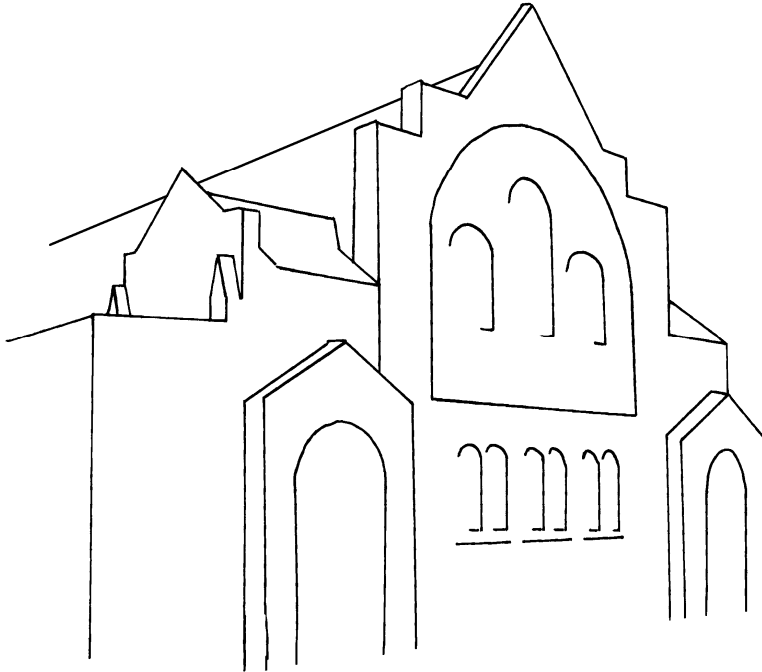




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**[www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm)**

## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 26th May. 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 12th May**

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

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## Happy Birthday!

Just wanted to say *Thank You* to everyone for making Lent and Easter special this year. It began with our Ash Wednesday Service through Lent, Palm Sunday and our Easter Day celebrations. Easter is such an important time in the church, that it does surprise me that some of our church family do not feel the need to support the special services. It is a bit disheartening when time and effort is spent planning the content and arranging the various aspects of worship.



Pentecost marks the beginning of the Christian Church. Before this, the followers of Jesus were just another Jewish sect. The disciples were gathered together to celebrate Shavout, the Jewish Harvest Festival. Little could they have imaged the harvest they were to reap that day. A day when many thousands of people gave their lives to Christ and the Christian Church was born.

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.*

*<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them*

Acts 2:1-4

There has always been much discussion

as to whether this was a 'one-off' event or a continuous process within the lives of Christian believers with outpouring of the Holy Spirit from God. I think to many of us it doesn't matter and some might well be now saying, 'What on earth is he talking about?' Exactly! The Holy Spirit brought the Christian church to life at Pentecost and has remained ever since.

In any case, what is important is that Pentecost represents God's gracious, enabling presence actively at work among His people, calling and enabling them to live in ways that witness to His presence in the world. We are able to do so much more than we could ever do on our own. Perhaps there are some important links with the Pentecost of Judaism, for in Judaism the Torah, God's instruction to His people, is the means by which they become His witness to the world. God's law is written on our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's on going work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His gifts upon them.

I hope we will all join together in our Pentecost events when we have a great opportunity to reach out to those in our neighbourhood and community.



When Hilary arrived, the spring cleaning  
had already started

# Smile Lines

## Dictionary of Project Terms

Are you working on any project this Spring? Here are some phrases that may come in handy!

~ Project slightly behind original schedule due to unforeseen difficulties -- We got so sick of working on this that we decided to do something else.

~ Major Technological Breakthrough -- Back to the drawing board.

~ Customer satisfaction is believed assured -- We are so far behind schedule that the customer will be happy to get anything at all from us.

~ The design will be finalized in the next reporting period -- We haven't started this job yet, but we've got to say something.

~ Test results were extremely gratifying -- It works, and are we surprised.

~ Extensive effort is being applied on a fresh approach to the problem -- We just hired three new guys; we'll let them kick it around for a while.

~ Preliminary operational tests are inconclusive -- The darn thing blew up when we threw the switch.

~ The entire concept will have to be abandoned -- The only guy who understood the thing quit.

~ Modifications are under way to correct certain minor difficulties -- We threw the whole thing out and are starting from scratch.

# Here is the News

## Vera Sear

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Vera. For so many years she was part of our fellowship being married to Reg and living in Bertram Road before and all her married life. She supported Reg, an Elder, so well; worked hard on the Catering Committee for the many functions we had in earlier years and used her talent as a pianist for Friendship Club. She was one of the founders of Homemakers, its successor. However, it was in the early 1960s that Vera started to help with Girls' Brigade collecting the subs, assisting with badge work and of course playing the piano for the various activities and for several years going to the summer camps. 1969 was a special time for her when the Girls' Brigade put on a display at The Royal Albert Hall; our Company's item was club swinging accompanied by Vera at the grand piano. Although there must have been several pieces of music played Chris Hall, then Captain of the 1st Enfield GB Company and the Sear family only have memories of 'Tulips from Amsterdam'.

We send our condolences to Reg, Beryl and Marion and their children and grandchildren at this sad time.



## House Group

Following on from our successful Lent studies we're starting a house group at 130 Clive Road on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 8pm. This is an informal time where we can look at various themes in the bible. Feel free to join us. For more information please speak to Lisa Hamblin.

# Diary

May

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 5th	10:30am	Communion with Rev Martin Legg
Tues 7th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Fri 10th	7:00pm	Boys Brigade Awards Night
Sun 12th	10:30am	Worship with Eve Fonyonga Retiring collection for Christian Aid Week
Mon 13th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sat 18th	2-6pm	<b>Pentecost weekend</b> Open church with activities, see page 12
Sun 19th	10:30am	Parade with Rev Martin Legg followed by BBQ & games
Wed 22nd	6:30pm	Girls Brigade Awards Night
Sun 26th	10:30am 12:15pm	Morning Worship with Jill Nugent Arts and crafts for all ages

Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 12th May

# PRAYER PLAN

MAY 2013

**I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.**

**I and the Father are one.”**

**John 10:28-30**

**Wednesday 1st**

Southbury Road

**Thursday 2nd**

Staff and pupils at Kingsmead School

**Friday 3rd**

The elderly and the charities seeking to provide information and help on health, money matters, friendships and more

**Saturday 4th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 5th**

Thanks for all those who give their time and support to our organisations and to help in our community

**Monday 6th**

Bin & recycling men

**Tuesday 7th**

Kings Club

**Wednesday 8th**

Third Avenue

**Thursday 9th**

Staff and pupils at Latymer School

**Friday 10th**

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

**Saturday 11th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 12th**

Thanks for good health



### Monday 13th

Our libraries & those who work in them

### Tuesday 14th

Book Club

### Wednesday 15th

Trinity Avenue

### Thursday 16th

Staff and pupils at Bishops Stopfords School

### Friday 17th

Those in pain, suffering without a diagnosis or cure

### Saturday 18th

The Pentecost celebrations at our church today and tomorrow as well as for Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 19th

Thanks for the power of the Holy Spirit

### Monday 20th

For our parks & those who maintain

### Tuesday 21st

Friday morning prayer time

### Wednesday 22nd

Tweedy Close

### Thursday 23rd

Staff and pupils at Lea Valley High School

### Friday 24th

Ruth, our sponsored child in Zambia

### Saturday 25th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### Sunday 26th

Thanks for those who lead our Brigades

### Monday 27th

Social workers

### Tuesday 28th

Baby & Toddlers

### Wednesday 29th

Wellington Road

### Thursday 30th

Staff and pupils at Gladys Aylward School

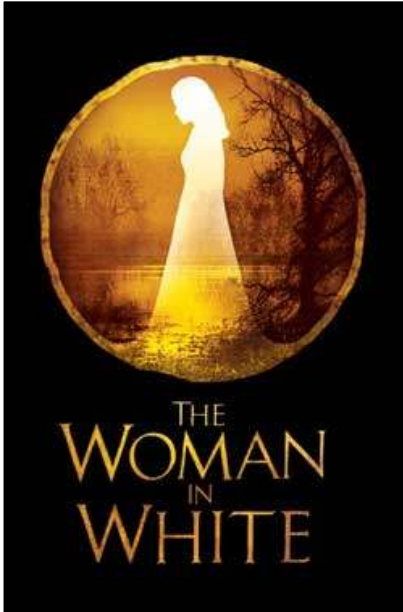
### Friday 31st

Those in gangs and the charities who seek to educate young people about the futility of violence in our streets



## Book Club

WILKIE COLLINS 'The Woman in White'



This well known 19th century author was a friend of Charles Dickens but with different powers of observation to put into his writings.

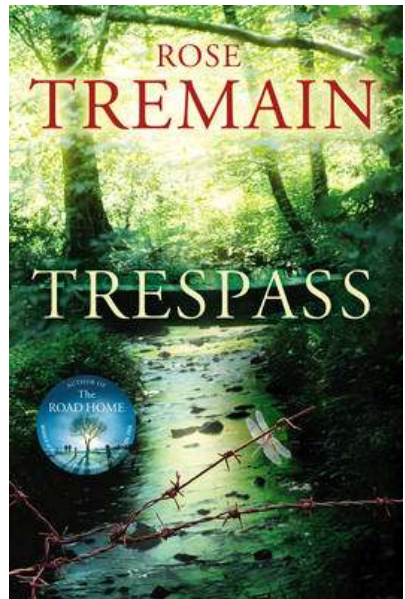
Although 'wordy' once you get into the flow, this is a good read. Setting yourself back into the mid-1800s the characters are believable; some you like some you do not.

For a woman life was so hard, whatever social background you came from and men ruled the world, or thought they did! The slow start leads to an exciting finish.

We did wonder how you could get from London to Cumberland so quickly even though the rail network was in place. The way a letter posted one evening had a reply by the morning of the second day was baffling to us but it did happen then, speed was paramount and respected by the Royal Mail.

Some saw the stage production, others the film and we intend to take a look on DVD when possible.

Next month we meet on the second Monday, 13th May having read 'Trespass'



## Responses of the Heart

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8: 11)

I was phoning London from Zimbabwe, after visiting the famous Victoria Falls. “Have you seen it?” I was asked. “Yes.” I replied. Next - “Have you photographed it?” “Yes!” “All of it?”

“Ah,” I said, “You don’t know what you’re asking. It’s the biggest thing I’ve ever seen. It’s a mile across! All you can do is take individual snaps. But I can tell you – it’s the best thing I’ve ever seen in my life!”

When it comes to the biggest thing in the whole world – the kingdom of God – it’s much the same principle. Rather than give an overall theological definition of God’s kingdom, Jesus would tell parable after parable, so giving to his listeners a series of snap shots –of the Kingdom.

Here in Luke 8 he’s taking snaps of the human heart – as it comes into contact with God’s word. First we learn of:

The shut heart of hard unresponsive soil (v.5) The ‘path’ here was trodden down and beaten flat; any seed that fell, the birds got. This is what happens in a heart that over time has become impervious to God’s word. The seed is quickly whisked away and produces nothing. But then there is:

The shallow heart of rocky soil (v. 6) This seems to represent the individual who has some kind of flirtation with the Gospel. It becomes apparent that the implications of discipleship have never been thought out. Let adversity or opposition raise its head – and early resolves ‘wither’ away and are simply dried up.

The choked heart of cluttered soil (v.7) It’s the ‘thorns’ that have been allowed to grow in what could have been good soil. So much to do, to see, earn and enjoy! And so many worries to attend to.... This is the hearer who becomes diverted from spiritual priorities. Result – a slow expiry....

The changed heart of the receptive soil (v. 8) Is this yours – the open heart – ready and willing to receive the word that draws us into the very kingdom of God in Jesus Christ? It’s that category only that will produce a crop for eternity.

The Kingdom – it’s the biggest thing there is!

# Celebrate Pentecost

Saturday 18th May 2pm - 6pm

Face painting

Open Church

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.*



# Boys' Brigade News

At the start of the Easter break we held the 'Staff Vs Seniors 6-a-side football competition. The pitch had been booked, and an impartial Ref had been sorted.

Both teams were nervous as the thought of losing to the other team was a scary one. The game started and straight away everyone was playing at 110%. As much as everyone was playing seriously, we all had a great laugh. By half time the seniors were 2-1 up. Oranges and water were served on the side line.

The staff had settled into the game as the 2<sup>nd</sup> half started, and evened the scores. By the end of extra time the score were 4-4, meaning it would go to penalties. The final score was 10 - 9 to the seniors. As everyone enjoyed the game so much, a rematch has been scheduled soon.

During the Easter Break we were due to take some of the boys away on Easter Expedition. Unfortunately due to the extreme weather reports in Wales, and the mountain rescue advice, stating to stay off the mountains, this became unfeasible for safety reasons. So we had to cancel the trip.

We have now started back after the Easter break and are preparing for the awards night. This year it is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please feel free to come along and see what's been going on throughout the year and to also support the boys when they gain their awards and badges. The evening will start at 7pm and should be finished by 9pm.

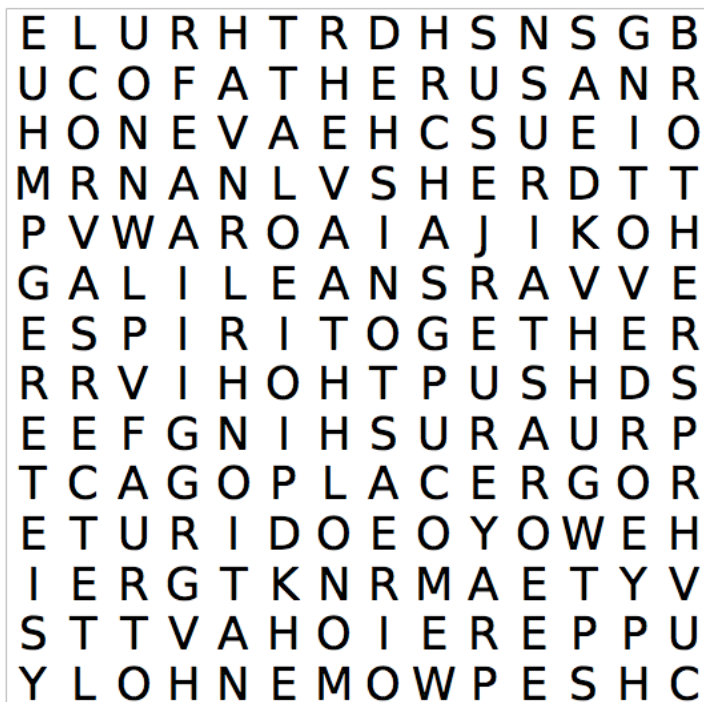
After the awards night we will be starting our summer session. The summer session is more relaxed and is where we do a range of activities and trips. It also marks the countdown to CAMP!!

Andrew Caddies

# Wordsearch

May brings Pentecost, reckoned by many to be the Birthday of the Christian Church. On that day, so long ago, the Holy Spirit came upon the faithful disciples praying together in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' Ascension. They felt a rushing wind and saw flames as if of fire flickering on them. They burst into praise of God. He was with them! Jesus had promised them power and his presence, and he was true to his word. After Pentecost the little frightened group of disciples became bold and fearless in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. The story is found in Acts chapter 2.

together	place	rushing	wind	house
tongues	fire	father	holy	spirit
power	receive	utterance	speak	come
language	astonished	galileans	nation	heaven
earth	olivet	upper	room	devoting
prayer	women	jesus	brothers	peter



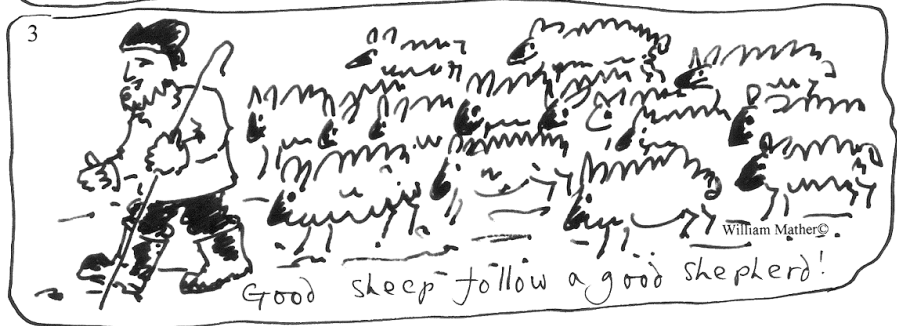
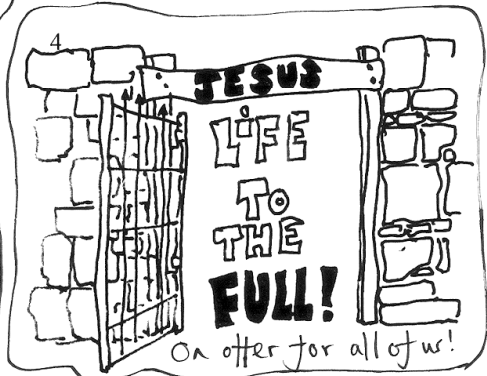
# Freedom from those robbers!



Robbers try to climb in and steal the sheep! But a good shepherd uses the gate and calls the sheep and they follow him! Jesus is like the shepherd and he's also like the gate. Going his way is freedom from robbers and life to the full!

*Have you found this freedom and fullness?*

**Read more in John 10: 1-10.**



# BHP DAY BY DAY URC

- Sunday**      10:30am      Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)
- 12:15pm      Arts and crafts for all ages (4th Sunday in the month)
- 5:30pm      Second Sunday Study (2nd Sunday)
- Monday**      7:30pm      Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
- 8:00pm      Book Club (1st or 2nd Monday)
- Tuesday**      8:00pm      House group (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
- 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

