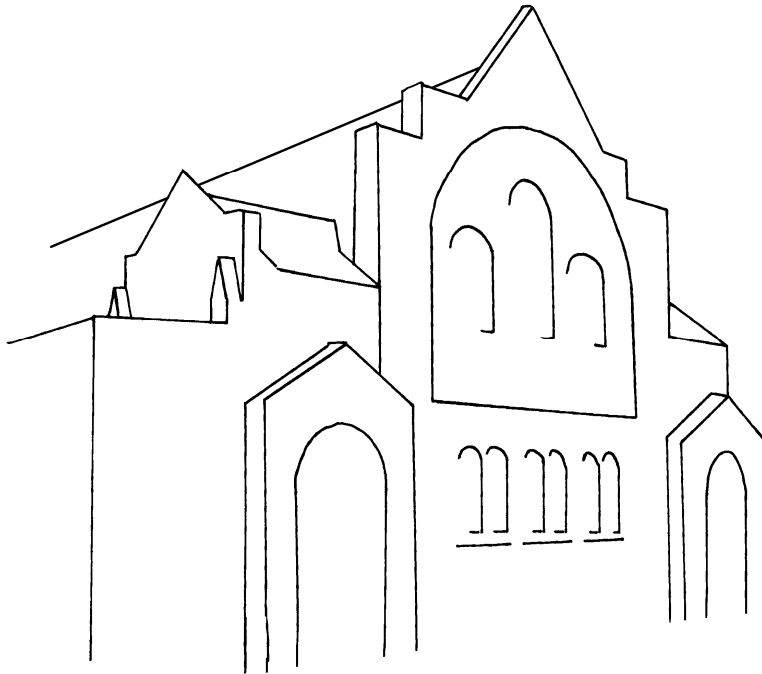




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Newsletter



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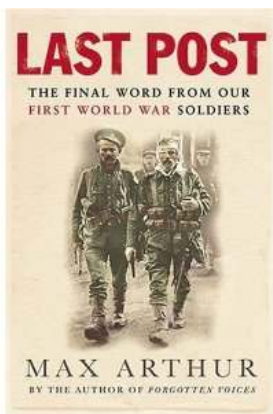
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***[www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm)***

## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 25th November. 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 11th November**.

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

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You may remember me saying that I had read a few of books on holiday this year, this was one of them. I bought this book for Viv some years ago, partly because I thought it would be a good read, and it is. Max Arthur captures the memories of the last few remaining survivors of the Great War. Some of the names are well known. Henry Allingham who served in the Royal Naval Air Service and Harry

Patch who served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. However, there are others whose names I did not know. Cecil Withers, Tom Kirk, Bert Clark, to name just a few. The last veterans living in the UK all died in 2009, Bill Stone, Henry Allingham and Harry Patch.

The book tells their stories in their own words. From growing up going to school, learning a trade or going to work. Going to war and returning home and their life after the war.

Ordinary working people living ordinary lives. Their accounts of life during the war have mellowed with age. The suffering and the effects of the war that they recall have changed little in 90 years. Many of these men returned to responsible and rewarding professions, doctors, engineers draughtsmen and designers.

Some played an important role in the Second World War.

The books has accounts from 21 veteran's, many of them draw very similar conclusions. Harry Patch's account closes with these words. " Why should the British government call me up and take me out to a battlefield to shoot a man I never knew, whose language I couldn't speak...but still we send our young men and woman to Iraq.

As we approach Remembrance Day let us remember those

who have given, and who  
continue to lay down their lives  
for freedom and justice, and  
especially those of our own

fellowship at Bush Hill Park.



1914 - 1918

**Albert Bennett** (aged 23)  
**Ronald Bennett** (aged 20)  
**Malcolm Bruce** (aged 29)  
**Frederick Cordell** (aged 19)  
**J T Farmer** (aged 19)  
**George Hollyer**  
**Walter Hopper** (aged 19)  
**Reginald Green**  
**Horace Hawkins** (aged 19)  
**Arthur Isted** (aged 23)  
**Harold Keer**  
**WH Langley** (aged 34)  
*Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield Boys' Brigade*  
**Charles Linger**  
**James McHattie** (aged 25)  
**Arthur Morricey**  
**Horace Moses** (aged 22)  
**Thomas Payne**  
**Albert Pearson**  
**Albert Porter** (aged 21)  
**William Rook**  
**John Sear** (aged 23)  
**Sidney Thompson** (aged 21)

1939 - 1945

**George Butcher** (aged 27)  
**Ernest Edwards** (aged 26)  
**Ernest Tatt** (aged 21)  
**Ronald Trussell** (aged 17)  
**Aubrey Warlow** (aged 23)  
**Ronald Webking**

# Smile Lines

## Rooms

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Bobby has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

## The Traffic Warden's funeral

As the coffin was being lowered into the ground at a Traffic Warden's funeral a voice from inside screamed: "I'm not dead, I just passed out for a moment! Let me out!!!!"

The Vicar smiled, and leaned forward, sucking his teeth. He muttered: "Too late, the paperwork's already done"

## Don't worry

A little boy was told that he should try and be good, and that he could ask God for help with this. So he prayed: "Lord, please make me good, if you can. But if you can't, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

# Here is the News

## **Quiz Night**

Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz night in October. An enjoyable time was had by all and £263 raised.

## **Election of Elders**

There will be a short meeting after the service on 25th November to elect / re-elect elders. Lynda Cook is up for election. Please come and support the meeting.

## **Christmas Shopping**

Don't forget to buy your Christmas presents via our webshops so we can raise funds for church without you spending any extra money.

Our webshops are simply a site where you can click a link to go to your favourite website and because you have gone to Amazon, eBay, Boots, Argos, Comet or even Sainsbury's (there are thousands more) from the webshop the church will get a commission without you paying a penny extra. It's that simple.

We have two webshops [www.spendandraise.com/bhpurc](http://www.spendandraise.com/bhpurc) and [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bhpurc](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bhpurc). If you can't find the website you want to buy something from on one webshop it will probably be on the other webshop.



## **The Soldier's Prayer**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things,

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for –

But everything that I had hoped for,

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.



It's time to pack your shoe box for Operation Christmas Child for the 100m challenge!

You could help make history this Christmas - by helping Operation Christmas Child send its 100th million shoebox out to some desperately needy child in the developing world.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project – it has been sending gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need around the world since 1990. OCC has an impressive record – considering the project relies entirely on volunteers to provide the gifts, and volunteers to man the warehouses. What is so good about it is, that whatever you pack here, the child gets out there! You can enclose photographs of yourself and your family, and even write them a short message.

You have until 18th November to pack and send a shoe box full of gifts for some desperately needy boy or girl in Eastern Europe, Africa or even Asia. Your present may be not just the only gift they receive this year, but the only gift they receive in their entire childhood. To find out more about how Operation Christmas Child works, please visit the website: [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) – and help them make it to 100m shoe boxes this year.

We're not taking any shoe boxes this year but if you'd like to put one or more together you can take it to the "Shoe Zone" shop in Enfield.





# Diary

## November

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)

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|----------|--------------------|--|
| Sun 4th  | 10:30am            | Communion with Rev Martin Legg<br>Visit to the Mosque we had visitors from |
| Tues 6th | 7:45pm             | Elders Meeting   |
| Sun 11th | 10:30am<br>5:30pm  | Remembrance Parade with Rev Martin Legg<br>Second Sunday Study             |
| Mon 12th | 8:00pm             | Book Club  |
| Sun 18th | 10:30am            | Morning Worship with Ray Pettipher   |
| Sun 22nd | 10:30am<br>12:15pm | Morning Worship with John Stynes<br>Arts and crafts for all ages           |

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 11th November

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# PRAYER PLAN

NOVEMBER 2012

I desire to do your will, my God;  
your law is within my heart.

Psalm 40:8

Thursday 1st

For the men & women of the  
Fire Brigade

Friday 2nd

Those suffering from cancer  
and the charities who seek to  
find a cure

Saturday 3rd

Sunday's worship leader and  
the service tomorrow

Sunday 4th

Give thanks for our homes &  
the shelter we have

Monday 5th

Robert Stone

Tuesday 6th

For our Prime Minister

Wednesday 7th

Firs Park Avenue

Thursday 8th

For policemen & women

Friday 9th

Ruth, our sponsored child in  
Zambia

Saturday 10th

Sunday's worship leader and the  
service tomorrow

Sunday 11th

Give thanks to all the service  
men and women who have  
given their lives for our country  
and for those still on duty

Monday 12th

Sue & Graham Stubbs

### Tuesday 13th

For our Chancellor of the  
Exchequer

### Wednesday 14th

Fotheringham Road

### Thursday 15th

For nurses

### Friday 16th

Karam, our sponsored child in  
Bethlehem

### Saturday 17th

Sunday's worship leader and  
the service tomorrow

### Sunday 18th

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

### Monday 19th

Vicky, Wayne, Jude & Owen  
Thompson

### Tuesday 20th

For the Leader of the House of  
Lords

### Wednesday 21st

Haileybury Avenue

### Thursday 22nd

For the Coastguard Service

### Friday 23rd

Those without enough money  
for heating and food and the  
charities who aim to provide  
help

### Saturday 24th

Sunday's worship leader and  
the service tomorrow

### Sunday 25th

Give thanks for family and  
friends

### Monday 26th

Margaret Trevallion

### Tuesday 27th

The United Nations and their  
work as peacekeepers

### Wednesday 28th

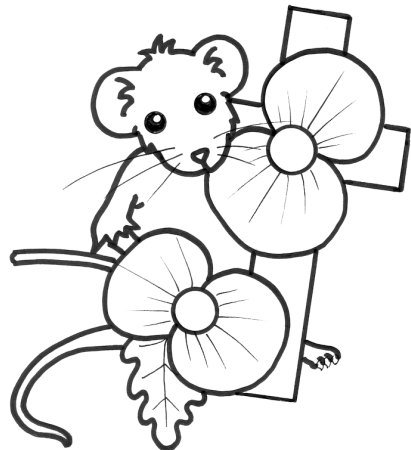
Harman Road

### Thursday 29th

For Community Support  
Officers

### Friday 30th

Child carers and the charities  
who help with support and  
enjoyable events



## Prisons Week - 21st – 27th November

Here are some sobering statistics:

There are 84,522 people in our prisons throughout England and Wales. About half of them have a reading age of 11. Four-fifths lack basic numeracy skills. Within one year, 47 per cent of them will be reconvicted. The number of women in prison is currently 4,274. Two fifths of them have previously attempted suicide. The number of young adults (18 to 20) in prison is 9,775. Nationally, 160,000 children have one or both parents in prison.

Our prisons are full of some of the neediest people in the country. Their lives are in chaos. Their crimes have badly hurt their victims, their communities and also their own families – so many lives have been damaged. No wonder Christian prison ministry is so important! So what should our response to prisoners be as Christians? Why should we care? The Prison Christian Fellowship says that we should care “because Jesus did. Jesus calls us as Christians to love the unlovable. Everyone is loved by God and can come into a relationship with him. God never gives up on people so neither should we. Everyone is redeemable.”

Prison Fellowship has 1,400 volunteers in the UK. Through them, there are now 120 prayer groups around the country, praying for specific prisons. They also run a scheme called Sycamore Tree - a Restorative Justice course based on the story of Zaccheus, where after a conversation with Jesus, he took responsibility for his crimes and then made amends to the community. This course allows offenders to hear from a surrogate victim who explains how the crime affected them.

For children whose parents are in prison, Prison Fellowship runs Angel Tree, a scheme which gives practical help to children by raising money and buying presents for them at Christmas. Last year Prison Fellowship gave almost 4000 presents. Finally, Prison Fellowship has a letter writing scheme, where volunteers build a relationship with prisoners, many of whom have no other contact with the outside world.

What you can do? Several things. You could help by joining a local Prayer Group for prisoners. Prayer really does change things! You could help raise money or wrap presents for Angel Tree. You could even consider visiting your local prison. Visit: [www.prisonfellowship.org.uk](http://www.prisonfellowship.org.uk) for details.

## God on your ceiling?

500 years ago this month, on the 1st November 1512, Michelangelo finished painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel – more than 5,000 square feet of it. If you have ever seen the Sistine Chapel, what overwhelms you is the sense of God inter-acting with mankind. The scenes are huge, full of colour and movement, and show the creation, Adam and Eve in the garden, and the great Flood. On one of the walls Michelangelo later added The Last Judgement.

The God of Christianity is not 'out there' and unreachable; he is very much involved with mankind. From the dawn of Creation to right this minute, he is there for us. Perhaps not many Christians paint their experiences of God on their ceilings, but many do keep spiritual journals, or highlight verses in their Bibles that have been the means of God speaking to them.

November is the month of remembering, of looking back and taking stock of our lives in the face of our own mortality. When you look at the bigger picture of your life, how have you encountered God? Is there a most memorable experience that you might want to record - in prose, poetry, song – or even art? (Though perhaps not on your ceiling!)

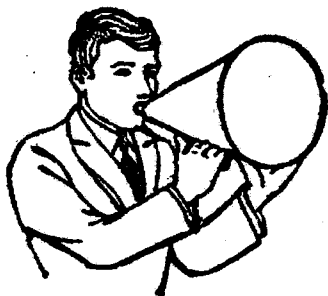


## Lord, prop us up!

There is a story of an old farmer who always prayed the same prayer at his church meeting. 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side'. After hearing this many times, his minister asked him one day quite what he meant.

The farmer replied: "Well, it's like this... I've got an old barn out in one of my fields. It's been there a long time, and gone through a lot of storms. One day a few years ago I noticed that it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some poles and propped it up on its leaning side, so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I'd been around a long time, and seen plenty of storms in life. I was still standing, but I was also leaning a bit. So I decided to ask the Lord to prop me up, too, on my leaning side.

Our 'leaning side' is where we are weakest in ourselves. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, bitterness, bleakness in life. Then we too need to pray for God to prop us up, especially on that leaning side. He wants us to stand tall and free, in him.



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

# *Girls' Brigade News*

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at the story of Elijah healing a sick boy as part of the sharing badge with the Explorers and Juniors. The Seniors and Brigaders have been looking at different ways of communication.

On Sunday 7th October we had our Annual District Parade Service held at Trinity-at-Bowes Church in Palmers Green. The service celebrated the promotion of our Young Leaders in the District and it was also an enrolment service for the 1st Palmers Green Company. We had a good turnout with a total of 58 girls, Officers and helpers from 5 different companies. To encourage the girls to come to Parade Lynda and I organised a sleep over for the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders. We spent the evening singing karaoke and as a special treat we ordered Chinese takeaway.

As many of you will have heard at the enrolment service on Sunday 14th October, we had two new girls join the company in September. I am also pleased to say that, as a result of us promoting Girls Brigade at the Enfield Town Show at the beginning of September, we have another two new girls join and interest from two others and one of the new girls is bringing a friend with her too.

Lynda and Belinda Plunkett, our Commissioner are also looking at visiting the local primary schools to promote Girls Brigade even more so please continue to pray for us as it seems your prayers are being answered.

I would like to say a big thank you to Harriet Brown who has come back to the company as a helper (obviously in anticipation of all the new girls we are expecting to join from our recruitment drive over the next few week). I would also like to thank Andrew for agreeing to take our Seniors and Brigaders to Thorpe Park again and to Bill Hanson who has agreed to go as someone responsible for the Girls as I am not able to go.

Thank you for your continued support.

Charlotte McBride

# *Boys' Brigade News*

The last six 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.

Our newest members, fresh up from Junior section, have had an action packed six weeks, covering first aid, fire safety, knots, cooking and night walks. They 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 large group of Year 8 boys have spent the session since September learning a brass instrument. They are all doing really well and are practising hard. Mr Ward and Mr Cutts give them lessons each week. It is hoped they will have their first public performance at the November Church Parade.

Also another three boys come early on a Monday evening for additional brass instrument lessons with Mr Ward. That makes a total of nine lads all learning on a Monday.

Our Year 9 & 10 boys are doing a six week badge class in cooking, with some quite ambitious dishes. Our top Senior boys are undertaking six weeks of fitness training which they are enjoying greatly.

We also have a full games session and drill each week as well. You may have noticed that on a Sunday after church we are



getting the table tennis and pool tables out for an hours 'club' session. This has proved very popular and it's great to see the young people want to stay after bible class on a Sunday morning and use the facilities.

During half term we are returning to Thorpe Park for Fright Nights. This year we are taking 26 young people to the attraction. We will spend nine hours being turned upside down, swung round and round, dropped from 100 feet and being accelerated to 80mph in under two 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. I will fill you in more about this trip next month.

On the Monday of half term we will be holding a film showing of the latest block buster movie "Camp 2012 - The film". During the film we will be serving pizza to make the evening even more enjoyable.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November we are taking the lads to the 'Harry Potter Studio Tour' where you get to walk round all the set used in the film. You can walk down the streets, and walk around the great hall. They also show you lots of the special effects used in the movie as well as some great models used.

Andrew Caddies



# Wordsearch

November is the month of souls and saints, gunpowder plots and bonfires, and above all, Remembrance. This year the Queen also celebrates 65 years of marriage.

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| British | Legion   | Poppies | Wreath      | Cenotaph    |
| Bonfire | Flanders | Fields  | Afghanistan | Bombs       |
| Saints  | Souls    | Wedding | Anniversary | Remembrance |
| Prisons | Prayer   | Sorrow  | Soldiers    | War         |
| Death   | Christ   | King    | Gunpowder   | Fawkes      |
| Plot    | Guy      |         |             |             |

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# Believing power

## Bible Sketchbook

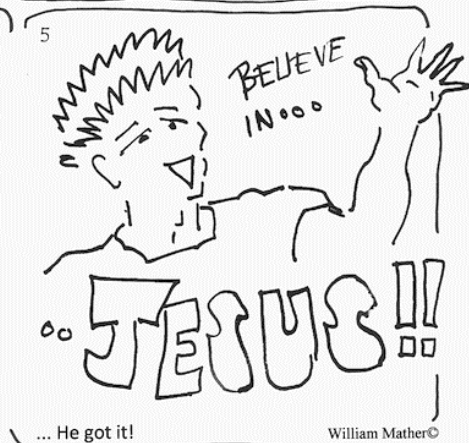
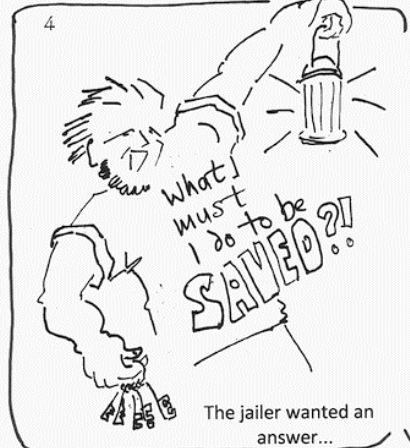
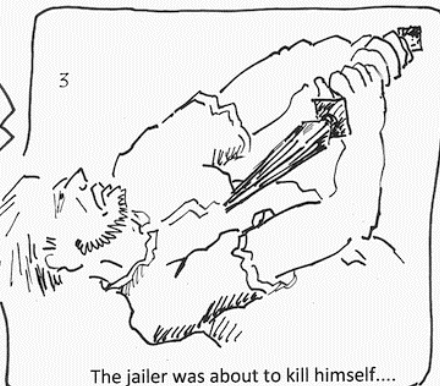
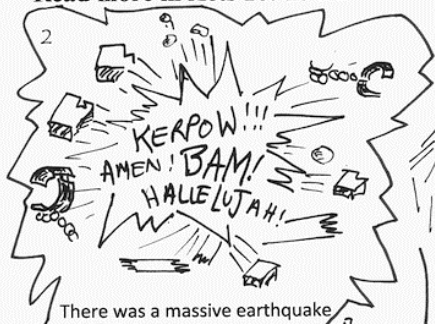
**Paul and Silas were thrown in prison for telling people about Jesus.** They responded with prayer and worship. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake and they were free!

The jailer thought they had escaped and tried to kill himself, but Paul shouted: "Don't do it! We're all here!" The jailer called for a light and asked: "What must I do to be saved?" So they replied: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved – you and your family!" The jailer believed and he and all his family were baptised and were filled with joy!

*What about you? Are you in any kind of "prison"? Do you "believe"? If so, you are free in Jesus!*



**Read more in Acts 16: 16-34**



William Mather©

# 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 Study (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 Boys' Brigade Junior Section

