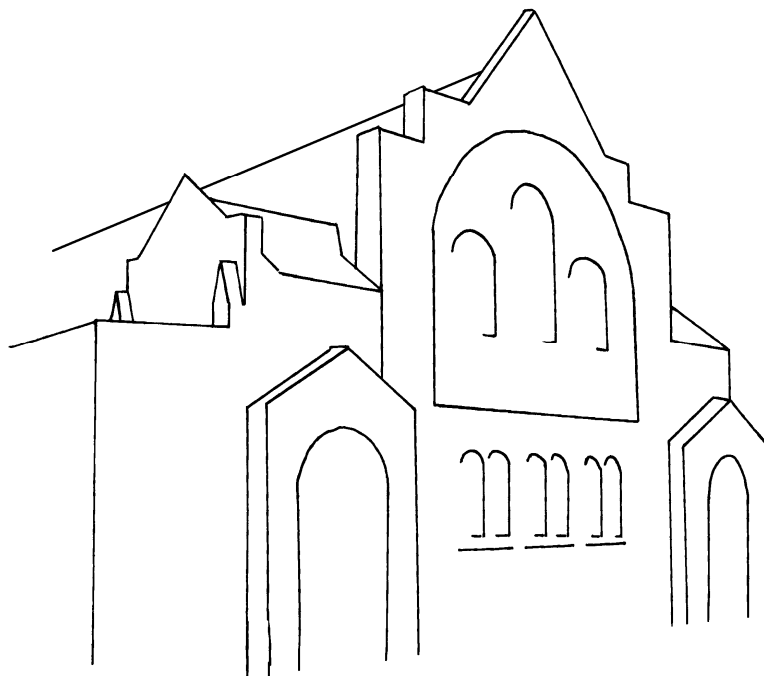


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Newsletter



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www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 24th November. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 10th November**.

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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I was trying to remember when we went to northern France and Belgium with the boys one school holiday. Matthew had been studying the First World War and we thought it would be good to visit some of the places. We went to Tyne Cot, Vimy Ridge, and Poperinge where soldiers accused of desertion were shot, Ypres and

the Menin gate. It is really difficult to imagine what it must have been like. The picture is of the cemetery at Vimy Ridge. We visited a few others near Ypres and looking at the names and ages of those young men that lost their life. So many 17, 18 and 19 year olds.

During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2nd May, 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him. He was serving in the same Canadian artillery unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander Major John McCrae.

As the brigade doctor, John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis because the chaplain had been called away somewhere else on duty that evening. It is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.*

Last Remembrance service I read some stories of those who had

fought and survived. Sadly they are no longer alive to tell their stories. For many of them, remembering the past was important because it helped to shape the future. Sadly it did not prevent the 2nd World War or the wars and conflicts that have followed since to present day with Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan and now Syria.

Remembering is important to our Christian Faith. *The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."* 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

It is good to remember and give thanks for those that have gone before us. It is on their foundation that we continue to build God's kingdom today. If we stop, or we fail, then there will be no foundation for future generations to build their lives on.

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. There is a lot of publicity available about special events that will take place. Will you be remembering?

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What happens then?

A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"

Purring

Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. "Oh Auntie, come quick," cried George. "The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running."

Chicken rules

One day a new chicken was introduced to the farm. The duck, who was in charge, showed the new chicken around. "This is where you go to get fed, this is the water trough and that is the coop. Chickens hang out near the fence, us ducks near the pond and the geese near the gate. We're pretty friendly but we keep to our own. Oh but whatever you do, DO NOT cross that road. You'll never hear the end of it."

Mouse

You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.

Bargain with God

Angus was driving down the street worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he prayed in desperation: "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up whisky."

Miraculously, a moment later a parking place appeared. Angus looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one."

Poppies for Remembrance

The annual Poppy Appeal is now underway. Did you ever wonder how it all began?

It seems that poppies were first suggested as a symbol of Remembrance in the USA by a Miss Moina Michael, way back in November 1918. The American Legion used them in 1920, and then in 1921 Madame Guerin introduced her poppies, made by widows of a French-American charity, to the British Legion. The next suitable occasion for a poppy-linked appeal was Armistice Day, and the British Legion took a big chance: they had no idea if the poppies would 'catch on' over here or not, but went ahead, ordered nine million, and held their breath...

On the day itself, the first poppy was bought in London a few seconds after midnight. The poppies were on sale at an official price of threepence but before breakfast single petals were selling Smithfield Market for £5. All day long motor cars fetched poppies and crate after crate was emptied until supplies ran out. A message from Queen Mary brought sellers to Buckingham Palace, but hearing that poppies were in short supply, she bought only two. A basket of poppies auctioned at Christies raised nearly £500.



That first appeal raised £106,000 (nearly £30 million in today's terms). In 1922 the "Poppy Factory" was established in the UK and has been employing disabled ex-Servicemen to make the poppies ever since. Poppies were "sold" when the appeal started. Nowadays, charity legislation requires them to be 'distributed in return for donations'.

Prisons Week - 17 -23 November – will you pray? 7

Prisoners are easy to forget about – after all, they live behind thick walls and high fences, and are never seen. But inside prisons there are tens of thousands of damaged people in desperate need of God's love and grace in their lives. Outside prisons there are hundreds of thousands of family members of prisoners, who are totally innocent, yet whose lives have also been badly damaged.

And so it was in 1975 that Prisoners' Week was launched by a number of prison chaplains and other Christians who were involved in work with prisoners and their families. The aim was to encourage churches across the country to use the third Sunday in November to pray for prisoners and their families. By 1995 it was clear that those who work in prison care also needed support, and so it became Prisons Week – when the churches are asked to remember ALL those involved in the field of prison care, prisoners families-victims of crime-prison staff and many volunteers.

So on the third Sunday of this month, please will you join with us in praying for everyone connected to the prison system? That ranges from the needs of prisoners and their families, to the victims of offenders, to prisons staff and all those who care. This is reflected in the Prisons Week Prayer:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another.

Help us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ
In his strength and in His Spirit, now and every day.

Amen.

More info at: www.prisonsworld.org

ENJO JAZZ ORCHESTRA BIG BAND IS BACK!

Saturday 14 November
Millfield Theatre
8:00pm

ENJO Jazz Orchestra is a professional, performing big band. They came to BHP URC and played for our Tea Party in March. Anyone who remembers the afternoon will remember fantastic music full of well known songs with lots of cake and a bit of dancing.

If you enjoyed the Tea Party or if you'd just like to listen to some great live music you can get tickets (£15) from Martin Hamblin, Lisa Hamblin or Robin Ward. Please come to us to get the tickets rather than going straight to Millfield Theatre because the band will give the church commission on the tickets if they know you got them from us.

ENJO Jazz Orchestra is a full-scale big band, complete with vocals and string section. They play classic swing and Latin repertoire, featuring the hits of Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Ted Heath, Perez Prado, Ray Anthony, Dorsey Bros and more.



Diary

November

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 3rd	10:30am	Communion with Adrian West
Mon 4th	8:00pm	Book Club
Tues 5th	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 10th	10:30am 5:30pm	Remembrance Parade with Martin Legg Second Sunday Study
Sun 17th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Eve Fonyonga
Sun 24th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Revd Martin Legg Followed by Church Meeting
Sat 30th		Quiz Night hosted by the Girls Brigade

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 10th November

PRAYER PLAN

NOVEMBER 2013

Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you
the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

Friday 1st

Ruth, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for water, whether rain
or from the turn of a tap

Monday 4th

Alan & Angela Rushbrook

Tuesday 5th

Staff and pupils at Edmonton
County School

Wednesday 6th

Fotheringham Road

Thursday 7th

Leadership & Congregation of
Bush Hill Park United Reformed
Church

Friday 8th

Those without enough money
for heating and food and the
charities who aim to provide
help

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 10th

Thanks for our service men &
women

Monday 11th

Mavis Seligmann

Tuesday 12th

Staff and pupils at Enfield
Grammar School

Wednesday 13th

Haileybury Avenue

Thursday 14th

Leadership & Congregation of
St Marks Parish Church

Friday 15th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Thanks for those who entertain
us, make us smile and show us
other worlds

Monday 18th

Joyce Smith

Tuesday 19th

Staff and pupils at Enfield
County School

Wednesday 20th

Harman Road

Thursday 21st

Leadership & Congregation of
St Andrews Parish Church

Friday 22nd

Those caring for vulnerable
adults and the charities which
help

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 24th

Give thanks for our homes & the
shelter we have

Monday 25th

Robert Stone

Tuesday 26th

Staff and pupils at Chace Com-
munity School

Wednesday 27th

Harrow Avenue

Thursday 28th

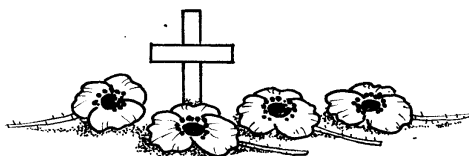
Leadership & Congregation of
Enfield Baptist Church

Friday 29th

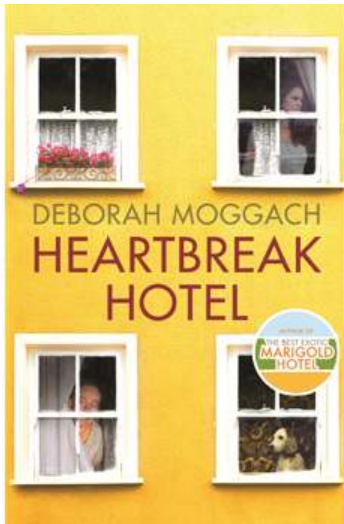
Those seeking to free people
from trafficking, the people
who are being trafficked and
the charities which help

Saturday 30th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow



Heartbreak Hotel by Deborah Moggach



Retired actor “Buffy” lives in a lonely rented flat in a part of London populated by the super-rich, but with no-where to park without a traffic warden appearing as soon as you find a space. When he inherits a run-down Bed & Breakfast in Wales but without the cash to do it up, he makes the decision to move. He has a plan to run courses that teach the recently divorced how to perform the everyday tasks previously done by their other halves. His colourful, sometimes sad past comes to light through chatting to his ‘guests’ who are a motley crowd,

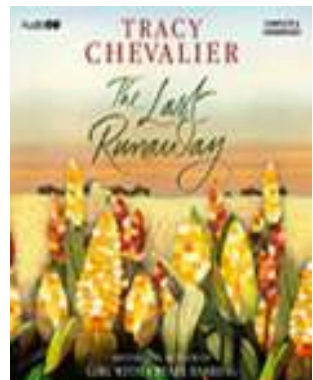
sometimes not characters we personally recognise but it is all life.

Although the plot twists are a touch predictable, you could say contrived, it is a funny book and does provide an easy read with some real laughs thrown in.



For 11th November we read another Paul Torday – ‘Light shining in the Forest’

In advance for December ‘The Last Runaway’ by Tracy Chevalier



Loving God,
remind me today that I am loved beyond measure
and that it is your love that holds me in being;
remind me today of your amazing grace
and that your grace is freely given and undeserved;
remind me today of your enduring mercy
and that your mercy is costly, but life-giving;
remind me today of your true and lasting peace
and that your peace transcends all human understanding.
Remind me today that the joy of the Lord is my strength
and that your joy is the fruit of forgiveness, confidence, and hope.
Loving God, conscious of all that I know about you
and all I that have experienced through Jesus,
may I treat each person I meet this day as Christ to me
and I pray they may even see Christ in me;
for your love's sake.
Amen.

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TEEN meets GOD: Katie's story

I was born three months premature. I weighed 1lb 6 ounces at birth and was put into intensive care at UCL Hospital for 13 weeks. Doctors, really to this day, are astounded that I'm alive and pretty much healthy. It was because of this whole experience that my parents realised that God was real and had a plan for our lives.

However, it was when I was 11 years old that I decided I wanted to own their faith for myself. This Jesus - who I'd heard about all my life - seemed like a pretty decent guy and I wanted to know him! In our children's group at church one Sunday we were all given an opportunity to give our lives to Jesus. I remember standing up in front of my church, the following week, and receiving my first Bible.

Then the scary season of life started: Secondary school! We all know that being a teenager isn't easy, but it certainly helped me knowing for sure that God was always on my side, even when I felt the world was against me. At school I dealt with various medical issues, such as two operations on my spine at age 12, and friendship issues that turned into bullying.

Then, at 15, I went through one of the worst seasons of my life. My best friend had told me he wanted to die. This was a catalyst for what later turned into depression. I had counselling for a year at school, and that woman was, and still is, one of my favourite people. Her sessions didn't just help me get through this mental health issue, but she kept my eyes utterly focused on Jesus. Despite the constant battleground that was going on in my head, I learned in this time what a relationship with Jesus actually looked like.

So now, four years later, there isn't even a hint of depression coming back. My relationship with my maker is really strong, because I figured out that He isn't just interested in you when things are going good; Jesus wants to be in your pain, holding your hand too.

Katie is 19 and lives in Nottingham.

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

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Girls' Brigade News

Some of our Brigaders have made the decision to do the first stage of their Young Leaders training. We headed to Northern Heights in Elstree again where we would spend the weekend finding what it takes to become a Young Leader and having a bit of fun at the same time.

We arrived at about 7:30pm on Friday 11th October thinking we would be the last party to arrive and were actually the first. This pleased the girls as it meant they had first choice on which room they would be sleeping in for the weekend. After everyone had arrived, there were seven girls in total from the District. We played some games to 'break the ice' and introduce everyone, including, body spelling, balloon hugging and the After Eight game. All of which did the trick and the girls and officers were soon getting to know each other very well.

On Saturday the girls got down to the more serious bit and did various modules, such as 'communication' & 'issues with faith'. The girls had to plan worship for Sunday morning for everyone. They also put their creative skills to the test as well as planning an evening of entertainment for the officers.

On Sunday the girls lead worship in the morning and then completed their training with a few more modules including Child Protection. They will be assessed on Brigade night and if they pass (with flying colours I'm sure) they will receive their badge and certificate at District Parade in March along with the other Young Leaders in the District.

I would like to also say a big Thank You to the Boys' Brigade for agreeing to move the enrolment parade so that the girls were able to take part in both the Young Leaders weekend and the enrolment parade. Both equally important and part of being in Girls' Brigade.

This year the girls have decided to plan a Quiz Evening to raise some

funds for camp to try and bring the cost down a bit. It will be on 17 Saturday 30th November (a date for your diary) and the girls are already thinking of ways in which they can make it fun and interesting. I would like to thank Anthony Rensch in advance for agreeing to help the girls with this. More information on this will follow soon.

We also have a Carol Service/Craft Day for the District coming up on 6th December where we will have a fun filled day with all the girls aged from 5-18. Our girls will lead worship on this day too using some puppets that the 1st Winchmore Hill Company have kindly agreed to send us. You are more than welcome to join us. Any help with refreshments, setting up and clearing away would be appreciated, but again I will have more information on this nearer the time.

Charlotte McBride

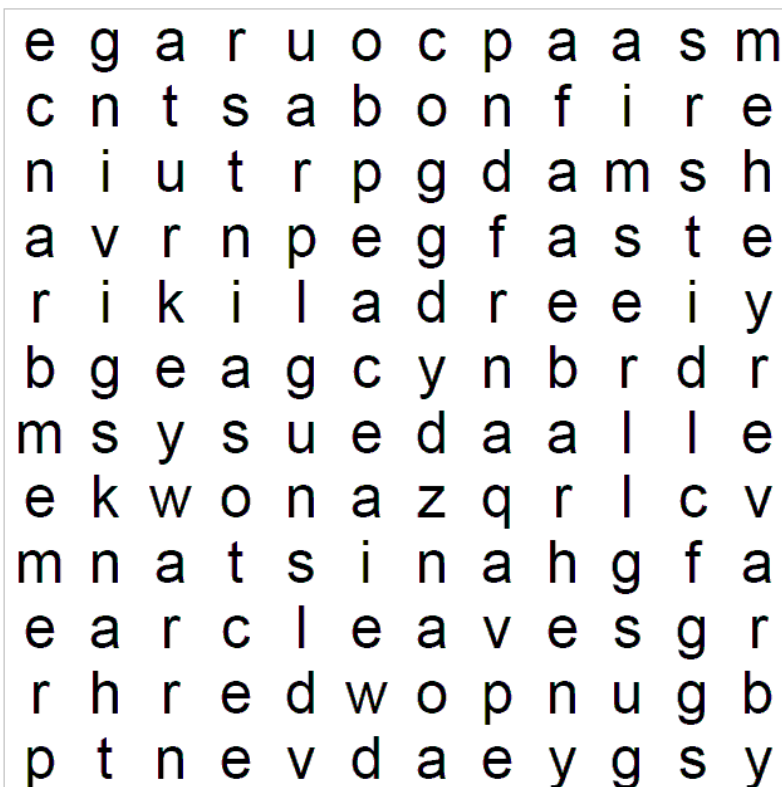


"I downloaded them from a cloud."

Wordsearch

November is a sad month, tinged with memories of loved ones lost in wars. We remember their courage with Remembrance Services and poppies. The leaves are nearly all gone, as nature prepares for her winter's sleep. Bonfires burn in memory of the 'Guy', and in America they give Thanksgiving for the bounty of the year. The Christian church remembers its Saints, and looks forward to the joyful return of Christ the King. The church year ends; and also begins: Advent is nearly upon us as we wait for a special Baby...

poppies	remembrance	courage	bravery	flanders
dead	guns	war	peace	afghanistan
iraq	thanksgiving	turkey	all	saints
advent	leaves	sadness	angel	mary
elizabeth	bonfire	gunpowder	guy	



Amazing change!

Bible Sketchbook

Saul was one of the biggest persecutors of Christian faith but he became a Christian! He persecuted the church, throwing people into prison and even approved the murder of Stephen . But he had an amazing change on the road to Damascus.

He saw a bright light, was blinded and fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying: "I am Jesus, whom you persecute go into the city." There God called a man named Ananias to pray for Saul, so he might see again.

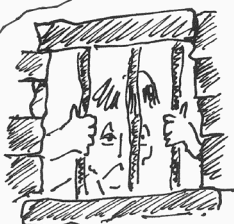
Amazingly he did! He was baptised a Christian, became known as Paul and went everywhere telling people about Jesus!

Your experience of Jesus may not be as dramatic as this, but it can still be just as real!

Read more in Acts 9: 1-19.



Stephen is stoned to death (above) while Saul watches. Saul throws Christians in prison (left) and mothers clutching their children - and the Scriptures - run for their lives (below)



Saul meets Jesus on the Damascus Road



Ananias prays for Saul's healing

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)

