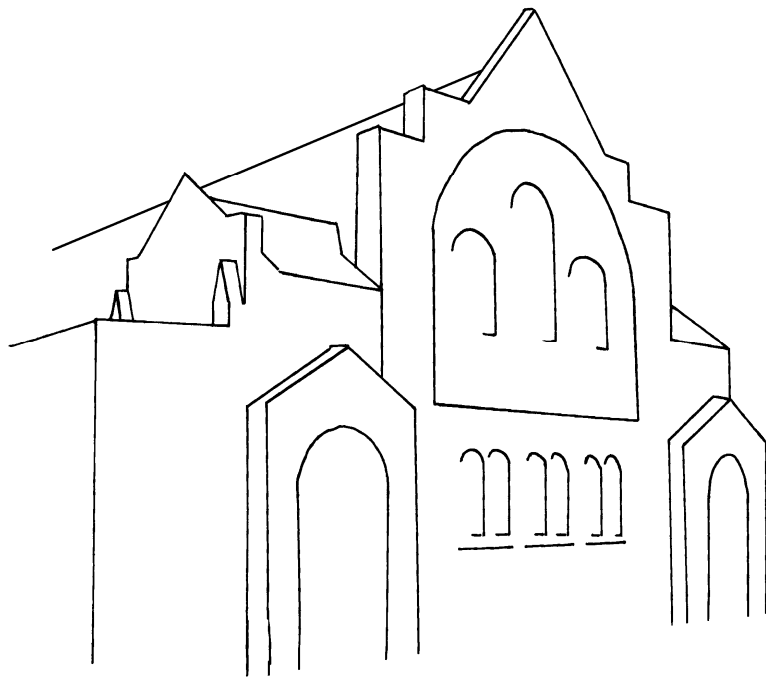


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Newsletter



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

Next Newsletter

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

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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Lord of the Harvest



I have often commented about aspects of our summer holiday in France. No grapes or vines or cognac this year. The fields were certainly very different. Some still had late sown wheat and some of the sun flowers were tiny compared to previous years. The evenings definitely had an autumn feel. It was as though the early sunshine had worn everything out and it was ready for autumn and a rest. Not for the farmer however, with so much still to do.

There is also still so much for us to do. It would be easy to mark time and wait. As we listened to the news on the radio, we wondered what was happening in Enfield, (no tele in France). Do we wait for the community to come to us or do we go out to meet the community?

Jesus talks about the Lord of the harvest.

The Workers Are Few

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The

harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38

As we celebrate harvest and give thanks, we must also prepare for a much greater harvest.

Lord of the harvest, once again,
We thank Thee for the ripened grain;
For crops safe carried, sent to cheer
Thy servants through another year;
For all sweet holy thoughts supplied
By seed time, and by harvest tide.

The bare dead grain, in autumn sown,
Its robe of vernal green it puts on;
Glad from its wintry grave it springs,
Fresh garnished by the King of kings;
So, Lord, to those who sleep in Thee
Shall new and glorious bodies be.

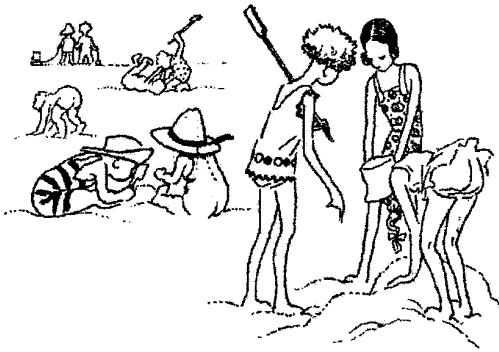
Nor vainly of Thy Word we ask
A lesson from the reaper's task:
So shall Thine angels issue forth:
The tares be burnt; the just of earth,

To wind and storm exposed no more,
Be gathered to their Father's store.

Daily, O Lord, our prayers be said,
As Thou hast taught, for daily bread;
But not alone our bodies feed,
Supply our fainting spirits' need:
O Bread of life, from day to day
Be Thou their Comfort, Food, and Stay

I found these words for an
old Hymn quite challenging
and comforting.

Are we going to watch the
fields overrun with weeds
and tares or are we going to
gather the harvest?



It was unfortunate that the Sunday
School seaside outing forgot where
they had buried the minister.

Quotes

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.

Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.

Hope is the foundation of patience. John Calvin

I believe every Christian man has a choice between being humble and
being humbled. C H Spurgeon

We play the game; God keeps the score. Erwin W Lutzer

Smile lines

Door-to-door

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them. She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message, and slammed the door in their faces.

To her surprise, however, the door did not close; in fact, it bounced back open. She tried again, really putting her back into it, and slammed it again with the same result - the door bounced back open. Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson. Just then, one of them said quietly: "Ma'am, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."

Giving thanks

A man had a habit of grumbling at the food his wife placed before him at family meals. Then he would ask the blessing. One day after his usual combination complaint-prayer, his little girl asked, "Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?"

"Why, of course," he replied. "He hears us every time we pray."

She pauses on this a moment, and asked, "Does he hear everything we say the rest of the time?"

"Yes, dear, every word," he replied, encouraged that he had inspired his daughter to be curious about spiritual matters.

However, his pride was quickly turned to humility..."Then which time does God believe you?"

Noah's Ark

Q - How did Noah manage to see all the animals on the ark at night?

A - They were flood lit!

Here is the News

Hermione & Ray

Thank you for those who gave us boxes, we are settling in well.

Our new address is:

18 Eastreach

Shephall

Stevenage

Herts

SG2 9AU

Phone: 01438 365 431

Carol Rensch's new address
Will be

38 Laineys Close

Marlborough

Wiltshire SN8 1BS

She is moving on the 12th
September.

Ivy Kathleen Ilines

The family moved to Enfield when she was about three years old and attended the Baptist Church. They started coming to Bush Hill Park Congregational in about 1919, I found Ivy, my mother Olive and her brother Alfred in our Sunday School Register. She received a prize in 1926 and became a Primary Teacher in 1929. They were overflowing with offers to teach and it took ten years to progress to teach in the Junior School!

Our records show that Ivy became a church member in 1932 taking that commitment very seriously in all aspects of church life.

We have photographs of her taking part in Plays and I well recall being a 'fairy' to her 'Fairy Queen' in the 1950s when plays and concerts were organised by the Primary Mothers Own group of which she was to become Secretary in 1950 until 2006 (her mother being President). Arranging coach outings was another of her talents and being good at maths came in handy when we nearly lost a few occasionally! This Group later became the 'Friendship Club' and she continued to lead: her home often being full of knitted squares ready to put into a blanket or two, or three – I could not hazard a guess as to how many of these

she sent to the Needlework Guild on our behalf. She also represented the church in a lively way on the local Women's' World Day of Prayer Committee on many occasions being the responsible person to meet and escort the Mayor to his or her seat for the special service each year.

As a Deacon and then an Elder when the United Reformed Church came into being, she was very much involved in decision-making of the church from 1959 until 1977 as well testified to in letters from former Ministers.

I am sure Teresa Taylor will not mind me printing what she said I could include in my 'memories' at the Thanksgiving Service on the 29th June in Cromer Parish Church:

"My first memories of Ivy were when I used to sing in the choir in my early teens. I was an alto and sat with Ivy and Betty Blowfield. They looked after me very well and Ivy was always so encouraging. More recently I used to take her to The Frost's for Friday lunch prayers. Ivy was always very interested in what everyone else was doing. She took a great interest in how my children were getting on with their education. She also took the time to ask them. I used to enjoy popping round for a cup of tea and biscuits!"

The choir she mentioned at Bush Hill Park petered out but I well remember 'All in an April Evening' being sung but never in the right month!

When Chris & John Frost moved away she opened her home for lunch time prayer and fellowship up until the point of her move to Norfolk to be closer to Joyce and Dorothy. I did occasionally manage to attend and her prayers were always well considered and appropriate to the needs of others. Ivy had a wonderful gift of seeing the best in people through a certain naivety.

I close with the words of Penny Levett to the whole family:

"We are thinking of you all as we share with you in the loss of a truly lovely Christian 'Lady' who always had conversation and time for everyone. Her work here is complete and we are all the richer for knowing her"

Sylvia Page

U and JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun
God even stuck U in the name of his Son
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of his wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in his plan.
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
And this word resUrrection is spelt with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension
He felt there was one thing He just had to
mention,
"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U"

So many great people are spelt with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know
But it all starts with U.

Author unknown

Diary

September

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

The diary is also online at www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

Sun 4th	10:30am	Communion with Revd Martin Legg
Tues 6th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 11th	10:30am	Parade with Revd Martin Legg followed by a BBQ for all young people and those who work with them. NO Second Sunday Supper
Sun 18th	10:30am	Morning Worship with John Stynes
Sun 25th	10:30am 3:00pm	Morning Worship with Terry Silvey Messy Church

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 11th September

PRAYER PLAN

SEPTEMBER 2011

Heavenly Father, your Son calls us to live knowing heaven is here and now among us; teach us to love as your love is known in heaven, to forgive as those in heaven have been forgiven and to pray and praise you with all the heavenly host. Amen

Thursday 1st

Those in Africa facing famine due to drought and conflict

Friday 2nd

Grafton Nursery School Pupils and the Staff

Saturday 3rd

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 4th

Thanks for the harvest which we all enjoy, the fruits of our labours and God's grace

Monday 5th

Joyce Smith

Tuesday 6th

All those who are still affected by the recent riots in London and other cities

Wednesday 7th

Downs Road

Thursday 8th

Our Brigades and other organisations that use our church premises at the start of a new session

Friday 9th

Bush Hill Park School Pupils and the Teachers and Staff

Saturday 10th

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 11th

Give thanks for the hard won freedoms we enjoy in the UK

Monday 12th

Robert Stone

Tuesday 13th

Those who face losing their jobs and all who are unemployed

Wednesday 14th

East Crescent

Thursday 15th

Christians who face personal violence because of their faith that they will find peace

Friday 16th

George Spicer School Pupils and its Teachers and Staff

Saturday 17th

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 18th

Be joyful in hope and faithful in prayer giving thanks to God for his blessings

Monday 19th

Sue and Graham Stubbs

Tuesday 20th

All those who we know who have recently married or had babies

Wednesday 21st

Ermineside

Thursday 22nd

Those people in Haiti who still suffer after the earthquake in 2010.

Friday 23rd

Raglan School Pupils, its Teachers and Staff

Saturday 24th

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 25th

For High Cross URC on the induction of Revd John Campbell today

Monday 26th

Helen, Mark, Chloe and Jack Thornton

Tuesday 27th

People in Egypt especially Christians who continue to face persecution

Wednesday 28th

Falmer Road

Thursday 29th

All people who are suffering from too much or too little rain

Friday 30th

Kingsmead School Pupils, its Teachers and Staff

Note

This is my last prayer plan before I leave

Enfield. Is there any one who would be prepared to take on this important task?

Carol

The Leprosy Mission

Just a reminder to save your collectables for The Leprosy Mission. Last year, over £70,000 was raised through the selling of stamps, used and unused, British and foreign (dirty or torn are no good); foreign coins; used and unused postcards; and medals. Please let me or Judith have any or leave them on the table in the lounge. Imagine how many leprosy sufferers can be helped with £70,000 without it costing you a penny! Please remember the work of The Leprosy Mission in this way and in your prayers.

There are a few copies of the latest New Day magazine in the lounge. Do take one and read it. Also, I have some boxes if anyone would like to have one to save any small change (or notes!) for The Leprosy Mission.

Thank you.

Christine Hughes



Adam made the same joke every time they ate ribs. Eve secretly hated it.

The Way I See It - why we worry so much

If someone asked you whether you thought more children were murdered last year than twenty years ago, what would you answer? Or if the question was, are more people killed on the roads now than fifty years ago? Or, are people over seventy more likely to be mugged, robbed or attacked than people in their middle age?

In each case the answer is 'No', though apparently if you read the Daily Mail, the Sun, the Mirror or the Telegraph you are more likely to answer 'Yes'. Believe it or not, children are safer now, roads are less dangerous than in the nineteen-thirties, and older people are less likely to be attacked than any other age group in society. Despite that, we go on worrying!

It's as though human beings are hard-wired to worry. No matter that we live in the longest lived, healthiest, most secure and, in general terms, most prosperous society that the world has ever known; it doesn't feel like it. The doctors' surgeries are full of people they dub the 'worried well' - those who've read a magazine article or seen something on the internet and are sure that they're ill. I'm as guilty of it as everyone else. Anxiety seems to be part of the human condition.

Which may be why Jesus constantly told his followers not to worry - 'fear not', 'don't be anxious', 'peace be with you'. In the Sermon on the Mount he listed some of the things his audience would be worried about: food, clothes, health, appearance or what might happen 'tomorrow'. The list sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Don't be anxious about them, he advised. 'After all', he said, 'you can't add a single hour to your span of life by worrying about it'. He might have added that you could, of course, take a few hours off it that way. He didn't say that we had no need of food or clothes or health - 'your heavenly Father knows you need them' - but that the happy life is the one that has its priorities right. 'Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'.

The answer to fear is faith - we all know that, in theory. But the faith needed is not the assenting to this or that proposition - ticking boxes on the Creed. It's trust in the 'heavenly Father' Jesus spoke of. It's the inner conviction that the One who made us loves us, and is with us on our life-long journey through this rather scary existence. 'Fear not', he says. 'I am with you.'

The Founding Fathers

The time is probably right to think about those who founded our church 124 years ago, so I started researching the lives of those founders. You may think George Spicer was first but that is not so; he comes much later in the story.

Bush Hill Park Christian Mission, the forerunner of the BHP URC as we know it today, was started in two rooms in Sixth Avenue by six local men in 1887.

Henry Samuel Hardman	Congregationalist
Frederick James Hinton	Congregationalist
George King	Salvationist
George Newell	Plymouth Brother
Thomas Steward	Methodist
Robert Loveday Wates	Baptist

The First Minister was Revd Hugh Chapman and he moved on to Dunstable. Possibly he was a Church of England Minister from Southwark. Little else has been found about him so far.

The second Pastor was Benjamin Farrington. In 1901 during his ministry he became affiliated to the London Congregational Union and became Reverend.

With the guidance of these men, the Avenue Hall was built at a cost of £490 19s 7d (now the Wheatsheaf Hall). At the time there was a special emphasis on the Temperance Movement within the ethos.

Most of these men had moved away by 1903 and a new church was built in 1909-1910 under the guidance of Henry Hardman and Martin Jenkins. It was opened by Mrs George Spicer, and was dedicated to her husband who died a year later. Documents show that George Spicer gave £250 to the building fund at the time of a great appeal for funds.

The successors in the early 1900s were:

Mr Richard Burford	Mr S E Chapell
Mr J Elias Lane	Mr Claude E G Moses DCM
Mr Peck	Mr Charles Stotter

And in the 1940s and 1950s

Mr W A Dale
Mr Glossop
Mr Harold Walsh

Over the next few issues we will see how God worked with this 'motley' crew to build what we have today.

Sylvia Page

Boys Brigade News

Well another BB year has ended and preparations for the new session are under way but before I get to that I would like to tell you all about what the Boys Brigade have been up to over the summer break.

The BB year always ends with the highlight of the year which is of course camp. Once again we returned to Whitecliff Bay on the Isle of Wight. It really is a great place to camp and it is no surprise that youth groups have been enjoying camps under canvas in Whitecliff Bay for over a century.

In preparation for Camp the Staff and a number of friends and past members of the 2nd Enfield travelled to the Isle of Wight on the 14th of July and worked exceptionally hard to pitch 60 canvas tents in one day. Without the help of the past members this would not have been possible so a great big thanks must go out to: Anthony Rensch, Paul Ullmer, Navjeet Swatch, Martin McBride, and Graham from the Mandarin hotel.

On the 23rd of July 18 boys, 11 staff and of course Angela Rushbrook (camp cook) set off for the Island. It really is great that numbers have grown throughout this BB year, this was evident in 7 of the 18 boys were attending their very first camp. It was great to be taking so many boys and young men away.

Camp was of course the usual eclectic mix of fun and mayhem interspersed with regular superb meals. All the traditional favourites were present including plum duff and the plum duff parade.

This year we were joined at camp by the BBC who were filming a documentary about "families" that camp. The BBC staff entered into the spirit of camp and were introduced to various elements of camp life; including a cold bucket of water and even the dreaded toothbrush!!! The documentary is due to be shown some time later in the autumn and we will let you all know the time, channel and date so that you can see it.

Camp life is very busy. The boys are woken each day with reveille at 0700 hours. The first hour is spent getting the tent, kit and boys ready for tent inspection at 0800 hours, breakfast is at 0830 and after the morning service, washing up and table inspection the day's activities begin. Activities are a mixture of trips to the beach, swimming in the sea, a multitude of games in the field including assault courses, initiative puzzles, feats of strength, and lots of buckets of cold water. We had a trip to a coastering centre which involved the boys travelling around the base of towering cliffs first in sea kayaks then swimming, rock climbing, scrambling and jumping from high ledges. Many of the boys found this very challenging especially those that were sea sick! There was a fancy dress beach parade on the way to the 121st 2nd Enfield Beach Olympics. The days activities are only interrupted to consume a mountain of glorious food with lunch at 1300 hours and tea at 1800 hours. The camp day ends with supper in the marquee, a hot drink; combo (coffee and hot chocolate) being the favourite. The officer of the day closes the day with a prayer then the whole camp sings the BB vesper. The tired out boys then retire to bed for lights out at 2230 hours.

Every person whether staff, boy or cook play a vital role in making camp what it is. The staff are pleased each year to give up leave from work to make it all happen and plans are already being made for camp 2012. Thanks go to everyone who was involved in camp

whether during camp itself or behind the scenes helping with Tent pitching, Jumble sales and camp site maintenance.

The Company had a couple of weeks to regenerate itself then it was back to work as a number of boys and staff descended on the church and set about sanding, varnishing and painting various areas of the building.

As I write this the four oldest boys in the company: Charlie, Thomas, Michael and Darnell are off camping again in mid Wales where they are being assessed for their Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition award. I am sure I will be able to tell you about their success in the next newsletter.

Robin Ward

Girls Brigade News

GB Camp 2011

Well what can I say. We all had a fantastic time. The weather was on our side all week apart from one day so we can't complain really. A big thank you to all Sue and Chris for doing the food and also to Lynda for organising a lovely fun packed week. I have only written a very short piece for the this month's newsletter as one of our girls is putting together a camp video which I am sure will do it more justice than I can.

I hope you all had an equally lovely Summer and look forward to seeing the video.

Charlotte McBride

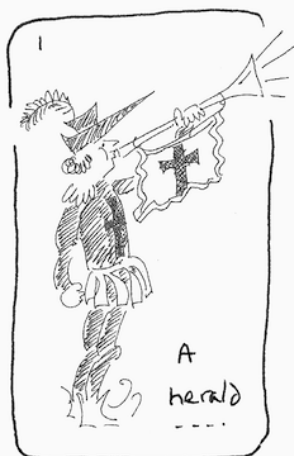
Wordsearch

September has arrived, and the leaves are beginning to turn. Evenings are drawing in, and in the morning the spider's webs are covered in dew. It is time to leave summer and holidays behind, and pick up the pace of life once more. September means back to school, back to work and – back to church! This month several thousand churches across the country will welcome back thousands of people for the special Back to Church Sunday. Do you know someone whom you might invite to come to church with you?

school	teachers	study	pupil	learning
work	commuting	office	harvest	home groups
autumn	pumpkins	orange	purple	autumn equinox
hymns	worship	new York	terrorism	twin towers
leaves	back to church	st michael	and all angels	

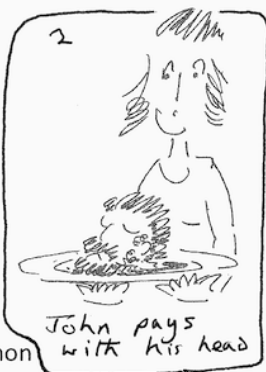


All called to be heralds!



A herald

John the Baptist paid for his life when he stood up for truth. His head was cut off and put on a plate. This was the cost of being a herald for Jesus. King Solomon asked God for wisdom so he could be his herald. That's better than just thumping your Bible!



John pays with his head

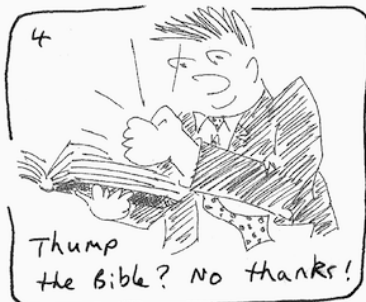


King prays for wisdom



William Mather ©

Paul said trusting in Jesus is the only way to experience real peace with God. He said: "For the sake of this gospel I am a herald!" We may not all lose our heads but we are all called to be heralds for Jesus.



Thump the Bible? No thanks!

How about you?

Read more in:
Matthew 14:1-12;
Ephesians 6: 20;
1 Kings 3:4-15



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 Quiet Room
10:15am Baby & Toddler Group
6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys)
7.15pm Boys' Brigade (Junior Section)

