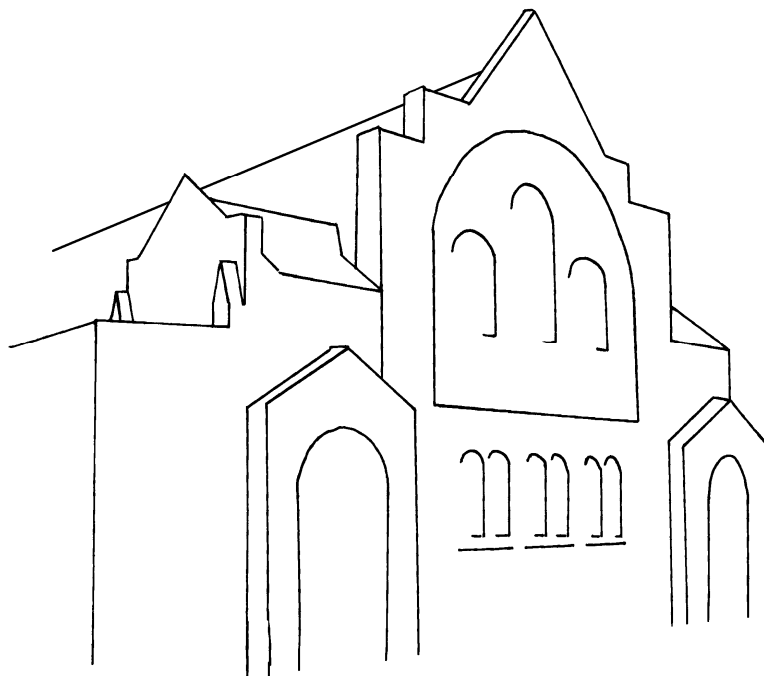




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Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 28th June. All material for inclusion should be emailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk** by **Sunday 14th June.**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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I have been thinking recently about beginnings, 3

endings and more of the same. One of the obvious outcomes of last month's General Election is that there are new MPs, unemployed MPs and, for some government ministers, more of the same as they return to the same job as before but are expected to sum up new energy and new solutions for their next term in office (a German proverb comes to mind: 'a new broom sweeps clean, but an old broom knows how the dust lies!'). Although we all face changes in life, the sudden, public way in which it is applied to our political leaders must be a bruising experience for those not re-elected.

People who choose to move house, change jobs, get married or emigrate to another country usually have time to plan and prepare themselves for the change that is bound to take place, though others, like the people of Nepal, face change of cataclysmic proportions as earthquakes destroy at a stroke everything they could reasonably take for granted about their daily existence.

Most of us live between these two extremes: even if we have lived in the same house or neighbourhood all our lives, we recognise that the continuity of bricks and mortar and living at the same postal address does not shield us from change. Even within the familiarity of home

we face the constant flow of beginnings and endings. There is no such thing as 'no change'. The challenge is how to respond to it – with arms folded or open, turning our back or facing it full on. For it is often at the crossing points of life when we feel most vulnerable that we may be receptive to the loving presence of God. While one of the hymns we sing in church claims that 'nothing changes here', it is a reference not to church, home or the world, but to the constancy of God helping us meet the changing realities of life head on and with hope rather than drawing the shutters and ignoring them.

Sometimes we are more aware than others that God has given

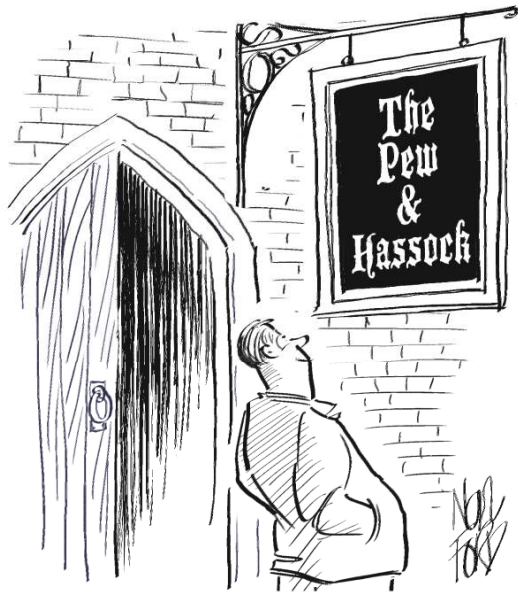
us a new opportunity and new gift to enrich our lives. As you prepare to welcome Henriette Wentink as your minister next month may you welcome her 'as from God' and welcome also the change that her presence will make in your existing church communities. Henriette will have much to learn about you in a short time. May you also be open to learn from her and trust her to lead you to new experiences of God.

Remember St Paul's words that "the one who calls you is faithful and he will do this" (i.e. keep your spirit, soul and body, sound – 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24) as you discover new expressions of faith and new opportunities for Christian service.

God bless you

Ray

The Revd Ray Adams



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

Dressing

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

Newspaper headlines where you know what they meant, but....!

Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by Seven Foot Doctors

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Maths lesson

The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

Advice to young clergy on preaching

'Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.'

Here is the News

Girls Brigade Cancer Research fundraiser

The fundraising evening the girls put on raised £104. Thank you to everyone who came, if you'd like to support the evening and Cancer Research you still can on Alyssia's Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/Alyssia-Jones. More info & details of the evening will be in the GB bit of the next newsletter.



Jumble Sale

The Boys Brigade annual jumble sale to keep the cost of camp for the boys as low as possible is happening on 4th July. Please start collecting items you would like to donate ready to bring them to church in the week before the 4th. If you need any bulky items collected please call Anthony on 07956 914526. Please also put the date in your diary so you can come and grab a bargain!

Quiz Night fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who supported the "Quiz Night with a difference" for the Boys Brigade 125th celebration. £230 was raised on the night and an enjoyable night was had by all.

Newsletter by email

A number of people now receive this newsletter by email, if you would like to be put on the email distribution list please email newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk with details of the email address you would like it emailed to. Please also let us know if you no longer need a paper copy as this will help us keep costs down. Thanks.



Why, do you think, did Jesus choose 12 men to be His disciples?' What was the point, as Jesus was a miracle worker and a very eloquent speaker. He could walk on water; change water into wine; multiply food for thousands of people; heal the sick and forecast future events. So why did Jesus choose some fishermen, a tax collector and a few lesser known guys to be with Him everywhere?

Doesn't it appear odd that Jesus wanted disciples who, as time passed, were slow to learn; argumentative; frightened; amazed and puzzled? Right from the start of His ministry Jesus must have known He was bringing together a motley group of characters who would not understand Him; doubt Him; and let Him down. Surely, Jesus would have been better off going it alone without having the hassle and frustration!

Well, what is amazing, is that Jesus decided to limit Himself. He wanted the fellowship of close friends to share their good and bad times. He wanted to be involved with them no matter what happened. He enjoyed meal-times, discussions and, no doubt, a joke or two! Jesus came from Heaven to show that in God's Kingdom there is togetherness.

This world can get messy, troubled and nasty, and it is into this cauldron that Jesus came to be involved with its problems. He wanted to share His mission of love and compassion, participating with others, to change places of darkness into God's healing light.

He chose ordinary people, with their weaknesses, anxieties, hang-ups and faults to fill them with His Spirit and transform them into workers for God. Today, Jesus works with us, despite our frailty and stubbornness. He patiently draws alongside us to change our attitudes and behaviour so that we show God's love wherever we are.

Jesus came to build His church: a community of believers who would work and serve together to change society for good. So let's be aware of the Holy Spirit's direction and be encouraged that we are all partners together.

Help to carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

Lester Amann

God's answer for you

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say: It's impossible.

God says: All things are possible.
(Luke 18:27)

You say: Nobody really loves me.

God says: I love you. (John 3:16 &
John 13:34)

You say: I can't go on.

God says: My grace is sufficient. (II
Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: I can't figure things out.

God says: I will direct your steps.
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: I can't do it.

God says: You can do all things.
(Philippians 4:13)

You say: I'm not able.

God says: I am able. (II Corinthians
9:8)

You say: It's not worth it.

God says: It will be worth it. (Roman
8:28)

You say: I can't forgive myself.

God says: I FORGIVE YOU. (I John
1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: I can't manage.

God says: I will supply all your
needs. (Philippians 4:19)

You say: I'm afraid.

God says: I have not given you a
spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)

You say: I'm always worried and
frustrated.

God says: Cast all your cares on ME.
(I Peter 5:7)

You say: I don't have enough faith.

God says: I've given everyone a
measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

You say: I'm not smart enough.

God says: I give you wisdom. (I Co-
rinthians 1:30)

You say: I feel all alone.

God says: I will never leave you or
forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

Diary

June

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 7th	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Chris Hall
Sun 14th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Chris Hall Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 21st	10:30am	Morning Worship with Eve Fonyonga
Sun 28th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Rev Martin Legg
Sat 4th July	10:00am	Jumble sale in the hall

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 14th June

PRAYER PLAN

JUNE 2015

Be kind and compassionate to
one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4

Monday 1st

Judith Hughes

Tuesday 2nd

For those on duty or training in
the Army

Wednesday 3rd

Amberley Gardens

Thursday 4th

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

Friday 5th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 6th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 7th

Thanks for the small things
people do to help us

Monday 8th

Martin & Vivienne Legg

Tuesday 9th

For those on duty or training in
the Special Forces

Wednesday 10th

Bertram Road

Thursday 11th

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

Friday 12th

Those suffering from alz-
heimers and the charities who

seek to find a cure

Saturday 13th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 14th

Thanks for our young people and all children who visit our church and its buildings

Monday 15th

Gertrude & Mwabi Mwenya

Tuesday 16th

For those on duty or training in the Navy

Wednesday 17th

Blakesware Gardens

Thursday 18th

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

Friday 19th

Ruth, our sponsored child in Zambia

Saturday 20th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 21st

Thanks for those who teach us whether at school, university or

as we get older in self-help groups

Monday 22nd

Martin, Charlotte & Jessica McBride

Tuesday 23rd

For those on duty or training in the Royal Marines

Wednesday 24th

Broadfields Avenue

Thursday 25th

For Henriette and the future of our church and fellowship

Friday 26th

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

Saturday 27th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 28th

Thanks for the preachers who come to our church each Sunday

Monday 29th

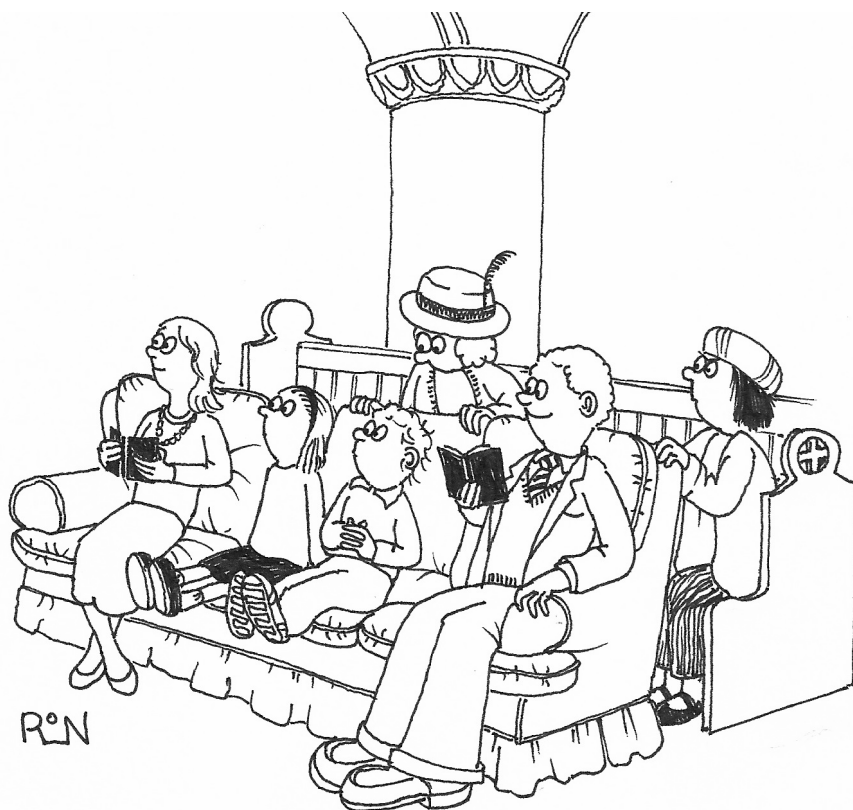
Arthur & Ivy Neate

Tuesday 30th

For those on recovering from injury on the battlefield

Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
7th	Judith	Robin H	Mavis & Jill	Jill	Anthony
14th	Evelyn	Brigades	Jane & Ivy	BB	Lisa
21st	Kath	Judith	Valerie	Alison	Anthony
28th	Alison	Tony	Jill	Rachel	Anthony



Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class

Speak up for the love of: lobby of Parliament

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Climate march through London It's time to protect the people and places threatened by climate change - and create a brighter future.

Join Christian Aid to tell the newly elected Government to do the right thing, stand up to vested interests and make climate change their number one priority.

- **What:** Mass lobby of Parliament
- **When:** Wednesday 17 June 2015
- **Where:** Central London

Come and tell your MP that the time for climate action is NOW.

It will be a day filled with music, debate and worship, a day of friendship, solidarity and hope.

What's happening when?

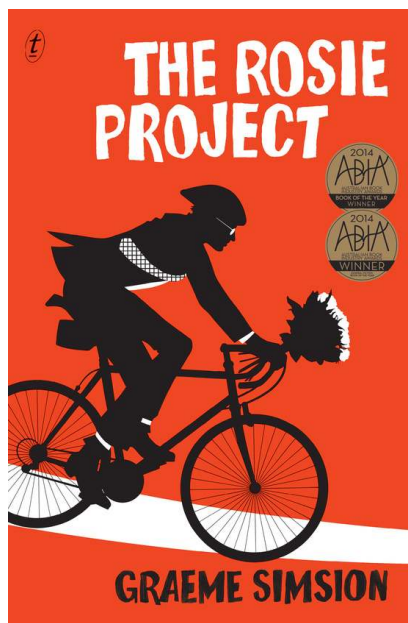
12 noon-1pm Church services

1-4pm Mass lobby

4.30pm Speak Up finale

Sign up at www.christianaid.org.uk/ActNow/climate-justice/day-of-climate-action.aspx



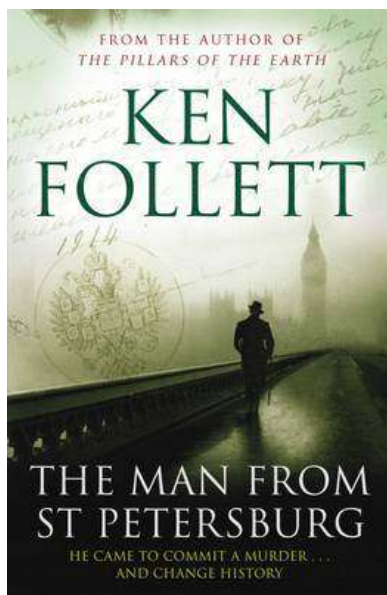


The Rosie Project centres on Don Tillman, a professor of genetics who may suffer from Asperger's and has never been on a second date until he embarks upon 'The Wife Project', designing a questionnaire to help him find the perfect partner who he considers to be a punctual, non-drinking, non-smoking female who will fit in with his regimented lifestyle. When the unorthodox and free-spirited Rosie appears on the scene, it is clear that she fits none of his selection criteria, but she still may just be the perfect match to help turn his life around.

This was enjoyed although perhaps taking a while to get into. It created a good discussion as to whether we had met people like him 'Doc Martin' coming to mind Martin Clunes portraying such a character so well.

Next month we meet on the 1st June going back to Ken Follett as none of us has read 'The Man from St Petersburg' and he is a turn the page author.

Sylvia Page



Girls' Brigade News ¹⁵

Thank you to everyone who supported us at church for our awards service on 10th May. I apologise for the out of tune singing - it honestly sounded much better during the rehearsals so we will put it down to nerves!

Also another big well done to Lizzie for taking home the smartest girl award and Amelia for 100% attendance and also to Julia for taking home both smartest girl and 100% attendance awards. Alyssia was also given a present and on the day I couldn't find the right words but it was given to her for her loyalty to the company and for attending even when she was grieving for her mum.

Hopefully by the time you read this you will have had a good work out on 20th May with us and we will be telling you next month what a great success it was.

Your support for GB is always appreciated and, as we start our Summer sessions, if anyone has any skills that they would like to share with the girls, please let me know as the girls do benefit from it.

Many thanks,

Charlotte McBride

Prayer of hope

Father, thank you that nothing is impossible with you. When circumstances seem to conspire, when situations are entrenched, when relationships feel fragile, help us to remember that you are the God who breaks through barriers, who opens eyes and transforms lives of even the most unlikely people. Help us to remember Paul - who he was and what he became – to be encouraged and full of hope and thanks. In Jesus name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Boys' Brigade News

We ended the uniformed period with our annual awards night. This took place on Friday 8th May. This year we held the evening in the hall. The main reason for doing this was to be able to show the parents and guests the squad and colour party drill routines, that the lads had been practising so hard at. They had spent time since September practising for the drill competitions and did exceptionally well in the Enfield competition and then in the London competition. So we felt that it would be nice for them to demonstrate this to their parents. Everyone was very impressed with how well they did, and it was very clear how much hard work had gone into this.

Having the awards night in the hall also meant that the Anchor Boys were able to make use of the space with a dressing up relay game (which they also got the parents involved in) and the Junior Section demonstrated some gymnastics.

The brass band, who have been practising every Monday since September also performed three songs and sounded very, very good. It just goes to show, hard work and practice really pays off.

After all these items there were reports about the year from each section, plus the boys then received any awards and badges they may have gained throughout the year.

Congratulation to everyone, in particular to Jude Thompson for attendance and Wai Lam for inspection. James Cutts, who won the Stephen Camp Trophy (Smartest Private) and Matthew Witter who won the Mr Rushbrook memorial Cup (smartest NCO) and Joseph Nicolaides who won the Fred Camp Walking Stick (boy who supports the company the most). The night was a great success with the brass band also playing the hymns and all the parents enjoying themselves.

On Saturday 9th May, the Company Section lads took part in the battalion Monopoly challenge, where teams of four had to travel around London and visit as many places on a Monopoly board as possible. They had to take a

photo at each location to prove they visited it. Each 'road' had different point values (like Monopoly) and the teams got more points if they were pictured outside a hotel on that road. Train stations, utilities, jails were also included as was community and chance. Passing go however did not award the boys £200!! And luckily no one went straight to jail.

All sections now start their summer session programme of activities. The junior section kicked off with a games evening, consisting of football in the garden and pool and table football in the hall. The Company Section kicked off with rounders (or Danish rounders as its known) over the park, followed by a great game of Wolly ball in the hall.

I must just mention Anthony Rencho and his bowling skills (I think we should get a meter wide frisbee next time Anthony bowls, then there would be a lot less 'no balls').

On Monday 18th May we took the lads to a dinosaur crazy golf. We decided to try something different instead of Top Golf. There were 18 holes of craziness, lots of water falls with red water, 12 large dinosaurs that moved (well sort of moved!!!) and some very bad golf - mainly from the staff.

Over the next two months there are lots of activities planned. I will tell you more about these in the next newsletter. We are also planning in a bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition practise walk, which will see the boys do a 2 day walk with 1 night of camping. This is to get them fully ready for their Bronze assessment.

Our annual **Jumble sale** is being held on Saturday 4th July at 10am. Please start thinking if you may have anything that you want to chuck out. However please note that we are not collecting any jumble until 1 WEEK before hand. Also please don't start putting any jumble on the stage until Monday 29th June, as the stage is used by other hall users.

We will need help to sell, sell, sell on the day, so if you're free to help, please do let me know.

And finally we have started the count down to CAMP 2015 - we can't wait!

Andrew Caddies

Wordsearch

Each June, the C of E holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who was leading the Church at Pentecost. Simon was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. His brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name – Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The ‘gates of hell’ would never prevail against Jesus’ Church, and He gave Peter the power of ‘binding and loosing’, and also the ‘the keys of the kingdom of heaven’. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ’s flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

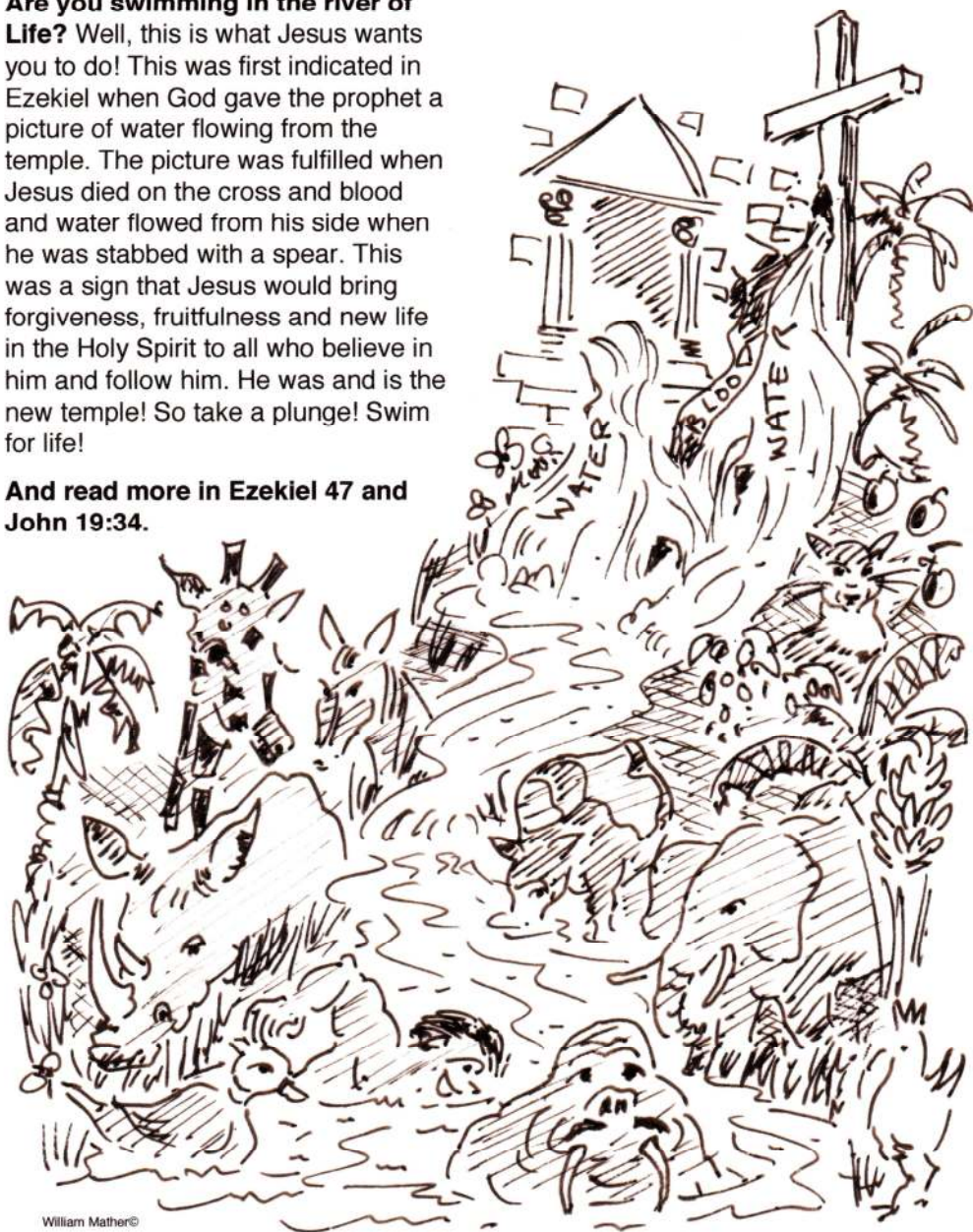
Simon	Peter	Fisherman	Bethsaida	Galilee
Andrew	Jesus	Rock	Transfiguration	Raising
Daughter	Garden	Gethsemane	Betrayed	Cock
Crowed	Feed	My	Lambs	Sheep
Keys	kingdom	Gates	Hell	Binding
Loosing				

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Swim in the River of Life!

Are you swimming in the river of Life? Well, this is what Jesus wants you to do! This was first indicated in Ezekiel when God gave the prophet a picture of water flowing from the temple. The picture was fulfilled when Jesus died on the cross and blood and water flowed from his side when he was stabbed with a spear. This was a sign that Jesus would bring forgiveness, fruitfulness and new life in the Holy Spirit to all who believe in him and follow him. He was and is the new temple! So take a plunge! Swim for life!

And read more in Ezekiel 47 and John 19:34.



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)

