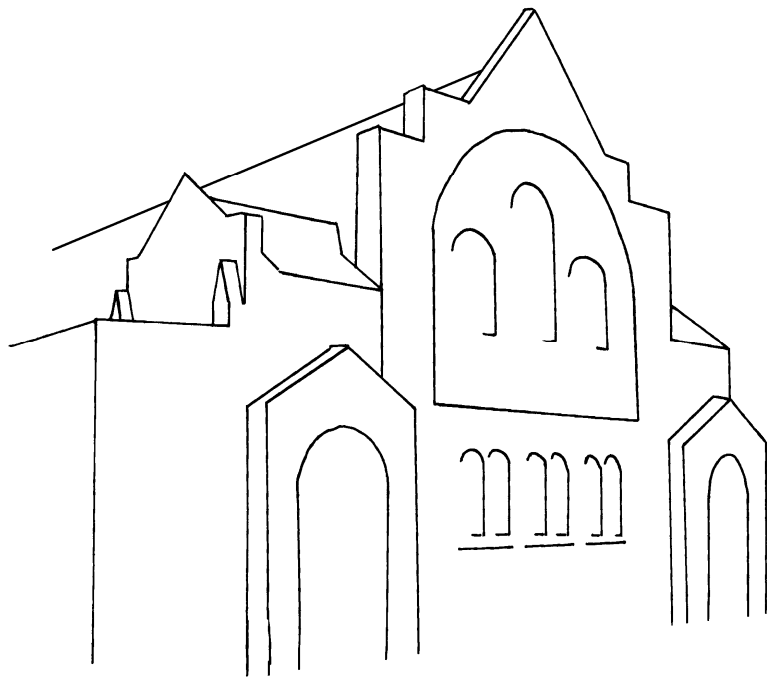


# May



2011

## Newsletter



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## Next Newsletter

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

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

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# All at See

This is one of my favourite songs that we sang over Easter.. It reminded me of the sort of curiosity, excitement, and novelty factor that Jesus presented during his time on Earth.



The Shepherds on the hillside, hearing about the birth of Jesus - "Come let us see.." They came and they worshipped. As Jesus began his ministry he invited Philip to follow him - Philip went to Nathaniel and said "Come and see.." The disciples came to the tomb and the angel invited them to Come and see the place where he lay.

Thomas would not accept what the other disciples had told him – so Jesus invited him to see his hands ....

All through his ministry they came and they saw. The teacher from Galilee whose words lit the flame within them. Who inspired them with the love and compassion that he had for those who were suffering. But the power that transformed lives for good also transformed lives to evil. Those whose bitter jealousies could only hate the man who loved them.

Come and see, come and see  
Come and see the King of love;  
See the purple rob  
and crown of thorns He wears.  
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer  
as He lifts the cruel cross;  
Lone and friendless now,  
He climbs towards the hill.

At the cross, they came and mocked.

The Festival in Jerusalem attracted many visitors for different reasons, just like any event of today. People selling food and refreshments, offerings for the Temple, religious items, etc.

We are quite good at putting notices up and making an effort to decorate the church and make everything look nice for Easter, but it is of little use if the church is empty. How do we encourage people to 'come and see'? We would like to have more social type events, but that takes someone to organise. The 'Second Sunday Suppers' are reasonably well supported. These evenings are a good opportunity to get to know people a little better

and a great opportunity to open the Bible and learn a bit more about our faith.

I hope that by the time you read this, we will have written to all our young people to see if we can help them with more activity or facilities that they would find useful and helpful. Or just to get some ideas about what they would to do at church. Looking

back I was surprised that it is 15 years since we last ran a holiday club – The Easter Express. Perhaps this is something we could begin to plan now for next Easter?

*Martin*



Cecily suddenly realised how they had sliced so many eggs for the sandwiches.

# Smile Lines

## **What the Bible really means....**

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

## **Breakable**

There was a very gracious lady who was posting an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country... "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

## **Morning prayer**

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord ," And there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it' s morning."

## **Money**

There is the story of a minister who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

## **What God is like**

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the little boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

# Here is the News



## Thank You

Thanks to all those who have given contributions to our building fund in the last few months. We are very grateful to all those who save small sums in various ways or donate larger amounts.

Some of you may remember Charmian Oliver who used to help at the Toddler Group when it first started. We were sorry to hear that she died this week at her care home in Bristol. We have fond memories of her time with us.

## Address update

Kath Cole has changed her email address, it is now: [kathleencole@sky.com](mailto:kathleencole@sky.com), please change your address books.

## Newsletter by email

You can now receive this newsletter by email. If you would like to do that please email [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) stating the email address you would like the newsletter to be sent to.

We will not use your email address for anything apart from sending you a newsletter & no-one else will see your email address either. You can always opt out of receiving the newsletter by email - just email [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) again letting us know.

The newsletter is also available on our website each month. Go to [www.bhpurc.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/newsletter) to check it out.

## Prayer

The girls seem to have had a good time while they were away, although Charlotte broke her wrist and has her arm in plaster. Our prayers go to Charlotte for healing.

## Building Fund Gig

Pookie K (aka Benjamin Maydon), member of hiatused band Unbalanced Grass, and newly refreshed and revived musical comedian, is playing a gig in aid of BHPURC!

- Thrill at the wonder of the comic routines!
- Marvel at the songs about Bridgwater, cavemen, manga, and more!
- Laugh when he forgets his words!

Over one hour of musical comedy - and what else do you have to do on a Saturday night? I mean, really.

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TIME: 7:30pm

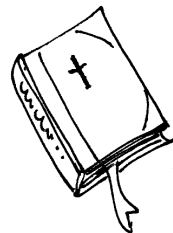
PLACE: Junior Room, Bush Hill Park URC, Main Avenue, Enfield, EN1 1DJ

PRICE: 50p - plus extra donation if you want - all money goes to the church roof debt fund thingy!

Hope to see you there! It'll affect you so much, you'll die, hopefully of laughter (not a guarantee).

## Happy 400th Birthday, King James Bible!

On 2 May it will be exactly 400 years since the King James Version of the Bible was first published. The Authorised Version, as it is also known, has sold more than one billion copies since it was first published in 1611. It is arguable that there has been no more important single publication, as its impact on culture and language over the last 400 years has been huge around the world. Not only has it inspired great art, music and literature, but it has changed lives and shaped whole societies.





Beyond Ourselves is working in partnership with local Christians in Zambia, helping to build and develop community schools in the Copperbelt region of the country. We believe that with the help of this style of education,

children's futures will be bright and hopeful and those employed through the building and running of these schools will also benefit.

Beyond Ourselves was born out of a desire by a Christian family to use their business' time, skill and profit to make a difference in the communities they find themselves a part of, and to encourage others to be generous with their lives too.

In 2008, after meeting several Pastors in Zambia who were running free community schools out of their church buildings, we sent our first team over to build some much needed classrooms. Since then we have developed our relationships with these Pastors, their churches and schools. In May 2010 we began a child sponsorship programme to help develop and resource these schools further.

At Beyond Ourselves we want to see God's Kingdom come, to see lives changed physically and spiritually. By meeting the practical needs of the community hand in hand with the local church in Zambia means that the name and love of Jesus is demonstrated in a tangible way.

Word spread very quickly when the child sponsorship programme began at Janna School in Zambia and it has been so good to see the knock-on effect this has on the local people who are genuinely touched by what their church is doing for their community; enabling orphans and vulnerable children to receive free quality education, employing local widows, feeding their children, and so much more!

Our vision is to meet the immediate need of the orphans and vulnerable children in these communities through child sponsorship and feeding programmes at each of the community schools. We also want to see people here in the UK getting connected and involved in what we are a part of in Zambia; helping to transform communities and change lives.

Jodie Collins

Jodie is preaching on 15th May.



# Diary

May

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

Sun 1st	10:30am	Communion with David Atkinson
Tues 3rd	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 8th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Martin Wells Second Sunday Supper
Sun 15th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Jodie Collins from Beyond Ourselves Christian Aid Week
Sat 21st	7:00pm	Christian Aid Quiz (see page 13)
Sun 22nd	10:30am 3:00pm	Morning Worship with Rev. Martin Legg Messy Church
Sun 29th	<b>10.00</b> am	We hope to visit the Methodist Church in Wellington Road to join with their Worship this morning

Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 15th June

# PRAYER PLAN

MAY 2011

God our Father, you made your Word flesh in Jesus Christ. Help us to be trustworthy witnesses to your Son not so much by claiming to speak the truth, but by acting in such a way that people meet and know Christ in our words and deeds. Amen

## **Sunday 1st**

Thanks for babies born recently

## **Monday 2nd**

Ivy & Arthur Neate

## **Tuesday 3rd**

The lonely and housebound

## **Wednesday 4th**

Trinity Avenue

## **Thursday 5th**

Safety during the election that people will be encouraged to vote

## **Friday 6th**

For the people of New Zealand

## **Saturday 7th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 8th**

Thanks for the money which

has been raised so far for our building programme

## **Monday 9th**

Julia, Bob, Rosie & Emily Neate

## **Tuesday 10th**

For our soldiers in Afghanistan

## **Wednesday 11th**

Tweedy Close

## **Thursday 12th**

For those looking for work or who face redundancy

## **Friday 13th**

The people of Australia

## **Saturday 14th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 15th**

Thanks for holidays and seeing new people and places

**Monday 16th**

Frances, Jackie, Ray Jr., Yanick & Catherine Nguene

**Tuesday 17th**

For our church and its future work in our community

**Wednesday 18th**

Wellington Road

**Thursday 19th**

For those with financial difficulties that they will find good advice

**Friday 20th**

The people of Burkina Faso

**Saturday 21st**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 22nd**

Thanks for organisations providing education and entertainment for those who are retired

**Monday 23rd**

Diann, Tony, Rebecca, Joseph & Stephen Nicolaidies

**Tuesday 24th**

For the ongoing work with our youth and our uniformed organisations

**Wednesday 25th**

Alberta Road

**Thursday 26th**

For peace in various places in the world where there is conflict

**Friday 27th**

People of Ivory Coast

**Saturday 28th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 29th**

Thanks for Friends and Friendship

**Monday 30th**

Mabel Osae

**Tuesday 31st**

For the people of Japan as they face the after affects of the earthquake and possible further earthquakes



# The Bible in our Community

I saw a Bible in a charity shop the other day. It was a thick-as-a-brick Family Bible, a bargain at only £4.50. It was in immaculate condition with each page corner still as chiselled and gold-edged as the day it was printed. No sticky fingers had sullied these pages. No disrespectful hand had broken its spine.

But oh dear, it was a tragic sight.

That book had never had verses highlighted, Post-it notes stuck in its margins or dates pencilled alongside passages in it. It hadn't been opened. It hadn't been read! It was a parable in miniature: was that Bible better kept safe as a collector's item, or brought into the hurly-burly of life to risk being creased or battered?

Is God's word supposed to be kept untouched by the grubbiness of daily life or, like the Word himself, should it be part of our everyday existence, working in our communities like yeast in dough? Jesus wasn't afraid to risk mixing with people with infectious diseases and infectious lifestyles; he knew he could bring only healing and wholeness. His word, surely, is also meant to bring healing and wholeness, not kept on a shelf?

What might it mean, to bring the Bible out into the communities we live and work in? For some it might mean finding ways to open up the Bible as a family and allow its challenge and comfort to get to work in family life. The new website [www.faithinhomes.co.uk](http://www.faithinhomes.co.uk) has some friendly easy ideas to help families enjoy the Bible together.

For others, it might mean thinking about what the Bible says in a different way: not just 'How can the passage I'm reading help me through today?' but 'What might God need me to bring to my office, school, factory floor or hospital through this passage? Who might I need to bring this message to today?' and having our eyes and ears open to recognise opportunities to share some appropriate and timely story, thought or opinion that has been shaped by God's story.

The main way the Bible will be shared is not through writing its words on billboards but by 'gossiping' it as good news and living it out. This is how our communities can be healed.



**Christian Aid  
Week**

**15th - 21st May**

## **Circle the City Sponsored Walk**

The City, London Sunday, 22 May 2011

Walk 6km or 8.5km around the churches of the City of London this May and help stamp out poverty. Learn about Christian Aid's work across the globe, enjoy world-famous sights, explore beautiful churches and see jugglers, face-painters and more! It's a fun afternoon for all the family.

The walk starts from St Mary le Bow, Cheapside EC2 or All Hallows by the Tower EC3. Registration from 1pm

Fight poverty step by step - register to take part NOW

[Www.christianaid.org.uk/walks](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/walks)

Email [LSE@christian-aid.org](mailto:LSE@christian-aid.org) or phone 020 7523 2321

## **Collection**

There will be collections for Christian Aid outside Marks and Spencer's in Enfield during Christian Aid week 15th - 21st May, if you can volunteer for an hour on one or more days please let Doreen know. Thank you

## **Quiz**

We are hosting a quiz night to raise funds for Christian Aid on 21st May at 7pm. Tables should be no more than eight people but don't worry if you can't make up a whole table, there will be people on the night to make a table up with.

Tickets cost £5 and supper is included - See Doreen for yours!

# **What is God calling you to do? Now's the time to find out.... Vocations Sunday 15 May**

What is your vocation? You may think that you don't have one, that vocations are the sort of thing that only clergy have. But if you think that, you're wrong. God calls each one of us. The question, though, is to what?, writes Stephen Ferns

First and foremost, God calls us to change: to become more Christ-like. We are called to live out our lives in response to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That process began in our baptism, but it continues through prayer, through the reading of the scriptures and through the receiving of Holy Communion. One of the constant themes in the New Testament is that lives touched by Christ were changed. What is true for the characters of the New Testament is true for us. As we encounter and respond to Christ we cannot help but be changed.

But while we are called to change, we are also called to be more deeply ourselves. God never calls us to be something or someone we're not. God always calls us to what we are capable of becoming. It may be that there are parts of us which are underdeveloped or which rarely see the light of day which need to be allowed to flourish so we can be our true selves.

It may be that we have hidden gifts which need to be discovered or it may be that there is something that we have secretly always wanted to do but have not had the courage or the time to try. Whatever it may be we need to find an outlet which will allow us to feel more excited about life or indeed to feel more alive.

St Irenaeus wrote that 'the glory of God is a human being fully alive'. Through the dual process of becoming more fully ourselves and of becoming more fully Christ-like, the will of God is fulfilled and the glory of God seen. That is what Vocations Sunday is about. You have one life. For God's sake and for your own, live it.

# *Girls Brigade News*

We have two people representing the GB London North at the "Royal Wedding"!

Charlotte and Ellie will be travelling with another officer & girl from Winchmore Hill to London on the 29th April to attend the wedding. We don't know where they are standing but it will be something to look out for.

As promised here is some information on our "Summer Residential Holiday".

We have booked the Darsham Country Centre in Suffolk for our camp this year. It is a converted station master's house which is run and managed by the Woodcraft Folk. Situated on the Ipswich & Lowestoft railway it is very near Southwold. It sleeps 22 people in 7 bedrooms, some of which are single, and has facilities for the disabled. Chris Hall has volunteered to cook for us again this year - a big thank you Chris.

We are offering the girls the option of riding (on the beach) and Karting as well as powerboat rides, bowling, swimming, night walks (a favourite last year as we walked through this field in the dark which the girls were convinced had a bull in it), craft, a visit to Friton Lake, probably a museum, and of course a trip to Pleasurewood hills. At the moment there are 12 of us going so we have spaces!!

We feel that we are able to offer bed & breakfast accommodation to anyone who is interested, on a daily basis, and we would not expect you to join us in our activities though you would be very welcome. Sadly we will be missing both Carol & Pat from our staff this year who both in the past have helped out, especially with the craft.

Charlotte McBride

# *Boys Brigade News*

I am writing this article two days before myself and Mr Ward take 8 boys away for the 4 day Easter expedition trip to the Lake District. It is hoped that on one of the days we will climb Scarfell Pike, which is the highest mountain in England.

The journey up to where we will be camping will take about 7 hours, so the lads have been told to bring loads of pack lunch to keep themselves going until we reach the camp site. This year we will be staying in a campsite that has a river running next to it.

We are leaving at 6am on Friday morning and hope to arrive at 1pm, where we will have to set up camp. The lads are split into 2 man tents and will work in that pair when cooking all their food. Every meal will have to be prepared and cooked by themselves on stoves.

The older boys will also undertake map reading, route planning and navigation in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh award.

It is a great experience for the boys and teaches them how to look after themselves in the great outdoors. The achievement and feeling they get from reaching the top of a high and steep climb is fantastic.

On the Monday morning we will be taking the boys Gyll Scrambling. Gyll scrambling is an organised activity where we will start at the top of a mountain stream and float and swim down the river to the bottom. There will be small waterfalls and



plug pools to navigate on the way. The activity is run by a local instructor. Over millions of years the river has carved its way down the mountain though the rocks. The rocks are all now very smooth and it is like a big long water shoot.

I will give you a full report about our trip in the next newsletter.

After the holiday we will be practicing for the awards night which is being held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please feel free to come along and see what we have been up to for the last year. The boys will also be presented with all the badges and awards that they have gained all year.

After that we will start our summer session.

Andrew Caddies

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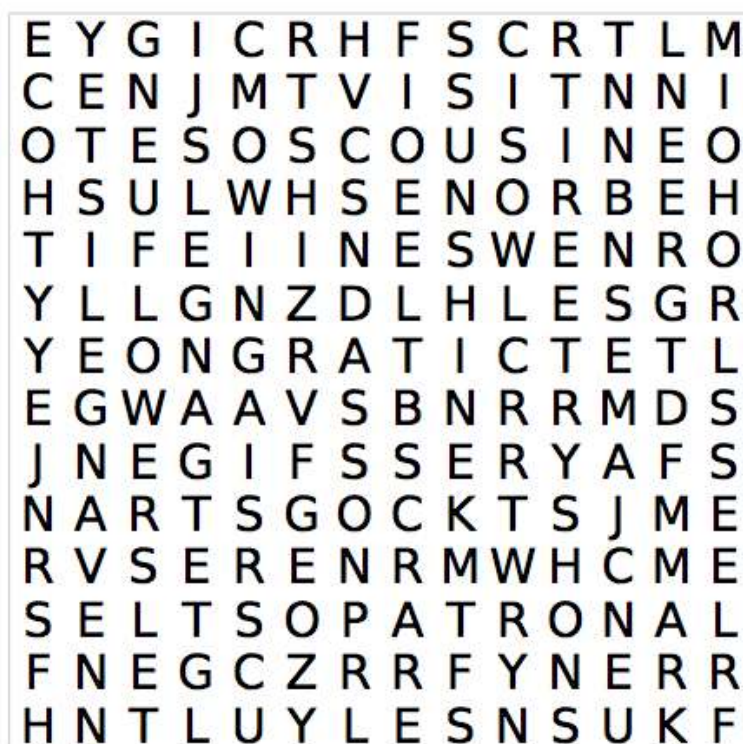
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HOW CAN YOU NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS?!? HE IS STANDING ... RIGHT ... HERE!

# Wordsearch

After Easter there are 40 days until Ascension, and this year that takes us all the way through May. May is a time of flowers, festivals, concerts, fayres.... it is a time to be out and about! In May we also remember Mark the Evangelist and Philip and James, the apostles. May closes with what the Church calls the Feast of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, which looks back to when Mary left Nazareth and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to see her cousin Elizabeth. The event is related in Luke 1:39-57. Feeling the presence of the unborn Jesus, John, upon the arrival of Mary, leaped in the womb of his mother.

forty	flowers	lush	green	sunshine	festivals
concerts	fayres	angel	mary	mark	evangelist
james	elizabeth	john	visit	cousin	hebron
apostles	marches	gardens	patronal	weeds	mowing



## Bible Sketchbook

**Fascinating man:**  
**He talks of freedom**  
**From rubbish;**  
**Of a new Way;**  
 Of turning from sin;  
 Of believing.  
 Huge crowds  
 Follow him.  
 He climbs in a boat.  
 Fishermen are  
 depressed;  
 They have

Caught nothing.  
 "Fish again," he says.  
 The catch is huge.  
 One is scared;  
 Aware of his sin.  
 The man says to them:  
 "Go and catch people!"  
 They left and they did.  
 They trusted him  
 And we can too.  
**Who is this man?**  
**Read more:**  
**Luke 5: 1-11**



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# 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 (2nd Monday in the month)

**Wednesday** 6:15pm Girls' Brigade

**Friday**      9:15am Prayers in the Junior Room  
                    10:15am Baby & Toddler Group  
                    6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys and Junior Section)

**Saturday**    9:00am Prayer Breakfast (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month)

