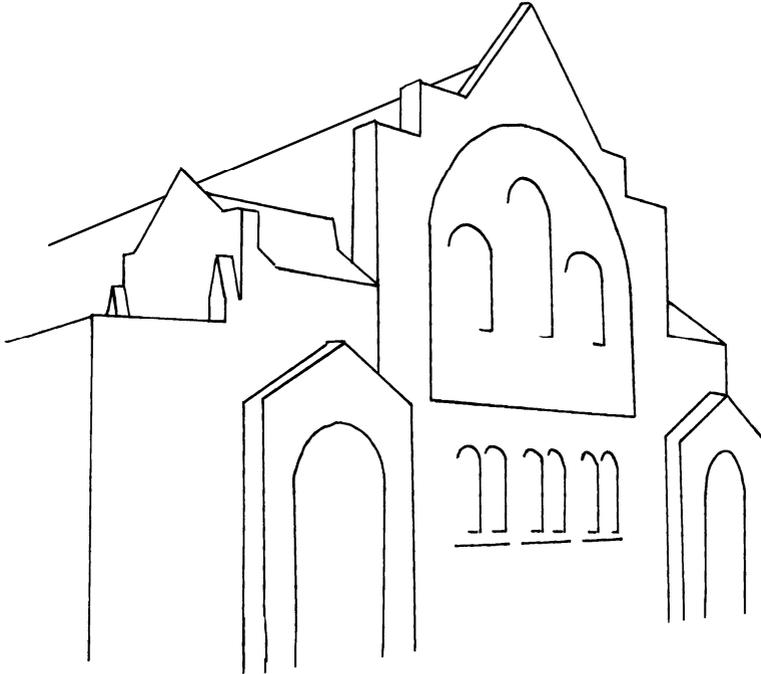




Newsletter



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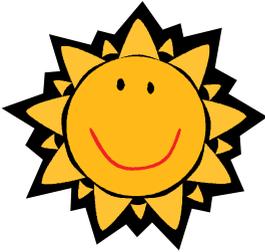
Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 26th August. 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 August.**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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Here Comes Summer!



Well let's hope so. I thought I would add a picture of the sun as it seems such a long time since we have seen it. The Summer Solstice was on June 20th and the days are now getting shorter. Solstice is made of two Latin words, 'Sol' which is sun and 'sistere' which means to stand still. The sun when it is at its highest point in the sky appears to standstill.

Wouldn't it nice if time passed a little slower when we are on holiday? The sad reality is that time seems to fly by. We know time stands still for no man. As I was typing this I thought, and it doesn't happen very often, where does this quote come from? I was convinced it was one of Shakespeares. I was close because what I remembered was that the quote is actually 'time and tide wait for no man' and this was Geoffrey Chaucer. However what I did find is a quote by John F Kennedy who was president of the United States of America. His quote is, 'For time and the world do not stand still. Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.'

We know that change is inevitable and can sometimes be a good thing. Whilst we may reminisce about the past, and compare it to today, we must never stop looking and planning

and building for the future. If we do, we will never grow as individuals or as a community of God.

A change of scenery and routine is often good. It is also good to take the time and visit another worshipping community. The gospels tell us, that Jesus' earthly ministry was based almost entirely around the Sea of Galilee. While important events occurred in Jerusalem, the Lord spent most of the three years of His ministry along the shore of this freshwater lake. Here He gave more than half of His parables and here He performed most of his miracles.

Capernaum, on the northwestern shore, became His hometown. It was on the shore he called Peter, James, John and Andrew. He sailed back and forth many times. Walked on water and calmed the storm. He sat on the hillside overlooking the lake and preached the Sermon on the

Mount. Beside the lake on the beach, He prepared breakfast for his disciples after his resurrection

I hope our crossing to France is a little calmer.

PS Don't forget to send us a post card.

We think of our GB and BB companies as they go to camp and I hope that where ever you travel this summer, you stay safe and have a relaxing and enjoyable time.

Martin



"Mrs Hargreaves, you've been watching too much of the Olympics gymnastics!"

Smile Lines

Ten fun things to do during boring sermons

- 1 Pass a note to the organist asking whether he/she plays requests.
- 2 See if a yawn really is contagious.
- 3 Slap your neighbour. See if they turn the other cheek. If not, raise your hand and tell the preacher.
- 4 Listen for your preacher to use a word beginning with 'A' then 'B' and so on through the alphabet.
- 5 Sit in the back row and try to take the handbag of the lady in front of you by putting your toe through the handle.
- 6 Using your church bulletin to make a paper airplane. Test-fly it.
- 7 By unobtrusively drawing your arms up into your sleeves, turn your shirt around backwards.
- 8 Twiddle your thumbs.
- 9 Twiddle your neighbour's thumbs.
- 10 If all else fails, look up at the ceiling, point, and scream.

Ten Christian Pick-up Lines

- 1 Nice bible.
- 2 I would like to pray with you.
- 3 You know Jesus? Me too.
- 4 God told me to come talk to you.
- 5 I know a church where we could go and talk.
- 6 Do you need help carrying your bible? It looks heavy.
- 7 Christians don't shake hands, Christians gotta hug.
- 8 Did it hurt when you fell from Heaven?
- 9 What are your plans for tonight? Feel like a bible study?
- 10 The Bible says "Give drink to those who are thirsty, and feed the hungry," so how about dinner?

Here is the News

We offer our best wishes for their forthcoming marriages to:

Rosie Neate and Kerry Humphries getting married in this Church on the 14th July.

and

Simon Legg and Emily Christie getting married at Corsham in Wiltshire on the 27th July.

We wish both couples every happiness in their future life together.

On the 4th July Rosie, Katy, Emily and Harriet, the Neate granddaughters, will be doing the 5 kilometre 'Race for Life' on Clapham Common for the charity Cancer Research.

Should you wish to sponsor them the web address is www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/team-ivy. They would be grateful for your support.

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 12th August

Don Vallance

[1923 – 2012]

Eve and Don appeared one Sunday morning in the 1970s - to visit, just at the point of the Revd Margaret Laurie leaving us. Having previously worshipped at the Baptist church in Winchmore Hill they felt a change was right. They stayed, much to the benefit of our fellowship.

They became members in 1980 and Don joined the team of Elders in 1981. An Inland Revenue Inspector, his mathematical brain soon picked up the reins as our Treasurer and it was his wonderful idea of borrowing funds from *all* the fellowship, from the smallest amount and possibly ignoring the highest, which secured us our present Manse. This was when a bridging loan was needed in a hurry to complete the purchase prior to the sale of 14 Lyndhurst Gardens. We were *all* involved and were quickly repaid when the sale went through. It was an important lesson to our fellowship and heralded the coming of Revd David Hamblin and family.

There are few now who remember Don's role as Lay Preacher. They moved to Hitchin and to the Methodist/URC there in 1987 returning occasionally to preach in our next Vacancy when Revd David Hamblin followed them to that church.

I, with Terry Blowfield, spent many holidays with them in the UK and Jersey enjoying wit and good company, Don being much the calming presence when I was 'in a tivy' about something or other.

Our condolences go to Eve, Paul and Denise; Keith and Sonia; Angie, Mark, Joanna and Gareth plus the three great-granddaughters at this sad time.

Sylvia Page

Diary

July & August

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

July Sun 1st	10:30am	Communion with Rev Martin Legg
Sat 7th	10:00am	BB Jumble sale in the hall
Sun 8th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Eve Fonyonga (from High Cross) Second Sunday Supper
Mon 9th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sun 15th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Michaela Lawrence
Sun 22nd	10:30am 12:15pm	Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg Arts and crafts for all ages
Sun 29th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Terry Silvey
August Sun 5th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Martin & Lisa Hamblin
Sun 12th	10:30am 5:30pm	Morning Worship with Paul Ashitey Second Sunday Supper
Sun 19th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg
Sun 26th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Barbara Leighton Arts and crafts for all ages

PRAYER PLAN

JULY 2012

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Luke 11:13 NIV

Sunday 1st

Thanks for the light summer evenings

Monday 2nd

Mabel Osae

Tuesday 3rd

For Community Support Officers

Wednesday 4th

Bycullah Avenue

Thursday 5th

Prayer time

Friday 6th

Ruth, our sponsored child in Zambia

Saturday 7th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 8th

Thanks for weddings and the joy they bring

Monday 9th

Sylvia Page

Tuesday 10th

For hospital staff

Wednesday 11th

Cecil Avenue

Thursday 12th

Arts and crafts for all ages

Friday 13th

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

Saturday 14th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 15th

Thanks for holidays and a

chance to meet other people

Monday 16th

Sue Paraskeva

Tuesday 17th

For Special Policemen & women

Wednesday 18th

Clive Road

Thursday 19th

Baby & Toddlers

Friday 20th

Fun & safety for the BB boys and leaders going to camp in the Isle of Wight tomorrow

Saturday 21st

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 22nd

Thanks for the BB & GB leaders who give their time to take our youth to camp

Monday 23rd

Chris Payne

Tuesday 24th

For doctors

Wednesday 25th

Charles Street

Thursday 26th

Kings Club

Friday 27th

Fun & safety for the GB girls and leaders going to camp in France on Monday

Saturday 28th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 29th

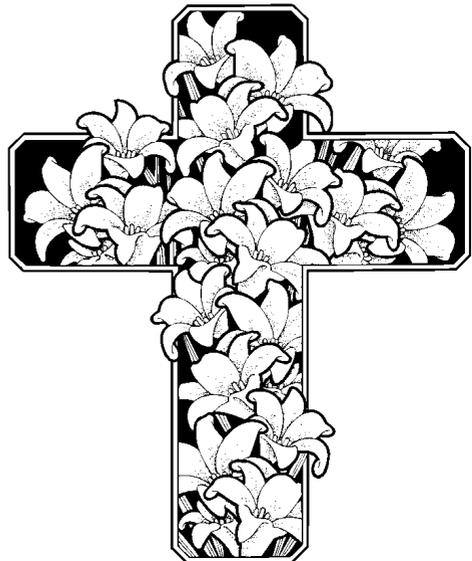
Thanks for the staff and volunteers working to make the Olympic & Paralympic Games happen

Monday 30th

Stephanie Rees

Tuesday 31st

For paramedics



PRAYER PLAN

AUGUST 2012

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol
him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.

A father to the fatherless, a defender of
widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Psalm 68:4-5 NIV

Wednesday 1st

Chatsworth Drive

Thursday 2nd

Leadership & Congregation of
Christ Church United
Reformed Church

Friday 3rd

For security at the Olympic
Games: for the police, the
intelligence services and
venue security staff

Saturday 4th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 5th

Thanks for our athletes & their
coaches

Monday 6th

Emily & Elizabeth Rees

Tuesday 7th

For those on duty or training
in the Navy

Wednesday 8th

Cross Road

Thursday 9th

Leadership & Congregation of
Enfield Evangelical Free
Church

Friday 10th

For those from nations closed
to the Gospel to hear the
good news of Jesus while
they're here for the Olympics
& Paralympics

Saturday 11th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 12th

Thanks for our health

Monday 13th

Carol Regan

Tuesday 14th

For those on duty or training
in the Royal Marines

Wednesday 15th

Delhi Road

Thursday 16th

Leadership & Congregation of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel &
Saint George

Friday 17th

Ruth, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 18th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 19th

Thanks for our neighbours

Monday 20th

Anthony, Rachel Beard, Luke
& Megan Rensch

Tuesday 21st

For those on recovering from
injury on the battlefield

Wednesday 22nd

Dimsdale Drive

Thursday 23rd

Leadership & Congregation of
Jubilee Church

Friday 24th

For the Olympic & Paralympic
Games to be fair and free
from corruption

Saturday 25th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 26th

Thanks for every paralympic
athlete overcoming the odds
to compete

Monday 27th

Evelyn & Fred Rolph

Tuesday 28th

For those on duty or training
in the RAF

Wednesday 29th

Downs Road

Thursday 30th

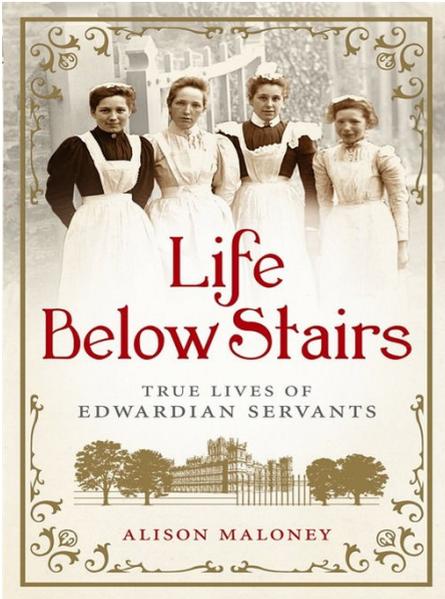
Leadership & Congregation of
Bush Hill Park Methodist
Church

Friday 31st

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Do you have a special
occasion or a person you
would like prayed for - see
Lisa Hamblin

Book Club



Life below stairs: True lives of Edwardian servants Alison Maloney

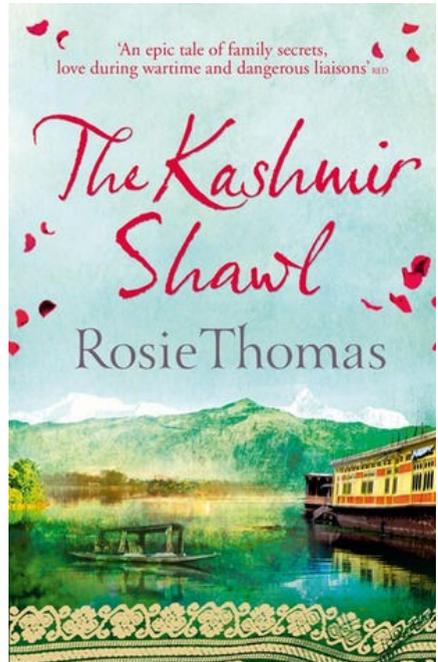
An interesting presentation of life both upstairs and below stairs, well researched and written in an easy manner to read, with quotes from former servants and relatives of former servants. We found the tables of prices from food to wages helpful, with an interesting reference to how Brown's Hotel was started!

There are lots of books on this subject, but if you have seen Downton Abbey and are

interested in that way of life, this book is a good place to start. It is a fairly quick read - a little repetitious - but we all enjoyed it

The July book is 'The Kashmir Shawl' by Rosie Thomas; an interesting genealogy meets travel book. More about this in September.

Yvonne and the girls!



Going for Gold

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers striving for excellence in our lives.

This month sees the start of the London Olympics, with the eyes of the world focused on the games. The apostle Paul was also aware of the importance of the games in his day, as reflected in these words: 'Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 3:13,14.

The Olympic athlete trains and competes with a clear focus on winning a medal; they say, 'One thing I do.' If we are to excel in any area our life, we have to say, 'This one thing I do.' Do we have a clear aim or are we simply taking whatever comes our way? For the Christian, our purpose in life is defined by our relationship with Jesus Christ. He calls us into a friendship with himself that can begin today and last for eternity. We can look the day when we stand before Jesus Christ and hear him say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'.

For Paul, the key questions to ask include:

Have I left the past behind and fully moved on?

What progress am I making in my life?

Am I passionately pursuing my hopes and dream?

Twelve years ago, Eric Moussambani, from Equatorial Guinea, became a cult hero at the Sydney Olympics when he swam a 100 metre freestyle heat as the only swimmer, and in a record slowest time of 1:52.72. However, because the other two swimmers had been disqualified, he won the heat! The crowd of 17,000 gave him a standing ovation and Eric became an instant sensation, though he still didn't qualify for the semifinals.

Before coming to the Olympics, Eric had never even seen a 50 m long Olympic-size swimming pool. He took up swimming only eight months before the Olympics and had practiced in a 20 m pool back home. Yet amazingly he is back at THIS year's Olympics - as the coach of the Equatorial Guinea team.

His story can be our story in the Olympics of life. Yes, we may struggle, but we need to keep going. If we fix your eyes on Jesus, he will empower us to finish the race, which is what it is all about. We can endure through his strength. If our have the goal of winning in Jesus Christ, his victory will by ours!

Boys' Brigade News

We now have only a few weeks to go till the end of the session and of course CAMP. Before I get onto that, I must talk about weeks gone by and some events coming up soon.

We ended the uniformed period with our Awards night. The evening went very well with some really enjoyable performances from all 3 sections. It's really good to see almost every member from the entire company doing something on the stage. Every boy was awarded all the badges and certificates they had gained throughout the year. After the formal stuff, we all went into the hall for a full company photo.

We then started our summer session. At the start of the summer session we had two new lads join, taking the company section numbers up to 24. This is fantastic and really positive. We have not had a company of this size in a long time (and we don't lose any seniors at the end of the year either).

The weather has made it quite hard for us to stick to our original plans and we have yet to make it over the park for any sort of games. However this has not stopped us keeping everyone busy. In a week's time we will be taking part in the Battalion athletics competition. I hope we get a good turnout of boys, and we are able to fill nearly all the age groups in all the activities. We also have the 6-a-side football competition (which was postponed due to the weather), so let hope it can happen this time.

In a few Saturdays time, the Enfield Battalion are running a London wide activity day. It is going to be massive. There are lots of things planned for the day and we are expecting 1000+ young people to attend. A wide range of activities will be on offer throughout the day including the famous It's a Knockout Team Challenge (for those aged

8+) and a Wacky Sports Day (for those under 8 years), the battalions very own Laser Quest arena onsite, a number of inflatable's including a Mega 30ft Slide, Gladiator Duel and Bouncy Castle along with a chance to have a go at Archery, try some Circus Skills, enjoy Face Painting and lots more! The local Fire and Police services will be running demonstrations and workshops. I hope that we get a good turn from all 3 sections from the company.

On Saturday 7th July we are holding our annual Jumble sale. The money raised will go towards us trying to keep the cost of camp as low as possible. We have been leafleting the roads around Bush Hill Park. If you would like a poster or leaflets then please speak to me. If you have got any jumble, then we would love to come and collect it from you. Just let me know or contact the number on the leaflet. Also, if you would like to come and look round the stalls then please feel free to do so from 10am on the 7th. Alternatively you may like to help run a stall. If that is the case then please talk directly to Mr Rushbrook. Help making and serving Teas and coffee is always welcome.

In the last few weeks of the summer term we are going to take the lads to an archery centre, where they will get to do (you've guessed it) do archery. After last year, Mr Cutts has insisted on the targets being moved further back, as he thinks he is a pro!! We will see. We also plan to take the boys over to the woods at Whitewebbs, for our annual game of commandoes.

The boys will also have their camp meeting where they will find whose tents they will be in and what crazy fancy dress and theme we will be doing this year. They will also learn about some of the activities which we will be doing.

During last weekend before camp, we will be rewarding those lads who have regularly attended church on a Sunday morning with a trip / activity, for their commitment to the company and church (what that trip will be has not been announced yet).

And the final week of the session will be a Rushbrook BBQ extravaganza. You can expect loads of chilly and garlic! Mr Rushbrook does love a good BBQ

With the summer session and activities drawn to a close there is only one thing left to do... Attend CAMP

That's right, on Friday 20th July, we will be loading up the 3.5 tonne lorry with all the suitcases and equipment and the odd sofa or three. Not forgetting the lifeguard's chair and the night security shark!!! (We don't take much - honest!!!!, It's Mr Rushbrooks bed that takes up most of the room in the van).

Once again we will be travelling to the Isle of White for a week of joy and fun (and that's just the staff). A week of Derek snoring and sleeping when ever he can, a week of extremely good food (do I get extra portions now), a week of more activities and fun than you can imagine. A week of loads of games, a week of throwing water over anybody and everybody, at all times of the day.

It's even more exciting this year as there will be 23 lads attending (we have not had this many on camp since the 1990's!!) There is so much to say about camp, but I will wait, so I can give you the full sorry in the September newsletter.

Once we return from camp I will try to keep BB in the boys minds, so will be undertaking some DIY around the church.

From all the Staff and boys we hope you have a great summer and please think about any friends with young children who would like to join GB or BB. 5 years old up to 18 years old.

Andrew Caddies

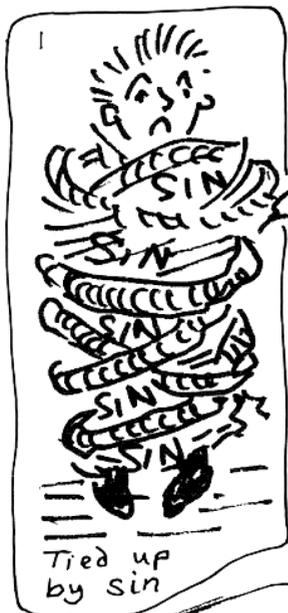
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The Olympics are finally here! There is fantastic sporting action ahead of us this month, as the best sports men and women in the world converge on London to compete for those ultimate prizes. Just about everything the human body can do will be put to the test in the coming weeks, in a staggering variety of sports...

olympics	jump	run	swimming	cycling
canoe	triple	volleyball	basketball	athletics
archery	boxing	fencing	badminton	diving
judo	handball	hockey	gymnastics	rowing
sailing	shooting	tennis	triathlon	wrestling
weightlifting				



Bible Sketchbook



Tied up
by sin

Sin has a nasty way of tying us up and stopping us from running the Christian race. So get rid of it! Be like an athlete and discipline your body. The prize is eternal life and that's much better than a wreath that fades. So – keep running for Jesus. He even died on the cross for you and me because of the amazing prize of resurrection joy!

Read more in:
Hebrews 12:1-2,
1 Corinthians 9:23-27,
2 Timothy 4: 7

Run for Jesus!



A wreath
that fades



Run
the
race
with
perseverance!



Win
the prize
of Jesus –

– Resurrection LIFE !!

BHP DAY BY DAY URC

Sunday 10:30am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday in the month)
12:15pm Arts and crafts for all ages (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

Thursday 7:30pm Boys' Brigade Company Section circuit training (when advised)

Friday 9:30am Prayers in the Junior Room
10:00am Baby & Toddler Group
6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys)
7.15pm Junior Section)

