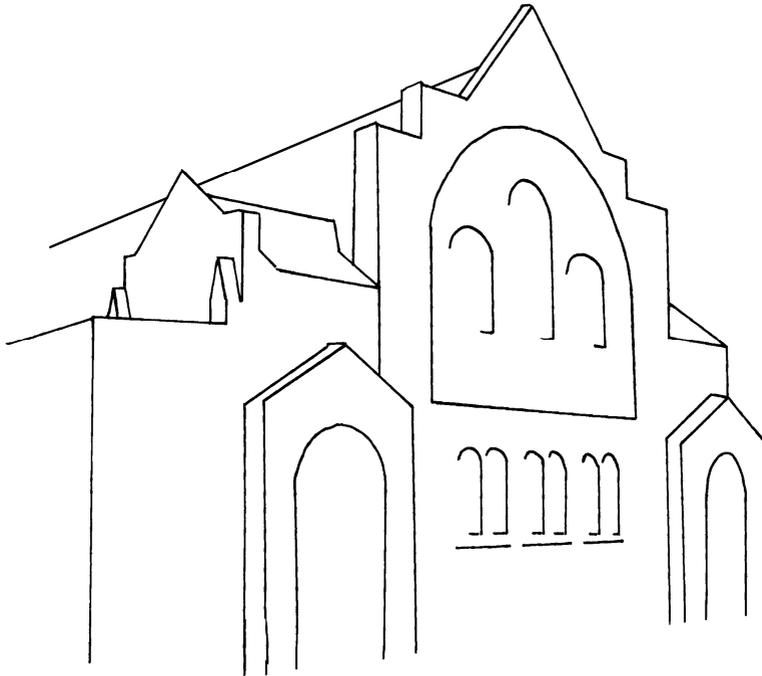




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Newsletter



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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 March. 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 March.**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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The Way of the Cross

By the time the March newsletter is published, the Lent season will have already started. I know that some have found some local Lent Courses to join. It is disappointing that we are not able to run

our own course. By meeting together with other Christians reading and sharing together, enables us to fully appreciate the events of Easter. This year Churches together in Britain and Ireland are basing the studies on a poem by Dietrich Bonhoeffer called Stations on the Way to Freedom.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German theologian, martyr, a spiritual writer, a musician, a pastor, and an author of poetry and fiction. He is particularly remembered for his stand against Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party. His beliefs and convictions ultimately cost him his life in a Nazi concentration camp. I have one of his theological books, which I used for study at Oak Hill. Dietrich brought a fresh approach to Theology to make it accessible to everyone.

"To be free is to be in love, is to be in the truth of God. The one who loves because made free by the truth of God, is the most revolutionary person on earth." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1932

Stations on the Way to Freedom.

Self-discipline

If you set out to seek freedom, you must learn before all things
Mastery over sense and soul, lest your wayward desiring,
Lest your undisciplined members lead you now this way, now that
way.

Chaste be your mind and your body, and subject to you and obedient,
Serving solely to seek their appointed goal and objective.

None learns the secret of freedom save only by way of control.

Action

Do and dare what is right, not swayed by the whim of the moment.
Bravely take hold of the real, not dallying now with what might be.
Not in the flight of ideas but only in action is freedom.

Make up your mind and come out into the tempest of living.
God's command is enough and your faith in him to sustain you.
Then at last freedom will welcome your spirit amid great rejoicing.

Suffering

See what a transformation! These hands so active and powerful
Now are tied, and alone and fainting, you see where your work ends.
Yet you are confident still, and gladly commit what is rightful
Into a stronger hand, and say that you are contented.
You were free from a moment of bliss, then you yielded your freedom
Into the hand of God, that he might perfect it in glory.

Death

Come now, highest of feasts on the way to freedom eternal,
Death, strike off the fetters, break down the walls that oppress us,
Our bedazzled soul and our ephemeral body,
That we may see at last the sight which here was not vouchsafed us.
Freedom, we sought you long in discipline, action, suffering.
Now as we die we see you and know you at last, face to face.

*Loving God,
there is so much darkness in my life
and I hide from you.
Take my hand
and lead me out of the shadows of my fear.
Help me to change my heart.
Bring me to your truth
and help me to respond to your generous love.
Let me recognize the fullness of your love
which will fill my life.
Free me from the darkness in my heart Amen*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. A. H.', with a horizontal line underneath.

Smile Lines

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?
What do you mean CHANGE???

That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, vicar, you've got another think coming!

Naughty mummy

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked.

"When I get off the bus," answered the boy.

How God works

A grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day. Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?"

Her grandson replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant. "Well, he must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

Here is the News

Stephanie Rees will be marrying Graeme Newman on 7th March.
They will be getting wed in Cornwall.

We wish them every happiness in their married life.

Mavis Seligmann is now out of plaster and mobile again.

Our prayers go to Sue Stubbs & family following the passing of her mother.

Mother and Son, a poem
(Luke 1:26-38)

She was to carry the Son of God
To the world,
For the world,
To not be afraid,
Though ridiculed and rejected
To choose to trust and accept,
To serve and obey,
To step into the possibilities
Of God's power and purposes,
To believe.

He was to carry the sins
Of the world,
To forgive the world,
To not be afraid, but
Through love to cast out fear,
Though ridiculed and rejected
To choose to trust and accept,
To serve and obey,
To make possible God's power
and purposes
For those who believe.

The angel announced
The son to the mother,
Knowing she would be
Mother to the son.

By Daphne Kitching

Christian Aid Week

13 - 19 May 2012

I would like you to think about Christian Aid Week and let me know what you think we could do to support the work of Christian Aid.

How can we get involved? We have had a quiz evening in the past, if we arranged one again this year, would you support it?

Another idea is for us to have a 'Super Soup Lunch' on Friday 30th March but I was wondering if we could hold it after Church on the 6th of May to remind us of the work Christian Aid does and at the same time imagine what it must be like to only have a bowl of soup instead of 'meat and two veg' or a three course meal.

It has also been suggested that we approach the local stores to see if we could collect outside their doors. We would need at least 4 people, each doing at least an hour, say between 12pm and 3pm. However, it is no good approaching them if we have not got the volunteers to do this. We tried to arrange something last year but we did not look into it early enough. Please let me know what you think.

Would you please pray for the work of Christian Aid and see what we can do to support them. Please let me know what you think.

Thank you,
Doreen Bamberger



Women's world day of prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia

“Let Justice Prevail”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Federation of Malaysia comprises Peninsular Malaysia and the states of Sabah and Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

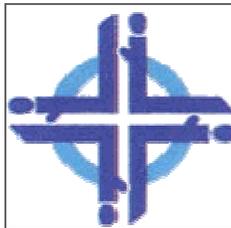
Malaysia is perceived to be a model of racial integration with its multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious communities living in harmony with one another. Malaysia's long-term goal is to become a developed nation and to achieve a balanced growth and a high standard of living by 2020.

Let us pray that this country continues to live in peace and harmony and that justice, stability and religious freedom will always prevail.

If you would like to attend the Enfield women's world day of prayer events on 2nd March, the details are as follows:

10:30am
Trinity Church,
Church Street, EN2 6AN

Speaker: Mrs Ailsa Bulger
Choir: Members of Enfield
Choral Society



7:30pm
St. John the Baptist,
Clay Hill, EN2

Speaker: Mrs Jill
Patient

Diary

March

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

Fri 2nd	10:30am 7:30pm	Women's world day of prayer Trinity Church St. John the Baptist
Sun 4th	10:30am	Communion with Rev Martin Legg
Tues 6th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 11th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Rev Martin Legg Second Sunday Supper
Mon 12th	8:00pm	Book Club, These Foolish Things by Deborah Moggach
Sun 18th	10:30am	Mothering Sunday Morning Worship with Jill Nugent
Sun 22nd	10:30am 12:20pm	Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg Messy Church

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 11th March

PRAYER PLAN

MARCH 2012

For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

1 John 3:11 NIV

Thursday 1st

For doctors

Friday 2nd

Stephanie & Graeme's wedding preparations for next Wednesday & their life together

Saturday 3rd

Sunday's worship leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 4th

Give thanks for our homes & the shelter we have

Monday 5th

Norma, Mike, Beth & William Grimsey

Tuesday 6th

Leadership & Congregation of Enfield Baptist Church

Wednesday 7th

Poynter Road

Thursday 8th

For paramedics

Friday 9th

Ruth, our sponsored child in Zambia

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

Robin & Christine Hall

Tuesday 13th

Leadership & Congregation of St Marks Parish Church

Wednesday 14th

Roman Way

Thursday 15th

For the men & women of the
Fire Brigade

Friday 16th

Karam, our sponsored child
in Bethlehem

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

Martin & Lisa Hamblin

Tuesday 20th

Leadership & Congregation
of St Andrews Parish Church

Wednesday 21st

St Marks Road

Thursday 22nd

For policemen & women

Friday 23rd

For those leading &
participating in lent courses

Saturday 24th

Sunday's worship leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 25th

Give thanks for family and
friends

Monday 26th

Bill, Michelle, Chloe & Anne
Marie Hanson

Tuesday 27th

Leadership & Congregation
of Bush Hill Park United
Reformed Church

Wednesday 28th

Second Avenue

Thursday 29th

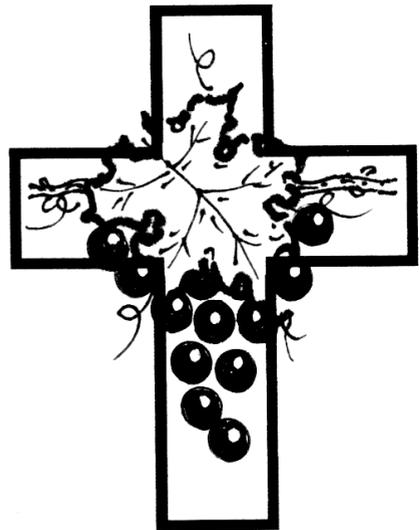
For nurses

Friday 30th

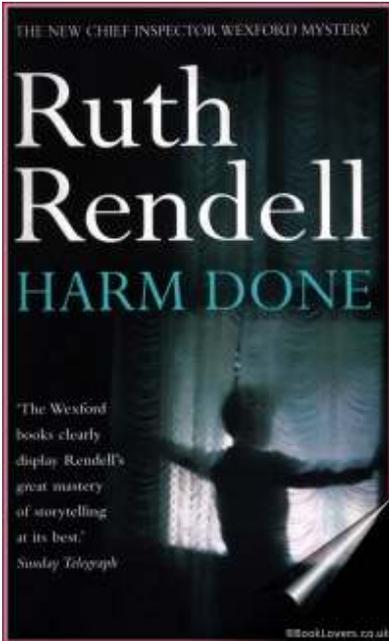
The area of King's Cross
and for the Christians
seeking to make a difference

Saturday 31st

Sunday's worship leader and
the service tomorrow



Book Club



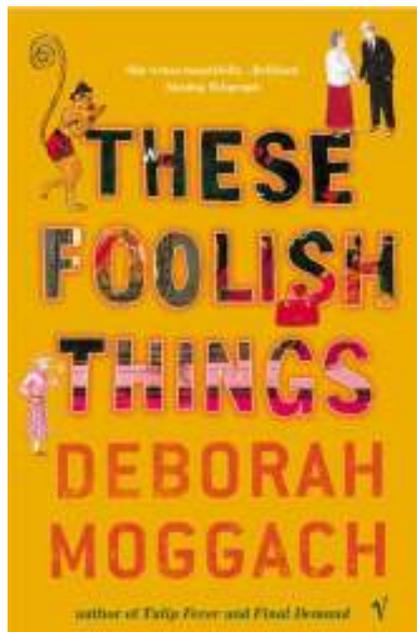
Harm Done - by Ruth Rendell

This detective novel is one of a series featuring the popular Inspector Wexford and deals with social problems such as domestic violence. The book sparked an interesting discussion regarding community life and the reflections of our present day disputes. It had a good twist at the end and despite rather dark undertones we all agreed it contained fleeting humour also.

We had 5 members of the Book Club attending and all enjoyed the keen conversation over our cup of tea and biscuit.

The next Book Club will be on Monday 12th March 2012 at 8pm-9pm, and we will be discussing These Foolish Things by Deborah Moggach (which the soon-to-be-released film The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is based on). All new members very welcome indeed.

Sue Paraskeva



Lent – a time to think about sinning

Lent is a month to think about sinning. When people sin against us, we get hurt. (Have you ever been lied to? Been robbed? It hurts.) When we sin against others, we also get hurt: we feel guilty before God, we lose our self-respect, and we feel isolated.

The little book of 1 John, in the New Testament, talks a lot about sin. John did not write in anger, but out of deep pastoral concern. His desire was that those who name Jesus as their Lord face the reality of sin in their lives. He wanted them to learn to avoid it as a pattern that ruled their lives.

John reminded his readers that God is perfect light, holy, and the source of all life, truth and beauty. Christ, his son, the Light of the World, came to redeem us from our separation from him caused by sin, which has marred the world since the fall of Adam and Eve.

So what is sin? The Bible says that sin includes not only physical indulgences of our selfish appetites, but also our lustful, angry and hateful thoughts, as well as our self-righteousness, selfish ambition, divisive spirit, and pride.

All of the Law of God, Jesus said, is summarized in the Great Commandment to love God with our entire being and our neighbour as ourselves (Mark 12:28-34), and not one of us in light of these commands can claim to be without sin (Luke 10:25-37).

As John makes clear in his short epistle, even God's being-saved, true believers will be guilty, perhaps even daily, of single acts of sin. Even though true believers have been released from the dominance of the habitual patterns of sinful behaviour, and have access to the liberating, victorious power of the Spirit for new life in Christ, we still, as long as we remain in these sin-prone bodies, will commit sin.

Yet this is not to discourage us, but to encourage us to take action. Our Father in heaven is a loving Father, waiting for us to come back to him, confessing each sinful failure, each hour of each day, if necessary. There's no sin so great as to separate you from the Father's mercy, grace, forgiveness and love. And through the Holy Spirit, we can become more Christ-like in our nature. It is a growth process, and we need to start growing now. This month is the perfect time for you to return to the Father's house, and receive and celebrate his complete forgiveness.

The search for Games Pastors is on

The search to find more than 800 volunteers to act as Games Pastors during the London 2012 Games, has begun.

Games Pastors will be deployed at main transport hubs and where large crowds gather. Their roll is to respond to the practical and spiritual needs of an estimated extra 800,000 people as they visit London and other Games locations next summer.

More Than Gold, the agency set up by all the main denominations to help churches engage with the 2012 Games, is responsible for recruiting, training and supporting this army of volunteers.

David Wilson, CEO of More Than Gold said, 'There will be many lost, confused and lonely people coming through London during the Games. These Games Pastors are going to be a lifeline for them, which makes this a great opportunity for Christian service'.

Leading More Than Gold's Games Pastors initiative is Mike Freeman MBE, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He said, 'This is a great opportunity for church communities to engage with potentially thousands of people in a caring supportive role, actively demonstrating the love of Christ.

He added, 'Those applying will need full support from their church leader. And be ready to face a variety of challenges. However the rewards of providing such a service to others can be immense'.

Sergeant David Turtle, Christian Police Association, Metropolitan Police, said, 'This is a fantastic way for the Police and the churches to work together for the good of our communities. The help Games Pastors will provide will be invaluable to the police service and we are very excited to have such willing volunteers to help us during the Games'.

For more information about becoming a Games Pastor, please go to www.morethangold.org.uk/gamespastors.

The Superwomen of Britain

She's a childminder who really cares, a teacher, a local friendly bank, a counsellor... without her, many modern families would fall apart. She's your child's grandmother.

Something like 48 per cent of all grannies now child-mind their grandchildren for at least 20 hours per week. A quarter of grannies child-mind for more than 25 hours a week. And one in ten grannies are childminding a staggering 40 hours a week.

In all, our grannies save us £2 billion a year in childminding costs. But grannies don't stop there. Six out of ten grandparents often go without things for themselves, in order to finance their children and grandchildren. A third of grandparents can struggle to pay heating bills and council tax, never mind afford a holiday – because overwhelmingly they are putting their family's needs before their own.

The average granny babysits 42 times a year, and a quarter of grannies babysit every week.

What does all this child-minding do for granny? Keeps her young! Grannies who care for grandchildren feel a whopping 14 years younger than their actual age.

Anchor Boys News

On Saturday 21st January our 7 Anchor Boys along with 18 boys from other companies had a 'New Years' party at the 11th Enfield headquarters in Totteridge Road.

They were entertained by Mr Marvel with his magic tricks (just to show what a good magician he was he managed to 'magic' 20 years off Mrs Legg's age when wishing her a happy birthday), a Punch and Judy show and he introduced Bubbles his rabbit for the boys to stroke. After a tea of sandwiches, crisps, cakes and biscuits, Mr Marvel started up the disco with flashing lights, bubble machine and 'snow' which the boys enjoyed very much.

Margaret Trevallion

Boys' Brigade News

Well the month of February was a very busy month indeed. At the start of the month we held the Battalion PR Games here at our hall. The PR Games competition is basically like a team games competition, with teams of 6 taking part in 10 different physical activities.

Six lads from the company turned up to compete in this event. The team worked very hard and we were able to win the competition. This means we have retained the trophy for another year. These results will now be posted off to the London District for entrance into the larger competition.

On Saturday 4th February the Junior Section joined with the rest of the company to take part in the Battalion Swimming Gala at the Grundy Park Pool. The Junior section team of James Cutts (backstroke, breaststroke and relay), Jak King (breaststroke, backstroke and relay), and Luke Stevenson (freestyle and relay) swam exceedingly well culminating in victory in the relay and amassing 31 points to win the Junior Section Competition. Well done Luke, Jak and James.

The year 7 & 8 age group was made up from Tom Brown, Joseph Nicoladies, Joshua Paul-London & Daniel Bacon. Again they all swam very, very well and also won the competition for their age group.

Having only 1 boy in the year 9 & 10 age group, Reece Croom joined our only senior boy to turn up (Charlie Humphries) to enter the senior age group. Despite only having two entries, they managed to come 2nd overall in the senior age group, which was fantastic. With

all the points added together from all 4 sections we came 2nd in the whole competition.

While we had been in the swimming pool, it had snowed heavily, which started an impromptu snow ball fight!

Well we have now come to the half term break, during which we held our annual Company supper. This is when all the staff and boys have a great meal together. The evening is very formal, with the boys all dressing up in smart dress and suits. There was a long list of Guests invited, who were or still are connected to the company in some way. With mood lighting and tables laid out in a wedding style fashion, the hall looked very good.

We all sat down for our 5 star meal, cooked this year by Mr Ward. He had been cooking in the kitchen all day! This year we had lamb, which was amazing.

After the food, we had a few toasts and then we went into the church for the entertainment part of the evening. After a few jokes told by myself and Chris, and a few impressions (Martin's & Viv's seemed to be most accurate) we handed over to our year 7 boys. They were fantastic and really made us all laugh. I am so pleased that they wanted to do this. I must just give a mention to the Mexican Jellyfish angle - ask Tom Brown!!

After half term we start on another session of badge classes. We will also have the usual 5-a-side football competitions and the Drill competitions, which we have been practising for. Myself and Mr Ward will also be organising another Expedition Trip during the Easter break. We are currently looking at all the options of where we can go and climb this year.

Andrew Caddies

Wordsearch

St Patrick's Day

Mothering Sunday

Annunciation

Lent

Leeks for St David's day, daffodils for the rest of the month: March means the beginning of Spring. St Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland, is remembered with parades. Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day is celebrated with more daffodils and Sunday lunch 'out'. March brings us the Annunciation, when the angel first appeared to Mary to tell her of her coming pregnancy. But Christmas is still months away: March is the month of Lent, of prayer and preparation for Easter.

leeks

daffodils

preparation

patrick

day

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Bible Sketchbook

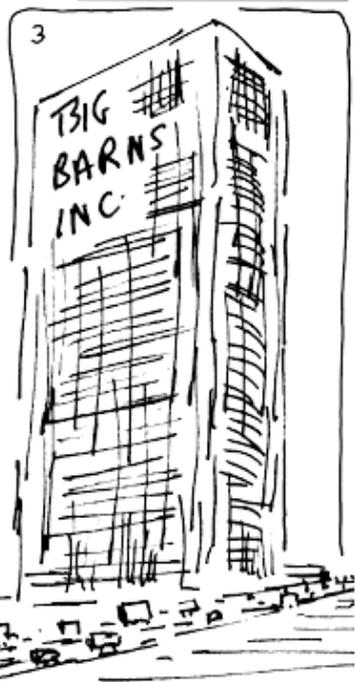


He was very rich. But he wanted more. He didn't have room for all his stuff so he bulldozed his old barn, borrowed a heap of money and put up his dream building: Big Barns Inc.

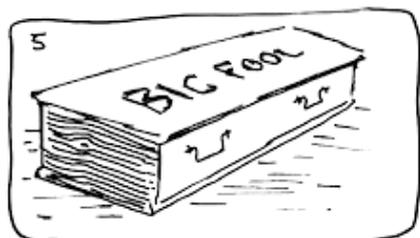
Who
Comes
First?



At last there was room for all his stuff! He thought he had made it! – that he was lucky! He could laze in the sun, eat, drink and enjoy himself. But God said: "You fool. You are going to die tonight!" He was rich OK - but not in God's eyes.. He couldn't take all his stuff with him. How about you? Where are your riches? Read more in Luke 12: 16-21



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

