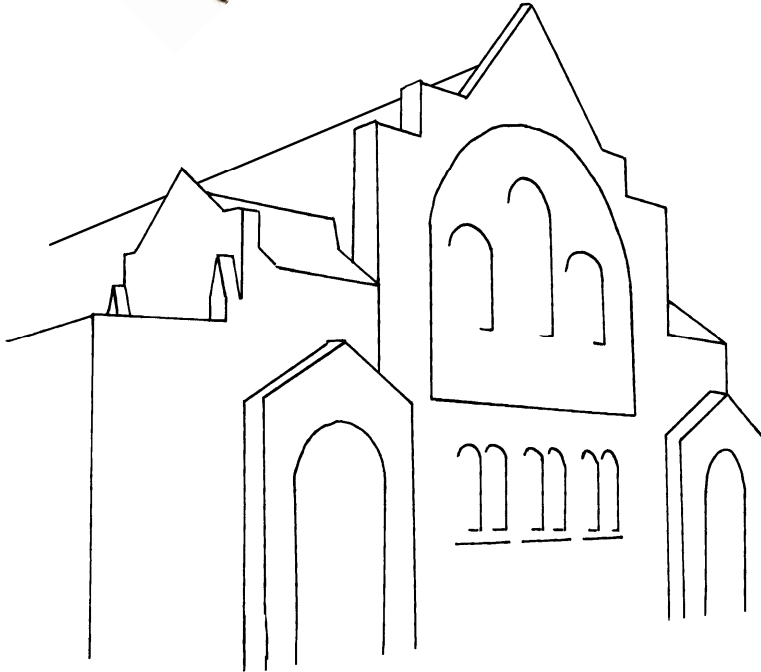




# **November 2015 Newsletter**



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## Minister's open office

You can find our Minister, Henriette, between 10am and 12pm in the churches as follows:

Wednesday - Bush Hill Park

Thursday - Christ Church (knock loudly on side door that is found as you go towards the nursing home behind the church)

Friday - Lancaster Road

People from all three churches are welcome to come and see Henriette on any of these days. Of course, if you wish to speak to Henriette at any other time you can call 020 8366 1284 or email [HenrietteWentinkNL@gmail.com](mailto:HenrietteWentinkNL@gmail.com).

Please remember Henriette's day off is Tuesdays.

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## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 29th November. All material for inclusion should be emailed to [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 15th November**.

## JustOne Arsenal supporter...



A few weeks ago I became an Arsenal supporter. It was not something I thought long and hard about; it just happened 'by default'. Consequently, one of my friends remarked scornfully

that this decision should not have been made so flippantly! To be honest, Arsenal is probably not looking for the kind of supporter I will be.

Football is not really my thing and I am not too much bothered about who will win the next game. And as for spreading Arsenal's fame; I simply wouldn't know what to tell people about them. But who knows, one day I may sit at a game that will change everything. I may even end up wearing the t-shirt and scarf, chanting the chants and buying a season ticket...

There are a whole bunch of people for whom being a Christian is like my state of being Arsenal supporter. One day it just happened that they became involved with church and throughout the years they stayed. But to say that they understand what it means to be part of that community; to explain to others why they are going to church, or what they believe, may be pushing things a bit. Let alone to openly wear the garb that comes with it.

And then there is a multitude of people who are like me the week before I set foot in the Emirates Stadium. Like I knew there were large football stadiums in which I had no interest, they believe there is a God and are happy for others to worship him.

The evangelist J. John from the Philo Trust (you can just 'Google' him) has a vision to get 35,000+ people to move into the next stage of their relationship with God. As I and some 400 other church leaders from across denominations heard his story unfold, it wasn't difficult to catch the vision. The focus is on the area of Greater London. The occasion is a big evangelism event. The date: Saturday 8th July 2017. The place: Emirates Stadium. It is a very short summary of something that began with five years of praying!

J. John is looking for partnering churches to help him make the JustOne Emirates event physically possible. The stadium is already booked. Much support has already been pledged. But the event can never substitute for the sharing of the Gospel that needs to happen in local churches. It is more like a big one-off gift to help the churches in Greater London. Therefore, and to show his commitment to the local scene, J. John has dedicated himself in the year leading up to 8th July 2017 to visit and preach at partnering churches and give local courses on evangelism.

It is an amazing opportunity for churches in Enfield to be invited to get involved in this. It could open up the way to a future we have been searching, hoping and praying for. I promise that you will hear more about it in upcoming church meetings. But in the meantime, can I ask you to start praying for this initiative; for all the practical matters, but even more so, at this stage for people and churches to catch this vision. I believe it is inspired by God's Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,  
*Henriette*



"...and don't forget we're coming into Nativity Play season – make sure we have extra tea-towels in stock!"

# Smile Lines

## **The new minister**

The new minister was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

## **When applying for a job, get your CV right...**

(These comments were found in real CVs... I wonder how many applicants went on to get the job!)

~ I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse.

~ I am a rabid typist.

~ My intensity and focus are at inordinately high levels, and my ability to complete projects on time is unspeakable. I was instrumental in ruining an entire operation for a Midland chain store.

~ I had exposure to German for two years, but many words are not appropriate for business.

~ Personal interests? Donating blood. 15 gallons so far.

~ Don't take the comments of my former employer too seriously, they were unappreciative beggars and slave drivers.

~ Cover letter: "Thank you for your consideration. Hope to hear from you shortly!"

# Here is the News

## Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Rose & Kerry on the birth of their daughter Matilda and to Bob and Julia Neate on becoming Grandparents as well as to the Great Grandparents.

## Harvest festival for food bank

As part of our Harvest festival we donated 61.8kg of food to the North Enfield food bank which will make 55 meals for families in Enfield. Thanks to all who gave their time, money and support.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Baby & toddlers took part in Macmillan's Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September with some cakes for sale on Sunday morning too. They raised a fantastic £170.58 for Macmillan. Thanks to all who baked cakes, ate cakes and gave money.

## Gift Month

The Church accounts are still running a deficit. During December there will be an opportunity to make an extra donation to the Church as well as another opportunity to donate to the food bank as our Christmas charity. Full details next month.

## **Prisons Week**

### **Time to remember the people in our 150+ prisons**

Because of increasing concern 40 years ago for the welfare of prisoners in England and Wales, chaplains and other Christians started Prisoners' Week, to encourage prayer throughout the Christian community for people in prison.

This year Prisons Week – as it has become – is being held from 15 to 21 November and is attracting wide support across denominations. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Williams, is strongly behind it, observing that “one of the most serious aspects of being in prison can be the sense of isolation and even abandonment; and one of the most effective witnesses that can be given to prisoners is the assurance that they are not forgotten”.

About 85,000 people are in 150 or so prisons in the UK and Northern Ireland. The vast majority of them (over 80,000) are men. A surprising number of innocent children are affected: in 2009, for instance, some 200,000 children in England and Wales had a parent in prison.

There is one Anglican chaplain in each prison in England and Wales, plus about 100 others from different denominations. Perhaps surprisingly, there are many Muslim chaplains, with figures ranging from 80 full-time equivalent (official 2013 figure) up to 400-450 full and part time now ([publicspirit.org.uk](http://publicspirit.org.uk)). The prison population is 12% Muslim.

Christians wanting to get involved in Prisons Week through letter-writing would do best to consult Prison Fellowship, which has 130 local prayer groups and 1500 volunteers. They are easily tracked down on the internet. You can keep abreast of events in Prisons Week itself on Twitter by following @PrisonsWeek.

To go one step further and become an official prison visitor, you should contact the National Association of Official Prison Visitors, who say “the cumulative effect of regular, friendly and non-judgmental contact can, and often does, make a positive difference”.

Tim Lenton

# Help out when you check out this Christmas

Collect FREE donations for **Bush Hill  
Park United Reformed Church** with  
all your online Christmas shopping!



## We need you to...



### 1. Join

Head to [easyfundraising](https://easyfundraising.org.uk), search for us to start raising.



### 2. Shop

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board, so pick the one you want and start shopping.



### 3. Raise

After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to us at no extra cost whatsoever!

**Join, shop and raise here:**

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bhpurc](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bhpurc)



# Serve One Another

‘O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord...whose service is perfect freedom’ (Collect for Peace, BCP).

Paul wrote to the Galatians: ‘It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.’ (Gal 5:1). To a church which consisted largely of slaves, he adds ‘serve one another in love’ (13). How does Paul encourage us to use our freedom to serve others?

Free to serve unselfishly All of us would prefer to be served by others, but Paul’s challenge is ‘do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh’ (13). If you want to understand the word flesh, take off the h and read backwards ie self! If we are serving one another, it’s not about my needs, but looking to the concerns of others. How available are we to serve others? Do we offer the excuse of being too busy or resent the time? When stepping out of our comfort zone, be prepared to risk rejection and misunderstanding!!

Free to serve lovingly: Luis Suárez was sent home from the 2014 World Cup for biting other players! Paul warns of the danger of Christians falling into the same trap: ‘If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other’ (15). We are called to love others, rather than using or exploiting them for our own purposes.

Are we prepared to think about people’s needs and put ourselves in their shoes? Paul tells us to ‘live and be led by the Spirit’ (16,18), for it’s the Holy Spirit who will enable us to see others with the eyes of Jesus. ‘A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone’ (Martin Luther).

Paul Hardingham



Lancaster Road URC present a

# Dutch Bazaar

**Saturday 7th November 2015**

**10.30am - 2.30pm**



**At Armfield Road Church Hall**



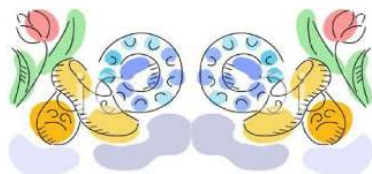
**Entrance 30p**



**Delicious lunches and snacks  
served all day.  
Loads of stalls,**

Bric-a brac, Homemade Cakes and Sweets, Plants,  
Crafts, Books, Raffle, Gifts, Tombola, Stationery,  
Jewellery, Crafty Corner for the children,  
Face-Painting

**Why not come along and pick up a bargain!!**



# Diary

## November

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)

Sun 1st	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Chris Hall
Sun 8th	10:30am  6:00pm	Remembrance Parade with Rev Henriette Wentink Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 15th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Evodian Fonyonga
Thur 19th	7:45pm	Church Meeting
Sun 22nd	10:30am	Morning Worship with Terry Silvey
Sun 29th	10:30am	Advent Worship with Chris Hall

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 15th November

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# PRAYER PLAN

NOVEMBER 2015

Wait for the Lord;  
be strong and take heart  
and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14

## **Sunday 1st**

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

## **Monday 2nd**

Robin, Frances, Cerys & Erin  
Ward

## **Tuesday 3rd**

For those on recovering from  
injury on the battlefield

## **Wednesday 4th**

Harman Road

## **Thursday 5th**

Staff and pupils at Raglan Pri-  
mary School

## **Friday 6th**

Those who still don't know  
Jesus personally

## **Saturday 7th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 8th**

Thanks for our service men &  
women

## **Monday 9th**

Chris Whippe

## **Tuesday 10th**

For those on duty or training in  
the RAF

## **Wednesday 11th**

Harrow Avenue

## **Thursday 12th**

Staff and pupils at George Spic-  
er Primary School

**Friday 13th**

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

**Saturday 14th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 15th**

Give thanks for the hard won freedoms we enjoy in the UK

**Monday 16th**

Traccey, Steven, Georgina & Rhianna Williams

**Tuesday 17th**

For those on duty or training in the Paratroopers

**Wednesday 18th**

Hadrians Ride

**Thursday 19th**

Staff and pupils at Grafton Nursery School

**Friday 20th**

Crime reduction initiatives

**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**

Alison, Matthew & Anthony Witter

**Tuesday 24th**

For those on duty or training in the Army

**Wednesday 25th**

Halstead Road

**Thursday 26th**

Staff and pupils at Bush Hill Park Primary School

**Friday 27th**

For Henriette and the future of our church and fellowship

**Saturday 28th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 29th**

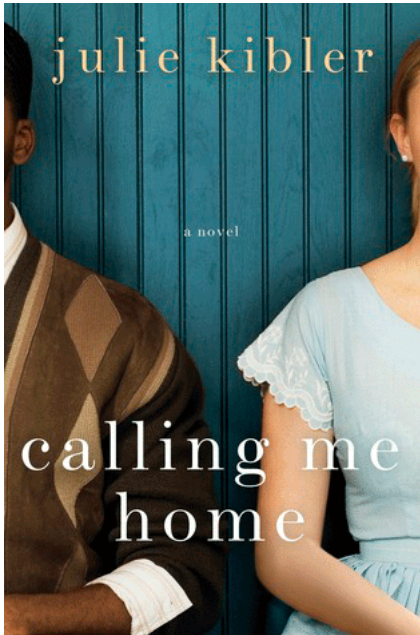
Thanks for doctors and nurses who go to areas where the people have no access to health care

**Monday 30th**

Jane, Howard, Harriet & Tom Brown



## Book Club



Calling me home by Julie Kibler

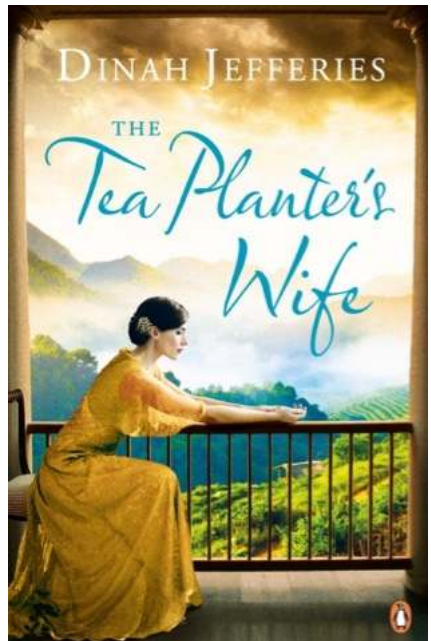
What a difference a month and a book can make!

This month we had 'a cannot put it down' novel. Although a first publication, this new author has a way with words, a sometimes sad story told so well during a long drive to a funeral. She cleverly weaved the story of a heartbreaking, forbidden love in 1930s Kentucky with an unlikely modern-day friendship between an 83 year old and her hairdresser in her 30s.

Emotional; powerful; thought-provoking; a very moving book – we loved it and thoroughly recommend it.

Next month we meet on the 2nd November having read 'The Tea Planter's wife' by Dinah Jefferies.

Sylvia for the group



**THE BOYS'  
BRIGADE**

> the adventure begins here



**3RD ENFIELD**

# Quiz Night

**Saturday 23rd January 2016**

**6:30pm for a 7pm start**

**In the hall at Christ Church URC**

**(Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ)**

**£10 per person - tables of up to 8 people**

**Price includes the quiz itself**

**and a ploughman's meal**

**(please bring your own drinks - no alcohol)**

**There will also be a raffle during the evening**

**Tickets and further info available  
from Tom Boorman**

**Phone: 07903 605 545**

**Email: [info@3rdenfieldbb.co.uk](mailto:info@3rdenfieldbb.co.uk)**

**All money raised will go towards supporting the work of the 3rd Enfield BB  
Thank you for your support!**

## Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
1st	Alison		Jill		
8th	Kath	Brigades	Ivy & Jane		
15th	Evelyn	Sue	Yvonne & Jill	Sylvia	
22nd	Alison	Sylvia	Jill		
29th	Kath	Anne	Valerie	Diann	



*An epic struggle between good and evil  
took place in the Vicarage kitchen*



# **International day of Prayer for the persecuted Church**

Sunday November 15 2015

This year the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church (IDOP) takes place on Sunday, November 15th, and is a unique opportunity for you and your church to pray together – along with congregations around the UK and Ireland.

Please join one of the world's largest prayer events and help generate a huge wave of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters!

## **Prayer for persecuted Christians**

Precious Jesus, Lord of unfailing love,

Be with our brothers and sisters across the world who are suffering for Your sake. We watch and pray with them today.

Faithful friend and Saviour, You know each one of them by name. You have suffered with them, Jesus, even to death on a cross.

May those who mourn know the joy of trusting You.

May those who are in pain know Your healing and Your rest.

May those who are afraid know Your freedom and Your peace.

And, Lord, we pray that their persecutors will see Your greatness and turn to You.

For Your glory, gracious Lord. Amen.



# Talking Jesus

What do people outside the Church know about Jesus? Do they know someone who actively follows Jesus? Have they ever had a conversation about Jesus?

Knowing the answers to questions like these could really help Christians share the most amazing message: the love of God for all of us through Jesus.

So HOPE, the Church of England and the Evangelical Alliance, backed by Church leaders of all denominations, commissioned the Barna Group research company to ask people living in England. Here is what they said...

60% said they thought He was a real historical person

43% said they believed He rose from the dead

21% think He is God while 30% think He is spiritual leader or prophet

The Talking Jesus research – available at [www.talkingjesus.org](http://www.talkingjesus.org) – shows that practising Christians are talking to people about Jesus: 66% have had a conversation with a non-Christian about Jesus in the past month. And Millennial Christians – 18-34-year-olds – are talking about Jesus the most often.

Most non-Christians (67%) say they know a practising Christian and that person is most likely to be a friend (40%) or family member (34%). They think of the Christians they know as ‘friendly’, ‘caring’ and ‘good humoured’ and more than half (58%) of those who know a Christian had had a conversation with them about their faith in Jesus.

And what do they think about Jesus after that conversation? 1 in 5 is open to knowing and experiencing more about him.

Roy Crowne, Executive Director of HOPE, said: “It is the first time that a study like this has been done. The results are a game-changer for churches wanting to share the good news of Jesus. Church leaders can often get discouraged by reports of declining numbers.

“But these results show that Christianity in Britain is diverse, full of life, and many people are passionate about sharing their faith. It will help us to equip Christians to be effective when they are talking about Jesus to those open to hearing more. This research is a first step: it changes everything.”

# Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

Five members of the High Cross Congregation were extremely privileged to be able to join a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land guided by our former minister, Rev David Hamblin.

To walk in Jesus' footsteps was an incredibly moving experience. We saw the hills and deserts that Jesus saw and visited the sites where significant events had occurred in His life. The Bible and its stories were vividly brought to life in a new way. It was a life-changing experience and it made us feel very spiritually inspired.

David's son, Martin, helped with the excellent organisation, gave great support and was our backmarker on all the visits. Bassam, an Arab Christian, was our guide. He had an incredible knowledge of the Bible and of the history of the area. His presence made us feel very safe in a troubled region.

The tour company, McCabe, financially supports Living Stones Projects and we toured a boys' orphanage and a Palestinian hospital both of which are helped by them.

Over the next few months we hope to share our thoughts about the places we visited. Next month we will tell you about the walk down the Mount of Olives which overlooks the east side of Jerusalem. It was here that Jesus spent time with His disciples before He was arrested.

David has asked members of the group to send in photos taken on the Pilgrimage for him to post on this website.

Visit: [www.israel2015.co.uk](http://www.israel2015.co.uk) and click on 'Tour Pictures'.



Lynda Lunn  
(High Cross Church,  
Camberley)

# *Boys' Brigade News*

On Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of October, Matthew, Anthony, Joseph, Tom & Nnamdi took part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition assessment. We arrived at a car park in Stoke Mandeville at 8:45am on the Saturday. Ahead of them, the boys had six hours of navigating and walking. They meet up with their assessor, who would be checking on their progress throughout the day. At 9am sharp, they all set off each carrying a rucksack full everything they needed for the weekend.

Throughout the day, we (including the assessor) met up with the lads at some of their check points. They had planned their own route and had work out how long it would take to get to each point. They had also worked how much 'uphill' they would be walking, so that they could increase the times of each leg.

They were spot on, on every location and reached their overnight camp site at the exact time. They quickly set up camp, put up their tents and started cooking their evening meal. Chicken pasta with pesto. It smelt so nice and the assessor was very impressed. We left them eating their meals and to look after themselves all night.

In the morning we returned to find them in the middle of eating their porridge and sausage sandwiches (and I mean two separate meals, not porridge in sandwich with the sausages). After breakfast they packed up camp and set off with all their equipment on another six hours of walking and navigating.

They arrived at the end location, again on time and in very high spirits. The assessor was very impressed with them and he passed them all on their expedition element.

On Sunday 18th October, we held a very special Church service to celebrate our 125th Anniversary. Henriette took the service, with our

guess speaker Martin Poll adding to the service. Martin is an old boy of the Second Enfield and is now the domestic Chaplin to the Queen - with his actual title being 'The Reverend Canon Martin Poll'

The brass band played all the hymns and sounded fantastic. Mr Ward had worked tirelessly to get them together, arranged all the practises and sorted out all the music. We also invited loads of past members and it was great to see so many in attendance.

During the service Alan Rushbrook's time as Captain was acknowledged. The boys presented him with a card which everyone had signed and also a few gifts and a memory book. We also acknowledged Pat Cutts who has been our treasurer for many, many years and then we welcomed Bob Neate as our new treasurer.

After the service we had set up lots of memorabilia and old photos for everyone to look at. We had also set up a buffet and everyone tucked into a range of food. A massive cake was also brought out, which all the past captains helped to cut.

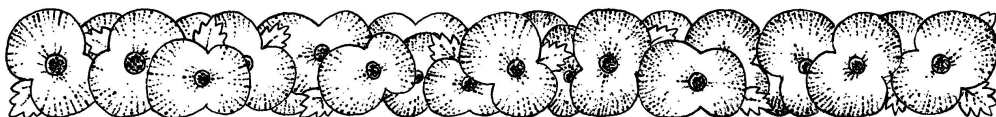
The whole day was fantastic and really enjoyed by all.

We have a Thorpe Park trip and also a Bowling trip coming up in the October half term, so I will fill you in on that in the next newsletter.

We are also having an old boy's Gala dinner on Saturday 31st October at the Royal Chase Hotel, where we have to have over 70 guests attending.

I mentioned it in the last newsletter that Michelle Wood and Caroline Liversidge have taken over the running of Anchor boys. Their first six weeks have gone very well and we wish them continued success over the coming years.

Andrew Caddies



# Wordsearch

This month Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/ Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.

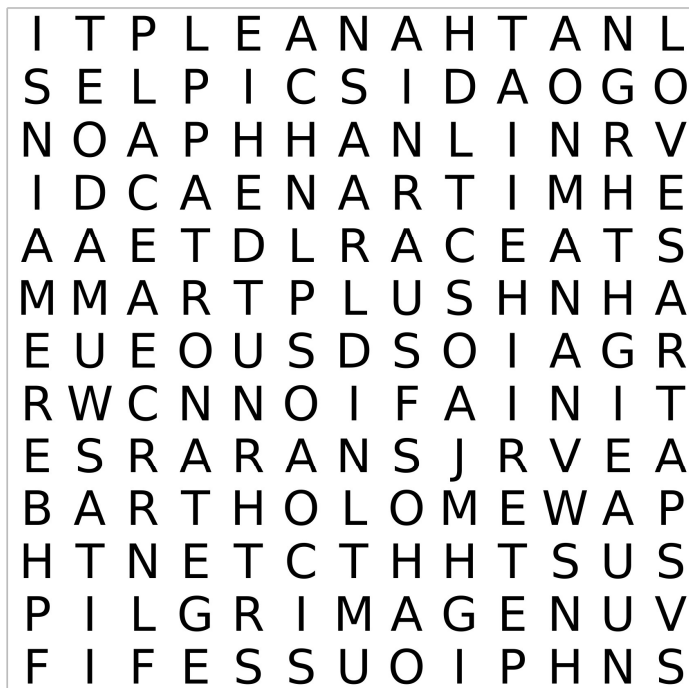
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# Amazing promises!

Crazy things were happening! An angel turned up. There was an old couple who couldn't have children.

## Bible Sketchbook

GLAD!  
HAPPY!  
Filled  
with  
Holy  
Spirit!  
NO  
BOOZE!  
GET  
PEOPLE  
READY  
FOR  
THE  
LORD!

Promises for  
John made by  
the angel

The angel made amazing promises. He said God would give them a son called John. He would be great and get people ready for God to come. The man, Zechariah, disbelieved and was struck dumb! But his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and knew this was God's work. Miraculously, when John was born, his dad could speak! *What was going on?!*

Read more in Luke 1: 5-25



Old and childless....



Promised a son!



Zechariah struck dumb!



Elizabeth pregnant!

W.Mather©

# 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>	9:15am	Prayers in the Hall, open from 9 for a chat first
	9:30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	10:00am	Minister's Open Office
	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	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)
	6:00pm	Sunday Evening Reflection (2nd Sunday)

