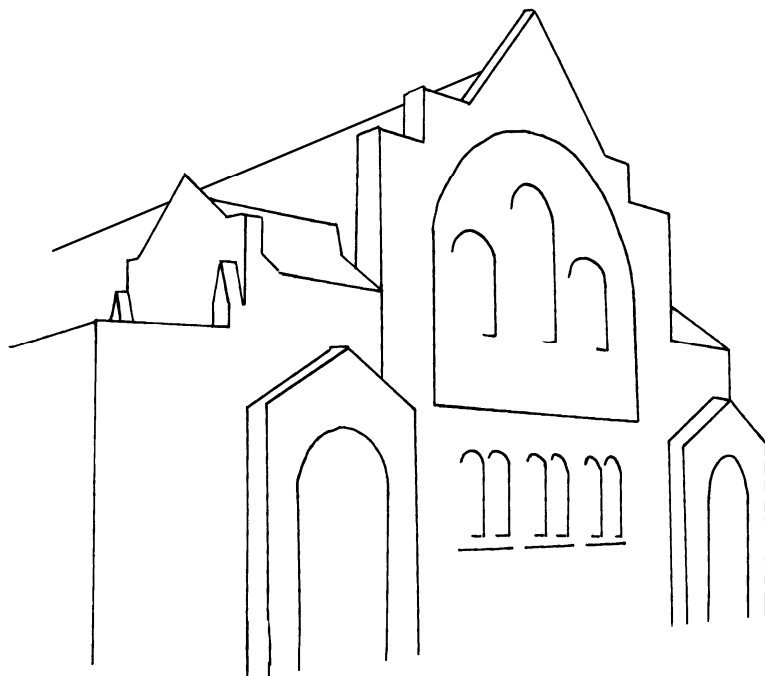


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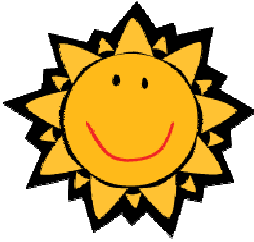
The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church policy. Have you seen the news on the Church Internet site? Check it out at
www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 30th June. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk**) by **Sunday 16th June**.

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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The sun did shine and for those that were there, the weekend was good. If the newsletter is late, it is my fault because I wanted to write about the weekend. It was a good time of fun and fellowship. We did indeed meet some new families that live near the church and probably just as important, we had a number of young people, some who are not members of Brigades.

Parents came and supported. Saturday was a bit slow to get underway. Once started, it was good. Using the church and the hall

meant that we could get ready in the church, whilst activities were going on the hall and vice versa. During the whole afternoon, Robin Chris, Sue and Linda were in the parlour doing 'crafty stuff'. During most of the day, Jill was in the lounge serving tea and cake and soft drinks. It is difficult to pick a highlight because it was all good. So a big thank you to all who came and helped and supported on Saturday.

Sunday was also a good day, though we did not have as many in church, there were still some parents and friends that do not normally come on a Sunday and some stayed for the B-B-Q after. The youngsters enjoyed the games and the bouncy castle in the hall, whilst outside the adults enjoyed the warm sunny weather and good fellowship outside in the garden. This prompted several people to ask, 'when are we going to do this again?' Perhaps we could have

another B-B-Q after church on a Sunday before the holidays. It is good to do something different every so often. However, the real impact of doing events like the weekend is lost if church folk don't support it. I am doing my best to try and make the church more accessible and welcoming. I stood outside the church on Saturday, busking and talking to the few people who walked by and even encouraged some to come in. I gave out a few leaflets and made £9. I don't plan to give up the day job. The whole point of the weekend was to try and encourage people in to see us and see what we do. Those that came in saw a church nearly empty and few people to chat to.

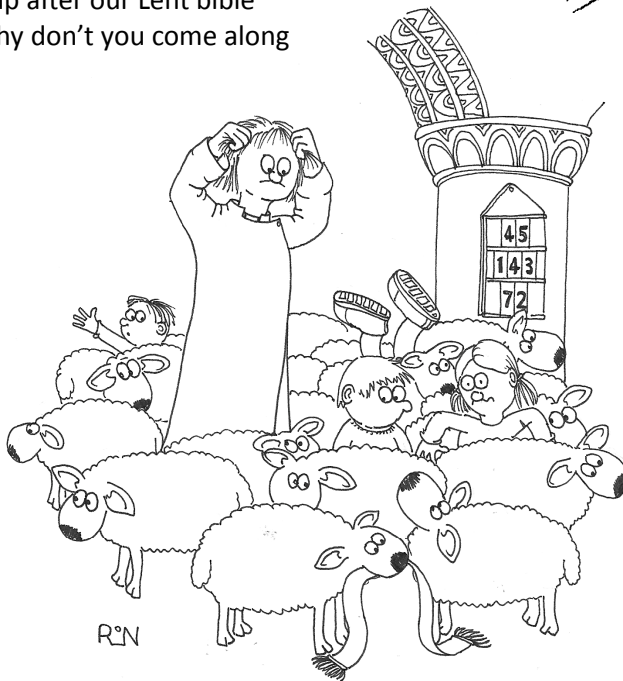
Now would be a good time to think and pray about the future of our church and a good time to consider the level of our commitment. The weekend only happened because a

4 few people gave a lot of time and energy. This is not something new, because we have talked about it over the last two church meetings. We had only twelve members at our last church meeting. This was the size of our monthly Elders meeting twenty years ago. Still there is good news in that we have three new members and perhaps this is the beginning of a revival or the result of some continual nagging and encouragement. It is also good that Lisa and Martin have continued the house group after our Lent bible studies. Why don't you come along

one evening and see what it is like? It is not all serious discussion. We do have a laugh and enjoy being and sharing together.

I would like to do another weekend in September, perhaps with a concert in the evening in the church. But we can only do it if it has support? Otherwise we gain nothing from it. What do think?

madini



Pam's sermon illustrations had a way
of going pear-shaped

Smile Lines

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One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

Try Jesus. If you don't like him, the devil will always take you back.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

I always wanted to be a procrastinator, never got around to it.

Children are natural mimics, who act like their parents, despite every effort to teach them good manners!

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

Don't fool me

A three year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

Here is the News

To all my Friends in Bush Hill Park

Thank you for all your messages, cards and good wishes after my accident. It has been nearly five months since I was in hospital and I am at last progressing. Initially I was confined to downstairs, with a bed in my living room but that has gone now and I no longer have carers coming in three times a day to get my meals and help me dress etc.

During the time I was in hospital my downstairs shower room was finished which has been very useful and I now have a newly built dining room at the back of the house.

I have been able to go to church with the help of lifts from various church members and it has been lovely to get back to attend the various services. I also have lifts from kind friends to some of my U3A activities and enjoy visits from others.

I am having more physiotherapy at the moment and am doing my exercises so I can get out and about again. As some of you will know my daughter Sarah and her husband Ray are expecting their first baby in August and I have Rachel and Anthony's wedding to look forward next year. I am doing internet shopping at present to help Sarah as I cannot get to the shops yet.

Best Wishes to you all and thanks to Lisa for sending a copy of the newsletter by email each month. I think of you all often and look forward to seeing you if you are in Wiltshire - do drop in.

Carol Rensch

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Building Fund

We now only need to raise a further £5940.64 to cover the loan and interest we took to pay for the roof (although we'll be able to repay the loan early and save on interest). Thank you to everyone who has organised, been part or or attended events and for your generous donations, please keep them coming.

Offertory

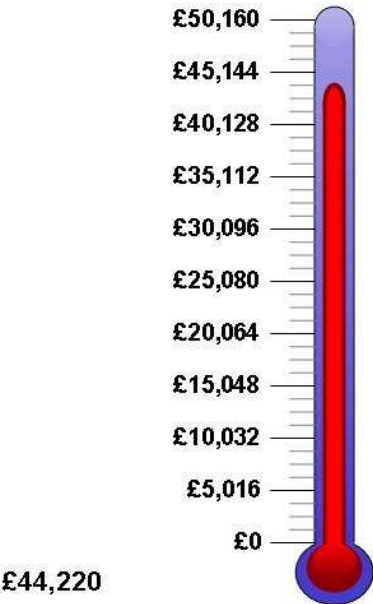
Bank credits for January – April 2013 were £4332, this is down from £4,745 for the same period in 2012. Loose offerings however are up from £1,109.71 for January – April 2013 compared to £1,071.56 for the same period in 2012.

This leaves a shortfall of £374.85 in the first three months of the year which will result in at least £1,500 for 2013 unless people are able to give more. Please pray about your giving, it might go down as well as up but if you feel God asking you to give more that's great news for us.

Thanks

Martin Hamblin

Hall Roof Replacement



Summer holidays from home for the house-bound

It's the height of summer and you hear the thud as letters hit the doormat. You flick through them and a small, glossy, brightly coloured postcard jumps out at you. It's from a friend and she's telling you what a wonderful time she's having, and how she wishes you were there-- and you look at the card and impulsively decide, "I'll DO it!"

Then you look around and realise that going away isn't a possibility, just going out is difficult and getting on a plane is impossible. Your heart sinks as you wonder whether you'll ever be able to have a 'normal' life. That's the situation that faces so many people who are house bound because of illness or disability, or who are stuck going in and out of hospital. When you're in that situation, all you can do is hear about other people's amazing adventures.

Up until now. Claire Wade had been bed bound for several years with ME when she came up with the idea of a Holiday From Home. Her first creation of this sort was a full holiday experience without ever leaving her room, where she put pictures up, ate the traditional food and even paddled in a foot spa, pretending it was the sea.

From there, she created magical experiences that others could share. Experiences where it doesn't matter where you are in the world or whether you can even leave your sofa or bed - you'll be whisked away to a 'beautiful place'. For instance, past 'partygoer' Grace has said it is, "an emergency re-suscitation for your imagination, it is your escape route, a secret treasure map to joy."

Just because life has put limitations on you, doesn't mean you can't have fun. With help, and a pinch of imagination you can have a great holiday from home. To find out more details visit www.clairewade.com.

Fred and Hilda were given good advice, but they ignored it. They thought they knew better. Confidently, they drove off in their car without a map or any navigation system. Fred said he knew the way, and Hilda didn't pack any food or drink, these could be bought later. This couple were ill-prepared for their long journey and soon their holiday drive turned into a nightmare. Fred couldn't cope with the adverse road conditions and without any prior checks the car began to overheat. Hilda was now hungry and thirsty.

As night fell the weather turned inclement and Fred confessed they were lost. The car ran out of fuel and they stopped in a damp and deserted place. Without a mobile phone between them they were stranded. Their journey had been a big mistake and they didn't know what to do.

Suddenly, a large van appeared and parked beside them. The driver stepped out, smiled and offered his assistance. He gave them something to eat, checked the car engine, put in petrol. Soon, Fred and Hilda's car was roadworthy once more. This friendly man never once reprimanded Fred and Hilda for their lack of foresight. Instead, he made them feel at ease, safe and secure. "Where do we go from here?" asked Fred. The man smiled, "Come, my friends. I'm taking you home."

Sometimes in our lives, we can embark on a course of action for which we are ill-prepared. We may disregard sound advice and then, sooner or later, we end up in trouble. At these times we need a person who can rescue us. We need someone to set us on the right road again; someone who will support and encourage us.

Our lives are like a journey. Sometimes, we may think we can get along without God. We may try to ignore his guidance. In our quest for independence we may lose our way and then have to admit our mistakes and confess our failings. Sometimes our trouble and pain can be caused by our own deliberate fault and in our hopeless condition we need someone greater than ourselves to come to our aid.

When Jesus draws alongside us the situation changes. He doesn't condemn us. He comes to save us. Jesus is the only one who can enter our lives to put things right. Jesus says to each one of us, "Come, follow Me. I'm taking you to My Home."

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Diary

June

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 2nd	10:30am	Communion with Revd Martin Legg
Mon 3rd	8:00pm	Book Club
Tues 4th	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 9th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Revd Martin Legg Second Sunday Study
Sun 16th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Christine Hall
Sun 23rd	10:30am 12:15pm	Morning Worship with Michaela Lawrence Arts and crafts for all ages
Sun 30th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Revd Martin Legg

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 16th June

PRAYER PLAN

JUNE 2013

**Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord
is to be praised.**

Proverbs 31:30

Saturday 1st

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 2nd

Thanks for our musicians, the
stewards, tea makers and
those who project our services
and provide the flowers week
by week

Monday 3rd

Martin & Lisa Hamblin

Tuesday 4th

Leadership & Congregation of
Enfield Evangelical Free Church

Wednesday 5th

Alberta road

Thursday 6th

For our Foreign Secretary

Friday 7th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 8th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 9th

Thanks for those who faithfully
attend our church services
week by week

Monday 10th

Bill, Michelle, Chloe & Anne
Marie Hanson

Tuesday 11th

Leadership & Congregation of
Jubilee Church

Wednesday 12th

Amberley Road

Thursday 13th

For our Queen

Friday 14th

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

Saturday 15th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 16th

Thanks for family and friends

Monday 17th

Anne & John Hatchett

Tuesday 18th

Leadership & Congregation of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel &
Saint George

Wednesday 19th

Amberley Gardens

Thursday 20th

For the speaker of the House of
Commons

Friday 21st

Ruth, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 22nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 23rd

Thanks for long summer days

Monday 24th

Margaret & John Hitchcock

Tuesday 25th

Leadership & Congregation of
Bush Hill Park Methodist
Church

Wednesday 26th

Bertram Road

Thursday 27th

For the Chief Whip

Friday 28th

Child carers and the charities
who help with support and en-
joyable events

Saturday 29th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 30th

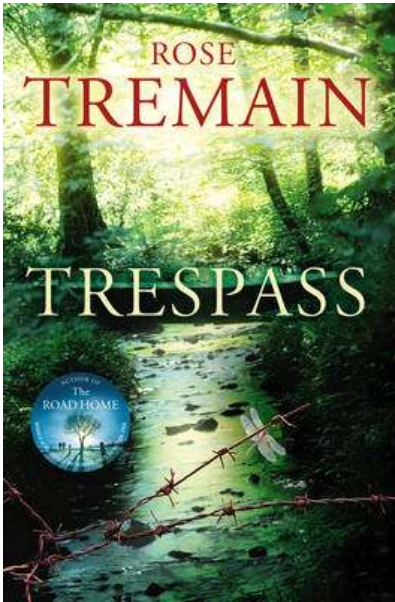
Thanks for holidays and the
chance of meeting new people

Monday 31st

Sarah, Ben & Sam
Hitchcock



Book Club



Trespass - by Rose Tremain

This was an imaginative storytelling with sensual rendering of landscape and character.

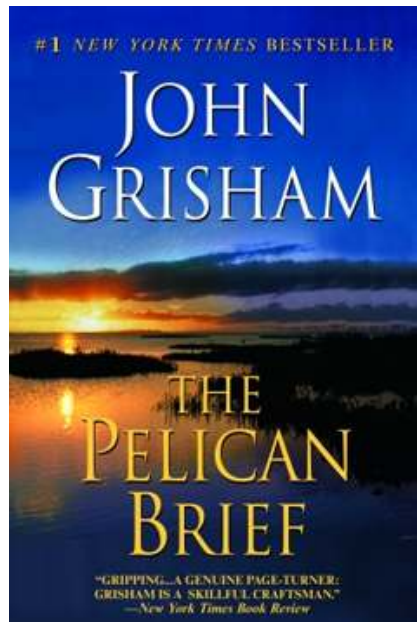
The story begins in the Cevennes area of France and then passes to Pimlico London, introducing us to the characters involved in this story of memory and retribution. In a silent valley in southern France stands an isolated stone farmhouse, the Mas Lunel, owned by an alcoholic brother whose sister dreams of exacting revenge for unspoken betrayals that have blighted her life. The wealthy antiques dealer from London seeks to

remake his life in France, but from the moment he arrives unstoppable consequences are set in motion, until its tragic end.

This was mostly enjoyed by some readers with muted response from others.

The Book Club choice for June is The Pelican Brief by John Grisham.

Sue Paraskeva



How often do you break the rules? Probably about 260 times a year. This may include dropping litter, driving in the bus lane, or putting your feet on the train seats.

Some transgressions, while wrong, can be at least understood in the scheme of things: dodging a train fare, using other people's Wi-Fi, putting rubbish in a neighbour's bin if yours is full, parking in disabled bays and taking sugar sachets from cafes. However, other transgressions seem stupendously foolhardy: trimming a neighbour's hedge (without warning), or having sex in a public space (apparently commonplace). Of all the rules that can be broken, one came out top for sheer public annoyance: failure to pick up after your dog. The research was commissioned by Karcher, the cleaning specialists.

The Bible has something to say to ALL of us, if we value good standards of public behaviour: "Hold on to instruction, do not let it go, guard it well, for it is your life." (Prov 4:13)

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Boys' Brigade News

On Friday 10th May we held our annual awards night in the church. It was great to see all the seats filled with parents and friends. We had put up loads of photos in the church lounge for the parents to have a look at.

Before the evening started the whole company met in the hall for a full company photo. Then at 7pm the evening started. Revd. Legg gave an opening address and then the Anchor Boys were awarded all the badges they had gained throughout the year. Simon Clarke (an old boy of the company) was the guest of Honour and he presented all the awards to the boys.

After the Anchors boys had gained their badges and Mrs Trevallion had given an account of the year, the Anchor boys preformed their item. This year their item demonstrated a few team games, like tunnel ball and over & under. Then the boys went and pulled up six adults to make a competing team. Both adult and anchor boy teams now went head to head. The adult team was very poor and the boys won.

Next came the Junior section report by Robin Hall and then the Junior section were awarded their badges. After this the Junior section presented an item showing how a pack of cards can relate to the Bible and God.

Once the stage had been cleared of the giant A3 sized playing cards, I gave a report on the year the company section has had. This year I decided to use photos to make the whole thing more visual.

After my report came a musical section, where eight of the lads performed two songs they had been practising over the last couple of months. We had drummers, piano players, guitar players, bass players, a tambourine player and vocal singers.

They performed very well and really, really enjoyed having such a large audience.

Those boys had also been doing extra practice on a Thursday as they enjoy doing it.

After the music section came the gym demonstration. This involved three of our senior boys. They were kitted out in white gymnastic outfits and started off vaulting over the horse. The vaults got more and more difficult - through vaults, side straddle, and complete straddle of the box. We then moved onto neck springs (basically that's a flip over the box). It all looked very impressive. To end the vaulting section, Charlie did a dive head spring over the box.

We then moved onto the parallel bars. Again each of the three lads did a routine. The parallel bars can look easy, but even the basic looking moves are very, very difficult. To finish of this section Charlie did a shoulder stand on the Bars and the a flip off.

Now we thought to finish the gym section, it would be fitting to do what we did with Charlie seven years ago, when he did gym for us on his first company section awards night - jumping through a hoop!! He did it very well and it looked great.

All the seniors did really, really well and everyone got very involved in cheering them on.

After all the items, we moved into presenting the large awards. We had Derek Nichols visiting us from London District who is in charge of running all the London competitions. He had come down to present the PR games team with a trophy and medals, as the team had won the competition out of all the companies in London - Well done to them. We then moved on to present the Sportsman of the year award, presented to the boy who gets involved to the best of his ability in the most competitions. This year it was presented to Michael Pierce.

Next we presented the Junior Footballer of the year, which this year went to Joseph Nicolaides. The Senior Footballer of the year went to Charlie Humphries. The Bandsman of the year Trophy was awarded to Matthew Witter.

We then moved into the awards for smartness. Every week the boys are inspected and marks recorded. We then presented two cups to the smartest Private and Smartest NCO. These awards also come with a £25 reward (for the smartest Private) and a £50 rewards (donated from the Mr Rushbrook memorial donation) for the smartest NCO. This year the smartest private was Joseph Nicolaides. The smartest NCO this year was SGT Michael Peirce and CPL Charlie Humphries with a joint score of 240 points.

To end the awards we had one more award to present, and that was the Fred Camp stick, awarded to the boy who has supported the company the most throughout the year. It means going beyond what was required and helping out wherever. It's about having the right attitude. The award is not always presented. It really does have to be earned. This year the staff were pleased to present it to SGT Michael Peirce and CPL Charlie Humphries, as they both have stood out and have really supported the company a lot this year.

Before the evening moved into the closing sections, there was one more thing to present. It was a tribute to Mr Robin Hall, who after a lifetime of support to the 2nd Enfield, is stepping down as officer in charge of the Junior section from the end of the year. We had previously found out that he wanted a garden chair, so as a gift we presented him with one. The chair was engraved with a personal message of thanks to him. It was quite a moving moment. From September Derek Cutts will take over the role of officer in charge of Junior section. I am very sure Mr Hall will be helping out as much as he can.

Towards the end the evening, Captain Alan Rushbrook and Simon Clarke both said a few words and then the BB vesper was sung.

The whole evening was very enjoyable and it show what a lot of work goes in by the staff and helpers and what the boys and young men get out of it.

With the awards night behind us, we now leave our uniforms at home on a Monday night, as we have entered our summer session. The first week we played Danish Rounders over the park, which was really great fun. We also had two games of wally ball back in the hall (the ref is on top form this year - must have been on a training course!!).

Next Monday we are taking the lads to Quasar. The aim of quasar is to shoot (with lazar beams) the other team without getting shot yourself.

Over the next few weeks we have a lot of activities planned.

At the start of the May Half Term, we will be taking four of the seniors sailing on the Norfolk Broads. We have hired two 4 birth 1930's sailing boats. On the trip they will learn how to sail the boat. They will also have to cook all their own meals on board the boats and sleep on the boats. There are four members of staff going and it is set to be a great trip (I am just as excited as the Seniors).

Also, as we had to cancel the April expedition trip due to the bad weather, it is look very likely we will be running a weekend expedition trip in July.

More on both the sailing and expedition trips in the next newsletter.

Andrew Caddies

Girls' Brigade News

Our trip to Paris went well, though we (the officers) came back very tired.

We met the girls at 4.30pm after school on the Friday, and set off to the Eurotunnel. We had got as far as the M25 when I received a phone call from John to say I had left the car paper work (insurance etc.) at home - a basic error!! So it was quite a while later - it took John nearly 30 minutes to get to us - we had parked at McDonalds - very handy - before we set of again.

We made the booked Eurostar train and on arriving in France drove without incident to Paris.

We found the Hotel without too much trouble, but after unloading the girls we did have difficulty finding the hotel car park. The roads were one-way, very narrow, with lots of road works, and even though it was 1 o'clock in the morning, very busy. Remind me not to book hotels in the centre of old cities again in a hurry. We found the garage, but the remote wouldn't work - the road was so narrow and we had a queue of cars honking at us. Hurray!!- the door opened, but I had difficulty navigating the car between the rubbish bins and across the pavement through the narrow entry, down the ramp and round the corner, through another door, down into the cellars - and of course- I ended up with a scrape down the side of the car. I was so tired by then that in my mind I saw it as a huge dent but the door still opened - Let's get to bed.

I had been worried about the weather, but it was kind to us -

not raining and warm enough that we could get around without difficulty.

We caught a bus from the end of the road to the Arc de Triomphe then walked and walked. Down the Champs-Élysée, down to the River Seine where we caught the river bus. Sue was wearing a pedometer and she recorded 13,457 steps just on the Saturday!

It was a bit of a risk taking the girls to the Sainte-Chapelle - did they want to visit an old church - but their gasps of amazement and the "wows" as they reached the top of the winding stone stairs assured me that we had made the right decision to bring them there.

During our stay we ate well (three restaurant meals & two all you can eat breakfasts) and with no washing up.

All of us were tired by the time we got home on the Sunday night, but all had had a good time. It was a shame it was so rushed - we could have done with another day there really. I am sure the girls were exhausted - on the Saturday they wanted to go to the hotel and rest but we couldn't, or wouldn't let them. Are we mean?

Lynda Cook

A special mention goes to Anne Marie who, at the awards night on 22nd May, won the Cup for the Girl who does her best to keep the Girls Brigade Law. Well done.

Wordsearch

On 24 June the Church remembers the birth of John the Baptist. (Luke 1) In the days when Herod was king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah who served in the temple. One day the angel Gabriel appeared to him. Gabriel said that Elizabeth, Zechariah's barren, elderly wife, would give birth to a son who would have a unique role in history. Zechariah did not cope very well with the news: he laughed in disbelief. Nevertheless, a baby was born: John, whose amazing role in life was to announce the coming of the Messiah: "he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God" (Luke 1:16) John's role was unique, but all over the world Christians today are in ministry for exactly the same purpose: "...to make ready for the Lord a people prepared".

john	zechariah	incense	angel	laugh
disbelief	children	prepare	announce	messiah
ministry	barren	wife	elderly	gabriel
baby	herod	temple	dumb	unique
coming				

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We have this amazing crowd of people who have gone before us in Christian faith...

Just get rid of all that SIN!

Can I do this all by myself? Of course not! But Jesus can! So give it all to him and he will take it away! Then run with him!

Bible Sketchbook

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...so we need to get rid of all our sin!

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...and run as best we can with our eyes fixed on Jesus...

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...and the goal? Life in heaven with angels all around!

Be encouraged by all that Jesus did and the millions who have followed him since.

He didn't flinch from going the tough way - even death on the cross.

He has opened up the way for you and me to experience new life now and eternal life with all the angels in heaven!

Just trust in him, give all your rubbish to him and keep running with him. Do it today—you'll never regret it!

Read more in Hebrews 12

William Mather©

BHP DAY BY DAY URC

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

