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## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 30th September. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to **[newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk)**) by **Sunday 16th September.**

**Please note that late contributions may be held over.**

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# Come, Ye thankful people, come!



Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1st August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. They were used in the Communion for a special thanksgiving service. This custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church.

At the start of the harvest, communities would appoint a strong and respected man of the village as their 'Lord of the Harvest'. He would be responsible for negotiating the harvest wages and organising the fieldworkers.

The end of the harvest was celebrated with a big meal called a Harvest Supper, eaten on Michaelmas Day. The 'Lord of the Harvest' sat at the head of the table. A goose stuffed with apples was eaten along with a variety of vegetables. Goose Fairs were and still are held in English towns at this time of year.

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches as we know it today began in 1843, when the Rev

Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. This idea of celebrating harvest festival soon became popular. People began decorating their churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. Harvest Festival reminds us of all the good things God has given us. It also reminds us that without workers, there is no harvest. Jesus reminds his followers of this in Matthew 9.

*<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest*

*is plentiful but the workers are few.  
38 Ask the Lord of the harvest,  
therefore, to send out workers into  
his harvest field.'*

On the 30<sup>th</sup> September we are planning a special service and lunch with afternoon activities as part of 'Back to Church Sunday.' We intend to send out invitations to those living around our church and to those who use our premises on a regular basis. It is also an opportunity for us to invite friends and family.

Let us pray to the 'Lord of the Harvest' giving thanks for all we have and for guidance as we seek to do his will in our church. Pray for help and support as we prepare for the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Give us the opportunity and the courage to ask our friends and neighbours to join us on this special day.

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"After the summer we've had, I'm expecting a lot of people to bring fish!"

# Smile Lines

## The bifocals

A preacher went into the pulpit one Sunday morning wearing a pair of new bifocals. The reading portion of the glasses improved his vision considerably, but the top portion of the glasses didn't work so well. In fact he was experiencing dizziness every time he looked through them. He explained to the congregation that the new glasses were causing problems. "I hope you will excuse my continually removing my glasses," he said. "You see when I look down I can see fine, but when I look at you, it makes me feel sick."

## Blackmail

One Sunday the minister announced to his congregation, "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons..... a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes; a £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes; and a £20 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

## Flying bishop

The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese."

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is . . . you're NOT my flight instructor?"

# Here is the News



## **Building Fund**

We raised £145 for the building fund at the Roast Dinner lunch at the start of the Olympics. Thank you to everyone who came and made it an enjoyable lunch, also to Peter & his daughter for providing the food. Thank you all for being so generous.

## **Plant some weeds**

If you have room for it in your garden, plant more weeds such as thistles next year. The Royal Horticultural Society say it will help declining bee populations.

## **News**

If you have any news you would like mentioned here please speak to Ivy Neate or Lisa Hamblin.

# Gladys Dredge

1920 – 2012

Gladys became a member of the church in 1955 living in Percival Road and was ever faithful to her commitment to us until she moved to Nottinghamshire shortly after the arrival of Revd David Hamblin. The move was because her eyesight was failing, her husband John had died and she wanted to be closer to her son Christopher, by then living in that area. Gladys kept in touch via the monthly newsletter and phone calls to various members over the years; her especial friend being the late Winnie Spawton. She visited if she was in the area but increasing age and disability prevented this more recently.

I spoke to her one day a few weeks ago. She called at one of those moments when I was a bit down and said, “How are you?” My reply was: “You have ‘phoned on the wrong day!” “No I haven’t; tell me all about it.” A kind, generous Christian lady; one of the old school. She was still interested in news of those she knew and remembered from the past and pleased to hear of progress of the Brigades and our continuing work for her Lord here in Bush Hill Park, a place so close to her heart from her earlier years.

Our condolences go to Christopher and his wife and other members of her family.

Sylvia Page



## Back to Church Sunday

Why YOU are SO welcome to come Back to Church with us on 30th September... "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15.1). This one verse sums up the whole, scandalous message of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome. We are welcome not because of our goodness, or worthiness, or even our faithfulness. We are welcome because God invites us. And he invites us even though we are sinners.

Don't be startled by the word 'sinner'. Is there anyone alive who hasn't regularly gone to bed at night and lay there regretting things they'd said or wishing they'd acted differently? In other words, we all fall short of our own standards, let alone the standards of God. Falling short of what we are supposed to be is called sin. It is when we are less than we could be or should be.

Well, the big message of the Christian faith is that whoever you are and whatever you've done, you are welcome at Jesus' table. No, more than this, God is actually looking for you. God thinks that his party is incomplete until you've arrived. That's why the shepherd in this story goes looking for the one lost sheep, and then rejoices when that sheep is found. God rejoices when we come to his table.

He doesn't mind whether you're ready or not. God just wants to welcome you in. That's why in the reading from Ezekiel God says "I myself will be the shepherd" (Ezekiel 34. 15). I will be the one who is looking for you and longing to bring you into safe pastures; those safe pastures that Psalm 23 famously speaks about. For even though life can sometimes be dark, dangerous and difficult, the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ is a loving shepherd who seeks out the lost.

Now you might not feel 'lost' in the literal sense of 'not knowing where you are', but many of us do feel lost in all sorts of other ways. We can feel lost in relationships where we are misunderstood or taken for granted. We can feel lost in work when it is dis-spiriting or unsatisfying. We can feel lost in unemployment, without hope or worth. Sometimes we can just feel alone, what is sometimes referred to as being 'lost in the crowd'. "We go astray" (1 Peter 2. 25). That is the image the first letter of Peter uses.

However you go astray, however you are 'lost', the Christian faith says God is looking for you. He longs to lead you home. He has good things to give you, and you are welcome at his table. You don't need to sign on the dotted line; you don't need to have a huge faith; you just need to accept the invitation.

Happily, many of you will be coming back to church this month for precisely that reason. You have been invited back to church and you have said yes. The church consists of people who have turned up, not just people who have signed up. Thank you for turning up on Sunday 30 September. You are very welcome!

# Diary

## September

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

The diary is also online at [www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar)

Sun 2nd	10:30am	Communion with Paul Ashitey
Tues 4th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 9th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with John Stynes Second Sunday Supper
Mon 10th	8:00pm	Boys Brigade start back Book Club
Wed 12th		Girls Brigade start back
Fri 14th		Anchor Boys start back
Sat 15th		Girls' Brigade sports day
Sun 16th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Ray Pettipher
Sun 23rd	10:30am 12:15pm	Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg Followed by Church Meeting Arts and crafts for all ages
Sun 30th	10:30am	Back to Church Sunday Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg Followed by lunch with afternoon activities

Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 16th September

# PRAYER PLAN

SEPTEMBER 2012

**For we are God's handiwork, created in  
Christ Jesus to do good works, which God  
prepared in advance for us to do.  
Ephesians 2:10 NIV**

**Saturday 1st**

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 2nd**

Thanks for our musicians,  
the stewards, tea makers  
and those who project our  
services and provide the  
flowers week by week

**Monday 3rd**

Emily Rees

**Tuesday 4th**

Staff and pupils at Latymer  
School

**Wednesday 5th**

Chatsworth Drive

**Thursday 6th**

Persecuted church in Laos

**Friday 7th**

Karam, our sponsored child  
in Bethlehem

**Saturday 8th**

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 9th**

Thanks for the Olympics &  
Paralympics held here and  
for a legacy for the future

**Monday 10th**

Carol Regan

**Tuesday 11th**

Staff and pupils at Bishops  
Stopfords School

**Wednesday 12th**

Cross Road

**Thursday 13th**

Persecuted church in North Korea

**Friday 14th**

Mothers needing help and support to care for their children

**Saturday 15th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 16th**

Thanks for carers and those helping people to stay in their own homes

**Monday 17th**

Anthony, Luke & Megan Rensch & Rachel Beard

**Tuesday 18th**

Staff and pupils at Lea Valley High School

**Wednesday 19th**

Delhi Road

**Thursday 20th**

Persecuted church in Iran

**Friday 21st**

Safety for men, women & children facing violence in the home from a spouse or parent

**Saturday 22nd**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 23rd**

Thanks for families & friends

**Monday 24th**

Carol Rensch

**Tuesday 25th**

Staff and pupils at Gladys Aylward School

**Wednesday 26th**

Dimsdale Drive

**Thursday 27th**

Persecuted church in Afghanistan

**Friday 28th**

Ruth, our sponsored child in Zambia

**Saturday 29th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

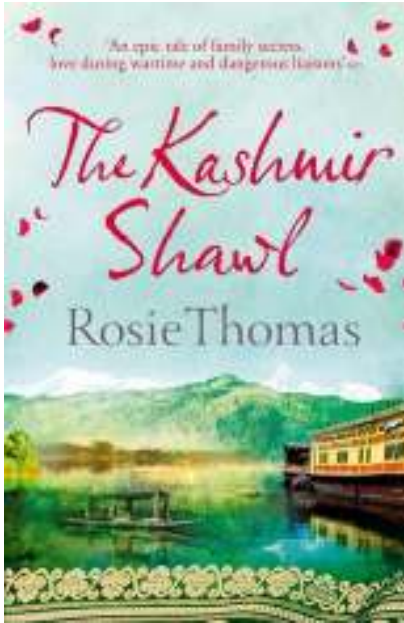
**Sunday 30th**

Thanks for the autumn colours that make our day to day lives more beautiful



# Book Club

## The Kashmir Shawl by Rosie Thomas



We discussed this at our July Book Club meeting and much enjoyed this read spanning decades and moving from the stark beauty of the Welsh landscape to the Himalayas and Kashmir, this is a story of bravery, love and enduring friendships.

Mair Ellis clears out her father's house and finds an exquisite antique shawl and wrapped within its folds is a lock of child's hair. She decides to go traveling to trace her grandparents' roots back to Kashmir, a journey that will change her life forever.

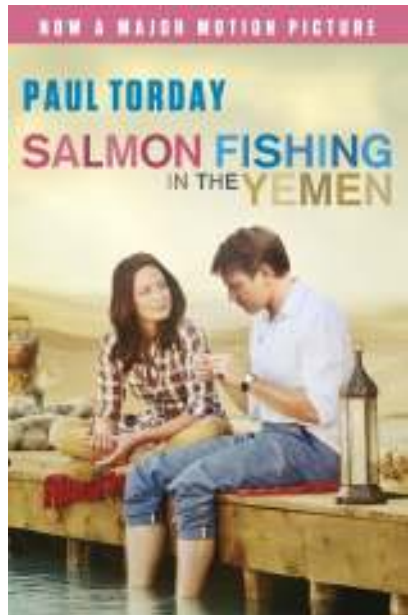
She discovers that her newlywed grandmother, Nerys Watkins, had left her home in rural Wales to accompany her missionary husband to India. Travelling high up in the Himalayas, Nerys discovered a new world in the lakeside city of Srinagar.

The British lived on carved wooden houseboats living the high life, while war was engulfing the rest of the world. Friendships are forged and tested, and Nerys is caught up in a dangerous situation. By the time she is reunited with her husband, the innocent Welsh bride has become a different woman.

Mair's journey in her grandparent's footsteps widens her experience of life, and brings her the happiness she is seeking.

The book flits backwards and forwards between the two stories but is easy to follow.

The next book is Salmon Fishing in the Yemen by Paul Torday which will be discussed on Monday 10th September.



## **The way I see it: Ordinary blessings**

'The captains and the kings depart ...' They've gone: the Jubilee, the European Nations Cup, the Olympics. As a lady said to me at church last Sunday, perhaps one day the television will get back to normal. Well, this is 'normal'. It's also, funnily enough, what the modern Prayer Book calls 'Ordinary Time' - that means the bits in between all the great feast days and penitential seasons and so on. At the moment it's the seemingly endless 'Sundays after Trinity'.

'Ordinary' is such a lovely word, I think. It's root is that reassuring word 'order', and it encompasses ideas like orderliness, well-ordered, in order. It's opposite is strange, unusual, distinctive: extraordinary.

One of the odd things about human behaviour is that most of us most of the time don't want to look strange, unusual or even distinctive. Just look at the way we dress, following fashion, deliberately trying to look like those around us. Think of the teenage uniform, male or female. Their whole ambition is to look exactly like their peers. Or think of guests at a wedding, especially the males, all looking exactly alike in bow ties and tails. Mind you, at times - perhaps at a party - we shall go to the other extreme and try to be as different and distinctive as possible - outrageous colours, pink hair, funny glasses.

Where the Gospels are concerned, our tendency is to remember the extraordinary bits - water turned into wine, storms stilled, lame people dancing and blind people seeing. Yet they are only extraordinary because their context is so utterly ordinary - women preparing meals, men sowing crops, feet being washed and food being eaten. The whole setting is so ordinary that the amazing acts of power that Jesus did stand out like beacons. But they happened - and this is important - in the ordinary world, to ordinary people, in the ordinary circumstances of life.

In 'Ordinary Time', when nothing special is happening, we have space and time to reflect on some of the wonderfully 'ordinary' events that have taken place in our lives - touches, I reckon, of the love and grace of God. I'm thinking of ordinary acts of kindness, generous words, quietly spoken prayers, memories too precious ever to fade away. I'm thinking of the 'ordinary' love of one human being for another, the 'ordinary' hand on the shoulder in time of need, the 'ordinary' serenity of a life well lived.

Or, perhaps, they're all extraordinary, really.

# *Boys' Brigade News*

Were to begin? Well let's look back to before the summer holidays. In the last few weeks of the session, we took the boys on a number of activities. One of these activities was to return to the archery centre. Once again this was a great evening and every one had loads of fun. Again Mr Cutts made sure everyone knew when he got a good score.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June the Junior Section joined with the Company Section to take part in the Battalion Athletics Competition at the Pickett's Lock Stadium. On a cool but dry afternoon the Junior Section team of Jak, Luke, James, Dorcy, Iliye, Stephen and Obi excelled, amassing 57 points to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the 8-11 year age group. The team achieved 7 first places, 6 second places, 3 third places and 1 each of forth and sixth place. The Company Section did really well in the year 7 & 8 category but unfortunately lack lads in the older age group. This resulted in us taking second place. Well done to all the boys for an excellent result and great input and commitment.

Then on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June the Junior section boys returned to Hilly Fields to take part in the Battalion Hare & Hounds Cross Country Competition. A title they won last year for the first time in a number of decades. The weather for once was dry but the ground after all the rain was muddy and wet. The team of Jak, Luke, James, Dorcy, Iliye, Stephen, Remiah and Jafar-I Obi set off at a cracking pace down the hill and off into the woods attempting to catch the "Hare". The mud soon slowed everyone down and the return run up the hill sorted the best from the pack. Then our boys showed their strength by out pacing the opposition to retain the trophy. Our first three boys home (the winning team) were Dorcy 1<sup>st</sup>, James 2<sup>nd</sup> and Luke 11<sup>th</sup> and all our other boys completed the course. So again the cup sits on the trophy cabinet in the church for another year, well done to all who took part.

The same week the company section lads went bowling on a very wet Monday evening. There were some very good scores had by the Seniors and some very funny bowling walks displayed by some of the lads!

The weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup> July was a very busy one for us. Firstly the Junior section took part in the Battalion Junior weekend camp at Feldon Lodge, BB headquarters, arriving on the Friday evening. Again the weather was bad, no surprise there and they were supposed to sleep in the ridge tents on the field but it was far too wet to do this so they had to stay in the lodge. On the Saturday the main event was "Life 2 the Max" a series of activities and challenges for all Brigade members, many coming many miles to take part. Another six Anchor Boys / Junior Section and a further five Company Section lads were driven up to Feldon especially for this London wide event.

Despite the bad weather and the dashing for cover when it really rained, a great time was had by all. On the Sunday we planned to have activities under cover so that the weather did not upset our plans, so we took them to Aqua Slash, a water park where they could play on the chutes, slides and other rides in a nice warm environment. The weekend was a great success and we all came home tired.

While all this was happening we also managed to run our Annual Jumble sale. Graham had been out collecting all sorts of rubbish and bits the previous two weeks. On the Friday night (while the Juniors were at camp) we transformed the piles and piles of rubbish into a well organised jumble sale. On the day, the weather was actually good (in Enfield! It rained in Feldon) and we had a long queue of people by 9.55am, waiting to gain entry. The sale turned out to be a great success and all the funds raised were put towards camp. A massive thank you to everyone who helped out at the jumble sale in donating/collecting / setting up and selling.

The last Monday session of the summer for the company section was our annual game of Danish rounder's and the BBQ of all BBQ's. The rain managed to hold off until almost the end of the game and we had

# *Boys' Brigade News* cont.

already planned to have an 'in door BBQ'. All the boys turned up and ate burgers and hot dogs.

We finished the summer session with the long awaited Camp 2012. (Excitingly there are now less than 11 months to go till camp 2013!). Once again we were off to the Isle of Wight for a week of fun. Our theme for camp this year was 'super heroes' and everyone made a massive effort to arrive on Saturday morning dressed as all kinds of super heroes. There were a lot of spider men, a few bat man's, wolverine, Mario brothers, and loads of different ones. No one seemed brave enough to come as super woman. We even had someone go as the invisible man!

This year we had a total of 23 lads attending, which is the most on camp since the 90's! Now I have to say that for the seven weeks prior to camp it rained! It rained hard the day before we left, so we thought it was going to be a wet one. But in fact it stopped raining on the Saturday we left and the sun did not go away until the day we came home. It was SOOOOOO hot all week.

We arrived at our field around 10:30am, and straight away got stuck into sorting everything out. There are a lot of important things that need to be unloaded from the lorry, such as the 'Rock' which sits on the staff table in the marquee. Camp would not be camp without the Rock.

The week was crammed full of activities, and food! We went to the beach loads and the sea was great. We did lots of activities in the field such as Football competition, Wallyball tournaments, large puzzles, slippery pole, balloon games, assault course and load of other things, as well as some off site activities. We returned to the coasteering centre where we were able to jump of 8 meter high cliffs into the sea, and venture through water filled caves (all with a qualified instructor of course).

As well as going to the beach a few times to swim in the sea (which is great by the way) we also held our very traditional beach Olympics. This year I was pleased to announce the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of me winning the Burpo competition, which involves drinking a 2 litre bottle of coke in the quickest time. I am still unbeaten since winning it when I was a first year at camp. Another thing that the boys really love doing while down on the beach is looking for crabs in and on the rocks. We managed to catch a lot this year (we put the back at the end).

We also returned to a place called Head Hunters, which is a large outdoor quasar centre. There are two teams and wooden bases that need defending, while the other team attacks. I must just point out that it was our right flank that let us down, not mentioning any names - Derek.

As I said earlier the weather was very, very good this year which meant it was hot and when it is hot it leads to only one thing - water fights (or does it - Ed)

All the boys were exceptionally well behaved this year and Mr Rushbrook only had to get his 'deadly toothbrush paste of doom' out a few times. As you can tell, it was a very successful camp, and one of my personal favourites to date. Did I mention that there are less than 11 months to go till camp 2013!

And now we are fully up to date. We all start back to BB the week of September the 10<sup>th</sup> and are looking forward to a packed programme of events. There will be our normal trips away in the coming months as well as many competitions. I think we are due to play our 1<sup>st</sup> football match of the season in a few weeks.

Andrew Caddies



## Wordsearch

September sees the close of the Paralympics, time to go back to school and Back to Church (Sunday). This year also marks several notable anniversaries. It is 50 years ago this month that the Beatles recorded their first single, 'Love Me Do'; 40 years this month since the American swimmer Mark Spitz became first person to win seven gold medals at a single Olympics games; 20 years this month since the Black Wednesday sterling crisis and 15 years this month since the UK was plunged into mourning at the funeral of Princess Diana.

school	sunday	welcome	worship	church
medals	athletes	paralympics	beatles	love
swimmer	gold	wednesday	black	money
sterling	funeral	princess	diana	mourning



# Bible Sketchbook

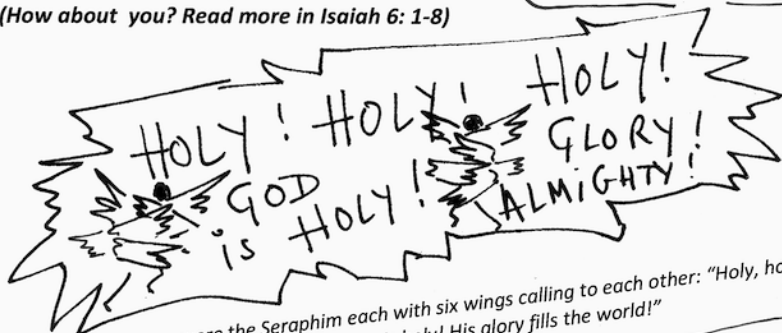
## Changed To Serve

Our lives are gloriously changed as we experience the presence, power and holiness of the God of Jesus. Isaiah is a great example. He experienced God and as a result became acutely aware of his own sinful life. He wanted to change. One of God's Seraphim flew to him with a burning coal in a pair of tongs. He touched his lips with the coal and assured him of God's forgiveness. Isaiah was changed and now he could really serve God!

(How about you? Read more in Isaiah 6: 1-8)



Isaiah saw the Lord on his throne and his robe filled the temple



Round the throne were the Seraphim each with six wings calling to each other: "Holy, holy, holy! The Lord Almighty is holy! His glory fills the world!"



He felt overwhelmed by his own sinfulness as he experienced God's holiness



But one of the Seraphim flew to him with a burning coal from heaven and assured him of God's forgiveness



The Lord said, "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?"  
Isaiah answered, "I will go! Send me!"

# 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** 6:30pm Girls' Brigade Explorers & Juniors  
7:40pm Girls' Brigade Seniors & Brigaders

**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)

