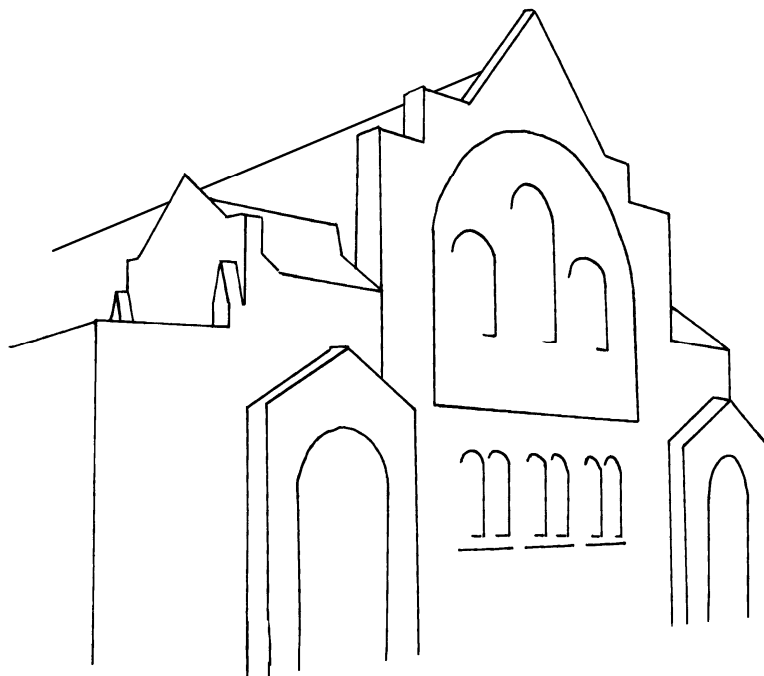


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Newsletter



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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

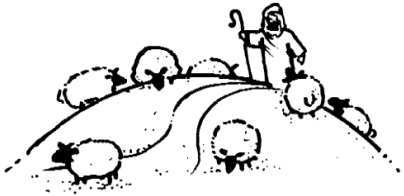
The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 26th June. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 12th June.**

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 robe
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.

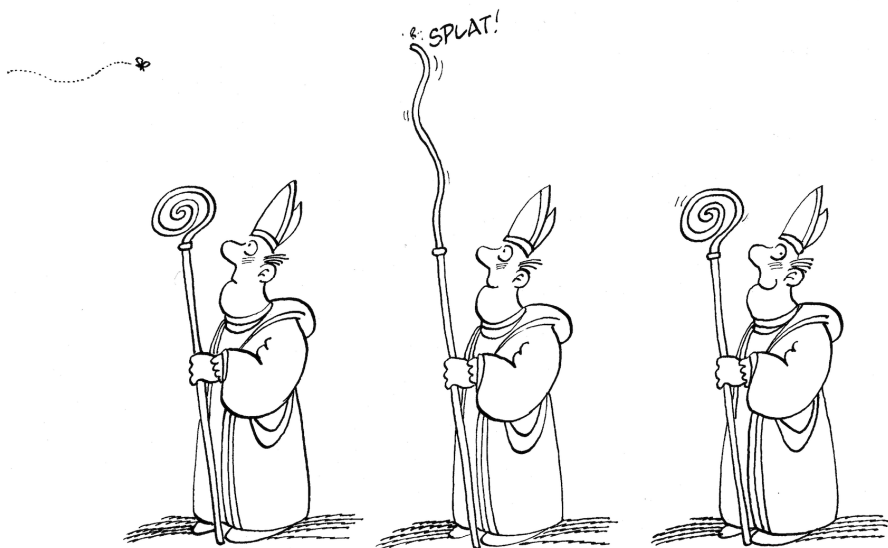
We are quite good at putting notices up and making an effort to decorate the church and make everything look nice

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 like 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?

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Smile lines

Baby

If your baby is beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and behaves like an angel all the time, you're the grandma.

Laugh

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Fathers and daughters

A young father was taking care of his baby daughter while his wife went to town shopping. He decided to go fishing and he had to take the toddler along. "I'll never take her along with me again!" he told his wife that evening. "I didn't catch a thing!"

"Oh, next time I'm sure she'll be quiet and not scare the fish away," his wife said. The father said gloomily. "No, it wasn't that. She ate all the bait."

Sermon prep

A young curate who had just been ordained stepped in to take the sermon at very short notice, because the vicar was ill. At the end of the sermon he explained apologetically: 'At such short notice I'm afraid I just had to rely on the Holy Spirit. Next week I hope to do better!'

Apples

This tale comes from a Roman Catholic elementary school. . . Up at the head table in the school cafeteria, one of the nuns had placed a big bowl of bright red, fresh, juicy apples. Beside the bowl, she placed a note which read, "Take only one. Remember, God is watching."

At the other end of the table was a bowl full of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, still warm from the oven. Beside the bowl lay a little note scrawled in a child's handwriting which read: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

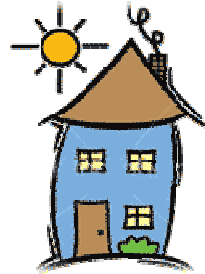
Here is the News

Forget the Jones

Trying to keep up with your friends and neighbours will not make you happy. In fact, it can lead to misery, according to a recent study. However, keeping an eye on what happens to co-workers in your workplace does have some merit, because it allows you to plan how your own career might progress.

The study, part of a recent European Social Survey, found that, on the whole, it is wise to take the biblical advice and 'not covet your neighbour's ox'.... because those of us who constantly compare ourselves to people around us are much less happy than those of us who don't bother.

Hermione and Ray White are planning to move home in the near future. We wish them a trouble free move and joy in their new house.



Christian Aid

The quiz on 21st May raised £220 with a further £20 from Toddlers & £90 from the retiring collection.

Thanks to everyone who contributed and thanks to Sue & Sylvia for their help.

Doreen Bamberger

Door stewards

Could you be a door steward? All you need to do is be at church 20 minutes before the service to make sure the doors at the front are open (you won't need keys) & welcome people, giving them a copy of the link & asking them to sign the visitors book if they are new.

This is a vital part of worship on a Sunday as you will be the first person people see & a friendly face to welcome people is lovely.

If you think you could do this please talk to Sylvia.

Fair trade goes from strength to strength

Despite recession and rising food prices, the fair-trade movement continues to attract ever-increasing support in the United Kingdom. Over 6,600 churches are now affiliated to the Fairtrade Foundation and more than 500 schools have joined. There are also over 500 Fairtrade Towns.

UK shoppers are continuing to embrace Fairtrade, showing no downturn in ethical values despite the tough economic times. Sales soared in the past year by 40 per cent, reaching an estimated retail value of £1.17 billion, compared with £836 million in 2009.

Every day in the UK we are now consuming an estimated 9.3 million cups of Fairtrade tea, 6.4 million cups of Fairtrade coffee, 530,000 of certified drinking chocolate and 3.1 million Fairtrade bananas. New categories are also growing, with over one million cosmetic products using Fairtrade ingredients sold in 2010.

This expansion into new areas has opened up more opportunities for producers. Juliana Sampana, a shea-nut gatherer from the Akoma Co-operative in Ghana (which has recently started selling shea butter into the UK Fairtrade cosmetics market) says: "Many women in our region and elsewhere have worked so hard to put food on their tables for their families through farming and odd jobs but end up with an unfair income, leading to poor diet and diseases such as kwashiorkor and beri-beri. With Fairtrade, women are assured of a fair wage for their hard work."

Fresh commitments from the business world here include the Co-operative's plan to convert all commodities that can be Fairtrade by 2013, starting with bananas. Topshop has launched a new range of cotton denim, while Marks & Spencer have introduced a new cotton range under its Indigo Green label. The majority of Waitrose tea is now Fairtrade.

The Fairtrade Foundation has welcomed the setting up of a Fair Deal Food (FDF) Council of UK food producers to campaign for a price that covers costs of production. It seems that the North of England is leading the way on this concern. Barbara Panvel of FDF says there is a real danger that if action is not taken we shall lose milk production in the UK and have to rely on imported milk in our Fairtrade coffee.

More information is available from the Fairtrade Foundation, Ibex House, 42-47 Minories, London EC3N 1DY (telephone 0207 405 5942).



London Walk through the History of Action for Children

Are you interested in history? Ever wanted to follow in the footsteps of Action for Children's founder, the Methodist Minister Thomas Bowman Stephenson? Now is your chance!

Discover the rich history of Action for Children as we walk through the streets of London, passing historic sites and exploring our heritage from 1869 to the present day. Starting at the picturesque Wesley's Chapel on City Road, the self guided 5 mile walk will take you past various London landmarks and historic monuments in Action for Children's 142 year history. You will finish the walk at the magnificent Westminster Central Hall for well deserved refreshments and goodie bag.



The day begins at 10.15am at Wesley's Chapel and finishes at Westminster Central Hall. We ask for a £5 registration fee and encourage you to raise a minimum of £50 sponsorship to take part in the walk.

Date: 2nd July 2011

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Venue: Wesley's Chapel

Address: 49 City Road, City of London EC1Y 1AU

For more information& to download a registration form go to www.actionforchildren.org.uk/get-involved/events/london-walk-through-the-history-of-action-for-children.

or contact Rebecca Minett, telephone 020 7582 3687

Diary

June

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities
The diary is also online at www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

Sat 4th	9:00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 5th	10:30am	Communion with Martin Legg
Tues 7th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 12th	10:30am	Pentecost Parade with Martin Legg followed by a BBQ for all
Sun 19th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Jill Nugent
Sun 26th	10:30am 3:00pm	Morning Worship with Terry Silvey Messy Church

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 12th June

PRAYER PLAN

JUNE 2011

Risen Lord Jesus, stir us to hear your story with fresh ears, forgive our unbelief, and help us to know you among us, risen and glorified for all people, at all times, and in all places, for in you and in your story is our true freedom and joy. Amen

Wednesday 1st

Amberley Road

Thursday 2nd

Our local councillors that they will help residents with their problems

Friday 3rd

For Christians in Egypt who are having their churches burnt down in the unrest after recent events

Saturday 4th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 5th

World Environment Day that we will all help sustain our world

Monday 6th

Sylvia Page

Tuesday 7th

For authors writing books which we enjoy reading

Wednesday 8th

Bertram Road

Thursday 9th

That young girls in all countries will be allowed access to an education

Friday 10th

Christians in Pakistan who face prosecution under new blasphemy laws

Saturday 11th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 12th

Thanks for marriage and its many benefits to both wives and husbands

Monday 13th

Sue Paraskeva

Tuesday 14th

For those who have been disabled in local disasters

Wednesday 15th

Blakesware Gardens

Thursday 16th

Charities helping us to sponsor children who would otherwise live in poverty

Friday 17th

For the Christians in Iran

Saturday 18th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 19th

Thanks for Premier Christian Radio transforming the lives of its listeners

Monday 20th

Christopher Payne

Tuesday 21st

For those caring for young children with learning difficulties and the elderly

Wednesday 22nd

Broadfields Avenue

Thursday 23rd

That fathers will be encouraged to take a greater part in their children's upbringing and for role models for those who do not have a father

Friday 24th

Those Christians in India who face beatings and imprisonment by Hindu militants

Saturday 25th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 26th

Thanks for medical aid given by doctors who travel abroad to carry out operations giving people back their sight

Monday 27th

Pam Pite

Tuesday 28th

That mothers will be offered birth control in poorer countries

Wednesday 29th

Burleigh Road

Thursday 30th

For the regime in Cuba to allow freedom of religion for all Cubans

Do you have a special occasion or a person you would like prayed for - see Carol Rensch.

Pentecost/ Whit Sunday 12th June

Pentecost took place on the well established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles – but he knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In those days
(Acts 1:1, 2:1-21)



They spoke
In languages they did not know,
And their speaking,
Told by prophets long ago,
Woke up the word
Of prophesying daughters,
Of visions and dreams,
Of Spirit-life poured out
And promised
For such a time as this.

Violent wind, filling,
Tongues of fire, resting,
Signs of the gift,
Signs of the Spirit
Pouring out on all people,
Equipping, empowering
Those who call on his name,
Those who still call on his name,
To continue, in these last days,
All that Jesus began to do...

By Daphne Kitching

Finance Report

A brief look at Church finances for the first 4 months of 2011 compared with the same period last year shows a drop in our income. Our offerings have suffered by a fall in number on a Sunday morning and attendance overall. The headline figures are:

	2011	2010
Offerings (Loose):	£1,360	£2,239
Offerings (Bank credits):	£6,756	£7,220

Our Church running costs have increased with our gardening, utility bills and cleaning costs all substantially higher than in the same period last year.

Please remember your commitment to the Church and review your giving as soon as possible. If you contribute monthly via your bank please see if you can afford to give more. If you give weekly in the collection please remember that if you are away we still need to pay our bills! Can you afford a little extra – either regularly or as a one-off contribution?

We have now started to repay our Building Fund loan. This is a regular monthly payment. At the end of April our target for fundraising/ donations is £13,000 (with £57,059 already raised). While we have a 4 year loan period this does cost us interest so the sooner we are able to clear this, the better. Thank you to all who have given so far and to those who have supported our fundraising events.

If you would like to make regular gifts to the Church or the Building funds please contact me (treasurer@bhpurc.org.uk) for a Standing Order form. One-off donations can be made via the 'Donate Online Now' button on our website, or using the special envelopes available in the Church (please remember to indicate if your envelope is for the offering or Building Fund).

Hope you are able to help increase our income so that we can increase the work we do.

Thank you for all your support

Martin Hamblin

Boys Brigade News

The boys had a good presentation evening in May which showcased the Anchor boys with a Mime of the parable of the sower where the boys mimed each seed & the star performer was the sun! The Juniors showed of their team games skills with up & under, tower building & bucket ball. The Company section provided a funny report of the year, the highlight being the photos in the slideshow, particularly from camp & the Duke of Edinburgh challenge.

All the boys received badges for their work over the year. The special awards this year went to:

Anchor Boys

Stephen Nicolaides: Matthew Lamb Trophy, Best Overall Boy

Junior Section

James Cutts: Harold Nix Trophy, Best Overall Boy

Company Section

Thomas Humphries: Fred Camp walking stick, Most support to the company throughout the year

Alfie Williams: Stephen Camp Cup, Smartest Private

Michael Pierce: Bert Rushbrooke Cup, Smartest NCO

A date for your diaries - Jumble Sale to raise funds for camp. The Jumble sale will be on Saturday 9th July, please don't bring anything to church as we will collect items from your home, just talk to a member of staff to arrange this.

Girls Brigade News

On Friday 8th April, we took a long journey to PGL in Liddington. As soon as we arrived we were greeted with our friendly groupee, Bex. She looked after us for the whole trip and was so friendly!

On the first night, we had dinner (which was a lot nicer than most of us expected). Then we had a choice of orienteering or playing on the Wii. We chose the Wii, and spent a good two hours playing 'Just Dance'.

The next morning, we had to wake up fairly early to have breakfast and be ready for our first activity of the day, rock climbing. There were two paths to take whilst climbing the wall, one was a lot scarier and harder than the other as half of the rocks were hanging loose and spun around when weight was put on them.

Our second activity of the morning was fencing. On guard! We had to wear a helmet which covered our face and a thick vest to protect us. We were all very eager to grab a foil and POKE someone! We did look a bit silly as we had to walk around looking like a lost crab.

After a very nice lunch, we had canoeing and aeroball, with the SAME instructor. Canoeing was a lot of effort as we were trying to keep away from the big group of Brownies on the other side of the lake, but it all paid off as we got to push our instructor into the lake... twice. Aeroball is basically trampolining and basket ball combined together in a small enclosure for four people to compete against each other. We had a lot of fun with this but most of us got very hot and sweaty!

That evening, we had the disco. There was a GIANT Twister mat which could probably be played with 10 different players, and a couple of us tried some karaoke- but failed. We also learnt three new ways to dance to the Macarena!

Flying through the air in a harness was our activity for the next morning (Zip Wire). A couple of us were extremely scared to jump off the top of the tower, whilst some of us were jumping off backwards with our arms out. We were told that there was twenty quid in a tyre at the farther end of the Zip Wire and that if we reached it, we could keep it. Sadly none of us found it possible.

We had Low Ropes as the second activity in the morning. Low Ropes is an assault course made of; yes you guessed it, Low Ropes. Our instructor wasn't the friendliest instructor ever to be completely honest.

We had a double session of Raft Building after lunch which I personally think was the best part of the trip. Our boat (Ellie, Anne-Marie, Emily and I) was a design that no one had ever tried before, and we were completely astounded when it actually floated and held together!Until Ellie broke it by trying to pull me in.

That evening, we watched a film called Nim's Island in the home cinema room.

Our last morning was filled with abseiling and the "Giant Swing". Abseiling was a laugh, walking down a tower backwards with your bum sticking out. The "Giant Swing" however, was **UTTERLY AMAZING**. Two people are attached to a metal bar with a harness and are pulled up by the others until they reach a high enough point for them to launch themselves by pulling on a blue rope.

On behalf of everyone, I can say that we really enjoyed the trip to PGL and would probably love to go back there again sometime!

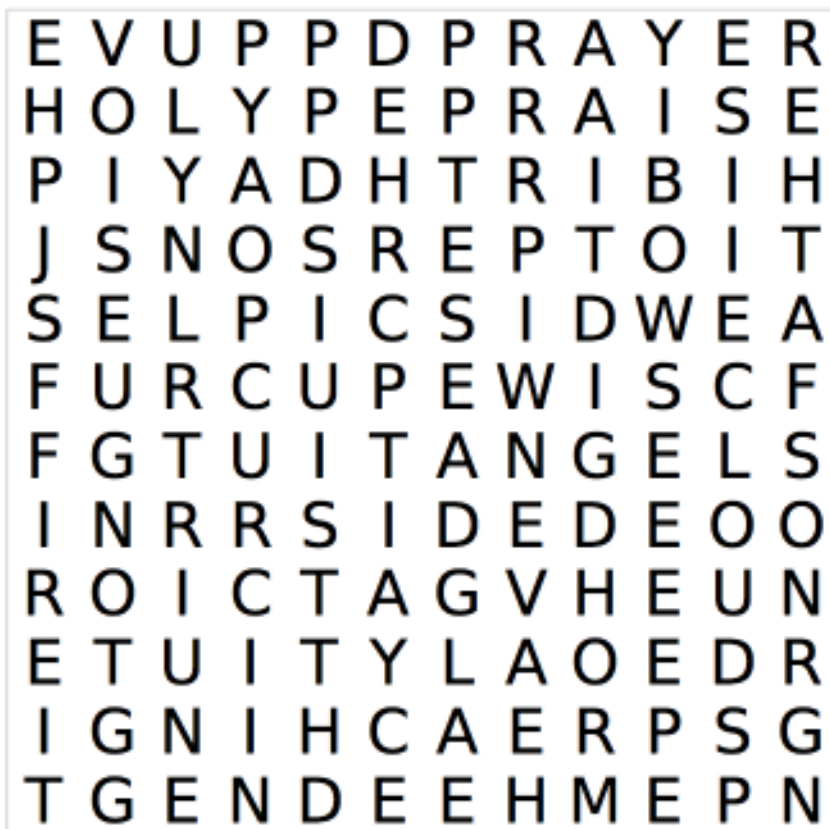
Chloe Hanson, Senior



Wordsearch

June brings us Ascension Day, when Jesus brought his earthly life to a conclusion by returning to his Father in heaven. It brings us Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit fell on the first believers in Jerusalem. It also brings us Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate the mystery of how God can be one God in three persons....at the same time.

angels	disciples	heaven	clouds	ascended
father	prayer	son	waiting	wind
tongues	preaching	praise	fire	jerusalem
holy	spirit	triune	persons	birthday



Promises of Blessing!

About 450 years before Jesus there was a terrible invasion of locusts. Devastation, drought, famine and economic ruin followed. Everyone, including the priests was starving. God



used the prophet Joel to call people to fast, pray, repent of sin, turn to Him and experience His forgiveness. Amazingly, things changed;

God was merciful and He promised that one day He would pour out His Spirit on everyone. He promised that these principles would be key to experiencing the blessings of Pentecost. It's for you too! Read more in Joel 1 and 2 and Acts 2.



... and all who call on Him will be saved!



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 (1st Saturday in the month)

