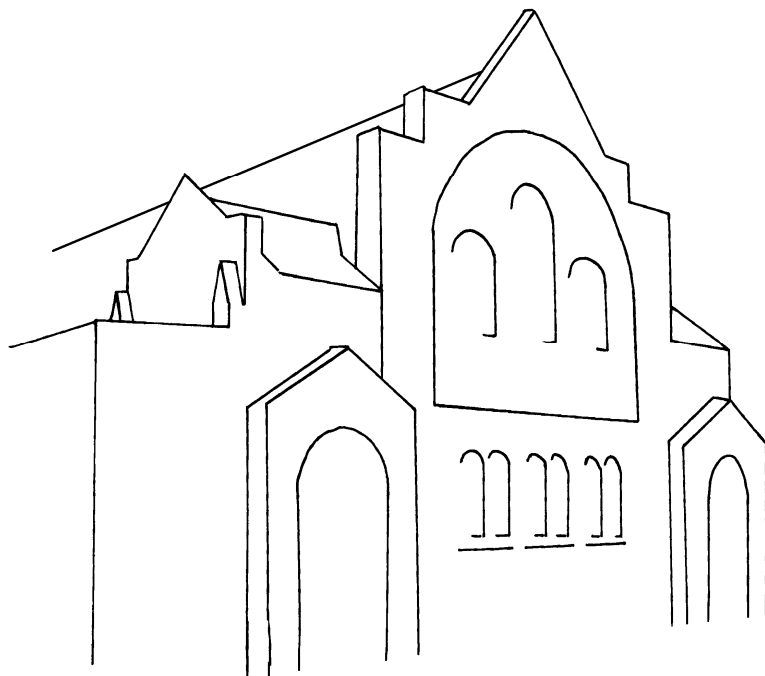


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Newsletter



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Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 31st March. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk**) by **Sunday 17th March.**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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What does 40 mean anyway?

With 21, 40 appears to be a significant number? We had a celebration for our 40th birthdays. The 40th wedding anniversary is often celebrated as a milestone (or is it a millstone?). By the time of publishing the newsletter we will be into our 40 days of Lent study. I hope that you have been able to join in. 40 is a significant number in the bible. It rained for 40 days and nights during the flood. Moses spent 40 days up the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments. What's more he did it twice! Elijah spent 40 days on the mountain of Horeb searching for God and Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness. Can you find any other 40's?



The Easter story contains every challenge of the human existence; friendship, duty, despair, betrayal, courage, injustice, humiliation, endurance, despair, disbelief, and hope. Except that when we think about these human challenges, some are linked directly with Jesus, who was man and God.

So can you track the story from these words?

Friendship – Jesus celebrating the Passover Festival with his friends, an evening of food and fellowship as well as a

celebration of the Jews freedom from slavery in Egypt when the angel of death passed over the houses of the Jews. Duty; the group going out to the mount to sing hymns, and Jesus going off to pray. The despair of Jesus at finding his friends asleep followed by Judas's betrayal and the courage of Peter who followed the mob into the courtyard of the High Priest's house only to be followed by the shame and guilt at disowning Jesus.

The injustice of the mock trial that sentenced Jesus to death. (The injustice of being accused

of things that we have done wrong), and the humiliation of carrying his cross through the streets and being crucified whilst the crowd mocked and jeered. However, Jesus endured to the very end until his mission was complete.

Everything that the disciples had believed and what they had trained and worked for. The trust and the faith they had in Jesus had turned to disbelief and despair. They, and the other followers who thought that it was now all over. Their disbelief

when the woman returned to say that the body had gone and that Jesus was alive. And finally, the hope at seeing Jesus again. Jesus spent 40 days with his followers after His resurrection convincing them that he had conquered death and teaching them about the Kingdom of God.

Following our Lent theme, what have you done today?

Happy Easter

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'm. d. h.', with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Ron and Pancho were always glad to see each other at the Palm Sunday service.

Smile Lines

Mothering Sunday is on 10th March

These are answers given by some seven year-olds...

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.
3. God made my mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and one part of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.
3. They have a lot more hair than dads, are softer to hug, and wear woolly jumpers.

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background, like has he put anything too disgusting on Facebook?
3. She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that no one will ever know.

Here is the News

Congratulations

Our heartfelt best wishes go to Anthony Rensch & Rachel Beard on their Engagement. We pray for a wonderful, happy marriage and a stress free time organising the wedding!



Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 17th March

Hall Roof News

With work on our Hall roof nearing completion we now need to fundraise to repay the £13,000 loan – we have already raised over £35,000 (as at 31st January). If you are able to help please do so in one (or more) of the following ways:

1) Attend our fundraising events – quiz on 2nd March and Tea & Jazz on 23rd March there will be opportunities at these events to make additional donations via our Gift Aid envelopes so please come prepared

2) Online at www.give.net/bhpurc. This allows a donation to be made with your debit/credit card and Gift Aid will immediately be reclaimed if appropriate

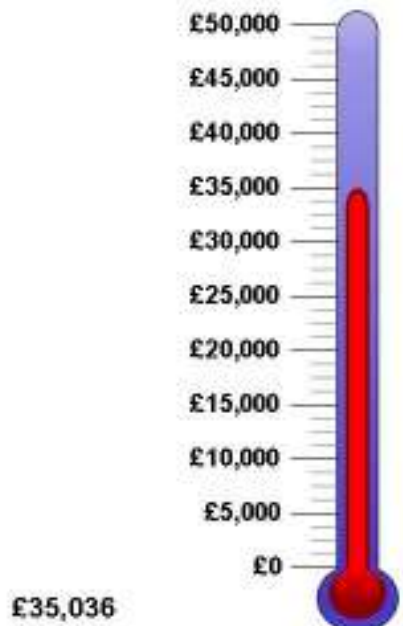
3) Via our Gift Aid envelopes available at the Church. Please ensure you complete the Gift Aid declaration and place your envelope in the Sunday offertory or leave with the Office

4) Regular standing order to the Friends of Bush Hill Park – please contact the Treasurer for more information via treasurer@bhpurc.org.uk

The roof is the first phase of the works needed to bring our Hall back to standard, so please give generously.

Thank you
Martin Hamblin

Hall Roof Replacement



EASTER

2013

Palm Sunday

24th March at 10.30am

Morning Worship with Revd Martin Legg

Maundy Thursday

28th March at 8.00pm

Communion Worship with
Revd Martin Legg

Good Friday

29th March at 10.00am

All Age Worship with Revd
Martin Legg

Easter Sunday

31st March at 10.30am

All Age Easter Celebration
with Revd Martin Legg



"I think the D.I.Y. Palm Sunday palm-kit you ordered online is here, dear..."

There's another bit to the story! (Luke 24:1-12)

During a morning assembly in Holy Week at a London church school, Good Friday was the chosen topic. At the close, a little girl came up with shining eyes. "But there's another bit to the story!" she cried excitedly. "I know all about it – it's called Ben Hur!"

Her exclamation was more significant than she realised. For there was indeed a drama surrounding the writing, by Lew Wallace, of the book that became a block-buster film featuring Charlton Heston.

Lew Wallace - whose statue remains today on Washington's Capitol Hill - had been an outstanding general in the Federal Army in the mid nineteenth century. He was to become Governor of Utah. He was also an author.

As a writer, Wallace had told his wife that he intended to examine the New Testament, with a view to writing a book that would explode what he felt to be the myth of Christ's resurrection. Wisely, his believing wife kept her own counsel and prayed.

The months passed, and Wallace – despite his every effort – found that the account of the Gospels could not be refuted. Finally he confided to his wife that the book could not, after all, be written.

She persuaded him to the contrary. It could indeed be written – but from a new and different standpoint altogether. 'Ben Hur' – a tale of the Christ – was the result. It has never been out of print since 1880.

Lew Wallace would have read all the Gospel accounts, including that of St Luke. Luke's Easter (Luke 24) started with the women at the empty tomb – a fact on which every serious viewpoint has always been agreed. His account continued with the angelic messengers - and turned on the angelic reminder to the women of Christ's earlier foretelling of his resurrection. Then, came the group's re-tracing of their steps – gaspingly to dig the eleven uncomprehending disciples out of their beds.

It was a day of disruption and of running feet. The mindset had to change – and has had to face challenge and change ever since. The programme had to change – from demoralised inertia to worldwide proclamation. The adherents had to change – from a bunch of unknowns in the Israeli fishing industry to the greatest international family of belief the world has ever seen, numbering today two point three billion people.

The little girl was right; there's another bit to the story!

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

Martyn Stogden

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**TEA
AND
JAZZ
4PM
START**



Diary

March

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Sat 2nd	7:00pm	Family Quiz Night
Sun 3rd	10:30am	Communion with Rev Martin Legg
Mon 4th	8:00pm	Book Club
Tues 5th	8:00pm	Lent Study
Sun 10th	10:30am 12:00pm	Mothering Sunday Parade with Robert Taylor Elders meeting
Tues 12th	8:00pm	Lent Study
Sun 17th	10:30am	Morning Worship with John Stynes
Tues 19th	8:00pm	Lent Study
Thur 21st	7:45pm	Church Meeting
Sat 23rd	4:00pm	Afternoon tea & Jazz
Sun 24th	10:30am 12:15pm	Palm Sunday Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg Arts and crafts for all ages
Tues 26th	8:00pm	Lent Study
Thur 28th	8:00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion with Rev Martin Legg
Fri 29th	10:00am	Good Friday All age worship with Rev Martin Legg
Sun 31st	10:30am	Easter Sunday Easter Celebration with Rev Martin Legg

PRAYER PLAN

MARCH 2013

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13: 6-7 NIV

Friday 1st

Children in care

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for our Brigades as they
help local girls and boys to
learn useful skills

Monday 4th

Barbara Camp

Tuesday 5th

For hospital staff

Wednesday 6th

Main Avenue

Thursday 7th

Arts and crafts for all ages

Friday 8th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service

Mothering Sunday 10th

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 11th

Yvonne Coe

Tuesday 12th

For Special Policemen &
women

Wednesday 13th

Melbourne Way

Thursday 14th

Baby & Toddlers

Friday 15th

For generosity

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Thanks for those who entertain
and enlighten us

Monday 18th

Kath Cole

Tuesday 19th

For the Coastguard Service

Wednesday 20th

Millais Road

Thursday 21st

Boys Brigade

Friday 22nd

Ruth, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Palm Sunday 24th

Thanks for those who teach us
whether at school, university or
as we get older in self-help
groups

Monday 25th

John, Lynda, Alex & Matthew
Cook

Tuesday 26th

For paramedics

Wednesday 27th

Percival Road

Maundy Thursday 28th

Girls Brigade

Good Friday 29th

For the future of our church
and fellowship

Saturday 30th

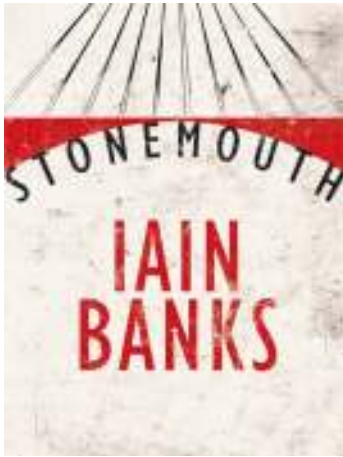
Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Easter Sunday 31st

Thanks that Jesus rose after
three days and is alive!



Book Club



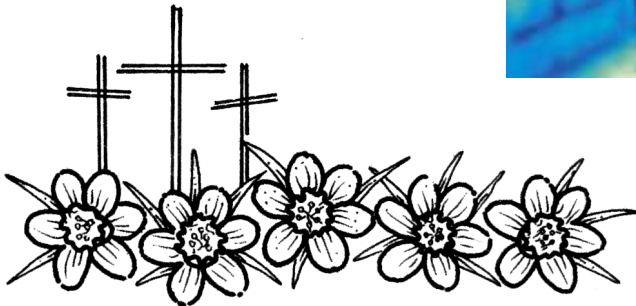
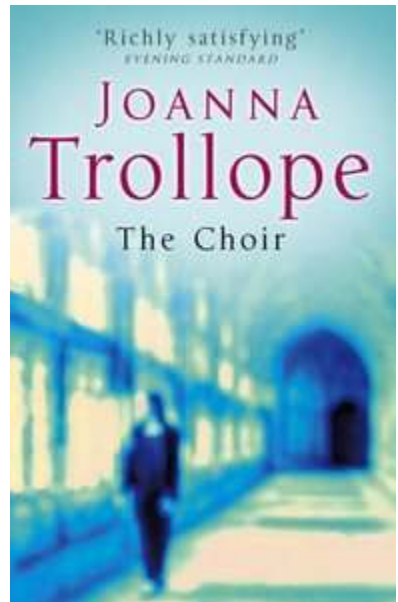
The idea of Book Club is not necessarily to read everything to our personal liking and 'Stonemouth' by Iain Banks is one of these. It certainly depicted dysfunctional criminal families in the north east of Scotland with the return of old school friends now in their twenties for a funeral.

The visual descriptions of the beach, dunes and surrounding forests is good but the spoken language

much to be deplored by more mature women living in North London. There is a story; it takes a while to get there and at the end leaves the reader wondering.

Enough said of that book!

This month, a short one, we read, or re-read, 'The Choir' by Joanna Trollope for Monday 4th March at 20:00 in the Lounge.



Mali: Christians living in fear

Christians in Mali are living in fear as Islamist rebels fight to maintain control of the north of the country. The church has experienced a sharp increase in hostilities since March 2012, when Tuareg separatist rebels and extremist Islamist fighters captured the north of Mali and instituted an extreme form of Sharia (Islamic Law).

The insurgents destroyed churches and other Christian buildings in Timbuktu and Gao, with the aim of eradicating all traces of Christianity in the region. They also were very hard on more moderate Muslims, killing people, amputating limbs and destroying Sufi sanctuaries.

The harsh conditions prompted thousands to flee. According to the UN High Commission for Refugees, more than 250,000 Malians escaped to neighbouring countries and about 200,000 fled to Bamako in the south.

Due to the rise to power of the rebels and Islamists in the north and the subsequent dramatic rise of persecution of Christians, Mali jumped to No. 7 on the Open Doors 2013 World Watch List.

A Christian father of seven, Ibrahim Saydou Toure, is one of the survivors of last March's violence. At least 22 people were killed when Islamists ambushed his town approximately 60 miles from Gao. He was shot in the face, and rushed to the hospital where the bullet was removed. Toure was targeted for killing by the Islamists, but he managed to escape to Bamako, where he joined thousands of other Christian refugees and moderate Muslims, who are living in harsh, overcrowded conditions.

Mohamed Habi, a refugee, said: "I gave my life to Christ two years ago but all members of my family are Muslims, which is why my wife and daughter despise me. When the Islamists captured Timbuktu and began their search for Christians to kill, I escaped to Mauritania.

"I implored my wife and daughter to go with me, but they refused. My wife asked me to deny Christ and remain with them in the north. But I refused and escaped. From Mauritania I went to Bamako to be with fellow Christians."

In cities such as Gao and Timbuktu, Christians had to flee with only the clothes on their backs. Many churches and Christian homes were burned. The extremists in Timbuktu went from house to house searching for Christians to kill.

Please pray for these brothers and sister in Christ. More details at: www.opendoorsuk.org.



Fun for all the Family
SATURDAY 7pm
2nd March 2012

EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR:

**BUILDING PROJECTS AT BUSH HILL PARK
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TEEN meets GOD: Ben's story

Ben, is 17 years old and lives in Surrey. He was having major family problems when something unexpected happened....here is his true story, as told to Martin Saunders, a youth worker.

"I've struggled with dark thoughts for a few years now. Since I was 14, my parents have argued pretty much non-stop, and they don't seem to care that my brother and I are in the house. There's other stuff too – my brother is much more popular and successful than me, and I suffer at school for being bad at exams. So that's why the thoughts came into my head – about hurting or harming myself – because deep down I didn't really like myself very much. That's also why I always wear black.

"Or I used to, anyway. Last Summer, my church youth leader persuaded me to go away with the group to a Christian camp. When we arrived, I found out that every day would include two long meetings like church services. To be honest, I wasn't looking forward to them at all. But when I went along, I had a massive surprise: I met with God.

"On the first evening, someone asked if they could pray for me. As they did, I started crying. Not just a little bit – I was bawling my eyes out. This wasn't like me, but I couldn't help myself. All the anger and frustration and sadness I'd been feeling just came pouring out. It wasn't just that though; there was something else. I started to feel a warmth; like I was getting a hug from within... like all the bad stuff was coming out, and being replaced by something good. Then I did something that I almost never did – I started smiling.

"I don't completely understand what happened, but I know that somehow, I was touched by God. I know now that I'm not alone when things are tough at home and at school.

"The next day, I went along to the camp's shop, still dressed in black. They sold hoodies there, and so I picked the most colourful one they had. My way of saying to God: I know you've changed me. It's still my favourite jumper."

Ben made a decision to follow Jesus. He prayed, asking God to forgive him for the things he does wrong, and then he promised to live God's way. To find out more about the Christian faith, visit <http://www.lookingforgod.com>.

Boys' Brigade News

Well the month of February was a very busy month indeed. On Saturday 2nd February the company took part in the Battalion Swimming Gala at the Grundy Park Pool. The Junior Team swam exceedingly well culminating in victory in their age group and meaning we retained the trophy for another year.

We also entered the badminton competition, where seven boys competed. Joseph and Lukas paired up as a doubles teams and were fantastic. They played very well and won the Junior competition.

The Senior boys finished off their gourmet cooking class with a fantastic starter and main course, which they prepared and then cooked within 40 minutes. The food was fantastic and really different from the basic things they have cooked before. There was lots of Fish, prawns, chicken steaks, skewers and lots of mustard.

The Junior boys finished the final touches on their volcanoes. They are now drying, ready for when we erupt them!!

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

We all sat down for our 5 star meal, cooked this year by Mrs Rushbrook. She had been cooking in the kitchen all day!

After the food, we had a few toasts and then we had the entertainment part of the evening. After a few jokes told by myself and Chris, a few impressions and a Derek and Bob sketch, we handed over to Anthony Rencho, who did his stand up routine. It was a great night and really enjoyable.

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

Andrew Caddies



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

Girls' Brigade News

The officers & the older girls are looking forward to our April trip to Paris. I am busy working out our itinerary and it is starting to come together. I have a broad brief from the girls - shopping - tourist sights - shopping!!

We will be travelling in two cars, leaving as soon after school finishes on the Friday night (19th April) and hope to get to the Eurotunnel by 6:30. It will be late by the time we arrive at our hotel, an Ibis near Monmartre situated in northern Paris, just inside the Bd. Peripherique. (Not too much driving in Paris for Charlotte & me).

Saturday will be an action packed day - we have lots planned. We will have an early start and after filing up on our hotel breakfast, we will head down to the Arch de Triomphe, take a stroll and have a coffee on the Champs-Elysees, looking at the shops, then on towards the Place de la Concorde, where we will catch the "Batobus", the water bus, for a trip along the River Seine, to Notre Dame on the Ile de la Cite. If we have time, and the queues are not too long, I would like to take the girls inside the Sainte Chapelle, the most beautifully decorated church building I think I have ever seen.

After walking north towards the Louvre, just to look - will we will not have time to go inside, we will wander up towards the 'Le Marais' which I have been recommended as a nice area with loads of small shops in small streets. (More shops) Le Marais is, according to tourist information, the closest you will get to the feel of medieval Paris and is an area with more pre-revolutionary buildings and streets left intact than any other area in Paris.

Back to the Batobus and then towards the Eiffel Tower, where the girls. Sue & Charlotte, will ascend to the top. (Chris & I will wait with our feet firmly on the ground).

When Chris & I visited Paris a couple of years back we went into the Musée de l'Orangerie, where Claude Monet's "Water Lilies" are exhibited. If we have time we hope to revisit them with the girls.

On Sunday we can be perhaps a little more relaxed. As our hotel is near Monmartre we will be exploring the area, first on the "petite Train", and then on foot. In this area is the Sacre Coeur and the Place du Tertre, the artists square and near to the Moulin Rouge.

Sometime during the two days we have to find time to eat, hopefully enjoying the Parisian atmosphere. I am going to try and avoid the Paris Metro and use the buses to get around, so we can see more.

We will be catching the train at about 8:50 in the evening and arrive back in Folkstone before we left Calais!

Lynda Cook

(Signed using "French script" Ka Ka!)

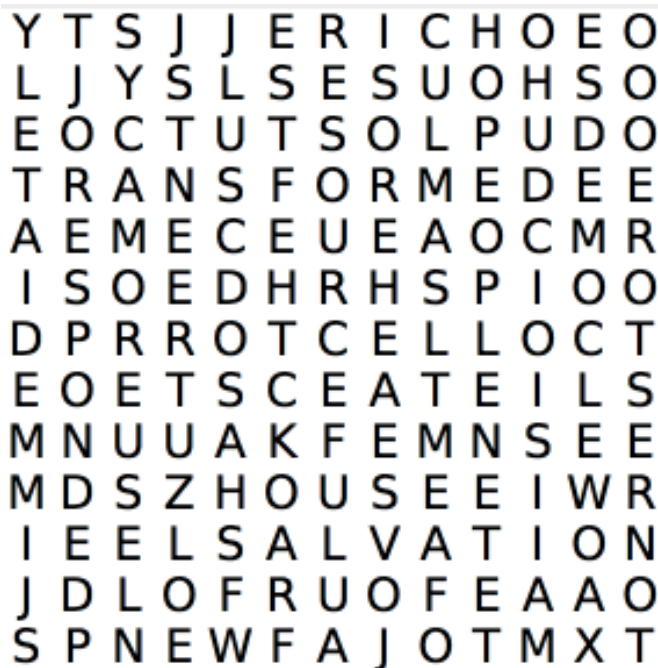


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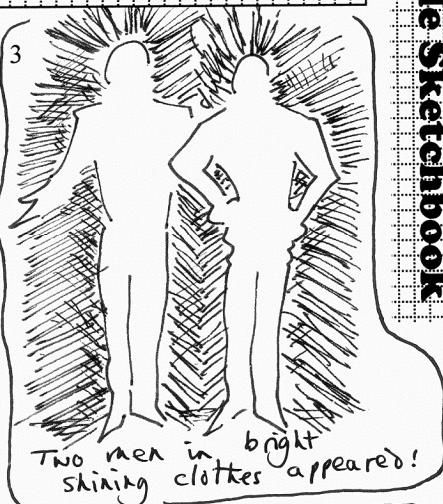
Our story comes from Luke 19: 1- 10

Tax collectors don't often sit in trees. But they are resourceful people (you have to be, to collect tax) and so when Jesus arrived in Jericho, Zacchaeus the chief collector climbed a large sycamore tree to see over the crowd. To his delight, Jesus saw him in the tree, and immediately responded to Zacchaeus' interest in him. Out of all the people in Jericho, Jesus chose his house to go to for dinner. Zacchaeus was so transformed by the visit that he decided to reform his ways, give half his wealth to the poor, and restore anyone whom he had overtaxed fourfold. Jesus said: "Today salvation has come to this house. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

welcomed	tax	house	collector	resourceful
jericho	zacchaeus	tree	sycamore	immediately
responded	interest	restore	house	transformed
salvation	son	man	came	seek
lost	fourfold	people	jesus	



He is not here!



It was amazing. Some women came to the tomb where Jesus was buried.

They wanted to anoint his dead body with spices. But the stone blocking the entrance was rolled away and there was no body. Suddenly two men in bright shining clothes appeared and told them: "His is not here, he has been raised!"



They rushed back to tell the disciples and most of them said: "Rubbish!" But Peter ran to the tomb, found the empty grave-clothes and was amazed.

How about YOU. What do YOU think?!

Read more in Luke 24:1-12



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

