up to his standards.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> year boys are doing the craft element of their skills badge. Over the next few weeks they will be making their own golf clubs. They will have to prepare the shaft to the correct length, shape the head of the club (for what type of iron they are making), put a grip on the shaft and they put the club together. Hopefully there will be time for them to make an iron and a wood. At the end of the session they will get to test out their clubs on a driving range.

Our one and only senior boy will be spending the next few week's discussing Faith & Christianity in depth with Denis. It is quite a nice thing for seniors of the top age group to do and hopefully will bring those boys (when they do it) closer to the church.

Mr Collicotte is also doing drumming lessons for some of the older boys on a Tuesday evening and he hopes that they might perform a routine soon. We are still taking any interest boys along the band rehearsals at the  $1^{st}$  Enfield.

That's what is happening on Monday & Tuesday nights; however there are lots of forth coming events - details to come in the next newsletter!.

Andrew Caddies

## Girls Brigade News

We have got off to a slow start this session - We cancelled the first week because of the bad weather and the second week there was still snow on the ground and so we were very low on numbers. This last week, though, the girls have started to come back.

With the Seniors & Brigaders we are following the new syllabus set by head quarters, and are currently looking at "Money Matters" following on to last sessions on "Self Esteem".

The programs are very intense and totally different to our old program but are easier from a leaders perspective as they are very prescribed.

Company Camp has been booked - we are returning to Houghton Chapel Retreat in Huntingdon - the girls we have with us now have not been there before but we leaders have fond memories of our last trip. In fact I wrote an enthusiastic report for this magazine. We may have a problem with transport, so we may be asking for assistance.

The girls can also go to District Camp a weekend away at Gilwell Park, and our three Brigaders are intending to do the Young Leaders Training weekend in March - so a busy year ahead.

Please pray for us all.

Lynda Cook



### Wordsearch

February is the month of Love. On Valentine's Day we celebrate our earthly love for one another, with hearts and romantic cards and roses and presents and expensive meals in restaurants. But February also marks the beginning of Lent, when we recall Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil. The Church has used Lent as a time for prayer and fasting and taking stock of ourselves spiritually. We want to be prepared for the greatest show of Divine Love ever - Good Friday.

Valentine Love Hearts Girlfriend Prayer Divine Jesus Worship	Rose Present Kiss Boyfriend Fasting Wilderness Bread Repentance	Romance Restaurant Hug Lent Temptation Devil Stone Angels
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#### CANDLEMAS

Bet you thought that Christmas ended ages ago – well Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February marks the real end of the season of Christmas and the beginning of preparation for the next festival. Easter.

It is the traditional time for a good clean up. All Christmas decorations had to be taken down by this day. Can you imagine how scruffy and dusty they would have been by now? Churches had to be cleaned too.

Candlemas celebrates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple 40 days after he was born. It is called Candlemas because candles are lit to remind us that when Jesus was

presented Simeon, an old servant in the Temple, said that Jesus was the Light that God had sent to the Gentiles (Gentiles are all the people who are not Jews). Read about this in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 2.



#### LIGHT & BRIGHT

There are lots of words to do with light and lights in the Bible. Can you find the answers to this Bible Light quiz?

- What did the woman light when she lost a silver coin? (Luke, chapter 15)
- What God created on the first day? (Genesis, chapter 1)
- What light did the wise men follow? (Matthew, chapter 2)
- According to St Luke, what is the lamp of the body? (Luke, chapter 11)
- What Moses found in the desert? (Exodus, chapter 3)
- What the soldiers carried to: search for Jesus in the garden? (John, chapter 18)

Answers at the bottom of this page.

### What kind of lights did Noah have on the Ark?

Floodlights.



What did the little lightbulb say to its mother? I wuy you watts and watts.

Answers: 1.lamp 2.light 3.a star 4.eye 5.burning bush | 6.torches & lanterns

# 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 Lounge

10:15am Baby & Toddler Group

6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys and Junior

Section)

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

month)

