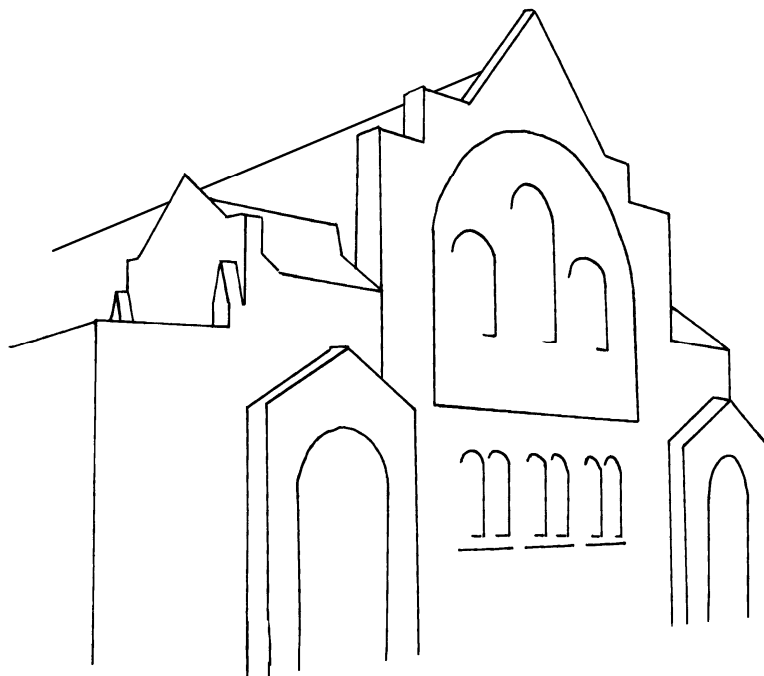




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***[www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm)***

## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 24th February. 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 10th February.**

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

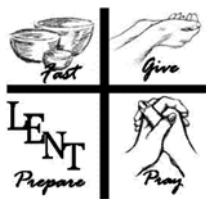
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Christmas was only a couple of weeks ago and I am already planning for Lent. Thank you for your support over Christmas. It started really well with the visit of Bush Hill Park primary school for their two nativity services. The church looked really good, having been decorated ready for Christmas. With many people participating, our services were well attended. However, my favourite is always the Christmas Eve communion. There is

something special about Christmas Eve and the anticipation of Christmas day.

As we look forward to Lent and Easter it is often a time when people 'give something up'. Lent is more than this. I have mentioned before that the 40 days, not including Sundays, was a period of preparation and study for those who would be baptised on Easter Day. The members of the church would also join in this preparation as a sign of unity. There are four aspects to lent.



The 'giving up' or more particular 'fasting' is only one. Preparation, Giving, and Prayer are the others.

We are suspending our Second Sunday Study to begin a home group meeting each Tuesday starting on Tuesday 19th February at 8pm and finishing on 27th March. Our study will begin with a short service for Ash Wednesday at

8pm on Wednesday 13th February and end with our Maundy Thursday Communion on Thursday 28th March.

The 40 days of Lent are a reminder of 40 the days Jesus spent in the wilderness.

### **Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.  
Matthew 4:1-11 NIV

So how will you prepare for Easter? 'Giving up' is all very well but what are we prepared to give to him and what are we prepared to give to one another and to our neighbour?

May the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sanctifies, be upon you and all you love and pray for this day, and forever more.

Amen

*Maithi*



"...and keep in mind that 'No' is still an answer."

# Smile Lines

## **Yummy**

It was when cannibals ate a missionary, that they first got a taste for religion.

## **Advice**

Don't join dangerous cults: practice safe sects.

## **Coins**

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

## **Weather**

A young curate was impressed by how her vicar always seemed to know what the weather was about to do. One day she commented on this impressive spiritual gift of knowledge. The vicar sighed. "Sadly, it is not spiritual. My joints are more accurate meteorologists than the BBC weather forecast."

## **Weather forecast**

Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot, we'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it - or not!

## **Flowers for Valentine's**

Some husbands are thoughtful and buy their wives flowers on Valentine's Day. And then there is my husband. One day I couldn't stand it any longer. "Why don't you ever bring me flowers?"

"What's the point?" asked my husband. "They die after about a week."

"So could you," I shot back, "but I still like having you around."

# Here is the News



Isaac Hamblin Jenkins

Congratulations to Helen & Gareth Jenkins on the birth of their first son Isaac on 6th January 2013. We send every blessing for the family.

Carol Rensch

Carol continues to heal at home following being hit by a car. Her wounds are healing well and we pray that they continue to do so.

Ivy & Arthur Neate

Ivy & Arthur continue to heal. We pray that they would be restored to full health as quickly as possible so that normal life can resume.

John Hutley

The husband of Rosemary of Grafton Pre-School suffered a heart attack swiftly dealt with by the NHS. He is recovering at home.



Even off duty, the Treasurer's favourite trick was balancing money.

## What is the point of temptation?

‘Happy is the man who doesn’t give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get ... his reward....’ James 1:12 TLB

Temptation becomes a stepping stone rather than a stumbling block when you realise that it’s just as much an opportunity to do the right thing, as the wrong thing. Temptation just gives you the choice!

It’s helpful to remember that God develops the fruit of the Spirit in us by allowing circumstances in which we’re tempted – to express the exact opposite quality! For instance, he teaches us to love by bringing unlovely people into our lives. It takes no character to love people who are lovely and loving you. God teaches us joy in the midst of sorrow by causing us to turn to him for comfort and strength when all our other supports are gone.

He develops peace within us, not by making things go the way we planned, but by allowing times of chaos and confusion. Peace comes when we choose to trust God in situations where we’re tempted to worry or be afraid. Likewise, patience is developed through circumstances in which we’re forced to wait and are tempted to be angry or have a short fuse. You can’t claim to be good if you’ve never been tempted to be bad; or be faithful if you’ve never had the opportunity to be unfaithful.

Integrity is built through defeating dishonesty; humility grows as you refuse to give place to pride; endurance develops as you reject the temptation to give up. The truth is that each time you defeat a temptation, you become more like Jesus.





**Fun for all the Family**  
**SATURDAY 7pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012**

**EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR:**

**BUILDING PROJECTS AT BUSH HILL PARK  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, IN ENFIELD.**

**SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1887**

**Tickets on the door £5.00**

**DONATIONS FOR PRIZES WOULD BE  
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**



# Diary

## February

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 3rd          | 10:30am            | Communion with Revd Martin Legg                                   |
| Mon 4th          | 8:00pm             | Book Club   |
| Tues 5th         | 7:45pm             | Elders' Meeting   |
| Sun 8th          | 10:30am<br>5:30pm  | Parade with Revd Martin Legg<br>Second Sunday Study               |
| Wed 13th         | 8:00pm             | Ash Wednesday service   |
| Sun 17th         | 10:30am            | Morning Worship with Terry Silvey                                 |
| Tues 19th        | 8:00pm             | Lent study at 130 Clive Road                                      |
| Sun 24th         | 10:30am<br>12:15pm | Morning Worship with Martin Wells<br>Arts and crafts for all ages |
| Tues 26th        | 8:00pm             | Lent study at 4 Bridle Close                                      |
| Sat 2nd<br>March | 7:00pm             | Quiz night in our church  |

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 10th February

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# PRAYER PLAN

FEBRUARY 2013

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.""

John 8 v31-32 NIV

Friday 1st

Those suffering from HIV & AIDS and the charities who seek to find a cure

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for clean water, gas and electricity and sanitation for our homes

Monday 4th

Doreen Bamberger

Tuesday 5th

Staff and pupils at Edmonton County School

Wednesday 6th

Lathkill Close

Thursday 7th

For those on duty or training in the RAF

Friday 8th

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service

Sunday 10th

Thanks for those who entertain us, make us smile and show us other worlds

Monday 11th

Terry Blowfield

Tuesday 12th

Staff and pupils at Enfield Grammar School

Wednesday 13th

Lincoln Crescent

Thursday 14th

For those on duty or training  
in the Army

Friday 15th

Those suffering from HIV &  
AIDS and the charities who  
seek to find a cure

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 18th

Jane, Howard, Harriet &  
Thomas Brown

Tuesday 19th

Staff and pupils at Enfield  
County School

Wednesday 20th

Lincoln Road

Thursday 21st

For those on duty or training  
in the Paratroopers

Friday 22nd

Ruth, our sponsored child in  
Zambia

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader  
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 24th

Thanks for our young people

and all children who visit our  
church and its buildings

Monday 25th

Andrew Caddies

Tuesday 26th

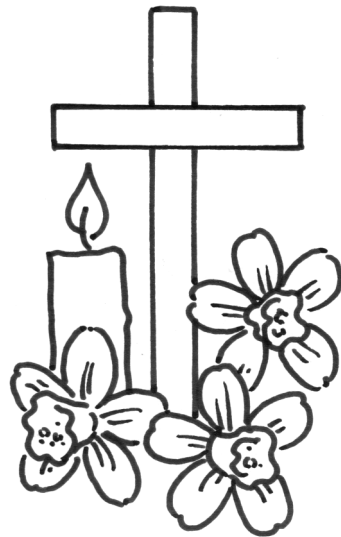
Staff and pupils at Chace  
Community School

Wednesday 27th

Leighton Road

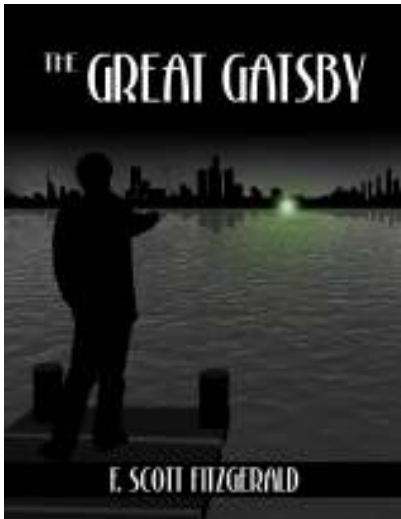
Thursday 28th

For those on duty or training  
in the Special Forces



## Book Club

The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald



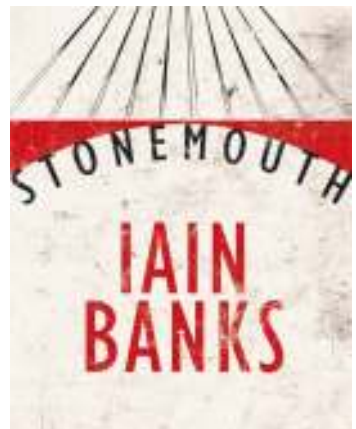
This so called ‘foremost pieces of American fiction of its time’ was read in January and was certainly a change from other novels in the past year.

It is written in the eyes of Nick Carraway, a young man from Minnesota who moves to New York in the summer of 1922 to learn about the bond business. He rents a house in the West Egg district of Long Island, a wealthy but unfashionable area populated by the new rich, a group who have made their fortunes too recently to have established social connections and who are prone to garish displays of wealth.

Nick’s next-door neighbour in West Egg is a mysterious man named Jay Gatsby, who lives in a gigantic Gothic mansion and throws extravagant parties every Saturday night.

It is slow; the characters are so unlike people we know today, or are they? Life changes through the decades by way of dress and life-style but do moral attitudes? At the end of the story Nick reflects that just as Gatsby’s dream of Daisy was corrupted by money and dishonesty, the American dream of happiness and individualism has disintegrated into the mere pursuit of wealth. Though Gatsby’s power to transform his dreams into reality is what makes him “great,” Nick reflects that the era of dreaming—both Gatsby’s dream and the American dream—is over.

Watch for the film, it is out shortly. Next month we tackle a thriller set in Scotland – Stonemouth by Iain Banks.



Sylvia Page

## **What can you do for Fairtrade Fortnight?**

### **25th February - 10th March**

The idea of 'Fairtrade' is to improve trade for farmers in developing countries by ensuring they get better prices and good working conditions. This will improve their lives and also those of their children. Fairtrade Fortnight aims to boost awareness of trade issues.

Fairtrade Fortnight includes local events as well as the national ones. The ones around here which you may wish to support include:....

Or, you may wish to organise your own Fairtrade coffee morning or other event. All you need do is to visit the official website ([www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)) where you can register your event, purchase items to help promote your event, or just get ideas to ensure that you raise awareness of Fairtrade Fortnight. There are a huge variety of products available from Fairtrade. Just some examples include: cotton, chocolate, fruit and vegetables.

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## **Why I don't go to sports events – or church**

Take some of the most common excuses for not going to church and use them to stop attending sporting events and here's what you get:

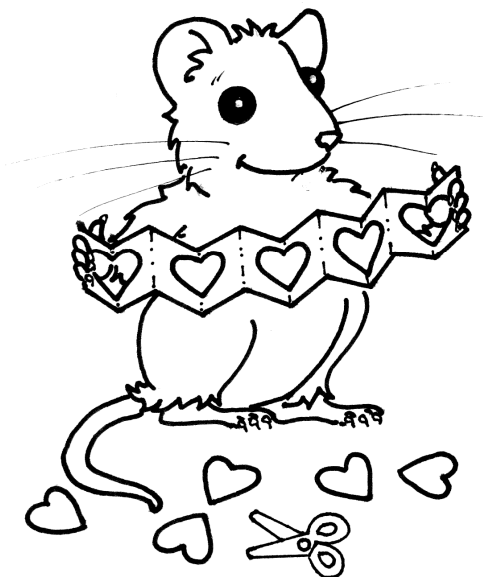
- ~ Every time I went, they asked me for money.
- ~ The people I had to sit by didn't seem very friendly.
- ~ The seats were too hard and not comfortable at all.
- ~ The coach / manager never came to call on me.
- ~ The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.
- ~ I was sitting with some hypocrites -- they came only to see what others were wearing.
- ~ Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
- ~ The band played some numbers that I had never heard before.
- ~ The games are scheduled when I want to do other things.
- ~ My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
- ~ Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow.
- ~ I don't want to take my children, because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

## Love is all you need... set your heart on secret good turns

Valentine's Day is coming. It's the traditional day for sending cards, chocolates and flowers to our sweethearts (real – and hoped for!). Traditionally, such tokens of affection are anonymous. Hand-writing is disguised, or a different post office is used.

Sending a message of love, unannounced, is a good principle for living – even if you don't happen to have a sweetheart. Simple acts of anonymous kindness, or kindness given in an understated way, can have a profound effect upon another person. Jesus approved of anonymous good works: 'When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing' (Mt 6:3). The needy are not just the materially poor, but everyone who is in need of something, perhaps some kindness that only you can give them at that moment in time.

So this Valentine's Day, don't worry if you haven't got a current sweetheart of your own to love. Show your love, through an act of unannounced kindness, to someone else. Think of your neighbours, your friends, your church.... who would benefit from some simple compassion and support this month?



**BUSH HILL PARK  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
Fund-Raising Afternoon  
Saturday 23 MARCH 2013**

**Martyn Stogden**

**and ENJO**

£5



**TEA  
AND  
JAZZ  
4PM  
START**



# *Boys' Brigade News*

Before Christmas we went out collecting over four evenings around the streets of Bush Hill Park. The boys collect money while the band played Christmas carols. It was a very successful event and we were also able to hand out leaflets advertising the brigades and the Christmas services at the church. Some of the evenings were very, very cold but most of the boys braved it and helped on all four nights.

After our first Church Parade this year, we took the boys on a trip to Top Golf. Again Mr Cutts was unable to score as highly as myself or Chris, much to his annoyance (and I think he even used the 'score adjust button'! The afternoon was good fun. And we had a lot of banter from the boys and also some very funny golf swings. I had never seen an octopus play golf before, but now I have!!

Monday nights started back with a full turn out of lads. Our youngest lads are currently looking at crime prevention and how to keep yourself safe. They have also been looking at the church building to see where we could improve security.

Our Year 8 boys have been split into two groups, with one group looking at conservation. So far they have built a compost holder for all the church's waste and are now making posters on how to recycle.

The other half of the Year 8 group are making model volcanoes, which we hope to 'erupt' very soon.

All our seniors are now doing a gourmet cooking class. They are learning how to prepare and cook some excellent dishes that



would put the chefs at Mr Rushbrooks hotel to shame!! Basically for two weeks they will be cooking different soups, for two weeks they will be cooking different main courses and for two weeks they will be cooking - yes you guessed it - desserts. The aim is that after the six badge classes, they will arrange an evening for invited guests and cook a three course meal for them.

We have quite a few competitions coming up this month, starting with the Swimming Gala. Then the PR games (basically it is team games) and then the cross country. On top of that we have a few football matches as well. So as you can see the next month is very busy for us.

Andrew Caddies



The Mr and Mrs Druff couldn't understand why the Rector queried their choice of Dan as a name for the new baby.

# Wordsearch

This February brings us a number of significant dates. 150 years ago this month the explorer Speke discovered that Lake Victoria is the source of the River Nile. 100 years ago this month Grand Central Terminal opened in New York City. 60 years ago this month British scientists Francis Crick and James D Watson announced that they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA. 25 years ago this month Comic Relief held its first Red Nose Day in the UK. Only 15 years ago this month Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa against all Jews and Crusaders. And finally, 10 years ago this month, London's Congestion Charge began.

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# Time to be a little less frenetic!



Let's try being a little bit less frenetic as we come into Lent. Martha was one of those people who welcomed Jesus into her house and her life but got so caught up with restless busyness that she couldn't hear what he was trying to say to her. Her sister Mary was different. She stopped. She sat at Jesus' feet. She listened and took in what he was saying. So despite all those things that need doing, let's make time to welcome Jesus into every area of our lives and go his way.

Read more in Luke 10:38-42



# 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

