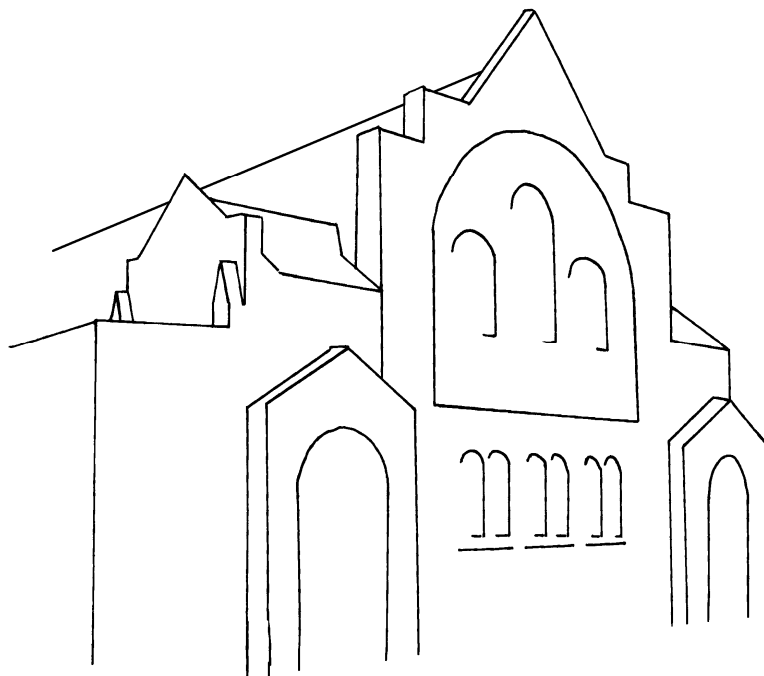




December 2015 & January 2016 Newsletter



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Minister's open office

You can find our Minister, Henriette in the churches as follows:

Bush Hill Park - Wednesday & Friday early mornings

Christ Church - As called upon

Lancaster Road - Friday mornings from 11am

People from all three churches are welcome to come and see Henriette on any of these days, it is best to call or email her first so she knows to expect you. Of course, if you wish to speak to Henriette at any other time you can call 020 8366 1284 or email HenrietteWentinkNL@gmail.com.

Please remember Henriette's day off is Thursdays.

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

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 31st January. All material for inclusion should be emailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk by **Sunday 17th January**.

Expecting Christ

In the Netherlands, people give each other gifts and little poems on 5th December, to celebrate St. Nicholas day. But when my son and I moved to the UK decades ago, presents became part of our Christmas celebration, as is the custom here. It made sense to me. Not only did it fit culturally, but I also believed it to be right theologically. What better time to give each other gifts, than when we celebrate the birth of Jesus? God gave the world the gift of his Son, to show us how much He loves us!

Although theologians throughout the centuries have tried to explain the incarnation of Jesus in human language, it still remains a mystery beyond our understanding. And it does not stop there, for the vulnerable baby Jesus grew into a boy and became a man of many miracles. And it is the adult Christ, crucified for our sins and victoriously risen from the dead, whom the Church expects to return in glory with all his angels one day. This second coming of Christ (parousia in Greek) is what Advent is about (adventus is the Latin translation of parousia).

Advent is a time to reflect - to get ready if you like, for the mystery of Christmas. We wish to welcome the little baby in our world. But it should never take the focus away from the other Advent, from Jesus Christ returning in power as King of the universe. We are a people waiting and longing for the

consummation of time when the fullness of Christ's reign will come about.

During Advent and at Christmas, may you know the grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who chose to come among us as a vulnerable baby – the love of God the Father, who gave his Son to reconcile the world to himself – and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, poured out to guide and sustain us in a life of holiness and expectation.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas together with your loved ones.

Henriette



"I'm sorry Michael – even if you HAVE changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still ALL mobiles OFF!"

Smile Lines

Rudolph the Red

There was once a great Czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting." The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

Let's play

Four-year-old to her two-year-old sister: "Let's play Christmas. I'll be Santa Claus and you can be a present and I'll give you away."

How odd

Christmas is weird - what other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat sweets out of your socks?

Don't eat

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinselitus.

Fish carol

What do fish sing at Christmas?
Shark, the herald angels sing.

Footballer's carol

A football supporter's favourite Christmas song?
'Yule never walk alone'.

Here is the News

Ivy & Arthur

We would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gift for our diamond wedding anniversary. It was much appreciated. Love to all.

Henriette

Henriette's day off has changed to Thursday, her open office hours have also changed, please see page 2 for details.

Precious gifts from Present Aid

What do you get the person who has everything? Something from Present Aid, of course! This year, Christian Aid's malaria prevention gifts are included in their Christmas appeal, such as mosquito nets or community health worker training. Whatever you choose, you will be helping to fund Christian Aid's work to end poverty around the world. View the full catalogue online at www.presentaid.org.

BB Carolling

The Boys' Brigade will be going around the streets of BHP on the 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th December, leaving the church at 6:55pm. They are raising funds for BB and giving out leaflets with detail of BB, GB & the Church Advent services. All help is welcome, come and play, collect, talk to people or make cocoa and sausages for everyone when they return. Please speak to Andrew Caddies if you can help.

The Leprosy Mission

If you have any boxes for TLM please bring the money in during January, there will be a service for TLM on 31st January when we're at Lancaster Rd.

Egyptian Christian imprisoned for sharing his faith

An Egyptian Christian has been jailed indefinitely accused of Blasphemy for sharing his faith with Muslims. Release International is asking Egypt to make good its guarantee of freedom of religion for the declining Christian groups.

Release is calling on the Egyptian government to follow through on changes to the constitution, which guarantees full religious freedom for all its citizens. Pray for this situation.



Christmas is coming. Plans are being made. Wintry adverts are everywhere. Your email inbox is full of *CHRISTMAS DEALS!* and you've mentally allocated your November pay cheque before it even arrived... watch the youtube clip at: <https://youtu.be/pN5dmOGEihQ>.

In the midst of the consumerist hum, reflect on the generous journeys of the Christmas story, with Advent Wonder, a free email series from Stewardship.

We all know that the Magi journeyed for many months, and Mary and Joseph set off on foot to Bethlehem. But what about Gabriel's, Zechariah's and Elizabeth's journey? Advent Wonder takes a fresh look at how these journeys of generosity and faith weave together to create the most familiar, but most thrilling, story on earth.

Each Monday and Friday throughout December 2015 you'll get a new email 'journey' to ponder and share. You'll be challenged to focus on the reality and generosity of Christmas.

Create some space. Rediscover the wonder of the Advent message.

This year there are some Advent Wonder resources especially for families, as well as a four-part sermon series for churches.

The family pack includes activities, festive recipes, generosity challenges, discussion questions and short Bible studies for all ages. The church pack includes a series of sermon notes.

You can register for the emails and download your free resource packs from www.stewardship.org.uk/be-inspired/advent-wonder.

Winter Night Shelter - Enfield 2015/2016

Lancaster Road URC is taking part in the Enfield Churches Winter Night Shelter Project under the umbrella of the Christian organisation 'All People All Places' (APAP). It is a church based 'rolling shelter' run by volunteers providing food, shelter, warmth and friendship overnight during the winter months. Each night of the week up to 12 guests are hosted by a different church. We will be hosting the shelter on Tuesday nights from 5th January to 8 March 2016.

Admittance to the shelter is by referral only via APAP. Only guests with low support needs are referred as the project operates with volunteers rather than trained professionals. People with medium or high support needs will not be referred to shelters. There are rules for guests and they sign a guest agreement to ensure their comfort and safety.



Volunteers are crucial to making the shelter work. There are a number of roles and each volunteer will indicate

which job or shift they would like to be involved in, and which weeks they are available. A volunteer rota will then be drawn up by the co-ordinator who liaises with APAP and whose responsibilities also include ensuring someone provides meals for evening and breakfast; and getting team leaders for each shift.

Each session of the shelter comprises of 3 shifts: evening (6.30pm to 9.30/10.00pm), night (9.30/10pm to 6.45), morning (6.45am to 8.30am). Shift team leaders are required for each shift with responsibilities including allocating tasks to volunteers; taking key decisions on the day; supporting volunteers; ensuring bedding and towels get taken to the launderette; the communication book and getting it passed to the next church. Teams of volunteers are needed for each shift and tasks include preparing the sleeping areas and making up the beds (can be earlier than 6.30pm); setting tables and moving chairs; welcoming the guests and providing a friendly environment; overnight supervision; serving food; washing up; clearing the beds away in the morning. Teams of cooking volunteers are needed to prepare and cook evening meals and breakfasts.

What does it take to be a volunteer? Key requirements are anyone who can smile! is non-judgmental; can deal with situations calmly; is willing to take instructions; is responsible; and, most importantly, is reliable – must not be late! Knowledge of first aid is helpful, as is knowledge of homelessness, but not a necessity.

If you are interested in volunteering at the shelter, please contact Beryl Woolley as soon as possible. Her email is beryl.woolley@blueyonder.co.uk, phone 020 8351 1089. A Volunteer Handbook from APAP is available from Beryl electronically or in paper copy.

There will be a get together for anyone interested in volunteering before the shelter starts on Friday 20 November 2015 at 7.30 at St Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane (top of Browning Road).

As well as volunteering, donations would also be welcome to help run the shelter. Things

Donations Welcome

that could usefully be donated include toiletries, hot water bottles, new underwear and socks for men and women, gloves and hand warmers, and clothing. Cash donations would also be very welcome as there are costs in running the shelter. The main costs are heating and laundry, and additional insurance cover. Beds and bedding are provided by APAP although more blow-up mattresses and sheets etc are needed. If you can donate please sign a gift aid form (available in BHP URC's lounge) to increase the value of your donation – many thanks. Ed—items and money (cheques payable to Lancaster Road URC) can be given to Lisa Hamblin to pass to Lancaster Road.



All People All Places

Looking out for the overlooked.

APAP is a Christian registered charity. Their aim is simple – they wish to give people who are

homeless the tools and help they need to move from being on the margins of society to being a valued community member.

They have three specific strands of work:

1. Winter Night Shelter
2. Health and Wellbeing
3. Day Centre provision

Remember

to raise this **Christmas**

Collect **FREE** donations for **Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church** when you shop online this Christmas!



We need you to...



1. Join

Head to [easyfundraising](https://www.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:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bhpurc

Be a Barnabas - encourage one another

‘You’ll never amount to much’ said a Munich schoolteacher to the ten year-old Albert Einstein. Good thing that he did not listen – and instead went on to prove his teacher wrong!

Just as children need encouragement, so do God’s children. St Paul urged the Christians in his young churches to ‘encourage one another.’ (1 Thess 5:11). In the Upper Room, Jesus used the same word to describe the Holy Spirit, meaning one ‘called alongside to help’. When we encourage others, we exercise a ministry like that of the Spirit to each another. In Acts we read of Joseph, a wealthy Levite from Cyprus. We know him better by his nickname Barnabas, which means ‘Son of Encouragement’ (Acts 4:36). How did Barnabas encourage others?

He was an example of generous giving (Acts 4:36-7), when he sold property and offered the money to the church for those in need. In the midst of a caring and sharing community, he was singled out as a symbol of generosity. Are we prepared to be generous to those in need around us?

He later gave encouragement to a new Christian in the person of Paul (Acts 9:27). After Paul’s conversion and aware of his reputation, Barnabas came alongside Paul and brought him into the fellowship of the Church. Are we ready to help those who are new the faith to find a place in our church?

Finally, Barnabas was sent to the church in Antioch and there ‘saw the evidence of the grace of God’ (Acts 11:23). Here was a church which brought together Jewish and Gentile believers together for the first time. Like Barnabas, are we able to rejoice when we see God doing new things? Are we also willing to encourage others to embrace these things and facilitate change?

Don’t forget, ‘In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.’ (Albert Einstein).

Paul Hardingham

Diary

December & January

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

December Sun 6th	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Advent Communion with Martin Hamblin
Mon 7th	6:55pm	BB Carolling around the streets of BHP—All help welcome, see page 6 for details
Tues 8th	6:55pm	BB Carolling around the streets of BHP
Sun 13th	10:30am 6:00pm	Advent family worship and parade with Michaela Lawrence Sunday Evening Reflection
Mon 14th	6:55pm	BB Carolling around the streets of BHP
Tues 15th	6:55pm	BB Carolling around the streets of BHP
Sun 20th	10:30am 4:00pm	Worship with Rev Henriette Wentink Family Carol Service with Chris Hall
Thur 24th	11:30pm	Communion at Christmas with Rev Martin Legg
Fri 25th	10:30am	Christmas Celebration with Chris Hall
Sun 27th	10:30am	Family Café Worship with Rev Henriette Wentink
January Sun 3rd	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Martin Hamblin
Sun 10th	10:30am 6:00pm	Family Worship with Rev Henriette Wentink Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 17th	10:30am	Worship with Chris Hall
Sun 24th	10:30am	Worship with Rev Henriette Wentink
Sun 31st	11:00am	United Pastorate Service at Lancaster Road URC

PRAYER PLAN

DECEMBER 2015

For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by
works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9

Tuesday 1st

Persecuted church in Iran

Wednesday 2nd

Hazelwood Road

Thursday 3rd

Boys Brigade

Friday 4th

Parents needing help and support to care for their children

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for the preachers who come to our church each Sunday

Monday 7th

Andrew Caddies

Tuesday 8th

Persecuted church in Afghanistan

Wednesday 9th

James Street

Thursday 10th

Girls Brigade

Friday 11th

Children who care for a family member

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

Give thanks for our homes & the shelter we have

Monday 14th

Barbara Camp

Tuesday 15th

Persecuted church in Saudi Arabia

Wednesday 16th

John Street

Thursday 17th

Book Club

Friday 18th

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks for carers and those helping people to stay in their own homes

Monday 21st

Yvonne Coe

Tuesday 22nd

Persecuted church in Somalia

Wednesday 23rd

Kingsbury Place

Thursday 24th

Kings Club

Friday 25th

Give thanks for Jesus

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Thanks for the small things people do to help us

Monday 28th

Kath Cole

Tuesday 29th

Persecuted church in Maldives

Wednesday 30th

Ladbroke Road

Thursday 31st

TwS youth club



PRAYER PLAN

JANUARY 2016

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 95:1-2

Friday 1st

Children in care, that they would be fostered/adopted by a loving family

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for those who entertain and enlighten us

Monday 4th

Lynda & John Cook

Tuesday 5th

For our Chancellor of the Exchequer

Wednesday 6th

Landseer Road

Thursday 7th

Leadership & Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

Friday 8th

Those suffering from Parkinson's and the charities who seek to find a cure

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 10th

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

Monday 11st

Phyl Cox

Tuesday 12th

For the Leader of the House of Lords

Wednesday 13th

Lathkill Close

Thursday 14th

Leadership & Congregation of Bush Hill Park Methodist Church

Friday 15th

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

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 18th

Derek, Janet & James Cutts

Tuesday 19th

The United Nations and their work as peacekeepers

Wednesday 20th

Lincoln Crescent

Thursday 21st

Leadership & Congregation of

Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church

Friday 22nd

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 24th

Thanks for good health

Monday 25th

Jill Garrett

Tuesday 26th

For our Queen

Wednesday 27th

Lincoln Road

Thursday 28th

Leadership & Congregation of St Marks Parish Church

Friday 29th

Those suffering from HIV & AIDS and the charities who seek to find a cure

Saturday 30th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 31st

Be joyful in hope and faithful in prayer giving thanks to God for his blessings

Gift Month

As you will be aware from our Church Meetings this year, we have been concerned that while our regular giving is stable, it hasn't been increasing. In fact the figures have dropped over the past 5 years from 26,637 in 2010 to 22,168 in 2014.

A large part of our reserves (we should keep around 6 months routine expenditure - £25,000) has been made up of the rental income from the Manse. This pot of money will be spent during December, along with a substantial grant from the URC to make the Manse ready for Henriette to move into.

We used to ask for a special gift each year, but this ended in 2007 as we turned our focus towards gifts for our building projects. We still need to refurbish the hall, improve lighting within the building and carry out general redecoration in the Church itself. None of this is possible without your gifts.

As we approach the season of Christmas when gift giving is a tradition, we ask that you consider giving an additional gift to Bush Hill Park URC. Your generosity will assist in ensuring that we are able to continue to provide for this congregation, this community and do our part through the Ministry & Mission Fund to support the Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church.

We invite you to make a Special Christmas gift in keeping with your financial ability and out of gratitude for all of God's blessings. A gift envelope is enclosed to be returned during December. If you are able to complete the Gift Aid declaration that will enable us to claim a further 25% from the Government, so for every £10 you are able to give, we will receive an extra £2.50. If you would like to give online please go to www.give.net/bhpurc.

"Unless our money gift has cost us something it is not really a thanksgiving, but more like a tip. And one of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the odd crumb, or whether we give to God first and then manage the rest. If the Christian disciple does the first he will never be satisfied; if he does the second, he will always have enough." Stewardship a handbook - Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway Scottish Episcopal Church Year 2000 edition.

Finally, if you are able to make a regular gift to either the Church or Building Funds please contact Martin and he will forward a Standing Order Form or go online to www.give.net/bhpurc. If you already give this way please consider if you can increase the amount you give each month.

We are honoured to acknowledge your participation and to express to you our deepest thanks and our personal commitment to serve you as we move into the future together not knowing where God is calling us but following faithfully.

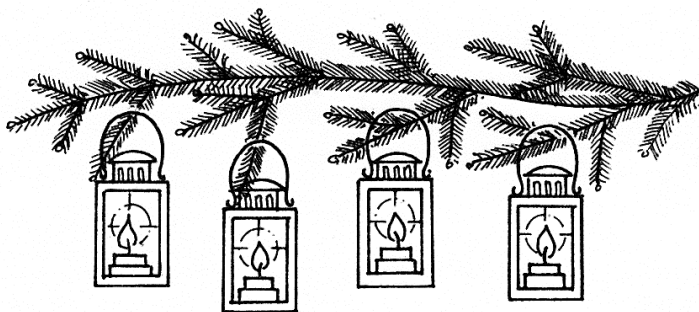
Martin, Sylvia, Lynda, Andrew and John

Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
6th Dec		Lynda	Mavis & Jill	Yvonne	
13th	Evelyn	Brigdes	Jane & Ivy	Church	Rensch
20th	Kath		Valerie	Church	Tony
27th	Alison	Tony	Jill	Church	Rensch
3rd Jan	Evelyn	Robin H		Jill	Rensch
10th	Kath	Bill	Jane & Ivy	Sylvia	Tony
17th	Alison	Anne	Valerie	Kath	Rensch
24th	Evelyn	Sue	Yvonne & Jill		

If you can fill in the gaps above please put your name in the sheet on the wall in the lounge.

If you would like to do any of the above but feel you'd need a little guidance first please talk to Lisa, she'll make sure you find the right person. The sound room is easier than you think - go on, volunteer!



**You are warmly invited
to join us this Christmas**

Sunday 20th

10:30 - Advent Service

16:00 - Family Carol Service

Christmas Eve

23:30 - Communion at Christmas

Christmas Day

10:30 - Christmas Celebration

Sunday 27th

**10:30 - Informal Family
Café Worship**



Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

We were driven to the top of the Mount of Olives where we first stopped at the Byzantine Pater Noster (Our Father) church also called the Church of the Disciples. It is built over a cave where, according to tradition, Jesus hid with his disciples and taught them the Lord's Prayer. There the Lord's Prayer is written in over 100 different languages. It is wonderful to imagine that at all times there are Christians all over the world saying these words in their own languages during their prayers.



A steep walk took us down to the church on the site where 'Jesus Wept' (Dominus Flevit) when he saw Jerusalem. It is built in the shape of a tear with this wonderful window overlooking Jerusalem. There were very many pilgrims in the church. Outside, our group had a short service together. Throughout the pilgrimage members of the group took it in turns to read passages of the

Bible relevant to the sites we were visiting. We sang a song, often delightfully accompanied by Martin on his flute, followed by David reading a poem or meditation. These were very memorable and moving occasions. Folk stopped in silence to hear these sessions.

From the Mount there was a view across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern side of the Old Walled City of Jerusalem, The Golden Gate and St Stephen's Gate. The Temple on The Mount and The Dome on the Rock dominate the scene. The whole of this part of the Kidron Valley is full of a sea of Muslim graves and, on the Mount of Olives, Jewish graves. When mourners visit the Jewish graves they leave stones not flowers. Some graves were covered in stones.

The 'Mount of Olives' sounds as if it is a large area. In fact it is a relatively small area which we covered quite quickly. The Garden of Gethsemane is in

a small square containing olives trees; some very ancient.

Next to the Garden of Gethsemane is the Roman Catholic Church of All Nations. It enshrines a section of bedrock where Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest. All Christian denominations are welcome here.

Our next visit was at the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (traditionally the site of the High Priest's house). David warned us that we would not be walking in Jesus' footsteps in most of Jerusalem as it has been built on so many times. But here at the High Priest's house not only did we hear a 'cock crow' (on a tape!) but we could actually walk (up) on the steps that Jesus would have walked up after his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Archaeological remains have revealed a dark dungeon room into which prisoners were lowered down a narrow shaft using ropes and kept until their execution. Christ was taken to the High Priests House the night before he was crucified (Mark 14:53). To go down in to this dungeon where Jesus was probably kept overnight was a really moving experience for us all.

After lunch, in the village of Ein Karem we visited the Church of John the Baptist then climbed up many steps to the Church of the Visitation, the site purported to be where Elisabeth lived and when Mary visited her cousin (Luke 1:46-47).

We continued on to the Israel Museum to view the model of Ancient Jerusalem and to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. We were constantly amazed at the biblical knowledge of our guide, Bassam. The following day we were guided around Jerusalem.

Lynda Lunn
(High Cross Church, Camberley)

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 17th January

Girls' Brigade News

The start of the session was somewhat disappointing, as some of our older girls had left school and gone to college this meant that they no longer had time for Girl's Brigade. We would ask you all to pray regularly for the staff and girls of the company, that parents will open their hearts and minds to allow their girls to join us.

However the remaining girls have had some fun with the badges for this session. The Explorers looked at holidays and made their own suitcases suitable for storing those treasures that every little girl has. The Juniors thought about creation and you can view one of their practical task in the hall, a collage of the events at the beginning of Genesis. They also made puppets and retold the interaction between Adam, Eve, the snake and God. The Seniors and Brigaders tried to get creative. They made coasters using mosaic tiles, considered praying using art and then onto visual display. The display can be seen in the church. Firstly we looked at the role of women during 1914-18 war and the difference it made to the social structure and women in particular. While we all acknowledge the events of the two world wars we sometimes forget the continuing conflicts after that time. Our theme for the second display is the conflicts involving the British Military after 1945.

On November 5th we celebrated with the traditional theme of sausages and fireworks. Our aim over the next few months is to work hard at recruitment. If you have neighbours or friends with girls of Brigade age please talk to them about us. Brigade is an important part of the mission of our church and we all share in this.

Chris Hall



Boys' Brigade News

On Sunday 18th October we held a very special church service as part of our 125th anniversary celebrations. We had an old 2nd Enfield Boy - Martin Poll, who is now the Chaplain to the Queen, who took part of the service. Other members of the Enfield Battalion also came along to the service and supported us.

Our brass band played all the hymns and sounded absolutely fantastic. It featured old boys and also five of our current lads (which is brilliant). I must give a special mention to Mr Ward, who put in so much hard work to coordinate the band, sort out practices and without him, it would not have happened. He also gave up so much time (with help from Graham Reed) to completely sort out the mountain of sheet music we have. It's all filed properly now.

During the service, the Senior lads were presented their President's badges, which recognise the work they have done over the past four years. Joseph, Tom and Nnamdi were also awarded their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, which is a really fantastic achievement.

The hall had been set up with loads of old photos and memorabilia. Some photos dated back to the 1930's. It was great to look back at past members and also current members of staff, when they were lads in the company. Not sure how Mr Cutts was in photos from the 1940's - but he was!!

After the church service, everyone went into the hall where there was a hot buffet served. A large cake had been prepared and a photo was taken with all the Captains of the 2nd Enfield cutting it. Then every member of the company, past and present went into the church for a photograph. The day was very special and brought back so many happy times for so many people. The old boys really enjoyed meeting up with old friends and remembering the great times they had in the company.

At the start of half term we ran a trip to Thorpe Park, for their Fright Nights event. We set off after church and arrived at the park just after 12 noon. Then it was non-stop rides all day. Inverted coasters, 10 looping roller coasters, wings coasters with near misses, beyond vertical drops, horror

themed coasters, 0 - 80mph in 2 second coasters and of course the tea cups for Anthony. The day was great, with everyone enjoying the rides (even though Stealth made Joseph and John sick! And I mean 'running to the toilet to be sick' - sick). As darkness set over the park, the horror walk through mazes came alive. This year there was a new maze to the line-up - it was themed on an abandoned circus. As a group, we had to enter this abandoned big top tent, with 'out of tune' and slightly distorted circus music playing. Inside was smoke, strobes and lots of evil clowns. All in all the day was very, very, enjoyable, oh and I think the boys like it to :)

On the Monday of half term we also took the lads bowling. This was a trip so that anyone who didn't come to Thorpe Park could also still do something enjoyable with the company. We went to Hollywood Bowl in Finchley and had some competitive bowling.

On Saturday 31st November we held an old boys Gala dinner at the Royal Chase Hotel. There we had 80 guests in attendance. It was a black tie event and everyone was suited and booted and the ladies looked very glamorous. We had also invited the Senior Boys to attend, as we felt it was important for them to be involved in such a special event. They too were suited and booted and looked very, very smart.

The evening started with a welcome reception followed by dinner. This consisted of a 5 star 3 course meal. After dinner, while coffee was being served, we had speeches from Trevor Bellis, Alan Rushbrook and myself. Once the speeches were over, the seniors performed their play. They had been working on the play for the past four weeks and had rehearsed so many times. They had given up lots of evenings (outside of Monday night BB) to come to the hall to practise. The final product was exceptional. It was so funny. It was about the 2 new lads finding a time machine and travelling back to past camps. They visited the 1970's, and met Derek, Bob, Bison (all in 1970's costumes). They visited the 1940's, the 1990's, 2000's. Each decade had its own sketch based on true events.

Everyone was crying with laughter. They did so well. I will arrange a time when they can perform it for parents and church members, so that you can all see the hard work that went into it (probably at the awards night). After all the formalities, there was a disco and lots of people chatted and talked about memories.

On Remembrance Day, we took part in the parade to the Cenotaph for the

Remembrance Service. As the colour party had won the Battalion colour drill last year, we had the honour of parading the Battalion colours. Joseph also had the honour of laying the Battalion wreath down on the memorial. I was very impressed with the number of lads who supported this march from the Company - Thankyou.

So now we are almost up to date. Monday nights have been running very well throughout November. The seniors are working on a film project. They have been tasked to produce a short film. It is up to them to choose the genre of film (I think they have chosen a Spy theme), write the script, be in it, direct it and film it. There have been some very funny planning sessions, with lots of ideas. A large mutant spider was one idea - but it was rejected on the grounds of... how do you produce a large mutant spider!!! The film project will take the Seniors into the New Year. The Junior lads have continued doing music, which involves them learning a brass instrument. They have also been learning cooking skills, fire safety (with my trusty smoke machine and an evacuation through a smoke filled corridor). They have also been able to take apart some bits from the Piccadilly underground line and then tasked with putting them back together - thanks to Gavin. If there are any delays next week then the boys obviously didn't put the parts back together again!

The Enfield Battalion are also running a multi sports day, which will consist of a basketball competition, a five -a- side football competition, badminton, table tennis and some brand new sports. I will fill in you with more about this day in the next newsletter.

So it's nearly Christmas and what a special time of year. Once again we will be heading out onto the streets of Bush Hill Park for four nights, with our brass band playing traditional carols, to collect money towards the work of the Boys Brigade. If you hear the carols, please come and say hello. As normal, we will return to the hall at 9pm for Hot Dogs and Hot chocolate (with whipped cream again I hope :).

Coming up in the New Year, the Seniors will be hosting a Quiz Night - please keep an eye out on the link for the date and also for posters around the building. There is also going to be a large music concert on Saturday 21st May 2016. It will showcase a range of musical talent from the local area. Please put this date into your diaries as its going to be a great night.

From all the staff and boys of the Second Enfield, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless.

Andrew Caddies

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Silent Night

This much-loved carol comes from Austria, where it was first sung as Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht on Christmas Eve, 1818. It was written by Father Joseph Mohr, a young priest at St Nicholas parish church, in the village of Oberndorf bei Salzburg. As Christmas 1818 approached, he asked the local schoolmaster, Franz Xaver Gruber, to compose a melody for his carol. Gruber was organist in the nearby village of Arnsdorf, and so was happy to oblige. On Christmas Eve they presented the carol to the church during the midnight mass. The carol went on to become loved world-wide; and the version sung by Bing Crosby is the third best-selling single of all time.

silent	night	loved	carol	austria
first	sung	stille	nacht	heilige
christmas	eve	father	joseph	mohr

young
priest
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mass

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They were amazed!

The Holy Spirit told Simeon to go into the temple. There he spotted the baby Jesus and **KNEW** God's special time to rescue the world had come! Now Simeon could die in peace! He told Mary and Joseph that Jesus was specially chosen by God to bring peace, light and glory but also destruction and sorrow.... They were amazed!

Why was Simeon so important? Read more in Luke 2: 22-35

Bible Sketchbook



KEPT
PROMISE!
GO IN
PEACE!
YOUR
SALVATION!
A LIGHT!
BRING
GLORY!
A SIGN!

*Part of what Simeon
said over Jesus*



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	9:15am	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
Thursday	7:30pm	Boys' Brigade Company Section circuit training (when advised)
Friday	9:30am	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)
	6:00pm	Sunday Evening Reflection (2nd Sunday)

