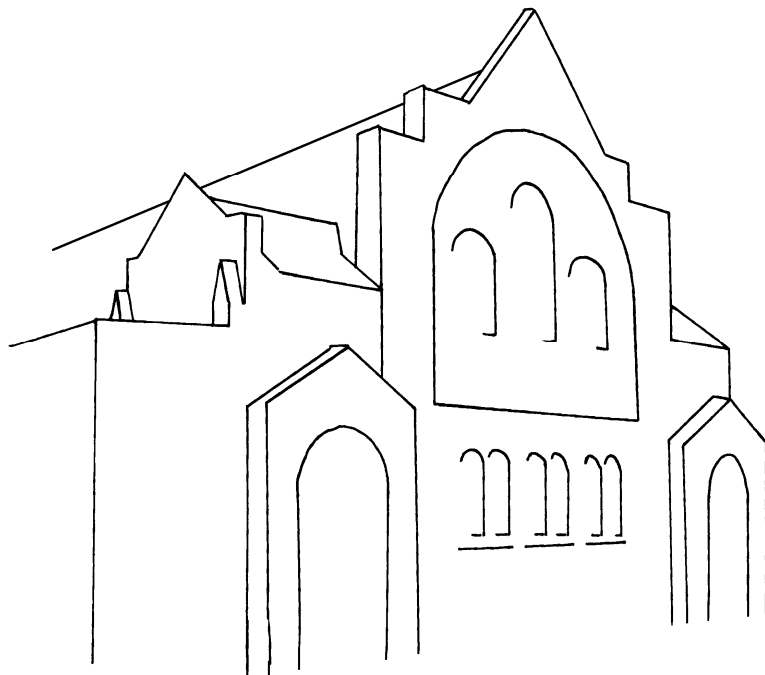




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Newsletter



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www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 28th April. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk**) by **Sunday 14th April.**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

Editor: **Lisa Hamblin, 130 Clive Road, Enfield EN1 1RF**

Per ignem per gladium

I have been following the recent events in Rome and Canterbury. It has been interesting to hear the various commentators talking about the future direction of the church in both denominations. The importance of making the church and it's message relevant for today. Both the new Pope and the new Archbishop, appear to have a more 'down to earth' approach. A lot of the pomp and ceremony appear to have gone. The Pope went on 'walk-about' after his inauguration and nearly walked out of the Vatican City gate. This is certainly an exiting time for the church. I believe there is a lot of significance in the Pope's choice of given name, Francis, after St Francis of Assisi. St Francis was praying in a derelict church named St Damians near the town of Assisi when he heard a voice say to him *"Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin."*



St Francis took these words to heart and literally began rebuilding derelict wayside chapels around Assisi. Jesus words of commission to Peter, in Matthew 16:18, *And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

Both men appear to want to revitalise the church's mission. We are now looking forward to Pentecost and the 'birth' of the church. We are planning an 'open house' event, when we are going to invite those who use our premises to demonstrate their activities to our neighbours. We would like everyone to be involved in this event. There will be a lot for us to do if it is to be successful. There will

be activities on Saturday afternoon and Family worship on Sunday followed by a BBQ and games in the hall.

At Pentecost God revealed how he would build the kingdom through the extraordinary way in which he can transform ordinary people. The disciples didn't care about hiding themselves or the truth about Jesus. They said whatever God wanted them to say, and they began speaking in words they didn't understand and languages they hadn't learned to speak.

Now, listen to what I have to say about Jesus from Nazareth. God proved that he sent Jesus to you by having him work miracles, wonders, and signs. All of you know this.

Smile Lines

Have you ever wondered....

- ~ Are clones people two?
- ~ Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?
- ~ Why is it that night falls, but day breaks?
- ~ Why is it that no word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple?
- ~ Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's a cargo?

The best position for prayer

Three theologians at a conference centre sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one, and backed up his claim by quoting a number of texts on humility in Greek.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." He quoted a few texts on praise in Latin.

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." He quoted a few texts on penitence in Hebrew.

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was in English, hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

You know you've probably had too much coffee when...

- * Instant coffee takes too long.
- * You sleep with your eyes open.
- * You go to sleep, just so you can wake up and smell the coffee.
- * You're so wired you pick up FM radio.
- * You have a picture of your coffee mug, on your coffee mug.

Here is the News

Building Fund

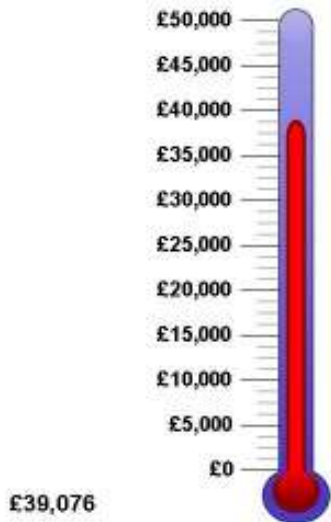
Thank you to everyone who attended one or more of our fundraisers for the roof.

A great night was had by all on 2nd March at the quiz where we had to find extra tables to fit everyone in! We raised an amazing £406.

The Jazz afternoon on 23rd March was great fun and saw some wonderful dancing from some people. We raised another £260 for the building fund.

We are getting ever closer to the total amount we need to pay off the cost of the hall roof. Thank you again to everyone who has given & if you feel inclined to give extra talk to Martin Hamblin, in the mean time we'll hopefully have some more fundraisers where we can enjoy ourselves!

Hall Roof Replacement



Pulpit Secretary

Kath Cole has done this job for many years & has served us really well. We are grateful for all she has done but it is time for her to have a rest. Angela Rushbrook is the new Pulpit Secretary and we're sure she will do well too.

Pentecost

We are planning an open house weekend for Pentecost (May 18-19), if you can help by baking a cake for Saturday or anything else please see Sylvia Page. More requests for help will be in the Link on Sundays.

Fellowship

We remember Reg and Vera Sear as Vera is seriously ill in Chase Farm Hospital. We also pray for Ivy and Arthur as Ivy begins a new course of treatment and Arthur is recovering from a cataract operation.

Exploring Membership

If you haven't become a member of the church yet & would like to see what that involves there will be some sessions to find out. The sessions will take place during the Sunday services on April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. If at the end of the sessions you would like to become a member we would love to make that happen. For more information please see Lynda Cook.

FANCY A HOLIDAY IN THE SUN, WHILST DONATING TO THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND?

Our 3 bedroomed, child friendly town house, is situated on a golf-course, on the Spanish Algarve.

It sleeps 6, is near the beaches in Spain & Portugal, and has air-con and access to a gated swimming pool.

We will donate 10% of the rental generated by you to the church building fund. Use a reference code BHPBF.

Visit our web site www.casamagnoliaayamonte.com.

Lynda Cook



Celebrate Pentecost

Saturday 18th May 2pm - 6pm

Open Church

Face painting

Bouncy Castle

*Come and see what is offered
by our regular hirers and
organisations as they showcase
their activities.*

Demonstrations

**Sunday 19th May 10:30am -
2pm Pentecost Celebration**

*Join as we celebrate Pentecost
and continue afterwards with a
BBQ plus games for all the
family.*

Diary

April

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Tues 2nd	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 7th	10:30am	Communion with Terry Silvey
Mon 8th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sun 14th	10:30am	Parade with Revd Martin Legg
Sun 21th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Michaela Lawrence
Sun 22nd	10:30am 12:15pm	Morning Worship with Revd Martin Legg Arts and crafts for all ages

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 14th April

PRAYER PLAN

APRIL 2013

**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of
God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 6:23 NIV

Monday 1st

Phyl Cox

Tuesday 2nd

Persecuted church in
Uzbekistan

Wednesday 3rd

Poynter Road

Thursday 4th

Member of Parliament for
Edmonton - Andy Love

Friday 5th

For those affected by burglary

Saturday 6th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 7th

Thanks for all the benefits we
enjoy living in England

Monday 8th

Derek, Janet & James Cutts

Tuesday 9th

Persecuted church in Laos

Wednesday 10th

Roman Way

Thursday 11th

Member of Parliament for
Enfield, Southgate - David
Burroughs

Friday 12th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 13th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 14th

Thanks for our ambulance,
medical services and the air
ambulance helping to save lives

Monday 15th

Jill Garrett

Tuesday 16th

Persecuted church in North
Korea

Wednesday 17th

St Marks Road

Thursday 18th

Member of Parliament for
Enfield North - Nick de Bois

Friday 19th

Ruth, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 20th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 21st

Thanks for doctors and nurses
who go to areas where the
people have no access to
health care

Monday 22nd

Norma Grimsey

Tuesday 23rd

Persecuted church in Iran

Wednesday 24th

Second Avenue

Thursday 25th

Local Councillors

Friday 26th

For burglars to not want to or
need to steal

Saturday 27th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 28th

Thanks for those who help with
Kings Club

Monday 29th

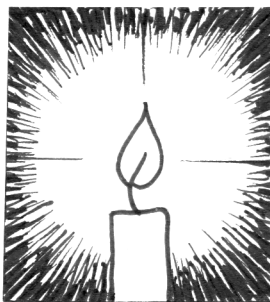
Robin & Christine Hall

Tuesday 30th

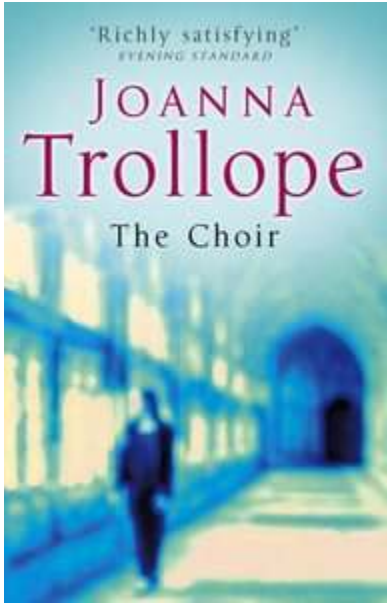
Persecuted church in
Afghanistan

Wednesday 31st

Southbury Road



Book Club



'The Choir' by Joanna Trollope

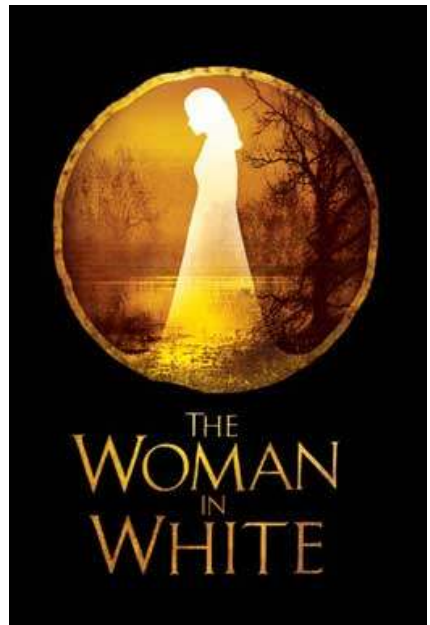
Set in the fictitious cartilage of 'Aldminster Cathedral', there is a crisis looming as the choir is close to being disbanded for lack of funds. The Dean wants to save the money to restore the cathedral to his own expensive standards and sets about the choir's destruction, much to the concern of others.

Funding help comes from a most unlikely source and this involves the chief chorister 'Henry'. This charming character had his own family problems to cope with while singing like an angel.

There is a lot more to it, of course. Dysfunctional families; marriage difficulties: in fact caricatures of life itself. We found it a bit difficult to remember which character was which when the author switched from title to given names quite freely.

A mediocre read!

Next month we return to a classic: The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins.



Maals After-School Booster Classes

When: Hourly sessions after school on Tuesdays from 4:00p.m-6:00pm

Where: Bush Hill Park United Reform Church Hall, 25 Main Avenue, Bush Hill Park EN1 1DJ

CRB checked teachers would be on hand to help your child with their studies.

We take children from school years 1 to 13 including A' levels

Age group: 5 -18 years (Key Stages 1, 2 & 3)

Teaching ratio: Small group size per qualified teacher

Subjects: English and Maths one hour each,
Science is optional

Cost: £10.00 per hour

Full coverage of National Curriculum for all levels, exam revision classes with practice and past papers referrals, specific exam preparation classes, SATs and GCSE

What to bring: Writing material, A4 lined book and
Lots of focus!!

Pupils are welcome to bring in their class work/ homework or coursework problems.

Regular assessment and reporting with one-to-one feedback

If you would like to send your child to MAALS After-School
Booster Classes or for further information, contact us on 07598
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The Easter Glow (Luke 24: 13-35)

For three years he had held the tiny band together, through journeyings, storms and opposition. And now – following a public trial and execution – he was gone.

Take away the dominant figure, and an organisation can quickly crumble. Take Theudas, an earlier messianic claimant. Once killed, his 400 devotees melted away.

There was 'Judas the Galilean.' When he, too, was removed, the movement scattered. It was a respected Pharisee, Gamaliel, who used these incidents to discourage the Jewish Sanhedrin from persecuting the new Christian church. "Don't worry about this threatening new movement!" he was saying:

Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God (Acts 5:33-40)

Now, it was Easter Day. Here were two disciples walking to Emmaus. As far as they were concerned, their leader was dead. The 'scattering' process had already begun. It had started on that fateful Thursday evening of Christ's arrest, when Jesus had quoted to his disciples from the prophet Zechariah: "It is written 'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered'" (Matthew 26.31.)

The dream was over. "Let's go home - back to Emmaus." Yet Luke 24 is the glowing account of the entire re-building of a world-view. As the apparent Stranger joins the two, it was like the uncorking of a bottle; the story pours out. Surely crucifixion and the future Redeemer of Israel had nothing to do with each other!

Then began a fascinating Bible study on the road. Evidently in their studies, the two had skipped the passages that spoke of a suffering Messiah. The Stranger says, "Let me fill in those bits for you." Now the figures of a Conquering King and a Suffering Servant begin to coalesce into a single photo-fit. Then, at supper with the two, comes the familiar action of the breaking of bread, and – Why.... it's Jesus. Hot-foot, they make the seven miles back to Jerusalem. Ultimately, it was the Scriptures that did it for them. Now they can't keep the glowing news of the risen Christ to themselves!

If Jesus had not been bodily raised from the grave, the demoralized movement – like that of Theudas – would have folded within days. And you and I would never have heard of him!

TEEN meets GOD: Laura's story

I was baptised as a baby, and as I grew up, I went to church with my dad. I went to Sunday school, and I would say and do the right thing. It didn't mean anything though, because I didn't have that intimate relationship with God that other people seemed to have.

In my early teens, I was dragged along to a Christian event. It was a whole week long and I knew it was going to be such a bore. But I wanted my dad and church friends to be happy with me, so I said yes.

I stood at the back in the first meeting, feeling incredibly uncomfortable and out of place. The music started, and everyone started raising their hands in worship. I'd seen this before, but this time was different. I looked around at the faces of all these incredible young people passionate about Jesus, and I realised that I'd been living a religion instead of a relationship. A leader stopped the band mid-song and began to speak – saying that someone needed to know that God loved them so much, and wanted to come into a relationship with them tonight. I knew that was me!

Now I began to worship. I can't describe what I felt in that moment, but I was in the presence of God. I got down on my knees – I must have been there for about half an hour. With my face bowed to the floor, I began to pour out my heart to God. I asked him to forgive my sins and said I wanted to enter into a real relationship with him. As I left that meeting, I knew that Jesus had changed everything. I knew there was a God who loved me who I could pray to; that I could be honest with. From that moment onwards, I can honestly say I have never been the same. Just one touch of God's presence changed my life.

Laura is 18 and lives in Bradford. She is one of the contributors to a new book of stories, 'Jesus is Changing my Life', published by LIFE Church UK. To find out more about the Christian faith, visit <http://www.lookingforgod.com>.

Crossword answers:

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

Boys' Brigade News

Over the last six weeks, the Senior boys have been making latex heads and spent the first few weeks sculpting the head out of clay, then they had to make a 2 part plaster mould of the head and finally they could fill the mould with latex to form the head. It has been a very interesting project with the boys looking into special effects used on films and techniques used for making props. The next stage, which they will do after Easter, is to paint the heads.

Our middle age group of lads have been working on a musical item, to hopefully show at the awards night. This included a drum kit, 2 bass guitars, a piano, singers and a triangle. It is sounding great and the lads have really enjoyed making music.

Talking of Music, our brass band meets and rehearses every Monday from 6.15. They too are really starting to sound good. We are becoming very musical.

Our two youngest members have been in the kitchen learning some basic cooking. I think James will be able to teach his father a thing or two now.

On Saturday 16th March, the senior football team played in the first round of the 5-a-side football competition and after a 50 minute game, came away with a win of 15 - 9, Well done to them.

With us breaking for Easter, our regular Monday night badge classes have come to end. We have had a very active and successful year and covered a huge variety of classes. I must thank all the staff for their hard work and all the effort they put into preparing and carrying out the classes.

After Easter there will be one week of finishing of badge work,

then we will be working on the awards night and then starting our summer session. The summer session marks the start of the countdown to the greatest thing ever!! I of course mean Camp 2013!!

At the start of the Easter holidays we have the Seniors Vs Staff 6-a-side Football competition. Both teams have really got behind the competition and are really excited about it. Not wanting to lose, the staff team have been doing some extra training session to get their fitness levels up (I think they are secretly scared the seniors will beat them). I will give you full coverage of the event in next month's newsletter.

During the Easter Holidays we will be taking eight lads away on an Expedition trip to Wales. This year we hope to see the 'Cantilever stone' (Google search it, it's worth a look). Once again the boys will have to cook their own meals on stoves and prepare their own packed lunches each day. Our new bronze D of E boys will also undertake map reading, route planning and navigation in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh award. It is a great experience for the boys and teaches them how to look after themselves in the great outdoors. The achievement and feeling they get from reaching the top of a high and steep climb is fantastic. We will be staying in a local farm camp site. This is where the boys will have to prepare all their own meals. The camp site also has a river where fishing is permitted, so we might try and catch our dinner on one of the evenings.

I will give you a full expedition report in the next newsletter.

Andrew Caddies

Breaking News!

James Cutts & Jak King came first in the Enfield Battalion, two smartest recruits drill competition. The 2nd Enfield PR Games team were awarded first place in the London PR Games competition, beating the 1st Barnet, last years winners by 5 points.

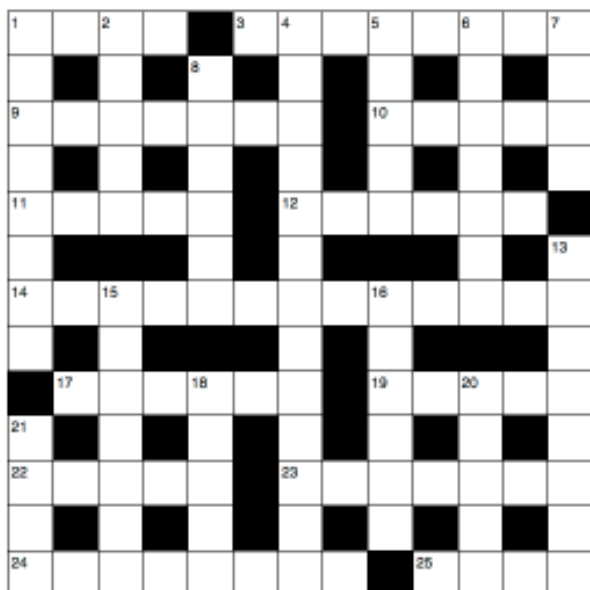
Crossword

Across

- 1 'The baby in my... leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4)
- 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the... of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I... the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — —, who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



Answers on page 15

Believing is not just seeing!

1



Jesus' followers hid inside

Bible Sketchbook

His followers locked themselves in – but Jesus appeared!

He said PEACE BE WITH YOU!

They saw the nail-holes in his hands.

He breathed on them to "Receive the Holy Spirit". When Thomas put his hand in the hole the soldiers made in Jesus' side he was amazed!

"My Lord and my God!" he said.

But the good news for us is that we can believe in the risen Jesus even if we've never seen him!

How about you?

Can you say: "My Lord and my God?"

Read more in John 19:19-29

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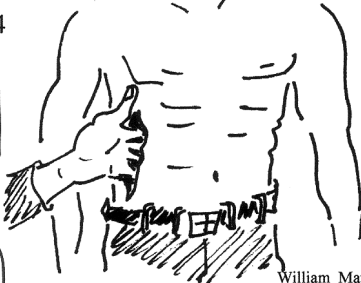
To their amazement Jesus appeared!

3



He breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit".

4



William Mather ©

Thomas puts his hand in the hole in Jesus' side.... And now at last he believes Jesus really is RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

5



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 (1st or 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

