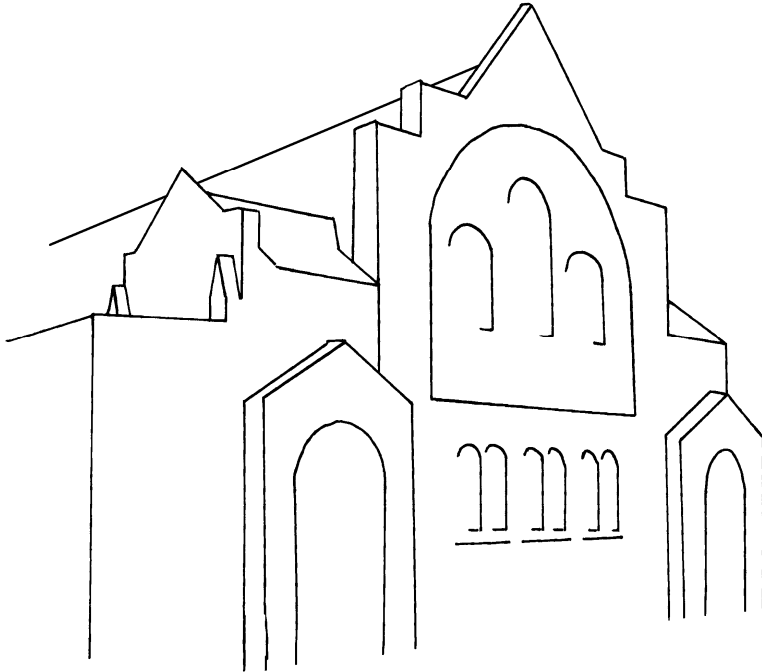


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## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 28th February. All material for inclusion should be emailed to [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 14th February**.

## A ROAD TO...

This letter comes to you from a somewhat improvised desk with a view of boxes that still need unpacking. I am looking forward to having the time this next week to get myself organized and settled into this lovely manse at last.



As I ponder about the weeks ahead, I am struck by the speed at which time passes. Only just did we box up the Christmas decorations or Lent is around the corner with Shrove Tuesday falling on 9th February this year. Our eyes already start to focus on Easter and once that is past, we look forward to the summer. Weeks and months pass by in a crazy tempo in the world we live in.

We are busy from the moment we wake until we fall into bed at night, more or less exhausted. Even those among us who are retired are nowadays as busy (if not more) as the people who work in full-time jobs. Elderly relations or friends and responsibilities as church

members constantly ask our time and energy.

In a world like this, it can be a true gift to stop and pause. To take a breath and sit at the feet of Jesus for a moment. I was lucky enough to have that opportunity last week; as part of my ongoing training as a minister. For three days there was time to listen, share and pray together with other people in ministry. To be fed and challenged, to be encouraged and to encourage others. To 'submerge in God' for a while.

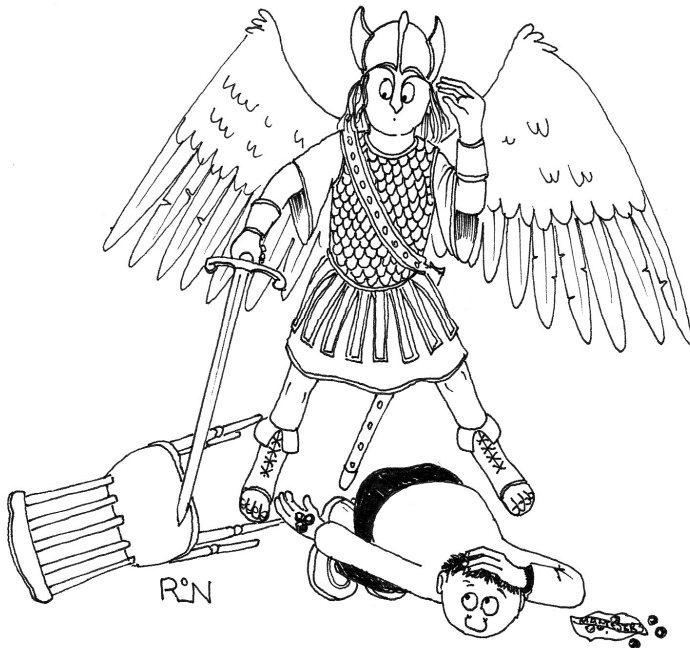
One of the things that I realized whilst away, is that we do not create these opportunities often enough for ourselves. Somehow our priorities have fallen out of

sync with what Jesus has lived out for us as an example. We are so busy with the work of the Lord that we no longer spend time with the Lord of the work. And we become ineffective, tired and powerless.

This Lent, there is ample opportunity to spend some time with Jesus. In the lounge you will find a list of Lent groups that run throughout the next two months

and in this newsletter, those we are doing as a pastorate. They are open to all people at a variety of times and places. Why not pick one that attracts you and get yourself into a routine of setting time apart for God? You will be blessed by it!

Yours in Christ,  
*Henriette*



*"But look", said Martin, "Maltesers have hardly any chocolate on"*

# Smile Lines

## **In a sack**

Seen in a church magazine: 'Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them if possible.'

## **Wages**

Advert for a new minister: 'Wages not high, but retirement benefits out of this world.'

## **Sign**

Outside a New York Convalescent Home there is a sign: 'For the sick and tired of the Episcopal Church...'

## **Ladies**

Notice in a church hall where a sale of second-hand clothes was in progress: 'Ladies may have a fit upstairs'.

## **Judgement?**

This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?"'

## **Don't die**

The vicar announced: 'I am sure that you will not wish to overwork our visiting priest while I am on holiday, and will keep funerals to a minimum.'

# Here is the News

## **76 First Avenue**

Henriette is finally in 76. The workers did an amazing job running up to Christmas and after, really pushing to get it ready in time which they did. We pray now that Henriette enjoys settling into 76 and that it provides all her needs.

## **Christmas collection - Foodbank**

Thank you to all who came to our Family Christmas Carol Concert on 20th December. £197.41 was collected for the North Enfield Foodbank to help with this vital service in Enfield. If you'd like to support the Foodbank further donations of food can be taken on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 11am and 3pm at North Enfield Foodbank, Unit 2, Lumina Way (off Lincoln Road), Enfield, EN1 1FS. See <http://northenfield.foodbank.org.uk/get-involved> for details of what they urgently require.

## **Christmas Gift Appeal**

Thank you to all who responded to our Christmas Gift appeal during Advent. £1,855 was given to help improve our Church Funds.

If you missed the opportunity don't worry, envelopes can still be returned or you can donate via our Fundraising page at [www.give.net/bhpurc](http://www.give.net/bhpurc)

## **New home**

Anthony & Rachel have moved into their new home. Their new address is 16 Long Meadow Drive, Wickford, Essex SS11 8AX. Our blessings go with them in the next part of their life together.

## **Get togethers**

A few people got together to do a Christmas Lights walk from in December, everyone enjoyed the lights & the time together. Again the end of January a few people went to Prezzo after church for a meal.

If you would like to suggest or organise any get togethers please do, Lisa & Chris will take any suggestions and make them happen where we can. Let's make our church more of a community.

# Lent

This Lent why not go deeper in your walk with Christ and join a bible study group. Our house group is meeting as usual throughout Lent (and the rest of the year!) and will start the Bible Society's study "Making Good Sense of the Bible Together" on Shrove Tuesday. Henriette is leading a weekly morning reflection "A Road to the Garden" with the opportunity for reflection in creative ways at Lancaster Road URC.

The blurb for "Making Good Sense of the Bible Together" says:

Reading the Bible is not always easy. Some passages can appear confusing and difficult to understand so what do you do when you can't make sense of them?

Making Good Sense of the Bible Together, with a foreword by Dr Paula Gooder, writer and lecturer in Biblical Studies, is a six-session introduction to biblical interpretation – ideal for small group participation as together you dig deeper and explore the Scriptures. These studies will help you read the Bible with greater understanding, examine the authors' original meaning, engage with the biblical message and discover what it means to you today.

So if you like the sound of that do join us, if you'd prefer a morning session do join Henriette & others at Lancaster Road - or do both!

## **Making Good Sense of the Bible Together**

Starts 9th February at 8pm

130 Clive Road

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

Let Lisa know if you expect to come: [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk)

## **A Road to the Garden**

Starts 12th February at 10:30am - 12noon

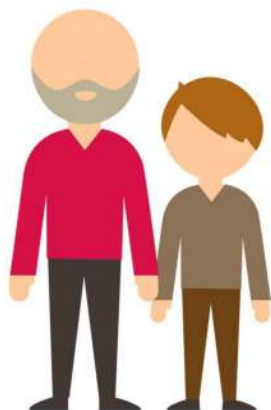
Lancaster Road URC

Every Friday in Lent (six weeks)

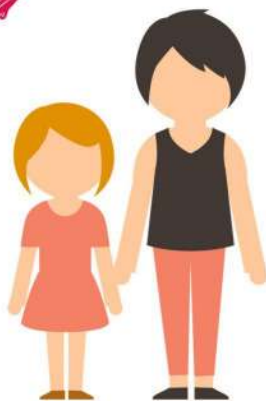
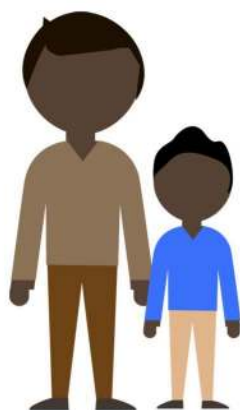
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# TOGETHER



40 days of Lent  
40 reflections  
40 simple acts  
of generosity



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Sign up at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk)

Join the 40acts challenge to take part in  
forty daily generous acts during Lent 2016.  
Wednesday 10th February to Saturday 26th March



## DO LENT GENEROUSLY



## **Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry**

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

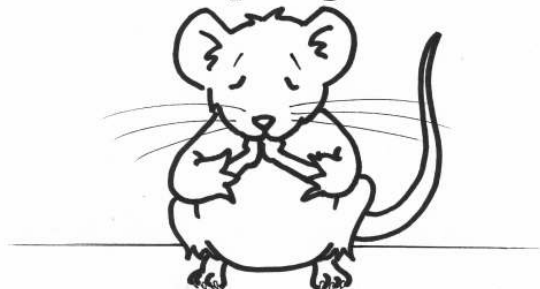
‘I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance’ (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)

‘Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

‘Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.’ (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

God hears  
our prayers



# ASH WEDNESDAY

*A time of reflection at  
the start of Lent*

*Join with us on  
February 10<sup>th</sup>  
8pm*

*Bring last year's palm cross  
if you still have it.*

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# Diary

## February

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 7th	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Christine Hall
Tue 9th	8:00pm	New house group session starts - Making good sense of the Bible together (page 7)
Wed 10th	8:00pm	Ash Wednesday service with Christine Hall
Fri 12th	10:30am	Lent study at Lancaster Road URC starts - A road to the garden (page 7)
Sun 14th	10:30am 6:00pm	Parade Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 21st	10:30am	Vision Worship with Rev Henriette Wentink
Sun 28th	10:30am	Worship with Terry Silvey

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 14th February

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# PRAYER PLAN

FEBRUARY 2016

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you were  
called to peace. And be thankful.  
Colossians 3:15

## **Monday 1st**

Lynda & John Cook

## **Tuesday 2nd**

For those on recovering from  
injury on the battlefield

## **Wednesday 3rd**

Landseer Road

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

## **Monday 8th**

Phyl Cox

## **Tuesday 9th**

For those on duty or training in  
the Special Forces

## **Wednesday 10th**

Lathkill Close

## **Thursday 11th**

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

**Friday 12th**

Child carers and the charities who help with support and enjoyable events

**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**

Derek, Janet & James Cutts

**Tuesday 16th**

For those on duty or training in the Navy

**Wednesday 17th**

Lincoln Crescent

**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**

Those who still don't know Jesus personally

**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**

Jill Garrett

**Tuesday 23rd**

For those on duty or training in the Royal Marines

**Wednesday 24th**

Lincoln Road

**Thursday 25th**

For Henriette and the future of our church and fellowship

**Friday 26th**

Those suffering from addiction, their families and the charities that help them break free

**Saturday 27th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

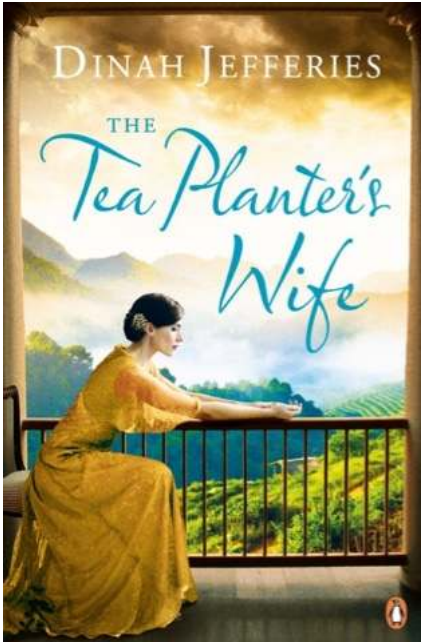
**Sunday 28th**

Thanks for good health

**Monday 29th**

Norma, Mike, Beth & William Grimsey

## Book Club



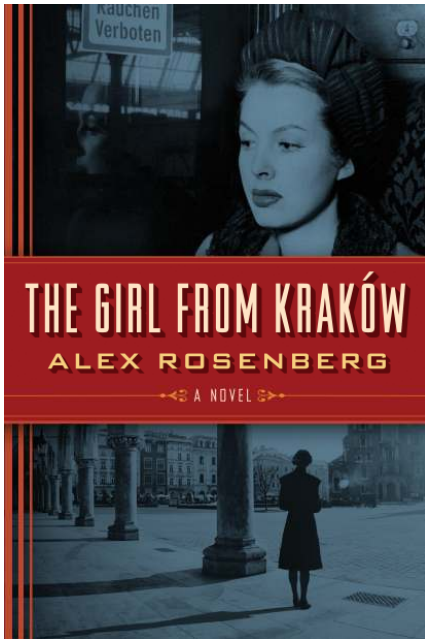
### **The Tea Planter's Wife** by Dinah Jefferies

Set in Sri Lanka when it was Ceylon, this is a tale of a nineteen-year-old who stepped off a steamer full of optimism, eager to join her new husband. But the man who greets her at the tea plantation is not the same one she fell in love with and married in London. Her husband is distant and brooding, spends long days wrapped up in his work, leaving his young bride to explore the plantation alone and in the company of local servants. It's a place filled with clues to the past - locked doors, a yellowed wedding dress in a dusty trunk, an overgrown grave hidden

in the grounds, far too small for an adult...

Gwen soon falls pregnant and her husband is overjoyed, but she has little time to celebrate. In the delivery room the new mother is faced with a terrible choice, one she knows no one in her upper class set will understand - least of all Laurence. Forced to bury a secret at the heart of her marriage, Gwen is more isolated than ever. When the time comes, how will her husband ever understand what she has done?

Not a bad read. We were taken to those slow-lived days of the 1920s to a country of flashing fireflies and noisy cicadas; when wives were naive about some intricacies of the human body, without DNA and modern scientific knowledge. It covers issues of race, prejudice and colonialism which make you realise how far we have come since those days.



## The Girl from Krakow by Alex Rosenberg

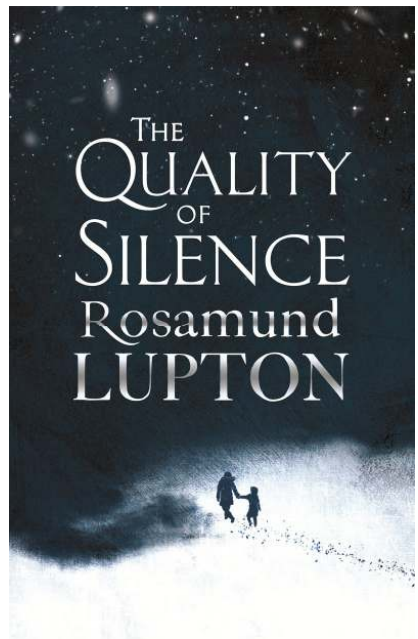
This saga covers a 15 year period starting in 1935 and follows Rita, a bright young Polish Jewish girl attending the university in Krakow, and the main characters she meets along the way. The future mapped out for her encompasses marriage, a love affair, a child and the war. The war years take us through Paris, the Spanish civil war, Moscow and Nazi-occupied Germany – all of these places very dangerous for Jews. The book is well researched, and detailed in geopolitical and philosophical reasoning – giving much food for thought. It is somewhat

graphic in places, and again one is sharply reminded of that powerful human instinct - to survive at all cost.

We found it an interesting read – which certainly left us more knowledgeable than we started. It was a little hard going because there were quite a few characters involved, and the timeline changed with each character's narration. It was not the easiest of reads, but a powerful one covering the full spectrum of life – national and personal.

We next meet on the 1st February having read 'The Quality of Silence' by Rosamund Lupton.

Sylvia Page & Yvonne Coe

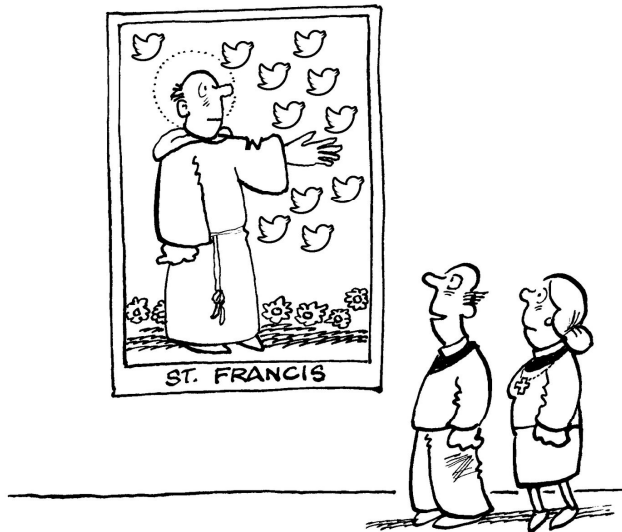


# Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
7th	Barbara	Sylvia	Jill	GB	
14th	Kath	Brigades	Ivy & Jane	John	Robin & Lisa
21st	Evelyn	Sue	Yvonne & Jill	Sylvia	
28th	Alison	Sylvia	Jill	Diann	

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!



*He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!*



## Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

We entered the Old City of Jerusalem through the Zion Gate and visited the Church of St Anne which was erected over the traditional site of the birthplace of Anne (Hannah), the mother of Mary. Next to it was the Pool of Bethesda at the bottom of the photo so low down it is almost out of sight.

Then we followed the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross) through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre over the site of Calvary. Upstairs there is the rock which is the traditional site of Jesus' cross. You can put your hand right into the hole. It is such a moving experience. Afterwards we visited St Mark's Church, the traditional site of Upper Room and the Last Supper.

After lunch in the Armenian Quarter we drove first to Bethany where we briefly visited the church commemorating Lazarus, Mary and Martha before calling at Jeel al-Amal Boys' Home supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. We then continued to the desert oasis of Jericho where we saw wonderful views from the Mount of Temptation. We then stopped at Jesus' baptismal site on the River Jordan.



On returning to Jerusalem we celebrated Holy Communion at the Garden Tomb. It was another very moving experience.

It is appropriate that our visit to Bethlehem, the following day, is included as this is the Christmas edition. Our visit to Manger Square and the Grotto of the Nativity gave us another emotional experience. Christmas will never be the same again!

Lynda Lunn  
(High Cross Church, Camberley)

## **Fairtrade Fortnight**

### **29th February – 13th March**

Martin Luther King famously once said: 'Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. And eating breakfast is just what Fairtrade Fortnight has in mind for you this year - the campaign hopes to get as many people as possible to eat a Fairtrade breakfast in their homes during the Fortnight.



As a spokesperson explains: "It's a scandal that the people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast. When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families." More details at: [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

Over 5,000 products have been licensed to carry the FAIRTRADE Mark in the UK including coffee, tea, herbal teas, chocolate, cocoa, sugar, bananas, grapes, pineapples, mangoes, avocados, apples, pears, plums, grapefruit, lemons, oranges, satsumas, clementines, mandarins, lychees, dried fruit, juices, smoothies, biscuits, cakes & snacks, honey, jams & preserves, chutney, rice, quinoa, herbs & spices, seeds, nuts, wines, ales, rum, confectionery, muesli, cereal bars, ice-cream, flowers, sports balls, sugar body scrub and cotton products including clothing, homeware, cotton wool, olive oil, gold, silver and platinum.

So for your breakfast try to tuck into a Fairtrade cup of tea or coffee, spread some Fairtrade jam or marmalade on your toast or have a bowl of Fairtrade muesli topped with Fairtrade honey or sugar. There are even more options, listed above, go on, be adventurous and help the people who provide our food.

# Girls' Brigade News

The girls have been engaged with a variety of badge topics. The Explorers have been thinking about keeping ourselves healthy. We looked at different foods and how they can affect us especially the amount of sugar in our most favourite ones. Everyone had fun bathing the dolls while thinking about personal hygiene. The importance of exercise and fresh air was discussed and we played games to help us keep active. However we decided that there is a time to have a sugar rush and made marshmallow and rice Krispy lollies great fun if a little messy. The Juniors looked at the importance of sharing. They baked biscuits, made cakes and pizza which was meant to be shared but how much sharing went on is debatable. The Seniors decided to concentrate on room redecoration. Using colour charts and pictures from magazines they designed a room of their choice but of course they had to consider the budget. Their next challenge is to make a chair suitable for a young child. Hopeful you will see the results after Christmas.

It was with sadness that we have had to say goodbye to two members of staff. Rachel who joined us in September is moving to the wilds of Essex and Margaret Trevallion is also leaving us as her employment is moving to Stratford. However we are hoping that Margaret will be able to help out with the Senior section once she has settled and works out the transport.

Two of our Brigaders took part in Young Leaders training with the Bishop Stortford District they both said that it was a really fun weekend and they made some new friends along the way.

Planning for camp is well underway and it looks like an action packed five days but we will tell you more about it later.

Thank you for your prayerful support, please continue to pray for the staff who are feeling the strain being three members of staff short. If you know of anyone who might consider helping us please ask them to contact me.

Charlotte McBride

# *Boys' Brigade News*

We have now started back into the New Year but firstly I must tell you about the end of last year. We ended our winter session with our traditional carolling nights, throughout the streets of Bush Hill Park. No doubt, if you live in Bush Hill Park, one of our boys came knocking on your door with a collection box, and the sound of carols could be heard drifting through the streets. We collected over four nights and had a very experienced band made up of some of our own lads, members of staff and old boys. The band sounded exceptional this year.

I would like to thank all the boys and staff for their help on the nights and also a thank you to the generosity of the people of Bush Hill Park.

On Sunday 13th December, we took the lads to the snow centre in Hemel Hempstead for an hour of sledging. The snow centre is an indoor ski slope that's covered in real snow. Inside the venue it was minus 2 and the boys enjoyed having sledging races down the slope and of course throwing snow balls at each other.

We have now started back on Monday evenings with new badge class for the boys. The Senior boys are currently still filming scenes for their film. Last week saw them filming on the set of the villains lair. There were also some internal car shots. The film is almost ready to go into the editing stage, before its premier at our company supper.

The Juniors have been learning some gymnastics and are also building their own radios. The radios have many parts and the lads are learning how to solder the electronic components onto the circuit boards.

Four of the lads now start work on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh

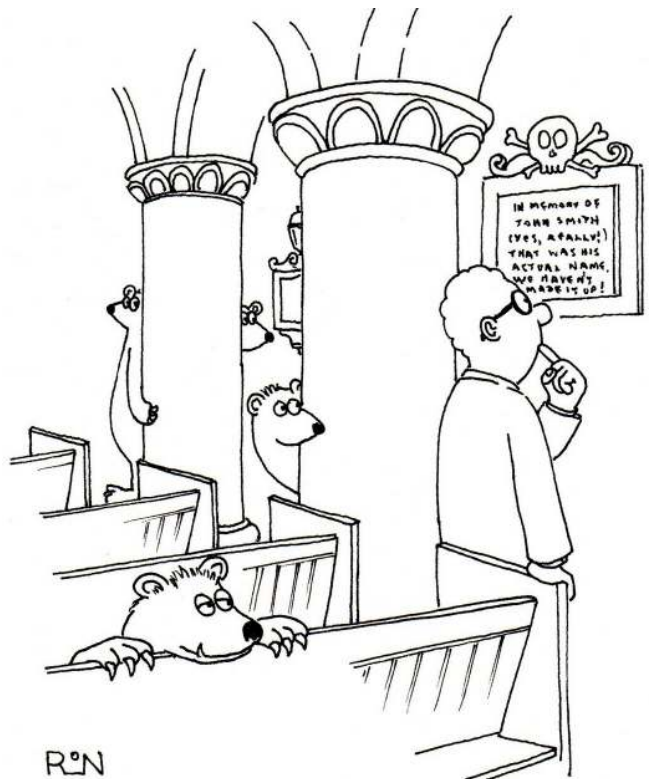
award scheme and we also have three lads starting out on their bronze award.

As well as a regular games session, all the lads are practising for the PR Games competition which takes place in February. The PR games consist of 10 different physical activities, to be undertaken in two minutes for each activity.

The lads are also practising for the Drill competition and have a 15 minute drill session every week.

In 2 weeks' time we have the swimming gala, which we will be entering a team in.

At the start of the February half term we will be holding our annual Company Supper. This is where all the current staff and Company section members, plus invited old boys, all meet up for a three course meal and some entertainment. I will give a full report on the evening in the next newsletter.



Andrew Caddies

*Dennis spent a long time in church  
looking for his forbears*

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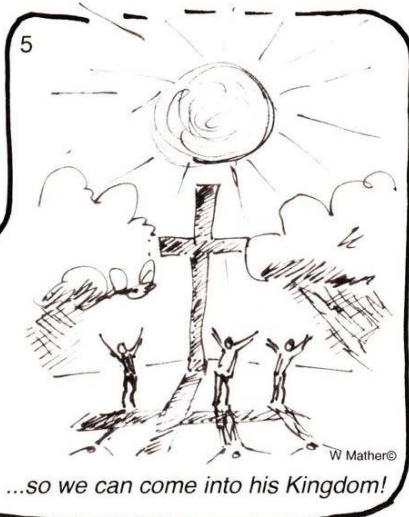
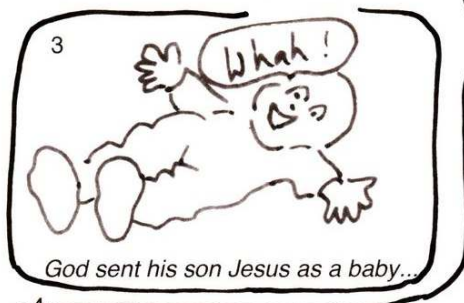
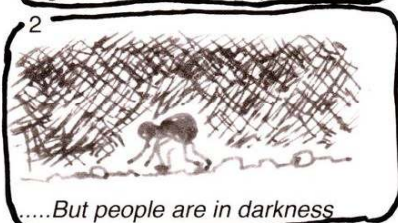
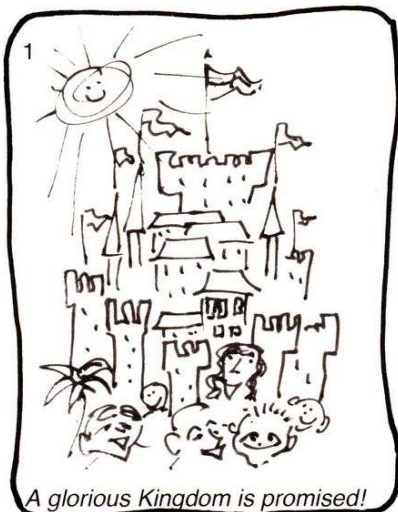
February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate: and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through his death for us on the cross, and his resurrection, his love can now transform anyone's life. Romances can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

valentine	rose	romance	love	present
restaurant	hearts	kiss	hug	girlfriend
boyfriend	fiancé	repentance	worship	angels
baby	temple	mary	candlemas	presentation



# Your Kingdom Come!

Every Christian church prays regularly "Your - or 'Thy' - Kingdom come." It's part of the **Lord' Prayer**. We're asking for the 'kingly' rule of Jesus to cover the world so one day we'll all be in his glorious Kingdom! The big problem is all of us are in the darkness of evil and sin and far away from this Kingdom. But God did the most amazing thing - he sent his son Jesus into the world AS A BABY!!!! And Jesus calls all of us to follow him, go the way of the Cross so we can be free from the darkness and come into the wonderful freedom of his Kingdom! *How about you? Is this your experience? Read more in Luke 11:2 and Matthew 6:33*



# 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  
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**      9:15am      Prayers in the Hall, open from 9 for a chat first  
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)

