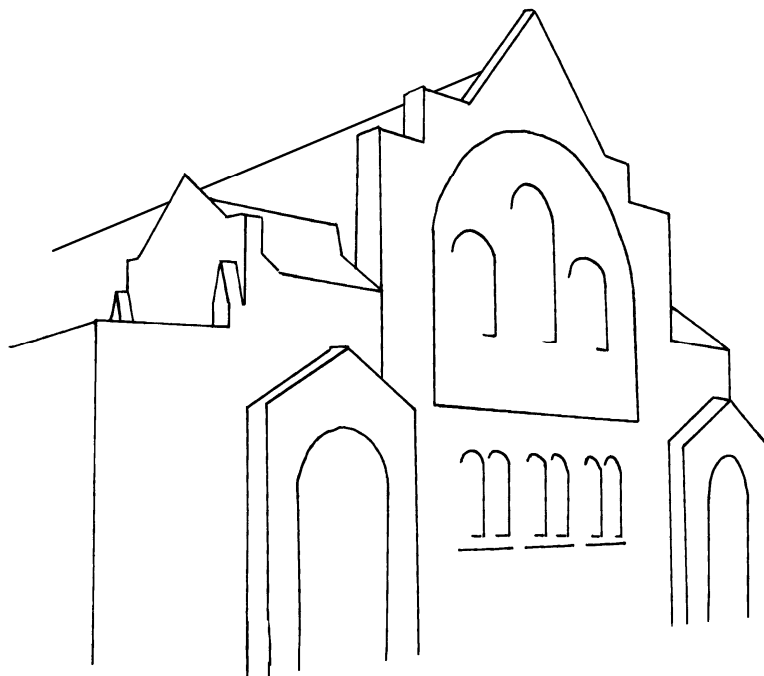




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The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church policy.

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 27th March. All material for inclusion should be emailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk** by **Sunday 13th March**.

Where is Jesus?

Many churches these days are found to be talking over and wrestling with important issues. For example, they ask themselves how to be church in the 21st century; what their mission should involve, or how to preach a message that is relevant to people today. But hopefully the underlying question of any discussion is this one: Where is Jesus? Where, in our communities of organised religion, do we sense something which reminds us of who Jesus is and how his Spirit is at work?

As a minister I am in the privileged position to meet people on a wide scale in a variety of situations. And it is in the most surprising encounters and unexpected places where I find Jesus most tangible;

I feel him in the hands of a Mum, stretched as she is with the care for her own children, but who nevertheless volunteers time to help others.

I hear him in the words of a friend who currently has no place to call home, when he asks me if the move to my new home went well.

I read him in the note from a woman who recently said goodbye to a loved one.

I see him in the lives of the “unchurched” parents who are deeply touched at the baptism of their two children.

I taste him in the enthusiasm of a child running after the elder distributing bread and wine in a communion service; desperate not to miss out on this meal they wish to be part of.

As you journey on through Lent towards the glory of Easter, my prayer is that you may find Jesus in new and surprising places.

Yours in Christ,
Henriette

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

HOLIDAY AT HOME

15TH AND 16TH APRIL 2016

10:30AM to 4:00PM EACH DAY

**This event is a holiday club for adults which will
be held in the hall at Christ Church URC
(Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ).**

**The programme will include craft activities,
quizzes, Bible talks, musical items and
entertainment. A cooked lunch and afternoon tea
will be provided and the charge for each day is £6.**

**For further information and to book a place
please contact Rosemary Milns on 020 8363 6571
or email mail@ccurc.org.uk. Places are limited,
so book early to avoid disappointment!**

www.ccurc.org.uk

Smile Lines

Beware of these contagious diseases in church

Frontophobia: A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door, and collapses in the nearest back seat.

Ear Frequency Destruction: Caused by sitting near the loudspeaker when the minister is singing full volume, off-key, etc., into the microphone.

Sermonic Throat: A dreaded choking caused by the start of the sermon. The sufferer unwraps a sweet very slowly and noisily, which seems to effect a complete cure.

Double Auricular Clearance: A condition due to the simultaneous opening of both ear ducts, which allows sound to enter one ear and leave the other without any absorption thereof. Condition is acute during Bible reading and sermon.

Accelerate Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing faster than the organ.

Retarded Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

Theexits: A condition where the sufferer rushes for the exit before the minister gets there.

Church Meeting Paralysis: This can strike suddenly, when a post in the church needs filling. A good dose of enthusiasm works wonders with this sad affliction.

Here is the News

Baptism

Congratulations to Sue Stubbs on her baptism at the end of February. God be with you and your family.



Leprosy Mission

Thank you for giving to the retiring collection at the World Leprosy Day service at Lancaster Road. I have been able to send £40.75. Also a very big thank you to all who have boxes. I was able to send £143.10 which I think is the most ever.



Thank you very much for giving so generously to this good cause. I have a few more boxes if anyone is interested in having one to put their odd change in (or notes!). Thank you also to all who collect stamps. Do keep them coming. They must be clean, not damaged with not more than 5mm border, preferably cut rather than torn as this can damage the stamp and render them unsellable. Don't forget also to collect postcards and other collectables. Stamps and postcards can be franked or not, UK and foreign and any denomination - even the usual 1st and 2nd class stamps.

Christine Hughes



The egg that shares the Easter story



Dark (RRP £5.50)

An egg made from premium dark Fairtrade chocolate (165g) with dark chocolate squares (15g) and a cross shaped Easter story. This egg is not available in supermarkets.

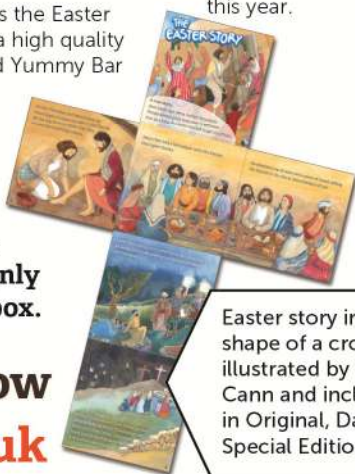
Original (RRP £3.99)

A fresh new redesign. Includes the Easter story in the shape of a cross, a high quality milk chocolate egg (125g) and Yummy Bar (25g). Charity donation from every egg sold.



Special Edition (RRP £9.99)

Contains a high quality milk chocolate egg (200g), an olive wood holding cross keyring from Bethlehem, a pull out Easter story and an orange milk chocolate bar (80g). This egg is not available in Tesco this year.



Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box.

Buy a Real Easter Egg now
www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Easter story in the shape of a cross illustrated by Helen Cann and included in Original, Dark and Special Edition eggs.

Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's Gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: "You crucified Jesus, but God raised him up!"

How did they know this? Because of experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds. He recovered in the tomb, and escaped. The disciples nursed Him back to health. But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit.

If the disciples had been hiding Jesus, they would have kept very low-key,

and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after him again.

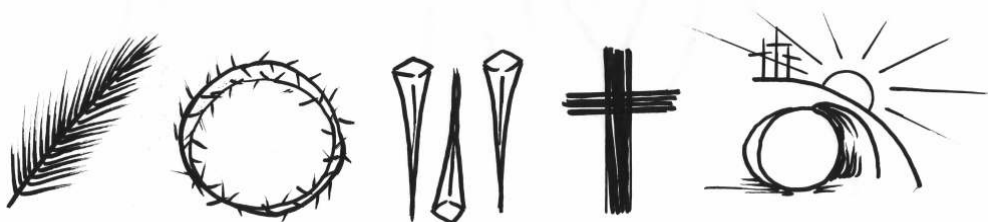
Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: "He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: 'Follow thou me', and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is."

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.





Diary

March

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 6th	10:00am 10:30am	Mothering Sunday Prayers in the church Communion with Christine Hall
Sun 13th	10:30am 6:00pm	Parade with Martin Wells Sunday Evening Reflection
Sat 19th	from 11am to 2pm	Lunchtime @ Christ Church A relaxed time of fellowship with lunches and hot or cold refreshments available throughout
Sun 20th	10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship with Revd Henriette Wentink
Thur 24th	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion with Revd Henriette Wentink
Fri 25th	10:30am	Good Friday Service of witness in Enfield Town Market
Sun 27th	10:30am	Easter Sunday Easter celebration with Christine Hall

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 13th March

PRAYER PLAN

MARCH 2016

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God,
the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your strength.
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Tuesday 1st

Baby & Toddlers

Wednesday 2nd

Leighton Road

Thursday 3rd

For our Queen

Friday 4th

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

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for all the benefits we
enjoy living in England

Monday 7th

Robin & Christine Hall

Tuesday 8th

House group

Wednesday 9th

Main Avenue

Thursday 10th

For our Foreign Secretary

Friday 11th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

Give thanks for our homes &
the shelter we have

Monday 14th

Martin & Lisa Hamblin

Tuesday 15th

TwS youth club

Wednesday 16th

Melbourne Way

Thursday 17th

For the speaker of the House of Commons

Friday 18th

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Give thanks for family and friends

Monday 21st

Bill, Michelle, Chloe & Anne-Marie Hanson

Tuesday 22nd

Boys Brigade

Wednesday 23rd

Millais Road

Thursday 24th

For the Chief Whip

Friday 25th

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

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Give thanks that Jesus rose from the dead and saved us

Monday 28th

Anne & John Hatchett

Tuesday 29th

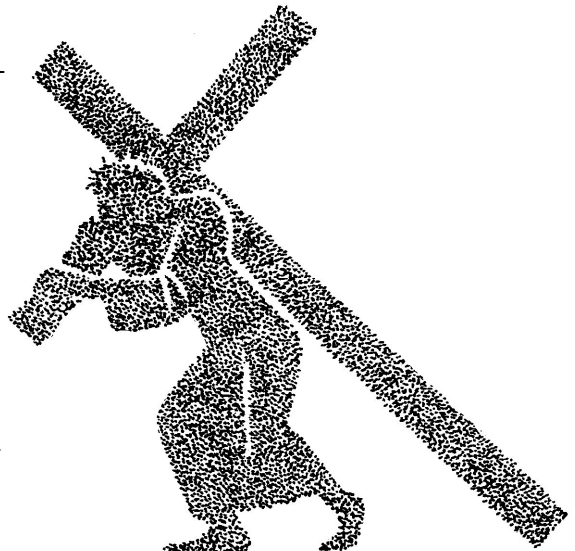
Girls Brigade

Wednesday 30th

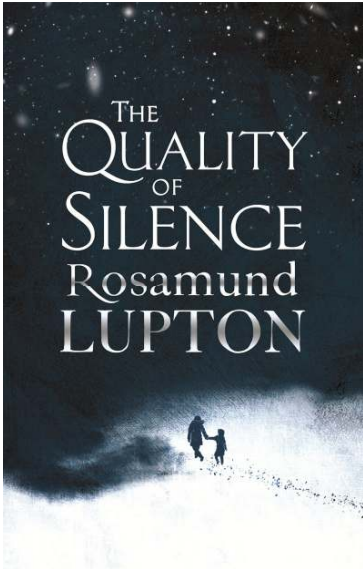
Percival Road

Thursday 31st

For our Prime Minister



Book Club



‘The Quality of Silence’ by Rosamund Lupton

This proved to be the best read for some months. Picture yourself as in ‘Ice Road Truckers’ (if you have seen that programme) but in Alaska in winter with no daylight. It weaves the story of the hunt for Matthew, a missing husband and father, who is a wildlife cameraman out seeking new pictures.

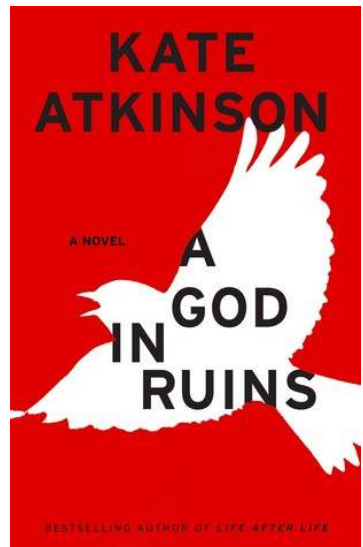
The twist is that the daughter is profoundly deaf communicating by signing and you cannot uncover your hands in these below zero temperatures. The pair travel for hundreds of miles seeking Matthew but is there someone out there trying to stop them finding him?

We thoroughly recommend this book. It gave a very interesting insight into the world of profoundly deaf people, and also covered the very topical issue of fracking.

Next we meet on the 29th February having read ‘A God in Ruins’ by Kate Atkinson; we then miss March because of Easter and meet on the 4th April having read ‘Black House’ by Peter May – this is quite old literature but a new author to most of us.

We have decided to publish two ahead as there has been welcome interest in joining us but from those with little hope of finishing a book in a month. We look forward to some new people coming along as we will be losing Sandra when she moves to be nearer her daughter in South London.

Sylvia Page



EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

20th March at 10:30am

All Age Worship

with Revd Henriette Wentink



MAUNDY THURSDAY

24th March at 7pm

A time to share in a meal
then leading into our

Communion Worship

with Revd Henriette Wentink

Put your name on the list in the lounge
if you are going to join us



GOOD FRIDAY

25th March 10:30am

Service of Witness

at Enfield Town Market



EASTER SUNDAY

27th March at 10:30am

All Age Easter Celebration

with Chris Hall



Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
6th		Robin H	Mavis & Jill	Chris Whippe	
13th	Evelyn	Brigades	Jane & Ivy		Tony
20th	Kath		Valerie		Tony
27th					

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!



The vicar realised that deciphering and trying to make sense of esoteric texts was still an important part of the job

Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

On our last day in Jerusalem, a few of the group returned to the head church of the Christian faith, the church of the Holy Sepulchre, (very) early on the Sunday morning to witness the variety of liturgies that are happening at the same time in various areas. We saw the rock reputed to be where Jesus was washed after the crucifixion. It is preserved in an open case so it can be touched.

After checking out of the Golden Walls Hotel, we attended the morning service with communion in St Georges Cathedral - see photo. This was said in English and Arabic. The lady organist gave a wondrous rendition and afterwards we sat in the lovely garden for coffee and cake.

We then travelled to Jericho via the Hills of Judea where we stopped at a possible area of Jesus' temptations. The desert here is particularly rocky with little sand and virtually no water or food sources. It was exceptionally hot as we were well below sea level.

Our next stop was at the River Jordan which at this point is a narrow rather muddy/green colour. There were many pilgrims here some being baptised, but we just paddled! We had a lovely meaningful service in one of the shaded areas set aside for services.

We had a very welcome lunch at an open air restaurant in Jericho before travelling along the Jordan Valley. Jericho is in the West Bank so we had to pass through check points manned by armed Israeli soldiers as we re-entered Israel to continue our journey to Tiberias for our stay at the Ron Beach

Hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Lynda Lunn
(High Cross
Church,
Camberley)



Our new sponsored child in Zambia - Elijah Simukoko

Date of Birth (approx.): 21/05/2007

Height: 134cm

Weights 28.7kgs.

Tribe: Namwanga

Father: Emmanuel Simukoko, miner

Mother: Peg Mambwe

Elijah lives with two other children and two adults in his home. He is cared for by Peg Mambwe who is his mother. Elijah is responsible for sweeping the house and washing plates.



Elijah has access to the Beyond Ourselves nurse for medical advice and treatment if needed. The main conditions treated by the nurse are HIV, malaria, bronchial infections and worms. We are pleased to let you know that your sponsored child has not needed to visit the nurse or doctor in the past year as they have been in good health. Apart from the staple diet of nshima (maize), Elijah enjoys eating meat pie.

Greater Joy School was officially opened in 2009 by Ospeck and Angelina Sichilongo, a local Zambian couple. The school began in a Pentecostal Holiness Church. Since 2010 Beyond Ourselves has been working alongside Ospeck, Angelina and all the staff at Greater Joy School to resource and develop the school which has approximately 300 pupils and caters for Nursery to Grade 7. Elijah's favourite subject is Maths and one day he would like to be a Doctor. He also enjoys reading.

Kitwe is the second largest city in Zambia with a population of well over 500,000 people. It is situated in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia. Kitwe is a very industrial city, historically built because of the copper mines in that region. Greater Joy School is located in the Chimwemwe (meaning 'happiness') township of Kitwe.

If you would like to sponsor your own child or see further details about Beyond Ourselves go to www.beyondourselves.co.uk.

Girls' Brigade News

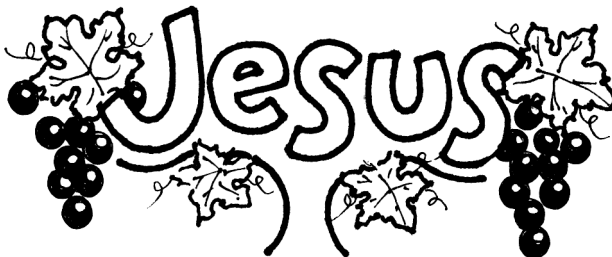
On January 18th, Lauren and I went to Harlow for an overnight stay to do our Young Leaders Training. We had an early start and everyone was there by 10am.

Although I experienced my first taste of a Young Leaders weekend before - nothing could have prepared me for the Icebreaker... "Take off one shoe and one sock (off the same foot obviously) and write your name on the bottom of everyone's foot." Lets just say that was an interesting start full of giggling girls - some of us have ticklish feet okay!

We were then split into two groups, G and B (I later realised what it stood for - Girl's Brigade!) where we did a few different sessions focusing on different aspects of training and how much goes into the GB sessions. One of these activities included making a two minute film on Girls Brigade which were then shown in the church service the following morning.

Apart from a late night call for the Leaders, everything ran smoothly! We saw a lot of new faces and even some old ones which was nice to catch up with and we hope to see them all again soon - sooner than next years training hopefully!

Alyssia Jones



Boys' Brigade News

Well what a fantastic February it has been. At the end of January, we took part in the PR games competition. We had two teams that took part. The competition was 10 different team games that the teams had to complete within two minutes. The results have been sent off to London HQ and we will find out our placing in London in a few months times.

At the start of the month we took some of the boys to the Battalion swimming gala. This year it was held at Southbury leisure centre, which made it easy to get there.

This year we had a very large team as 10 lads came along to take part. The competition was open to all companies in the Enfield battalion as well as North London companies.

We did very well in the Enfield competition and our team won every age group and also the overall competition for Enfield. We came second in the London competition.

As half term approached we finished off our current badge classes. The Seniors have been working on making a short film. They have written it themselves and then have been filming all the scenes over the last five weeks. They filmed the last scene and they edited together ready for its preview showing.

The Seniors also started work on their Quiz Night which took place at the end of February.

The Juniors have been learning basic gymnastics, which involved learning different vaults over the horse. They also started learning about basic electrics and built their own simple circuit board, which had a motor, bell and buzzer on it. They also were able to apply this simple circuit to make a 'steady hand wire game' which they made and tested.

Our band teacher has also been in attendance for the past five weeks, so

the lads have had a regular practise slot before BB starts every Monday. This is really helping and they are sounding fantastic. Our Thursday circuit training has also been running each week and is going really well. The session always starts with a 25 minute jog (it's so tiring!!). Most of the boys are doing this as part of their D of E work.

During half term we held our annual Company Supper and Camp Reunion. It is always a fantastic and most enjoyable night and this year was no exception.

The guests arrived at 6.00pm in formal dress and went into the parlour, where they were greeted by Mr Rushbrook. The boys also arrived in smart clothes (and they all looked very smart) and were seated at their tables. Just before dinner was served, the guests were announced into the hall,

The fantastic food was cooked and prepared by Mrs Rushbrook and she excelled herself once again. All the staff were present, with a range of invited friends & guests. Most of the Company section boys and two of the top aged Junior section boys were also present.

After some toasts & the speeches (and some lost property was returned to Mr Rushbrook) we all retired into the church for the entertainment. This year the entertainment was hosted by Joseph and Tom with a comedy stand-up routine by Anthony Witter. Then the preview of the Senior's film took place. It was one of the funniest things I have watched in ages. It was so good. It was very clear that the lads had worked very, very hard in producing this film. It was also very evident that they had had loads of fun making it.

Also during half term, we ran a special trip to Mega Jump, as a reward for all those boys who helped collect on all four nights of the carolling before Christmas. Mega jump is basically a large warehouse with 180 trampolines all joined together and also all over the walls. We spent an hour bouncing all over the place. It was amazing fun.

Andrew Caddies

Wordsearch

Love and serve one another

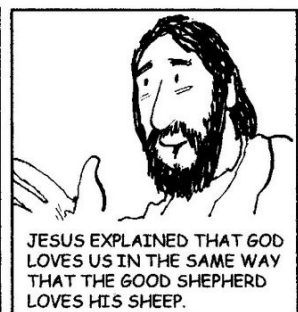
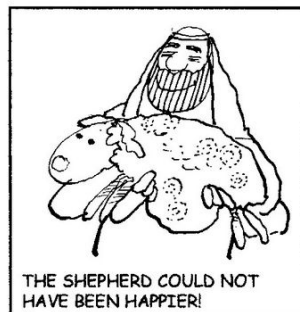
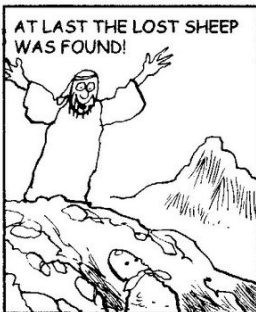
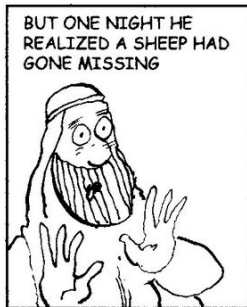
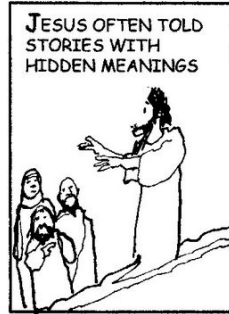
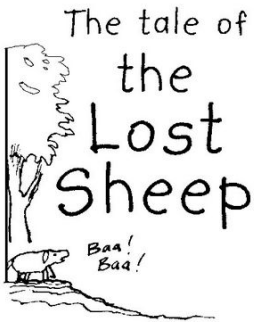
On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to his disciples before his death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed his disciples' feet. This was astonishing for a 'teacher' to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' ceremony was an important part of the medieval church's liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

maundy
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thursday	final	command	jesus
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BHP DAY BY DAY URC

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

