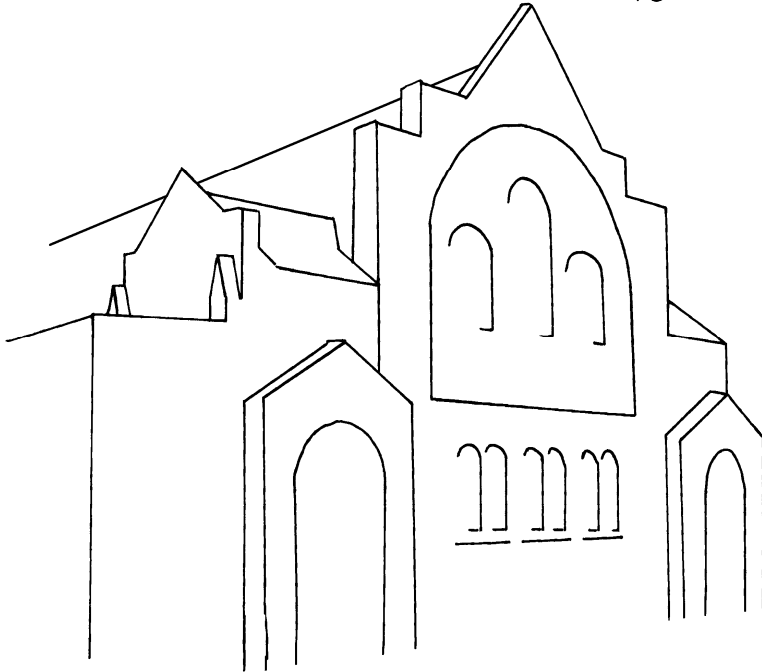


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Have you seen the news on the Church Internet site? Check it out at www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 27th November. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 13th November**.

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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This year is the 90th anniversary of that first Armistice service which marked the first anniversary of the end of the Great War which had lasted for four years. We know it as the First World War. It is also the 70th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.



One of the reasons for the Remembrance Service was to ensure that people never forgot the tragedy of war. Many millions of people lost their lives during the First and Second World War. Despite this loss of life wars continued. Some we have probably long forgotten or some we did not know about. The Arab Israeli war which began in 1948 and has continued to the present day. The Korean War which involved British Armed forces in 1950 to 1953 has also continued to the present day. The wars of recent times like the Falkland's war, The Bosnian war, The Iraq war and the list goes on.

I can remember visiting Flanders some years ago and visiting some of the battlefields. The area around Ypres and Poperinghe. We saw some of the old black and white films of war in the museum in Ypres. Even then only a few people were able to see these films. Today we see wars as they happen in our own homes each news time and we hear from those directly affected. In the First World War soldiers sent letters home and wrote poems to describe the horror that war inflicts.

In Flanders Fields **by John McCrae**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw the sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Dr John McCrae served as a medical officer in the First World War.

This Remembrance Day is unique in our life time. The 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month of the 11th Year.

Let us remember all who have given their life to make our world a better and safer place to live

Maah



"Given the state of our heating system, you'd think the vicar would be all for it!"

Hospital Chart Bloomers

Don't be alarmed, but these are actual writings from hospital charts....

- ~ The patient refused autopsy.
- ~ The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- ~ Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- ~ Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- ~ On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
- ~ The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
- ~ Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
- ~ She is numb from her toes down.
- ~ The skin was moist and dry.
- ~ Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
- ~ Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- ~ I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
- ~ Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- ~ Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

Here is the News

News from Marlborough

I have now been here nearly a month and would like to thank you all for the card and gift when I left and the cards I have received since. The move went well and I now have all my appliances working and most of the boxes emptied. I hope to buy a new lamp for the living room to remind me of you all.

I have been going to the local Methodist/URC church and have been made very welcome. They have two services on a Sunday morning with breakfast in between and a number of meetings and house groups, one of which I have joined.

If any of you are traveling in the area please do drop in. My new number is 01672 288192

Carol Rensch

Thanks from North London Hospice

On behalf of everyone at North London Hospice I'd like to thank Bush Hill Park URC and its congregation for the kind donation of £50 towards the Enfield Day Hospice.

The building is coming along well and is due to be completed early next year and will be ready for use in the Spring. This is a really exciting time for North London Hospice as we will be able to extend our services to the community of Enfield.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Natalie Gordon

Church Quiz

**Fun for
all the
family**



**6pm
Saturday
26th November**

**EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING
PROJECT AT BUSH HILL PARK UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH IN ENFIELD. SERVING
THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1887**

Supper included

Adults £7 Under 13's £5

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See Anthony Rensch for tickets

Messy Church

is

CHANGING!!!

As from this month Messy Church is going to start after church with lunch at 12.20, and we are opening it to **EVERYONE!!!**

This month we will be making decorations for our church Christmas tree, and decorating the church, as well as the usual "Messy Church" stuff.

We will be joined by Helen Brown, a textiles teacher from Chace Community School, and her friends from the Enfield branch of the Embroiders Guild. I have asked her if she will teach us quilting!

So on the **27th November** join us after church, after coffee, for lunch followed by assorted crafts.

Lynda Cook



Diary

November

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Tues 1st	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 6th	10:30am	Communion with Rev David Hamblin
Sun 13th	10:30am 5:30pm	Remembrance Parade with Rev Martin Legg Second Sunday Supper
Mon 14th	8:00pm	Book Club <i>Brixton Beach</i> by Roma Tearne
Sun 20th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Terry Silvey Last day for Christmas Shoeboxes to be brought in
Sat 26th	6:00pm	Quiz Night here
Sun 27th	10:30am 12:20pm	Morning Worship with Michaela Lawrence Messy Church

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 13th November

PRAYER PLAN

NOVEMBER 2011

**“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way
you will fulfil the law of Christ.”**

Galatians 6:2 NIV



Tuesday 1st

For bankers and the world economy

Wednesday 2nd

Harman Road

Thursday 3rd

For Libya and other middle east countries to find stable leadership

Friday 4th

For safety with fireworks this weekend

Saturday 5th

Sunday’s Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for new babies and those expecting babies soon

Monday 7th

Chris Whippe

Tuesday 8th

For the new republic of South Sudan

Wednesday 9th

Harrow Avenue

Thursday 10th

For Ruth in Zambia who we sponsor through Beyond Ourselves

Friday 11th

For those who help HIV sufferers in many countries

Saturday 12th

Sunday’s Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

Remembrance. Thanks for those willing to give their lives for peace

Monday 14th

Hermione & Ray White

Tuesday 15th

For safety and no delays as construction is underway at the JHF Blue Sky Loving Home in Ninglang, Yunnan

Wednesday 16th

Hadrians Ride

Thursday 17th

For the North London Hospice, that they will reach their fundraising target.

Friday 18th

For those in Thailand affected by the floods

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks that we have the funds to fill shoeboxes so children can have a Christmas present

Monday 21st

Dave & Dot Williams

Tuesday 22nd

For Martin Legg and our Elders

Wednesday 23th

Halstead Road

Thursday 24th

For those involved in knife & gun crime, that they would find a way out of that culture

Friday 25th

For the BHP Safer

Neighbourhood Team - Sgt Arran Thomason, PC Carol Salmon & PCSO Adam Clark

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Thanks for water which we enjoy but millions in the world have no safe access to clean water.

Monday 28th

Alison, Matthew & Anthony Witter

Tuesday 29th

For our emergency services

Wednesday 30th

People of Scotland on St Andrew's Day

Thursday 31st

Hazelwood Road

War

The terror of war lies not alone
In death and destruction, in wounded and lame
Not in bursting shells in bombs dropping down
Planes crashing, ships sinking and much of the same

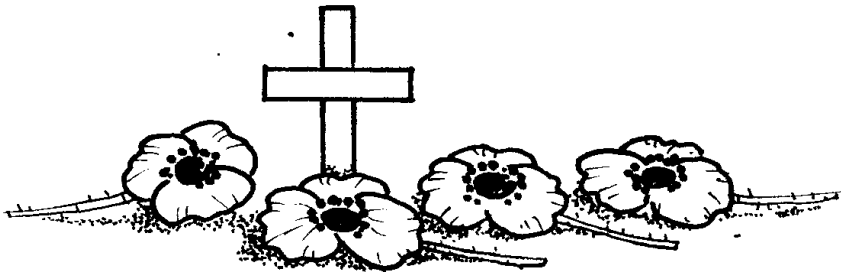
The worst suffering in war is in lonely hearts
Wives torn from husbands, mothers from sons
Sisters thinking of loved ones, from lover she parts
To face wars fiasco, face enemy guns

For war years are wasted and years of despair
Years that should be beautiful, years that are lost
Years non-constructive and of hate without care
Years without beauty, without loves grandeur crossed

Men become part of a vast warly gear
To be sacrificed here, to be drafted there
No longer are sensitive spirits, feelings and fear
Taken into account: the war spirit don't care

So heavenly Father look down on thy sheep
Teach us to learn all wars start with greed
And we must try hard thy commandments to keep
Prayers fully working our spirits to feed.

Frank Garrett 1942



Life as mission partners in the Solomon Islands

Graham and Jenny Longbottom are mission partners working for the United Church of the Solomon Islands as doctors at the Helena Goldie Hospital in Munda. They have been there since July 2009, having left general practice after many years of serving patients in Leeds.

The Longbottoms are helping to run a 55-bed hospital covering a population of 25,000 people who mostly live in remote villages accessible only by canoe. Graham's work has been mainly in the operating theatre, while Jenny works mostly in the out-patient department.

In a blog post (www.grahamandjenny.co.uk), Jenny describes one of her visits to one of the local clinics:

“Since arriving here we have had tremendous admiration for the nurses who work in the rural clinics, either in pairs or alone and on call 24 hours every day. It has become a passion for us to support these nurses who manage under difficult circumstances.

“With this in mind Jenny went off to Paradise (a village in North New Georgia) with the double aim of seeing patients and starting work to improve the clinic building. We are grateful to a school in Wolverhampton for funding to support this project. As usual events did not turn out as anticipated. The chairman of the rural health committee had gone to Honiara and the working party from the village never appeared. However they did supply us with food and we managed to paint two of the rooms in the clinic.

“Touring to the neighbouring villages was also a challenge as the boat has no engine and there is no money for fuel anyway. We enjoyed a one and a half hour walk through the bush to one village and borrowed a boat with engine and driver on another day to see patients in the most remote places. One lady complained of backache. Further questioning revealed that the cause was a 12-hour paddle in her dugout canoe back to Helena Goldie Hospital (HGH) to visit her daughter who had just had a stillbirth. Being woken at 3:00am one night to deliver a labouring mother by torch-light and struggling to find fuel to return to HGH with a couple of sick patients only increased Jenny's respect for the work done by these clinics.

“Being paddled up the river in the nurse's dugout canoe for our evening swim (wash) was a highlight: listening to and watching the birds above, and then returning under a beautiful sunset. Watching the locals return in their canoes loaded with water from the river in addition to their washing, reminds us of the lack of basic facilities that we take for granted. Jenny loves the simplicity of life here, whilst recognising the hardships. They are rich in nature, sea, fertile soil and also in family relationships where everyone looks after each other.”

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes

Can you help?

The church is once again preparing to send out shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child. The shoe boxes will be sent to children across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

If you can help this good cause please decorate & fill a shoebox, then bring it to the church by 20th November.

The items required are:

TOYS bears, soft toys, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw (small), yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, trucks and cars for boys and dolls, necklaces and bags for girls.

Educational Supplies: felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, colouring books, notepads, picture or puzzle books, chalk, pencil cases, stickers etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel etc. No shower gel or liquids.

Clothing: only gloves, scarf, cap, hat, bangles and socks.

Sweets: with a sell-by date of at least March 2011 - no chocolate

Please Note: nothing which has sharp edges, mirrors, guns or soldiers, food other than sweets, books in English or medicines can be accepted.

We also need to send £2.50 per shoebox to cover transportation etc. So any donations of money can be used for this purpose.

Many thanks
Mavis & Ivy.



The Way I See It – remembering the War

Those of us who can remember the Second World War are now a shrinking minority. Anyone who actually fought in it would now have to be in their mid-eighties. Of course, that makes 'remembrance' on a public scale difficult. The youth organisations line up at the war memorial each year, but with the best will in the world the exhortation 'we will remember them' is asking a lot of boys and girls whose grandparents were probably not born until years after the war ended.

So perhaps those of us who can remember, however distantly, what that war was like have some kind of duty to share those memories. In my case, the most vivid is leaving London on a bright morning in early September 1939 in a red double-decker bus and heading for an unknown address in rural England. In the case of my brother and me it was a village in Essex, right in the path of an invading army from the Continent. By Christmas that year my parents had decided that there were safer places for us to be, and we spent the rest of the war - blissfully, I'm ashamed to say - in the mid-Wales hills with my Welsh grandparents. We played in the fields, learnt to speak Welsh, made lifelong friendships - and were almost entirely sheltered from the reality of war-time life in London and the other great cities of our land.

Mind you, the nightly news broadcast on the wet battery wireless was a reminder that our parents were much less fortunate. Like millions of others, they endured the blackout, the shortages of food, the terrors of the blitz with nightly air raids and the anxiety of my older brother eventually being 'called up' and landing on the Normandy beaches under enemy gunfire. The bombs missed the family home - on one occasion only just - but the trauma inevitably took its toll.

At the end of the war there were the usual speeches promising that the sacrifices made should not be in vain - we would ensure that nothing like this would ever happen again. But it did, and has - over and over again. Korea, Vietnam, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan - the roll-call seems endless; evidence, if we needed it, of the strange addiction of human beings to violence, conflict and war. It is one thing to remember - and a duty, in view of the sacrifices of so many. But it is no good remembering and then forgetting.

War, says the New Testament, flows from ordinary human sins - greed, envy, bad choices (see James 4:1-4). To expunge from our race the hideous horrors of war and armed conflict would mean eliminating each of these manifestations of our fallen nature. Difficult? Impossible, it seems, without help from beyond ourselves. Prayer, commitment, repentance, example - even a private peaceful life-style - are steps towards that goal: small things, some would think, but history has been changed by less.

David Winter

Boys Brigade News

The last 6 weeks have flown by, with our regular Monday nights running very smoothly. We have been very strict on lateness and also uniform which has had a great effect. All the boys now turn up in full uniform and they make an extra effort to be on time. You can see latecomers running to make sure they arrive on time.

Our newest members, fresh up from junior section, have had an action packed six weeks and can look forward to another six weeks of fun and learning. After half term they are going to start work on making a magazine. Each of them will be responsible for a section in the mag.

The Rocket programme has gone well, with all the rockets nearly finished. We are going to hold a one off session during half term, where they can put the final touches to them. Then it will be off to mission control (the playing fields) for the launch. How exciting.

During half term we are returning to Thorpe Park for Fright Nights. We will spend 9 hours being turned upside down, swung round and round, dropped from 100 feet and being accelerated to 80mph in under 2 seconds. Again another very exciting day. In the evening we can ride all the rides in the dark, and they also have loads of smoke machines and mood lighting to really give it that Fright Night feel.

This year we also decided to run a half term trip to Top Golf (as some of the lads don't like Theme Parks, it's nice to do something different). Top golf is like a driving range except the golf balls have micro chips inside them, so you score points depending on where your ball ends up.

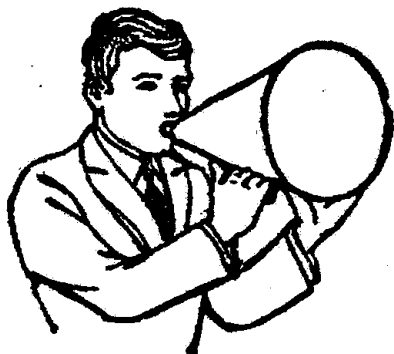
Girls Brigade News

The girls have successfully completed the first of their new badge syllabus and will shortly be starting on the next one. The girls (and staff) have really enjoyed it so far and have been enthusiastic and excited about the new programme and are looking forward to starting the next topic.

As part of their badge this half term the seniors and brigaders have to organise and take part in a fun raising activity to raise money for their chosen charities. They have decided to host a cake sale on Sunday 6th November, after the church service, from 12pm and would appreciate your support so please tell friends and family so that we can help the girls reach their target of £120.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Charlotte McBride



The curate's new mobile phone had a limited range but the call rate was reasonable.

Wordsearch

November opens with All Saints Day, or All Hallows, which the feast day of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. November also brings us, of course, Remembrance, and this year is very special: it will be at 11o'clock on the 11th day, of the 11th month, 2011.... a unique date! November brings other things as well: Prisons Week, Guy Fawkes night, and the culmination of the church year: the Sunday of Christ the King, when we look forward to one day seeing Christ in glory. Then, the following Sunday, as November closes, the church calendar begins again: with Advent....and the whole marvellous story of God coming down to man begins all over again.

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remembrance	eleven	war	soldiers
huns	fawkes	guy	bonfire
sausages	king	glory	calendar
advent	candle	prisons	despair
prayer	wardens	forgive	poppies
cenotaph			



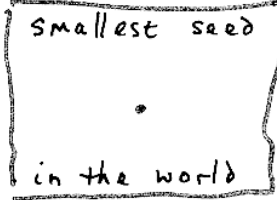
Bible Sketchbook

Kingdom faith like a seed...

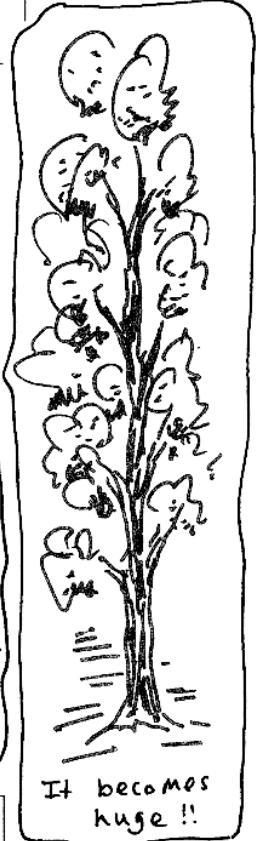
"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus.

"What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground.

"After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."



What do you think is the "seed", the "tree", or the "birds"?
Read more in Mark 4: 30-32



BHP DAY BY DAY URC

Sunday 10:30am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday in the month)
12:20pm 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 9:30am Prayers in the Quiet Room
10:15am Baby & Toddler Group
6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys)
7.15pm Boys' Brigade (Junior Section)

