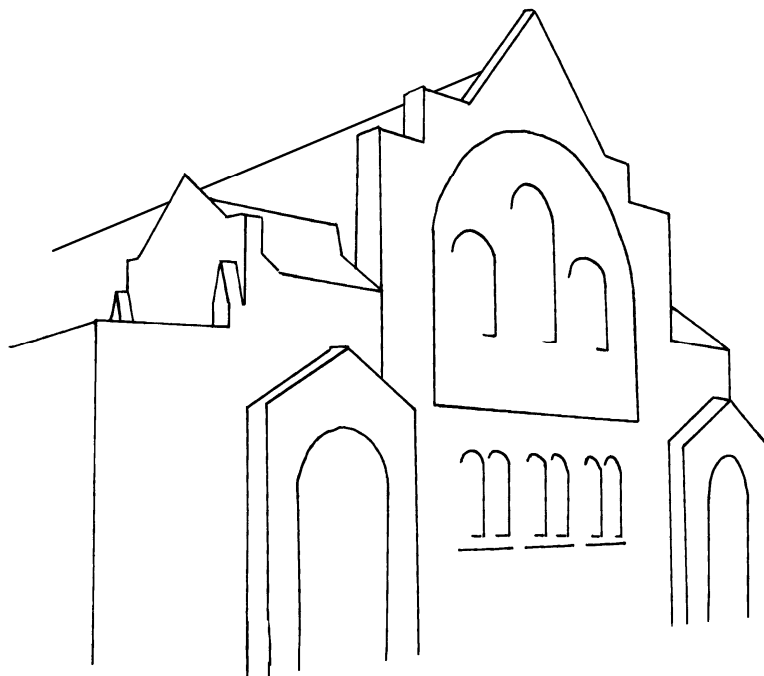




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Newsletter



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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 27th October. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 13th October.**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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I mentioned last month about writing the front page of the newsletter in France surrounded by farmland. By the time we had arrived, the wheat had been harvested and fields were full of straw drying in the sun. In the two weeks we were there most of the straw has been baled and in the barn. In fact we could hear them working into the night as we had some mornings with dew on the ground. The other two main crops that are

grown in the Charente, apart from grapes, are maze and sunflowers. Neither of these two had been harvested as many had been planted later than usual because of the bad weather. I don't know if you watched the series on the harvest with Greg Wallace. I only saw some of it, but I was amazed by the technology involved in farming and the vast difference in choosing the right time to harvest the crops. It was also interesting to see how labour intensive farming was only a few years ago. Families would travel from farm to farm as the different crops were ready for harvest. The modern harvesters even drive themselves using satellite navigation without the need for someone telling you where to turn.

We know that Jesus told many stories about farming and fishing

and using the earth's resources. It is good for us to stop and remember and acknowledge where our food and resources come from. Working on the allotment is rewarding, but it is also hard manual work. I was not happy, when, having grown cabbages and sprouts from seed, popped over the allotment one evening to find the netting that was protecting them from the birds had come off and most of the young plants had been stripped of all their leaves.

Jesus also spoke about another harvest. A harvest of lives. *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they*

were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38

We look around our community and see many people in need. Who is going to help them? We look around our church and there is much for us to do, but who is going to do it? The answer is in Jesus response to the disciples, prayer. Something we seem to find so difficult, to spend quality time together in prayer as a church. Our bible study and prayer group has the same few people every month. Even Sunday worship has seen a drop in regular worshippers.

There will always be something else to do, as many of us have busy lives and we do need some time for ourselves and our families. It is a question of priority and balance

which is always difficult. There have been many times when church has come first. I am not saying this to boast, but to encourage. The time that I have given has nearly always been 'made up' with interest. I'm sure that when it hasn't, it is when I have done something with a bit of a grudge.

David Wilkerson was reflecting on the dilemma facing the early church. The church leaders were praying over the harvest in Antioch (Acts 13:2-6). David says, *"The same is true today. We are to be about the work of praying for the harvest, just as those godly men in Antioch did. The fact is, while we're praying, the Holy Spirit is searching the earth, putting an urgency in the hearts of those who desire to be used of the Lord. He's touching people everywhere, setting them apart for his service."*




Collecting firewood

It was April and the Aborigines in a remote part of Northern Australia asked the new minister at their small church to ask God if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. The minister did not want to lose their confidence, as he had only just arrived, but when he prayed and looked at the sky, he had frankly no idea what the winter ahead would be like.

To be on the safe side, he told his congregation that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But being a practical minister, after several days he had an idea. He walked out to the telephone booth on the highway, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked if the coming winter in his area was going to be cold. The meteorologist responded, 'Yes, it looks like this winter is going to be quite cold.'

So the minister went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again, and asked if it still looked like it was going to be a very cold winter. The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'

So the minister went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later and still concerned, the minister called the Bureau again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?' he asked.

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.' 'How can you be so sure?' the minister asked. The sky didn't look any different to him.

The weatherman replied, 'Our satellites have reported that the Aborigines in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign.'

ENFIELD FOOD BANK

Collection between Harvest and Christmas

In consultation with the Food Bank locally we ask that between now and Christmas items can be brought in for this needy cause.

They receive many gifts around Harvest so sending in; say early December will be ideal for them. We will leave a box in the Lounge under a table but the 'shopping list' we have been given is **tinned** :

Rice pudding

Fruit

Meat

Fish

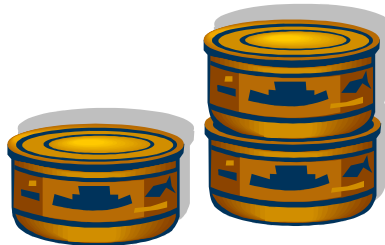
Vegetables

Soup

Baby items such as nappies; baby shampoo; soap; wipes. Baby food.

They also like a few 'luxuries' to give out such as chocolate or packets of Haribos

THEY **DO NOT** NEED BAKED BEANS OR PASTA



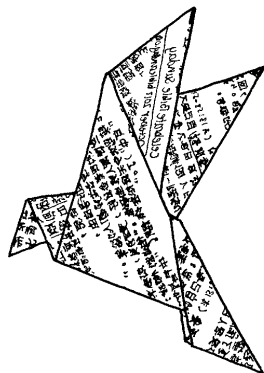


Celebrate Bible Sunday

In some places in China up to
10 Christians share a single Bible.

We're ready to print and distribute more Bibles.
All we need is **80p** per Bible to pay for the paper.

Your gift of **£5** will give six Chinese Christians
the incredible freedom to read their own Bible.



One Bible shared by 100 Christians

Today in many places in China it's the same story – Christians sharing one Bible among 10. Can you imagine sharing your Bible with 9 other Christians?

1 million new Christians

Meanwhile the church in China is exploding. Just this year 1 million new Christians came to faith. The need for Bibles is huge and there are literally millions of Christians desperate for their own copy. The numbers are massive and the need is urgent. Please will you help the growing church in China?

All we need is 80p per Bible to pay for the paper.

We have everything else ready to go – the printing and distribution costs are covered. But the cost of paper is rising and we need to print Bibles now before the price goes up again. £480 pays for a whole roll of paper, enough to produce more than 600 Bibles. Three years ago in 2010, the same roll of paper cost £360.

Please will you help us?

Your gift of £5 will give six Chinese Christians the incredible freedom to read their own Bible. Text PAPER to 70500 to give a £5 donation and provide the Bible for six Christians in China. 100% of your gift will be received by Bible Society, the message will be charged at your standard rate. And you can gift aid it too! We'd like to keep you updated about the work of Bible Society. If you don't want us to keep you informed, simply text PAPER NO CONTACT to 70500 when you make your donation.

The Enfield Brass Band



Presents

a

Gala Concert

on

Saturday 19th October 2013

at

**Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church
commencing at 7.30 pm**

Bush Hill Park URC 25 Main Avenue, Enfield. EN1 7DJ.

Admission £5

By programme or at the door

For more details see Robin Hall



Diary

October

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities
The diary is also online at www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

Tues 1st	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 6th	10:30am	Enrolment Parade with Rev Martin Legg
Mon 7th	8:00pm	Book Club
Sun 13th	10:30am 5:30pm	Communion with Rev Martin Legg Second Sunday Study
Sun 20th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Michaela Lawrence
Sun 27th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Ray Pettipher
Mon 28th	From 1pm	Blood donations in the hall

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 13th October

PRAYER PLAN

OCTOBER 2013

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or
vain conceit. Rather, in humility
value others above yourselves,
not looking to your own interests but
each of you to the interests of the others.
Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

Tuesday 1st

Persecuted church in Laos

Wednesday 2nd

East Crescent

Thursday 3rd

Boys Brigade

Friday 4th

Ruth, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for what we harvest
and can share with others

Monday 7th

Chris Payne

Tuesday 8th

Persecuted church in
Uzbekistan

Wednesday 9th

Erminside

Thursday 10th

Kings Club

Friday 11th

Children who care for a family
member and the charities who
support them

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

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

Monday 14th

Carol Regan

Tuesday 15th

Persecuted church in North Korea

Wednesday 16th

Falmer Road

Thursday 17th

Girls Brigade

Friday 18th

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks for those who love us and share our lives

Monday 21st

Anthony Rensch & Rachel Beard

Tuesday 22nd

Persecuted church in Iran

Wednesday 23rd

First Avenue

Thursday 24th

Book Club

Friday 25th

Children in care, that they would be fostered/adopted by a loving family

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Thanks that we have a bible in our own language and that we are not persecuted for owning one

Monday 28th

Evelyn & Fred Rolph

Tuesday 29th

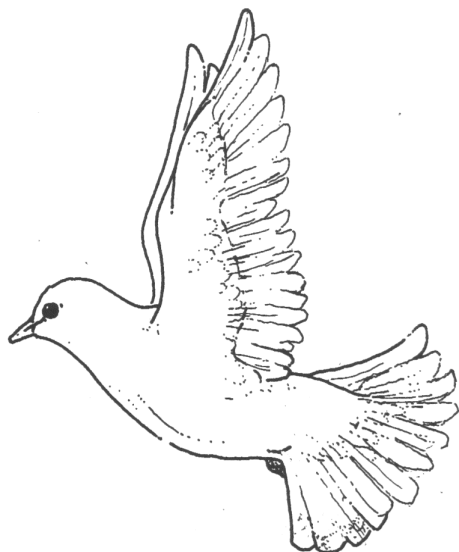
For the future of our church and fellowship

Wednesday 30th

Firs Park Avenue

Thursday 31st

House group



Book Club



The things we never said by Susan Elliot Wright

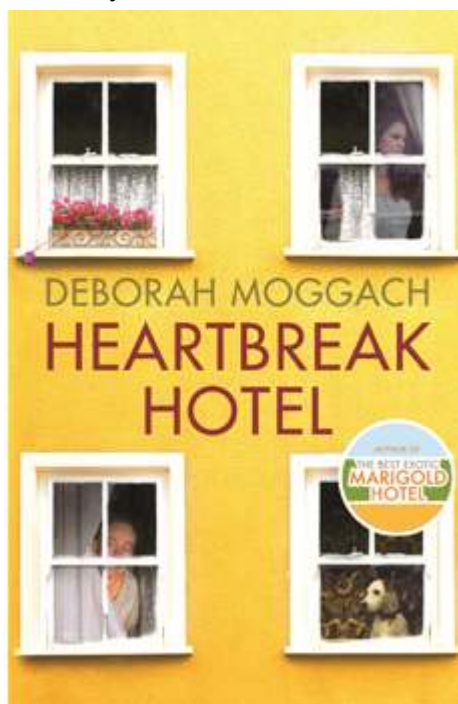
This was an interesting book which received a mixed reception, some found it distracting because it kept sweeping from one story line to another, spanning a period of 50 years.

The story took place in the 1960s and the life and attitudes described brought back many memories! It was the tale of the trauma of an unwanted pregnancy in the 60s and the decisions which the main character, Margaret, was forced to take and which affected her for the rest of her

life. At the same time, there was another story entwined which is in modern times and covers impending fatherhood and the perils faced in the workplace in Britain now. The book describes life in a psychiatric unit which was well researched and the two stories eventually come together at the end, giving a hopeful future to all concerned.

Next month we read 'Heartbreak Hotel' by Deborah Moggach.

Yvonne Coe



7000

units of blood are needed every day to meet hospital demand with approximately 225,000 extra blood donors needed per year



1000

people die each year waiting for a transplant



THE CHURCH

is made up of millions of people, who share in a rich tradition of giving, practice a rhythm of generosity and say **YES to a life lived generously.**



The church is an ideal **advocate** with the ability to raise the profile of donation and encourage donation as a **personal gift.**

WHAT IF THE CHURCH SAW BLOOD AND ORGAN DONATION AS A PART OF ITS GIVING?

The NHS blood donor team are coming to our church hall on Monday 28 October from 1pm to 3pm or 4:30pm to 7:30pm. A number of our church members already give blood at these sessions, which happen regularly, but if you haven't tried it before or haven't given in a while do think about giving blood this time.

To book an appointment call 0300 123 23 23 or go online www.blood.co.uk.

Go to www.fleshandblood.org for more information on the thought of blood donation as giving.





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MACBOOK PRO 13"
WORTH OVER
£1000
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Sign up in September and you could **WIN AN APPLE MACBOOK PRO 13" WORTH OVER £1000**, courtesy of Viking.

Sign up now and start raising money for Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bhpurc

Girls' Brigade News

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First I think I will start with our District Sports Day. It was on Saturday 15th June which seems like absolutely ages ago now. There were nine girls who took part and competed against four companies in the District in events such as 50m sprint, the 100m relay, throwing the wellie and the dressing up race, to name but a few. The day went well and although I was not able to go this year, I have it on good authority that all the girls made a big effort this year and some of them ran in age groups with girls who were older than them. I am very pleased to say that overall our company came 2nd. The best result we have had in the 4 years I have been Captain. So please congratulate them if you see them.

Now that we are back in the swing of things again the girls are starting new badge work. We currently have 3 Explorers, 3 Juniors, 3 Seniors and 5 Brigaders in the company with a few more possible joining us in the next few weeks. The girls are spreading the word to try and boost our numbers. The first badge the girls are doing until October is First Aid. This is a brand new track that was written for 11-14 year olds and Martin (my hubby) has very kindly asked a work colleague who is a First Aid trainer to come and help. The Explorers are investigating People Who Help Us and the Juniors are going on an adventure to discover Friendships and how this relates to the characteristics of Jonathan.

Our Brigaders will be doing their Young Leaders training this year from 11th - 13th October Northern Heights so we hope the weather does not get too bad for them and they are able to learn how to be good leaders and also form friendships with other girls in the District.

Finally, I am pleased to say that Lynda is setting the wheels in motion to have a Summer Camp in Somerset for a week in August 2014 so that is something we can all look forward to and plan for. Thank you Lynda. We may be asking for volunteers to come and run a crèche given the amount of little people who may be coming with us! More on that to come.

Charlotte McBride

Boys' Brigade News

We had our first meeting back on Monday the 9th September with the Anchor boys starting back on Friday 6th September. It was good to start back, with a fresh year planned and all the lads turned up eager and ready for the Badge class we have got planned for this term.

Our 2nd year boys are starting the off with some craft, making a scale models of WW2 Spit Fire plane. The plans are made from plastic parts that will be moulded and glued together to form the shell. The model will then be painted in authentic paints and should be an exact replica of the real thing (at a scale of 1:75)

Our Year 9 boys have been split into two groups. One group is starting on a physical badge class and will be learning Gymnastics. They will cover ground work, the parallel bars and the vaulting horse. One of our old Seniors (Charlie) has come back to help us out. Those of you who saw the awards night will know that he is probably the best person to help demonstrate anything that has gymnastics in it.

The other half of the Year 9 group have started doing cooking. Their first week saw them make calamari and melted mozzarella cheese as a starter. They will be doing a main course next week and a dessert the week after.

After 3 weeks, the two groups will swap and the badge classes will be repeated.

Our senior boys are now starting work on their Bronze D of E award. As part of this they will start to be taught in detail everything they need to know about expedition - the main focus will be on their map work and navigation skills (which they will need to learn if they are to undertake their bronze expedition in May!)

We have a 5-a-side football competition coming up in a few weeks' times, which will be the first football match since the end of the season. Let's hope the boys have not sat about playing computers to much over the summer!

One of the big changes this year is that Junior Section has now moved to a Monday night, from 6:15pm - 7:45pm. They started back on Monday 16th September, with almost a full turn out. With the help of Mr Hall, the new Officer in Charge is Mr Cutts. The first week ran very well and we are planning to carry out some recruitment campaigns over the next few weeks to boost numbers even more.

We will also be going back to Thorpe Park again this month for their 'Fright Nights' events. The park is open later (till it is very dark) and there are all sorts of wired goings on. There is a range of rides like colossus (the 10 looping rollercoaster) and Nemesis inferno (an inverted rollercoaster) and not forgetting Stealth, the rocket coaster that has been altered to go even faster, accelerating you from 0 - 80mph in under 2 seconds.

More on how we got on next month.

Andrew Caddies

McDonald's

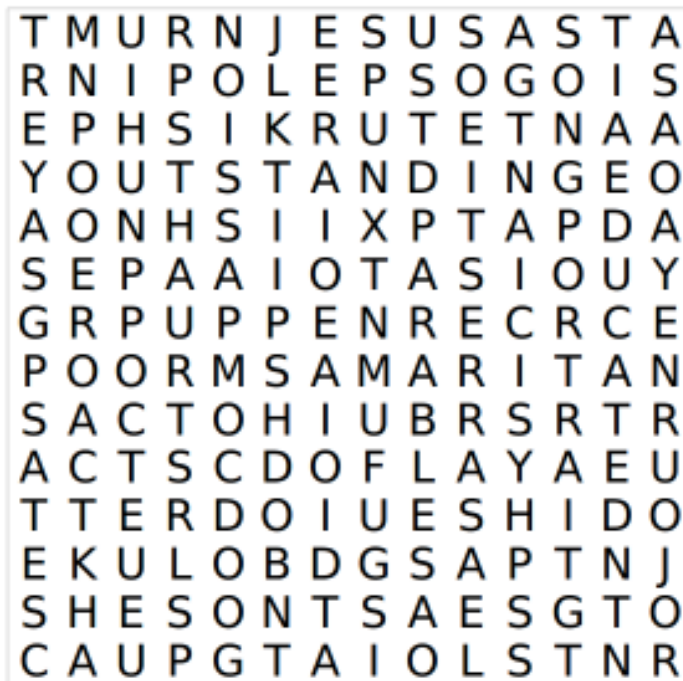
As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

An instant later a fervent prayer was heard in the back seat. "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

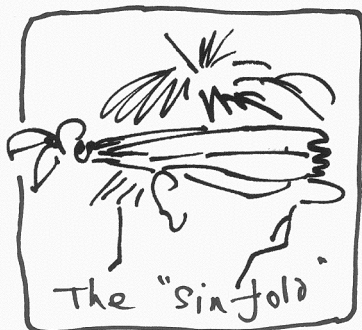
Wordsearch

This month St Luke has his feast day (18th Oct.) Luke was an educated gentile, a physician. In modern terms, he was Turkish. He accompanied Paul on his missionary journey around the Middle East, and later, when Paul was under house arrest, stayed with him. Luke's gospel is outstanding for its portrait of the compassion of Jesus; his gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. In Acts, Luke gave us the history of how the Christian Church began and grew. Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox.

luke	feast	educated	gentile	physician
turkish	paul	missionary	journey	middle
east	house	arrest	gospel	outstanding
portrait	jesus	compassion	parables	good
samaritan	prodigal	son	acts	church
patron	doctors	ox		



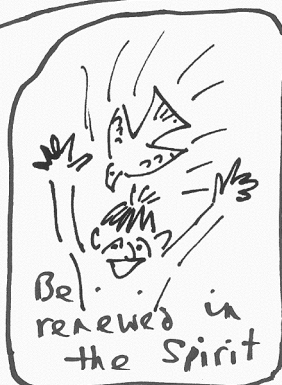
Bible Sketchbook



Get rid of that
SINFOLD!!



Blindfolds are no fun. They block our eyes. That's what sin does—stops us seeing or experiencing the Kingdom of God. Call it a "sin-fold"!



But there is a remedy!
Jesus says trust in him,
repent of your sin, take His
hand, be baptised.
He will wash your sin away
and renew you with his
Spirit!
The result? Sin-fold taken
away and you are born
again! Eternal life starts
now! **Just DO IT!!**

Read more in John 3: 1-18

W.M.

BHP DAY BY DAY URC

Monday	6.15pm	Boys' Brigade Junior Section
	7:30pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
	8:00pm	Book Club (1st or 2nd Monday)
Tuesday	8:00pm	Housegroup (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
Wednesday	6:15pm	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
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)

