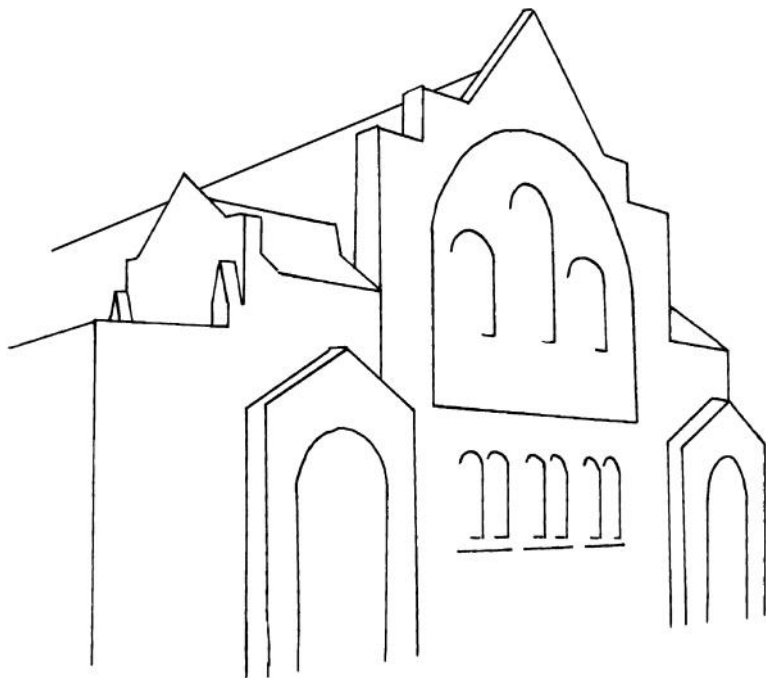


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The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of month. Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church people.

Next Newslett

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 29th March. All material for inclusion should be emailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk by **Sunday 15th March.**

Please note that late contributions may be held over

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

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write as your interim moderator and to congratulate you on your unanimous decision to call Henriette Wentink to be your next minister. It is good that you expressed so clearly your confidence in her to undertake the task of ministry in three churches, and I am sure that good times are ahead even though it will require a greater level of cooperation and communication among you than has been necessary in the past.

A new minister is a precious resource. As I reached the 40th anniversary of my own ordination in 2013, I remembered the preacher back in 1973 (not one to pull his punches) telling the congregation that they bore great responsibility:

“There are plenty of people in ministry today who are disappointed and frustrated, if not downright cynical, about it all – about everything which at the time of the beginning was the focus and vehicle of all their enthusiasm - because their enthusiasm and their vigour has spent itself against a blanket of indifference and unresponsiveness. You have pledged your support to your minister, See that he gets it. Not just now... but in six months’ time when the novelty of a new voice and a new manner has worn off. Not just on those Sunday mornings when it is fine, but on the mornings when it is pouring with rain as well – and not just on Sundays by your

presence but in all that he seeks to do with you in reaching out to the wider community. You have pledged your loyalty to this young man. See that he gets it: both now and in the years to come.”

Certainly from the response I received from members of my first church, those words must have hit the mark. Not only were they appreciative and encouraging, but they accepted that theirs was a particular responsibility ‘as from God’ to nurture and care for me, so that I would maintain and develop my enthusiasm for the Gospel in the years ahead.

There is always a danger when we have to share someone that we become competitive for ‘our bit’ of the minister. It is because we have become used to thinking in terms of scarcity rather than God’s abundance. But when we recognise the abundance of God’s gifts among us, we think, plan and pray

differently, for we do so with confidence that God will indeed provide for our needs so that we may be more effective and fruitful as Christian people. If Henriett 's arrival amongst you does indeed result from God's abundance, then believe that this new partnership with God, with Henriette and with the other churches in your pastorate provides great opportunities.

I wish you well in the remaining months as you get ready for Henriett 's arrival. I shall continue

to do what I can to enable the process, but ask that you pray for Henriette, and the people of your North Enfield Pastorate as you prepare for the time ahead.

God bless you

Ray

The Revd Ray Adams
Interim Moderator



"The new vicar is really cool, Dad. Did you know that God emailed the Ten Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

Mother's reward

A man was decorating his new den and decided it was a good place to display all the awards he and his two sons had won at various athletic competitions. When he had filled two whole walls, he remarked to his wife that it was a shame she had no awards to contribute.

The following day, she produced, neatly framed, the birth certificates of their two sons, and added them to the display.

St Patrick's day groaners

Q: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

A: Regular rocks are too heavy.

Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

A: Because they're always a little short.

Q: How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

A: He's Dublin over with laughter!

Q: What would you get if you crossed Christmas with St. Patrick's Day?

A: St. O' Claus!

Seasick

It was discovered on a cruise that a clergyman was a bad sailor. Another passenger, a judge, found him leaning over the rail of a ship as it swayed to the heavy roll of the sea. "Can I do anything for you?" asked the judge, with sympathy.

"Yes," pleaded the clergyman. "Overrule the motion."

Here is the News

New minister

We are delighted that Henriette Wentink, currently studying for ministry at Westminster College, has accepted a call to the new North Enfield pastorate, which consists of us Christ Church and Lancaster Road. Her ordination and induction will be Saturday 11th July at 2:30pm in our church. We are really looking forward to her joining us and the other churches, the 100% yes vote from every member of every church who voted showing how well we think she will fit into our set up.

New local church leader

Chris Hall, who was until recently at Cheshunt will now serve us at Bush Hill Park. She was inducted on 15th February by Adrian West. We've known Chris for some time and look forward to her input.

Get well soon

We remember Joyce in our prayers. She has been (and may still be when you read this) in the Progressive Care Unit at North Middlesex Hospital with pneumonia. Our good wishes have been sent to her.

Lunchtime @ Christ Church

Saturday 14th March 2015 from 11am to 2pm

At Christ Church URC, Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ

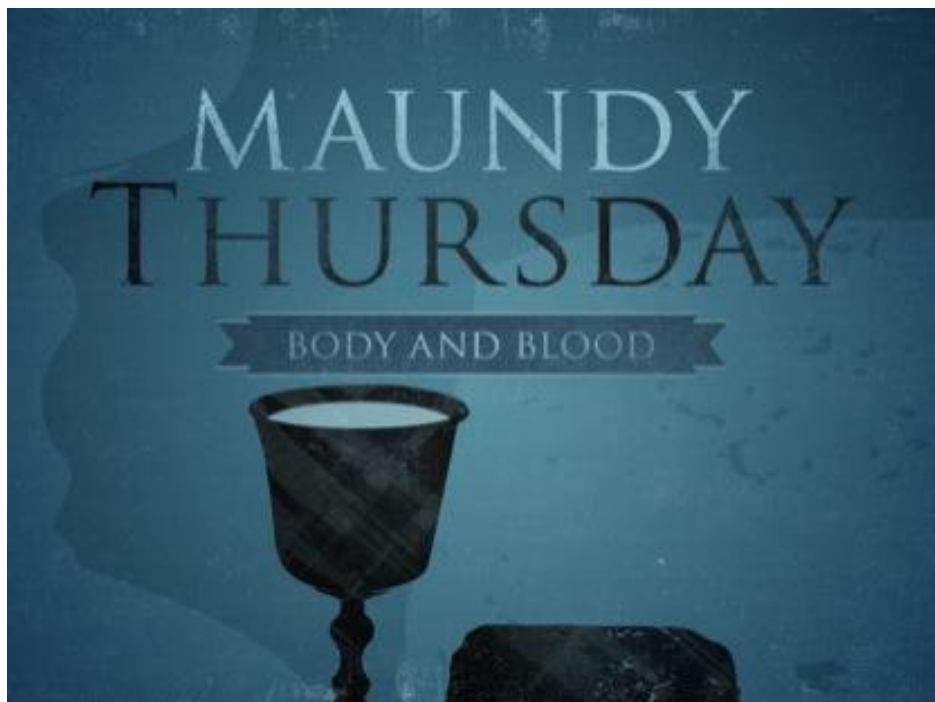
A relaxed time of fellowship with lunches and hot or cold refreshments available throughout. Everyone is very welcome!

Holiday at Home at Christ Church URC

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April 2015

10:30am to 4:00pm each day

Holiday at Home is like a holiday club for adults held in the Christ Church Hall. The programme will include craft activities, quizzes, Bible talks, musical items and entertainment. A cooked lunch and afternoon tea will be provided and the charge for each day is £6. For more information and to book a place please contact Rosemary Milns on 020 8363 6571 or email us on mail@ccurc.org.uk.



Join us on Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

for a special service where we will share a meal of
lamb skewer kebab (£5)
as we remember Jesus final meal with His disciples

Please add your name to the sheet in the lounge so
we know numbers

EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

29th March at 10:30am
All Age Worship
with Chris Hall



MAUNDY THURSDAY

2nd April at 7pm
A time to share in a meal
then leading into our
Communion Worship
with Chris Hall



GOOD FRIDAY

3rd April 10:30am
Service of Witness
at Enfield Town Market



EASTER SUNDAY

5th April at 10:30am
All Age Easter Celebration
with Chris Hall



Diary

March

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 1st	10:30am	Communion with Chris Hall
Tues 3rd	8:00pm	Lent group - Big-Picture Thinking
Wed 4th	10:30am	Lent group - Big-Picture Thinking
Sun 8th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Keith Coote Sunday Evening Reflection
Tues 10th	8:00pm	Lent group - Moments of Truth
Wed 11th	10:30am	Lent group - Moments of Truth
Sat 14th	11:00am	Lunchtime @ Christ Church
Sun 15th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Martin Wells
Tues 17th	8:00pm	Lent group - Painful Times
Wed 18th	10:30am	Lent group - Painful Times
Sun 22nd	10:30am	Morning Worship with Chris Hall
Tues 24th	8:00pm	Lent group - Risen Indeed
Wed 25th	10:30am	Lent group - Risen Indeed
		Palm Sunday
Sun 29th	10:30am	Worship with Chris Hall

PRAYER PLAN

MARCH 2015

This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

Sunday 1st

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

Monday 2nd

Lynda & John Cook

Tuesday 3rd

For our Queen

Wednesday 4th

Millais Road

Thursday 5th

Book Club

Friday 6th

That we as a fellowship will be
open to the guiding of the Holy
Spirit

Saturday 7th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 8th

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

Monday 9th

Phyl Cox

Tuesday 10th

For our Prime Minister

Wednesday 11th

Percival Road

Thursday 12th

TwS youth club

Friday 13th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 14th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 15th

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

Monday 16th

Derek, Janet & James Cutts

Tuesday 17th

For our Foreign Secretary

Wednesday 18th

Poynter Road

Thursday 19th

That parents will encourage
their children to attend the Bri-
gade

Friday 20th

For Henriette and the future of
our church and fellowship

Saturday 21st

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 22nd

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

Monday 23rd

Jill Garrett

Tuesday 24th

For the speaker of the House of
Commons

Wednesday 25th

Roman Way

Thursday 26th

Baby & Toddlers

Friday 27th

Ruth, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 28th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 29th

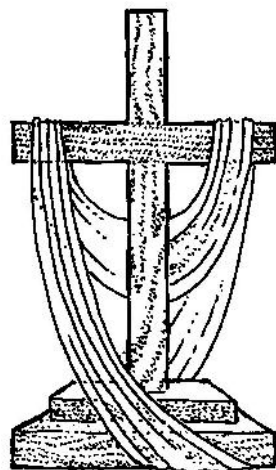
Thanks for doctors and nurses
who go to areas where the
people have no access to
health care

Monday**30th**

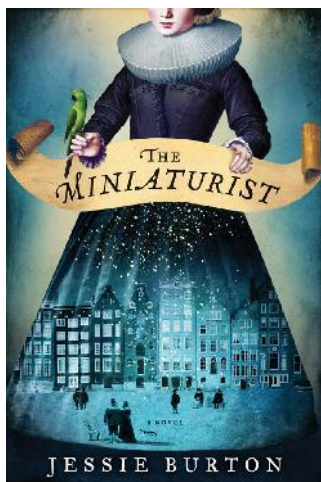
Norma,
Mike, Beth
& William
Grimsey

Tuesday**31st**

For the
Chief Whip



Book Club



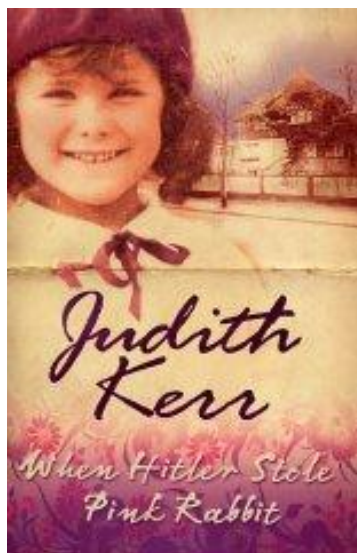
The *Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton is set in 17th century Amsterdam. Eighteen year old Nella's family are very poor and she agrees to marry Johannes, a wealthy older merchant living in Amsterdam, to help out. She happily sets out to start her married life with Johannes, his sister Marin, maid Cornelia, and Otto, an African servant. Life is not what she expected, Marin is very much in charge of the house and Johannes shuns all physical contact with Nella, going abroad to trade for long periods. Johannes buys Nella a cabinet which is a miniature replica of their house; she sees an advert for a "miniaturist" craftsman and so orders some

items to furnish the house. From the time these beautiful and exquisite objects arrive, strange things start to happen. Unrequested pieces suddenly arrive which seem somehow to predict the future. Nella realises the house holds many secrets which gradually unfold to a dramatic conclusion.

The book is well written, describing the Dutch social and merchant life in the 1680s. We discussed the story at length, and although we enjoyed it, we were not sure about the heroine who was one minute very young and inexperienced, but the next negotiating with strangers over the price of sugar! The story covers a number of issues - religious dominance at that time; colour prejudice, and other situations which we will not go into in case it spoils the story for the next reader!

We really enjoyed this read, but it did leave us a little frustrated because several of the story lines were left unresolved. However, we would certainly recommend it.

The book club members



Anne Frank- 70th anniversary of her death 13

Many people think of Anne Frank as a Dutch girl, but she was born – and died – in Germany. This month marks the 70th anniversary of her death – only nine months after she recorded the final entry in her diary while hiding from the Nazis in a secret annex in Amsterdam, which had become her home town after her Jewish family had fled the Nazis.

Her full name was Annelies Marie Frank, and that last entry in the diary given to her by her father was made on 1st August, 1944. She was 15 years old. Three days later her hiding place was raided following a tip-off. She and her family were taken to Auschwitz concentration camp. Anne and her sister were later transferred to Bergen-Belsen, where they died of typhus.

Their father Otto, a former German soldier and businessman who was the only member of his family to survive the death camps, was impressed and deeply moved when he discovered what his daughter had written. He arranged for parts of it to be published, and it is now known universally as The Diary of Anne Frank. It has been filmed many times, adapted for the stage and translated into many languages.

It tells the inspiring story of how eight people survived the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam by living for over two years in a dark, concealed part of Otto's company building, protected and fed by – among others – two Christians who ran the company on the owner's behalf.

Throughout the diary runs a thread of faith, hope and love, tinged with despair. A fortnight before she was captured, the teenager wrote: "I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquility will return."

Tim Lenton

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 15th March

Christmas at Bush Hill Park URC

Ed - sorry this seems a bit odd for the time of year but somehow I missed it from the last issue...

Well the Christmas decorations are all back in the box and Easter Eggs are on display in the super market. However, before we get caught up in preparations for Easter we must thank those who made our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. Firstly to those who decorated the church. Ivy, Judith and Christine who made the window decorations. Lisa, Lynda, Chris, Robin and Sylvia for the pillar decorations and Lounge. To Alyssia, Sue, Margaret, Chris and Lynda for decorating the tree.

Most important were the worship services. We thank Lisa for bringing our carol service together. Seeing all the young people taking part was wonderful and I am sure that we all enjoyed the twelve days of Christmas. Martin Legg once again led our Christmas Eve candle light service and it was so good to see so many people there, some we knew and some we didn't. Thanks again to Lisa who led the morning worship on Christmas Day making us think about some of the carols we sing and what they mean to us. Our first service of the New Year was led by Martin Hamblin who brought new thoughts concerning the journey of the Wisemen and our own journey of life with Jesus. Thank you Martin for this excellent time of worship.

Sadly the decorations had to be packed away and once again a team of willing helpers soon had this done so our thanks to Diann, Tony, Stephen and Joseph also Anthony, Robin and Alyssia for their help.

Chris Hall



A Surprising Event

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‘Fools! For I also had my hour; One far fierce hour and sweet: There was a shout about my ears, And palms before my feet.’ (from *The Donkey* by G.K. Chesterton).

The donkey in the Palm Sunday story highlights some of the surprises in this familiar story. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a young donkey to the adulation of the crowd, ‘Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ (Mark 11: 8/9).

At the end of the passage, surprisingly we are told that the crowd disappeared and Jesus left Jerusalem with just the twelve. If Jesus was truly the Messiah, why didn’t the crowds follow him everywhere? Secondly, there was no evident opposition from the authorities. When Jesus was put on trial, this event was not used in evidence against him. Alongside the crowd, they failed to understand the significance of what Jesus had done. Also the story finishes in a surprising way. After Jesus entered the temple, He looked around and went home (Mk 11:11)!

In Mark’s account it is clear that Jesus was the only one who really understood what was happening. He knew where the donkey was and what the people would say to the disciples (Mark 11:1-6). He also knew why he was going to Jerusalem, ‘We are going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.’ (Mk 10:33/34).

So what can we learn from this story? Firstly, we don’t necessarily understand all that is going on in our situation! Jesus told the disciples on a number of occasions that He would die, yet they didn’t get it. He knows what He is doing in our lives and we can trust our circumstances to Him.

Secondly, we know that Palm Sunday is only the beginning of the story! A week later Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Day! During dark and difficult times, because of Jesus’ cross and resurrection, we know that He shares in the experience of our pain. Jesus also offers us the hope of a secure future, as we share his resurrection life.

Boys' Brigade News

Well what a fantastic February it has been. At the start of the month, we took some of the boys to the Battalion swimming gala. We had a very complex journey to get to the venue, using some of the latest 'Sat-Derek' short cut routes to miss the traffic jams. After we turned off from a particular large traffic jam, into a side road, we did a combination of 3 left turns and one right turn. This got us back onto the same road but further back in the traffic than where we left!

Once we arrived at the swimming pool the team got into action. We entered every swimming race in the 14/15 year old age category. The boys did very well, gaining a 1st & 2nd place in each race. This meant we ended up coming first in that age group, and second in the overall Enfield competition. Well done to Joseph, James, Tom & Andrew for their effort.

As half term approached we finished off our current badge classes of First aid & Music. The younger lads had also been doing fire safety, which meant (you guessed it) - they had to escape through the building filled with smoke. At the time, I hadn't realised the book club were quietly discussing their latest book in the quiet room, when I filled the entire corridor and stairwell up with smoke! - Sorry book club.

The older boys had been doing a money badge class for the previous five weeks, and this ended with each of the teams having to give a 'pitch' on how they would invest £2000 into a new coffee shop. They had worked on their presentations for the previous three weeks and had put in a lot of research - even if Mr Junior Witter's group was going to charge £8 for a large coffee and yoghurt! Joking aside, they all gained a lot of knowledge about finance and also had lots of fun in the process.

Our band teacher has also been in attendance for the past five weeks, so the lads have had a regular practise slot before BB starts every Monday. This is really helping, and they are sounding fantastic.

Our Thursday circuit training has also been running each week and is going really well. The session always starts with a 25 minute jog (it's so tiring!!). Most of the boys are doing this as part of the Duke of Edinburgh work.

During half term we held our annual Company Supper and Camp Reunion. It is always a fantastic and most enjoyable night, and this year was no exception.

The guests arrived at 6.00pm in formal dress and went into the parlour, where they were greeted by Mr Rushbrook. The boys also arrived in smart clothes (and they all looked very smart) and were seated at their tables. Just before dinner was served, the guests were announced into the hall.

The fantastic food was cooked and prepared by Mrs Rushbrook and she excelled herself once again. All the company staff (Anchor boys to Company section) were present with a range of guests. Most of the Company section boys, and the three top Junior section boys were also present.

After some toasts, we all retired into the church, for the speeches, followed by a range of entertainment which this year consisted of the amazing comedy ramblings of Rencho and a sketch made up by the boys. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the night.

We have now started back for another session of badge classes and competitions. As each month goes past, camp gets closer!!!

Andrew Caddies



The family believed that Marie had given up sweets for Lent so she developed ways of hiding her polos.

Wordsearch

Lent lasts for 40 days. Sundays in Lent are 'oases'; as Sunday is never a day of fasting, but a weekly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Christians have used Lent as their '40 days in the wilderness', when they set aside the indulgences of life and instead look inward, seeking spiritual renewal and growth. Lent looks towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb, with the assurance of redemption and new life in Christ. The daffodils in our gardens are golden trumpets to proclaim the wonderful message of Easter! The English word for Lent is not at all religious; it is an abbreviation of the Old English word 'lencten', or 'lengthen'. At last winter is over, and the days are getting longer...

lent	forty	celebration	sundays	fasting
weekly	lencten	resurrection	days	wilderness
inward	spiritual	indulgences	renewal	growth
cross	empty	redemption	tomb	daffodils
jesus				

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Who is the greatest?!

Bible Sketchbook

It was a ding-dong of an argument. Would you believe it?

They were trying to go the way of Jesus but were arguing about who was the greatest! They actually asked



him! To their huge surprise he turned everything upside down - as he often did - and told them they had to be like servants. They had to learn to serve others. He then got a child to come forwards and said that true greatness meant being like children. He put his arms round the child and said:

"Whoever welcomes a child like this in my name, welcomes me...and the Father who sent me."

A lesson perhaps for us all in our attitude towards the weak, the poor and minorities everywhere.

Read more in Matthew 18: 1-5 and Luke 9:46-48



"Whoever welcomes a child like this in my name welcomes me"

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	9:30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	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
	7:30pm	TwS@bhpurc
Sunday	10:30am	Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)
	5:30pm	Sunday Evening Reflection (2nd Sunday)

