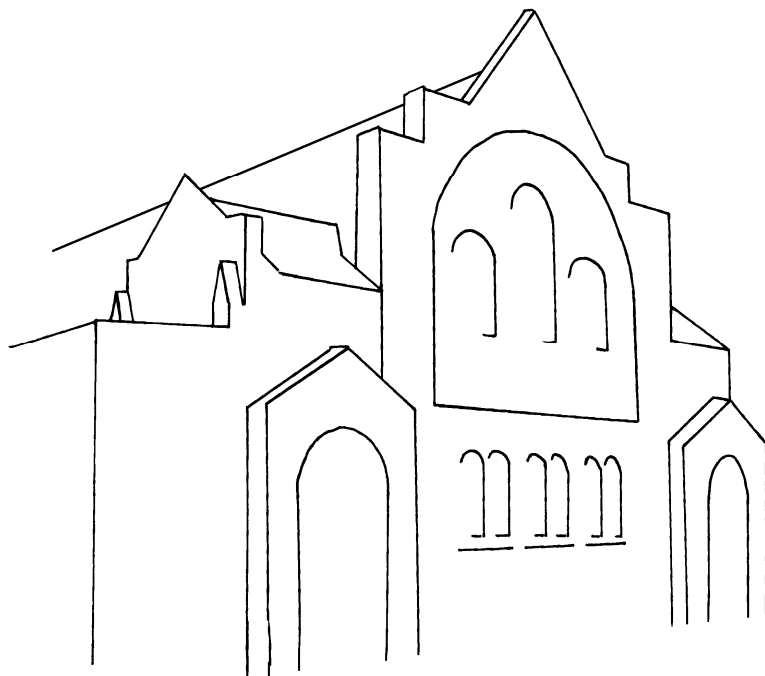


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## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 26th April. All material for inclusion should be emailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk** by **Sunday 12th April**.

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

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## **While there is a proper discussion** going on about the needs 3

and care of the elderly, it is good also to remember the gifts which older people have to offer. In recent months, both the 'Rembrandt: the late works' exhibition at the National Gallery, and the 'Late Turner' exhibition at Tate Britain were a celebration of these gifts.

Rembrandt's later works were as notable for his experimentation as for his insight and introspection. When printing multiple copies of his etchings, for example, he could change the emphasis and mood of a picture by heavier or

lighter inking of the copper plates on which they were scratched. By seeing his work in greater depth, and (literally) with greater light and shade, he found it had more to convey. Turner also experimented in older age, revisiting some of the themes of his earlier works, depicting the new world of steam boats and railways as they made their mark on traditional land and seascapes. But he also developed a more visionary style of painting, as if observing his subjects from a greater distance.

Looking back need not be a nostalgic attempt to recapture and preserve what once was, but can be a way of understanding the present that produces energy as well as insight when facing the issues and choices of today.

The entire New Testament was written from the perspective of Easter and Jesus's resurrection. This brought a quite radical way of

looking at past events and provided new impetus to the way Jesus's disciples remembered his earthly life ("After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this: and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken" – John 2.22). The resurrection also cast light on Jesus's suffering and death by crucifixion: his felt abandonment by God as he hung on the cross was transformed in the minds of his disciples and subsequent generations into a sign of extraordinary and costly love, of forgiveness and a greater potential for reconciliation. Thus St Paul wrote: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2.19-20).

Although resurrection contradicts our usual assumption that death

and decay are the natural outcome of life, Jesus's crucifixion has been described as a semi-colon in God's story of salvation rather than a full stop. Despite everything in our knowledge of the world that seems to contradict it, God is able to give us new life in this world, and hope of a world to come.

Our worship in church in the next few weeks will take us through the events of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter morning. As we make

that journey again may we come to a deeper appreciation of the mystery and power of resurrection in our own lives, and may it move us, whatever our circumstances, to utter a more profound 'Alleluia!'

God bless you

*Ray*

The Revd Ray Adams



"Police? This is St Mary's Ladies' Knitting & Vigilante Circle. We've detained two gents trying to nick the church silver."

## Heaven

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

## Dial

They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now.

You call up and it rings and rings but nobody answers.

## Five exercises you'd be better off avoiding this Spring...

Jumping on the bandwagon

Wading through paperwork

Running around in circles

Pushing your luck

Adding fuel to the fire

# Here is the News

**Joyce Smith**

1929 - 2015

Joyce was a Yorkshire lass. I imagine that there would have been much rejoicing by her parents when she was born as they already had five boys. Joyce attended the local school and in 1942 her headmaster wrote Joyce Partridge has been a scholar at the above school (Hipswell C. E. School) for the last five years. She has reached the seventh standard and has been very satisfactory in all her school work. She is a girl with a quiet, pleasant disposition, trustworthy in every respect and she had an excellent record of attendance. I have always found her very willing conscientious and reliable in anything she has undertaken to do. She informs me that she would like to become a shop assistant and I think she possesses the ability, disposition and aptitude for such a post. She is a neat, bright worker and I have not the least hesitation in recommending her for such a position. Wm Squires Headmaster.

We may think that this was not much of an ambition but let us remember back in those day to be a shop assistant was highly sought after. Joyce had the qualities needed to face the demanding public with patience and a smile. She first started work in the Nafi a much needed resource on the Army Camp at Catterick. Joyce was soon to meet her partner John always known as Jack and she did not have to travel far because this was the fairy tale of the boy next door. Their marriage was blessed with children firstly a son John and then a daughter Jan. A story is told of a very windy day with snow clouds gathering Joyce gather her young son in from the garden made him safe and comfortable only to remember a while later her baby daughter outside in her pram. In panic and concern Joyce rushed to the garden to find the pram over turned and Jan underneath hands covered in dirt.

It was in 1955 that Joyce Jack and their young family moved to Seventh Avenue which was just up by the school. Joyce continued her career by

working in the Co-op and continued to do so when the redevelopment of the area moved it to Leighton Road. This development was also the reason for the family having to move into the house in Leighton Road, Tragedy was to come to Joyce and Jack when their son was killed in a car accident but life had to go on and they provided a loving home for their daughter. Joyce loved her garden which she would tend with loving care. She also enjoyed sewing and knitting a skill that she passed on to some of the youngsters here. Sadly her husband Jack died in 1992 and it was not long after this that Joyce joined the church here. The club she attended in Alyley Croft was to close and as some of her friends came here on a Tuesday for the friendship club she decided to join them. In 1995 Joyce took the step to become a full member of the church publicly declaring her faith in God. 7

It has always been a bit of good humour here that the older folk sat in the back row ready to comment on the length of the sermon, the choice of hymns or the noise if it was a particularly lively service. But Joyce although sitting there in the back row was always encouraging and especially interested in what the brigades were doing. She had started to join us down the pub for a meal and enjoyed the summer barbeques. We know that Joyce had severe pain at times and then her breathing became difficult but she always tried to put a brave face on things. Joyce chose both readings for the funeral and 1 Corinthians 13 talks about love. Love being the basis of everything we do. Joyce strived to follow her Lord and share her love with those whom she met.

Chris Hall

## **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](mailto:mail@ccurc.org.uk).

# 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

## April

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Thur 2nd	7:00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Communion with Chris Hall
Fri 3rd	10:30am	<b>Good Friday</b> Service of witness in Enfield Town Market
Sun 5th	10:30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> All age communion with Chris Hall
Sun 12th	10:30am 5:30pm	All age worship with Sylvia Page Sunday Evening Reflection with Martin Hamblin
Sat 18th	7:30pm	Enfield Brass Band concert in the church
Sun 19th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Michaela Lawrence
Sun 26th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Chris Hall

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 12th April

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# PRAYER PLAN

APRIL 2015

For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him  
shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

## **Wednesday 1st**

St Marks Road

## **Thursday 2nd**

Persecuted church in Iraq

## **Friday 3rd**

The staff of our Brigade  
companies

## **Saturday 4th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 5th**

Give thanks that Jesus rose  
from the dead

## **Monday 6th**

Robin & Chris Hall

## **Tuesday 7th**

For Henriette and the future of  
our church and fellowship

## **Wednesday 8th**

Second Avenue

## **Thursday 9th**

Persecuted church in  
Uzbekistan

## **Friday 10th**

Karam, our sponsored child in  
Bethlehem

## **Saturday 11th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 12th**

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

## **Monday 13th**

Martin & Lisa Hamblin

**Tuesday 14th**

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

**Wednesday 15th**

Southbury Road

**Thursday 16th**

Persecuted church in Laos

**Friday 17th**

The staff of our Brigade companies

**Saturday 18th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 19th**

Thanks for answered prayers

**Monday 20th**

Bill, Michelle, Chloe & Anne  
Marie Hanson

**Tuesday 21st**

That God will send people to us to help in his mission for Bush Hill Park

**Wednesday 22nd**

Third Avenue

**Thursday 23rd**

Persecuted church in North Korea

**Friday 24th**

Ruth, our sponsored child in Zambia

**Saturday 25th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 26th**

Thanks for the preachers who come to our church each Sunday

**Monday 27th**

John & Anne Hatchett

**Tuesday 28th**

That people will earnestly pray about their role in the church and if they are being led to take a more active part in the life of the church and its mission

**Wednesday 29th**

Trinity Avenue

**Thursday 30th**

Persecuted church in Iran



## Book Club



### When Hitler stole pink rabbit by Judith Kerr

This is a semi-autobiographical story of a young Jewish girl and her family escaping the Nazis and the journey they experience. The family escaped through Switzerland, spent some time in Paris, before finally arriving in England in 1936.

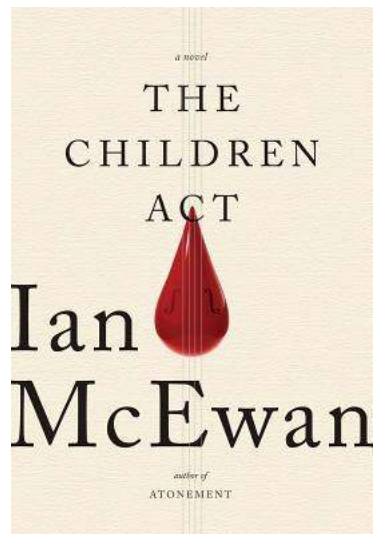
The story starts in Berlin, in March 1933, when nine-year-old Anna, the main character finds out one morning that her father is missing. She and her brother, Max, discover that Papa thinks that Adolf Hitler might win the elections, and has fled to Prague. Because

the family is Jewish, and Papa is also a well-known Jewish author, this is important. If Hitler wins the elections, Mama, Max and Anna will join Papa in Switzerland. If Hitler loses, then Papa will come back home to Berlin. However, the plan goes wrong, and Mama and the children are rushed into Switzerland in alarming secrecy.

It weaves the story through hardship, prejudice, discrimination, the need to learn another language and fast and all from the point of view of the younger generation. We enjoyed it as a piece of pre-WW2 education as well as being a good read.

We meet on the 13th April having read 'The Children Act' by Ian McEwan.

Sylvia Page





## Religiously-motivated attacks: The United Reformed Church responds

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Responding to events in Denmark, Libya and Nigeria over recent days, the Revd John Proctor, the General Secretary of the United Reformed Church, issued the following statement:

The United Reformed Church is saddened and shocked by news of religiously -motivated attacks in several parts of the world in the last couple of days – on a bus station in northern Nigeria, on Coptic Christians in Libya, and on a café and synagogue in Copenhagen. We grieve for the lives affected, and will keep these places and their peoples in our prayers.

As we confess Jesus as Prince of Peace, we seek to commit ourselves afresh to true and peaceful dealing with all our neighbours, and to supportive Christian partnership with churches in other lands – particularly with those whose circumstances are far harsher than ours.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
will you teach the world your ways,  
of loving enemies,  
of turning swords into ploughs,  
of seeking justice without violence.

Teach your church to live wisely in an angry world, to build bridges of understanding, to love our neighbours as truly as we can, and even in times of darkness to speak and to show your light.

Note: Mr John Ellis, moderator of the URC and the Revd John Proctor, have sent a letter of solidarity to Bishop Angelaos, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the UK, following the brutal murder of Coptic Christians in Libya.

# *Enfield Brass Band*

are playing a concert in our church on

Saturday 18th April, 7:30pm

*Music for all on an April evening*



Come and see our very own Robin Hall  
playing with the band



The Christmas concert they did was great  
fun, so do come along for another  
wonderful evening of music

Admission free, collection to be made at the  
end of the concert

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, "He is risen indeed!" It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people who have already experienced God, that He does not exist?

### **Jesus' appearances after his Resurrection**

The following list of witnesses may help you put all those references in order...

Mary Magdalene	Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18
Other women at the tomb	Matthew 28:8-10
Peter in Jerusalem	Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
The two travellers on the road	Mark 16:12,13
10 disciples behind closed doors	Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25
11 disciples <i>with</i> Thomas	John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5
7 disciples while fishing	John 21:1-14
11 disciples on the mountain	Matthew 28:16-20
A crowd of 500	1 Corinthians 15:6
Jesus' brother – James	1 Corinthians 15:7
Those who saw the Ascension	Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

# *Girls' Brigade News*

The older girls have now started work on their new badges, and over the next few weeks you will be asked to pose for a picture for a welcome/information book we are putting together for Henriette. They are hoping to include local information that might be useful to someone coming to Bush Hill Park from elsewhere, and to show some family links between the various people who use our church.

Some of the girls have expressed an interest in playing Badminton, so Anthony Rensch has kindly volunteered his services.

Camp has been booked, and now the activity planning starts. We are going to West Cliff, in Ramsgate to a holiday home called "The Walled Garden". The property is booked from Friday the 24th July until the following Friday the 31st, so we can either leave on the Friday, or on the Saturday (depending on when the girls finish school). The girls have asked for activities such as horse riding, quasar, bowling & go-carting!!!

The Juniors are learning about self control and Joseph! They watched a video about Joseph and talked about choices and consequences. They then played some games including eating sugary donuts without licking lips! Not an easy task!

The Explorers are looking at 'Ourselves'. So far we have looked at what's makes us special and how we grow. The girls have started growing runner beans and will be making a picture frame with their photo in.

We have lost a couple of girls in the last few months, which is very sad, but we have also had a few new members, which is encouraging. Please continue to pray for us, and the girls, as it can be very demoralizing when numbers are dropping.

Lynda Cook





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## Wordsearch

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with his disciples, he warned them he was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and his blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethesmane that this fearful cup might be removed from him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.

jesus	ate	last	passover	meal
disciples	warned	betrayed	bread	blessed
wine	thanks	drink	covenant	law
old	new	body	blood	gethsemane
cup	removed	will	easter	approach



# Jesus' last supper

## Bible Sketchbook



*Jesus gets round a table for a meal with his twelve disciples*



*He breaks bread - a sign of his body given for us*

Jesus knows time is short. He going to be betrayed. The officials will murder him. He wants his followers to understand this is a really important last meal. He wants them to have similar meals in memory of him after he is gone.

In the past the people of God have been saved from death by the sacrifice of the body and blood of a perfect lamb.

Now Jesus says he is like that lamb but it is he who is giving his body and blood as a spiritual sacrifice. As a result anyone who believes in him and follows him will be set free from sin

and death. They will have eternal life!

And this promise is for all people everywhere - including you and me!

*Read more in  
Luke 22: 14-20 &*

*1 Corinthians 11:  
23-24*



*He gives them a cup of wine - to symbolise his blood poured out for us all so we can live!*

# BHP DAY BY DAY URC

<b>Monday</b>	6.15pm	Boys' Brigade Junior Section
	7:30pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
	8:00pm	Book Club (1st or 2nd Monday)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00pm	Housegroup (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6:15pm	Girls' Brigade Explorers & Juniors
	7:40pm	Girls' Brigade Seniors & Brigaders
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30pm	Boys' Brigade Company Section circuit training (when advised)
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	Prayers in the Junior Room
	10:00am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6:00pm	Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys
	7:30pm	TwS@bhpurc
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30am	Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)
	5:30pm	Sunday Evening Reflection (2nd Sunday)

