

# February



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Newsletter



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## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 27th February. 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 13th February.**

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

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They think it's all over...

And the Easter eggs are in the shops!



The decorations are packed away.  
The Christmas tree has probably  
been turned into mulch. Is that it for  
another year? It is many years ago  
now that my father gave me a  
badge. It was intended to be worn  
at Christmas. However, I wear it at  
various times. It says, 'Wise men  
seeking Jesus – they still do'.

We don't know when the Wise  
Men arrived. It was clearly some  
time after the birth and the baby  
was no longer in the stable.  
Matthews Gospel records  
Herod's orders.

*When Herod realized that he had  
been outwitted by the Magi, he  
was furious, and he gave orders  
to kill all the boys in Bethlehem  
and its vicinity who were two  
years old and under, in  
accordance with the time he had  
learned from the Magi.*

One of the hymns I remembered,  
but did not use, in the service for  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, is this one.

Wise men, seeking Jesus,  
Travelled from afar,  
Guided on their journey  
By a beauteous star.

But if we desire him,  
He is close at hand;

For our native country  
Is our Holy Land.

Prayerful souls may find him  
By our quiet lakes,  
Meet him on our hillsides  
When the morning breaks.

In our fertile cornfields  
While the sheaves are bound,  
In our busy markets,  
Jesus may be found.

Fishermen talk with him  
By the great North Sea,  
As the first disciples  
Did in Galilee.

Every peaceful village  
In our land might be  
Made by Jesu's presence  
Like sweet Bethany.

He is more than near us,  
If we love him well;  
For he seeketh ever  
In our hearts to dwell.

The words are written by James T East. I spent some time searching for any information about him without success. The words are very powerful and encourage us to seek Jesus wherever we may be.

John's Gospel, Chapter 1 records Andrews reaction at finding Jesus, *Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed*

*Jesus. 1 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.*

Have you found the Messiah? If so, where?  
And most importantly. Have you told anyone?

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Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...

## Smile lines

Romance, love, marriage and all that stuff - the way children see it....

### **How do you decide whom to marry?**

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the crisps and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

### **How can a stranger tell if two people are married?**

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. - Derrick, age 8

### **What do most people do on a date?**

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10

### **What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?**

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. - Craig, age 9

### **Is it better to be single or married?**

I don't know which is better, but I'll tell you one thing. I'm never going to have sex with my wife. I don't want to be all grossed out. - Theodore, age 8

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. - Anita, age 9

And the #1 Favorite is.....

### **How would you make a marriage work?**

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. - Ricky, age 10 (smart fellow)

# Here is the News

We had a number of people unwell around Christmas for various reasons. Most are recovered now but we need to keep an eye on our neighbours some of who would appreciate a telephone call or a visit.

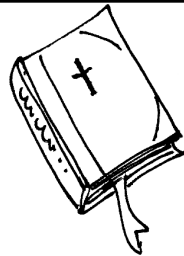
Pam Pite is still in hospital and we continue to pray for her family as they decide her future.

We are glad to see Terry back with us and to see he is feeling better.

It was good to see some old friends over the holidays and our young people back from university.

Second Sunday Supper starts on 13th Feb at 5:30pm.

We will be having a 'take away' with friends and a time of worship. Do come & join us at the church.



Spring is just around the corner as you might see from our garden.

Thanks to Robin Ward for planting things and generally keeping an eye on the garden. If anyone can find time for some weeding do go ahead.

We are looking for some good ideas for fund raising, or just getting together now and then throughout the year. If anyone has any ideas perhaps you could discuss them at a church meeting. Perhaps a 60s dance or you know someone who would be prepared to cook a meal or provide some entertainment. Over to you!!! Let Carol have any of your ideas.

Those of us that listen to the Archers will know that Nigel Pargetter had a tragic accident recently. Nigel had thought about what would happen when he died and left his family well provided for. Have you done the same?

This is a gentle reminder that we should all make a will, especially if children or property is involved. The cost may seem a lot but if you die without a will the laws of intestacy are applied and these are not always very fair and the outcome may not be what you wanted at all. Also it may involve a lot of worry and problems at a time when your family are grieving and upset.

As Christians we have to be good stewards of our assets so do think seriously about this if you do not have a will. It only takes a short visit to a solicitor who will help you with advice about how to see that your family are looked after and your finances used as you would like. So make it a priority in 2011.

Thank you to all who gave to our Building Fund during 2010 and to those who attended our Fundraising Events or hired our halls all of which gave an income of £18,873 during 2010 taking the total raised to £32.513 of £65,000 needed since the fund was opened.

We have a maximum of 5 years to repay the loan which attracts 3% interest so I am keen that the money is repaid as quickly as possible but we must also remain focussed on the ongoing work of the Church. In this new year please consider if you are able to make an additional regular commitment to the work of the Church (through the weekly offering or contact me for details of how to contribute via bank credit or through Stewardship). Additionally, can you make a regular contribution to the Building Fund to help cover the loan repayments? Are you able to complete a sponsored event (Helen Jenkins raised over £300 through a sponsored run in 2010), or organise a fundraising evening? Donations can be made via the white envelopes in the Church (don't forget your gift aid information), via bank credits (contact me for details) or online through our Charity Giving page [www.charitygiving.co.uk/bhpurcbf](http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/bhpurcbf).

Thank you all again for your support during 2010, please continue in 2011 – our costs have risen due to the VAT increase and our Gift Aid claims reduce from 28% to 25% this year (meaning the tax we get back from HMRC is 11% less, in real money terms, than last year) so we need all your generous support.

Our Annual Report and Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 will be available soon. In the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any information.

Thanks,

Martin - [treasurer@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@bhpurc.org.uk)

# **Singing the Swinging Sixties**

**An evening of ageless classics  
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**Saturday 26th February 2011**

**7pm for 7:30pm - 10:30pm**

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# Diary

## February

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

Tue 1st	7.45pm	Elders Meeting
Sat 5th	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 6th	10:30am	Communion with Rev. Martin Legg
Mon 7th	8:00pm	Book Club (The Boy with the Top Knot" By Sakhnan Sanghea)
Sun 13th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Rev. Martin Legg Second Sunday Supper
Sun 20th	10:30am	Morning Worship with John Stynes
Sat 26th	7:00pm	Singing the Swinging Sixties at the St Paul's centre
Sun 27th	10:30am 3:00pm	Morning Worship with Jill Nugent Messy Church

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 13th February

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# PRAYER PLAN

FEBRUARY 2011

Lord God, give us wisdom, we pray, so that we may see the wonder of your creation and rejoice in the trees, flowers and creatures we see around us. And in our own lives help us to appreciate your goodness to us. Amen

Tuesday 1st

Babies born recently and expectant mothers

Wednesday 2nd

Lincoln Road

Thursday 3rd

The dustmen and road sweepers keeping our borough clean and tidy

Friday 4th

The people of Australia suffering from the recent floods

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for the ability to learn, for universities, schools and colleges.

Monday 7th

Michelle, Bill, Anne Marie and Chloe Hanson

Tuesday 8th

For the continuing work in Haiti one year on from the earthquake to provide food, shelter and water to drink.

Wednesday 9th

Lincoln Crescent

Thursday 10th

Mental health sufferers and those that support them

Friday 11th

The people of New Zealand

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 13th

Thanks for those who love us and share our lives

### Monday 14th

Anne and John Hatchett

### Tuesday 15th

For all the people who use our premises week by week

### Wednesday 16th

Leighton Road

### Thursday 17th

For those in our fellowship who we do not know well

### Friday 18th

The people of Tunisia, that there may be peaceful elections

### Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 20th

Thanks for water, whether rain or from the turn of a tap

### Monday 21st

Margaret and John Hitchcock

### Tuesday 22nd

For the safety of our children on half term holidays

### Wednesday 23th

Main Avenue

### Thursday 24th

For the Brigades and their officers

### Friday 25th

The people in Brazil made homeless in the recent mud slides and the families of those who were killed

### Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 27th

Thanks for answered prayers

### Monday 28th

Peter Hitchcock



# New Beginnings

This Spring thousands of people face possible redundancy, as the Government cuts kick in. The huge uncertainty looms large. The loss of income, place and belonging leaves them shaken. An entrepreneur who lost his business and home said that the most difficult aspect was not knowing where 'rock bottom' would be - how much more was there still to lose? Transitioning is never easy, particularly when it is not due to our own choice, but something that is decided for us. We would love all that is good to last...

And yet, we know that to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. It includes a time to pluck up what is planted and a time to lose (Ecclesiastes 3).

The author of this book does not only sketch a seasonal perspective, but also paints the bigger picture that overarches every season. "God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men. Yet, they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

And that's it. We don't always understand. We cannot always see the end. At times we can't even see the new beginning. But like winter is followed by spring, a new season will come. The rhythm of life will continue. In the bleaker winter of life, we remember that the seeds are already lying dormant, waiting to sprout in spring.

In the moment of crisis, directions may become unclear and may even be contradictory. It is quite an art to live wisely and recognise new beginnings. For what is new won't usually be announced by the appearance of angels and bright stars in the sky. Life is more subtle than that.

"There are journeys we have begun that have brought us greater riches and refinement; but we had to travel through dark valleys of difficulty and suffering," writes John O'Donohue in *Benedictus*. "Beginnings are new horizons that want to be seen; they are not regressions or repetitions."

This year, 2011, will include thresholds of change we had not anticipated, opportune times within life's chronology. It requires minds that are open to new frontiers and courage to shape new landscapes. It needs the perceptive to recognise the new things that God is doing. And it presumes time to watch, listen and learn (Isaiah 43:19, 50:4). "In times of change, learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists." (Eric Hoffer)

May we be sensitive in the year ahead to the earth's new shoots and heaven's whispers. As Martin Luther King said, we may not know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. May our God who has made everything beautiful in its time and who set eternity in our hearts, give us courage and an inquisitive mind for the new year. Shalom.

Marijke Hoek - Coordinator Forum for Change

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# St Valentine's Day

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.

So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day - 14 February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or 'sweethearts' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Jonah 1-4)

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IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"

## Some observations on our Christian pilgrimage

Jesus is the bread of life, not the cake for special occasions. Anon

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When we have given God all that we have and are, we have simply given him his own. William Plumer

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God knows us altogether and cares for us in spite of that knowledge. J Charles Stern

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Spiritual growth consists most in the growth of the root, which is out of sight. Matthew Henry

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The future belongs to those who belong to God. This is hope. W T Purkiser

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Although modern man zestfully explores outer space, he seems quite content to live in a spiritual kindergarten and to play in a moral wilderness.

Carl F H Henry

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As God by creation made two of one, so again by marriage he made one of two. Thomas Adams

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Don't look around for a life partner, look UP. Any other choice than God's will mean disaster. Anon

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Prayer: It is necessary to draw near to God, but it is not required of you to prolong your speech till everyone is longing to hear the word 'Amen'. C H Spurgeon

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I have lived to thank God that all my prayers have not been answered.

Jean Ingelow

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Temptations are everywhere, and so is the grace of God. Anon

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What we worship determines what we become. Harvey F Ammerman

# *Boys Brigade News*

Before I tell you about 2011, I should let you know about the end of 2010. As usual, we did our annual Carolling & Collecting around the streets of Bush Hill Park. This year we collected over four nights. Every house we visited we gave out recruitment leaflets for BB & GB and also for forthcoming church events.

All four evenings were a great success and the boys braved the very cold conditions and helped collect. Once again it had been snowing and the lure of throwing snowballs at each other got to some of the boys. 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.

The brass band this year was of a very high standard, as Mr Cutts was late on a few nights. There were some old faces coming and joining us as well. It was great to see past members of the company who have been left for 40 - 50 years coming back and getting involved. Once again after the collecting there were hot dogs and hot chocolate awaiting the boys and staff. Thank you to everyone who helped out or donated to us.

We started back on Monday 10<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 and second year boys are now learning how to play brass instruments as they had expressed a wish to learn. This is very encouraging and they are learning very quickly. It is hoped that we will be able to get some new instruments from the London district, so they can learn on something nice and new. It will also mean they can take it home to practise (won't the neighbours be pleased!). With 4 boys already attending a regular band practise and these 3 boys interested, it might not be too long before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield Brass band is formed again.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year boys are spending 6 weeks in the kitchen doing a range of cooking from Flapjacks and cakes to making their own sausage rolls & pizzas from scratch. It all seems to be going well so far! You can always tell



when the cooking has been successful as that is where the staff congregate at the end of the evening to demand a taste test!

Our 5<sup>th</sup> year boys have been set a project to make a short film. They have to write and devise it, script it, draw up the screen plays, star in it and also film it. They will then spend some time editing it all together and adding the sound track and any special effects that are required. The plot was finished last week and the casting process began. All the main parts were cast and as Charlie was absent last week the group nominated him to play the part of the sister. That was nice of them. He won't miss another week when decisions are being made!!

For the last year I have been running circuit training every Thursday evening. This is a session designed to help you keep fit. We have a regular turn out of boys who come each week. They really enjoy it and take it very seriously. The session starts out with a mile jog and then there are 8 stations with different exercise. In pairs they spend 2 minutes doing each exercise before moving on. Before Christmas the regular attendees asked if we could do it twice a week. (wow - teenagers asking to do exercise instead of being lazy at home playing on their Play Stations). I am hoping to run a Military style fitness session every Tuesday or Sunday in the very near future. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield is going to be a supper fit company before long!

That's what is happening during the week; however there are lots of forth coming events. In a week's time we have the North London Cross Country competition, in which we are going to enter a team. The football league will continue. We have a swimming Gala coming up and also at the start of February we will be holding the Battalion PR Games here. We have been very successful at this competition in past years, and training is already underway for this year.

During the February half term we have the Company Supper. The company supper is a great event where all the staff and company section boys, along with some past members sit down and have a meal together. There is usually some sort of entertainment as well in the form of a stage /talent show, performed by boys and staff.

I will give you a full report on all these things next time.

# Wordsearch

February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate: and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through his death for us on the cross, and his resurrection, his love can now transform anyone's life. Romances can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

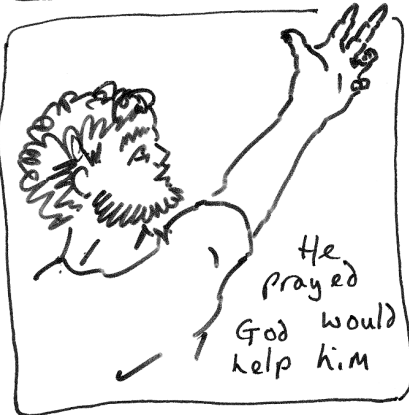
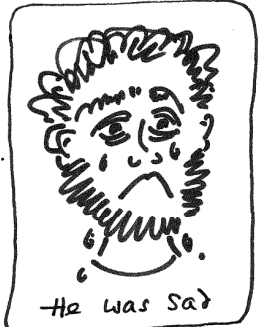
Valentine	Rose	Romance	Love	Present
Kiss	Hearts	Restaurant	Hug	Girlfriend
Boyfriend	Fiancé	Worship	Repentance	Angels
Baby	Temple	Mary	Candlemas	Presentation



# Send off that arrow prayer!



Chaos. Walls and gates smashed. The man wept and prayed. He confessed the bad ways of the people and prayed he could speak to the king. Four months later the king asked him why he looked so sad. This was the moment! The man prayed so quickly it was like an arrow to God. The king said he could go and rebuild the walls. His prayer was answered.



Try it yourself—send off that off that arrow prayer and be amazed!

Read more in Nehemiah 1&2.



# BHP DAY BY DAY URC

**Sunday**      10:30am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday in the month)  
3:00pm Messy Church (4th Sunday in the month)  
5:30pm Second Sunday Supper (2nd 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 **Prayer Room**  
10:00am Baby & Toddler Group  
6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys and Junior Section)

