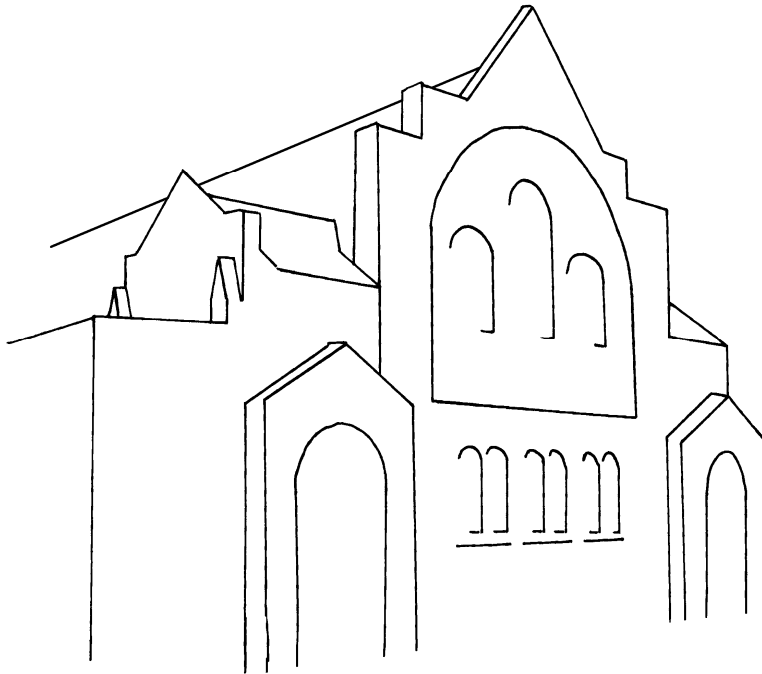


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## Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 24th April. All material for inclusion should be emailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk** by **Sunday 10th April**.

## ‘Sonlight’

Ever since I moved to Enfield, and especially since moving into the manse, I thoroughly enjoy the abundance of light, streaming through large windows into the rooms. As someone who is sensitive to the absence of daylight in winter, I notice the difference immediately when living in a house with much brightness.

My study, however, is the room which gets the least light. And so on dark and rainy days you can often find me moving around the place with my work; seeking and following the light!

There is a plant in my study that sits on top of a coffee table away from the window. A few days ago I suddenly noticed how droopy it looked. As I took it into the kitchen to give it some water, the phone rang. Side tracked, I placed the plant on the work surface and forgot about it. By the time I found it back at the end of the afternoon, it looked healthy, shiny and completely transformed from the wilting plant that was left aside earlier. It still had not had any water but it had stood in the lightest and brightest space in the house for hours.

The whole experience reminded me of how similar it is with our spirit. We droop and wither if we do not spend enough time in the company of God’s Son. Suffering from a lack of Sonlight is a disease that can be fatal to our soul. It causes us to fall out of step with God’s Spirit; leaving us in a place of shadow where everything we do becomes burdensome and heavy-going.

But unlike the plant in my study, we are able to take control when we notice that we are spiritually wilting. We are not powerless! We can make the choice to get up and move, seeking and following (and yes, also basking in) the Sonlight. There our spirit comes to life again, renews its shine and radiates beauty to others. Sure, it may be hard work initially, to get up and move away from the place we

have sat in for such a long time. It may require discipline to open (and read!) our Bible on a daily basis; to commit to praying in mature ways; to think deeply and talk earnestly about what we believe and why, and to learn together. But ultimately it will make us healthy, attractive Christians. People who are in

tune with God's Spirit who radiate the love of Christ to the people we meet.

I wish you a lot of Sonlight in the weeks and months ahead!

Yours in Christ,  
*Henriette*



*Mary wished she'd never mentioned  
Fresh Expressions of Church*

# Smile Lines

## Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road? (Theological Version)

Billy Graham: The chicken was surrendering all.

Rick Warren: The chicken was purpose driven.

John Wesley: The chicken's heart was strangely warmed.

John Piper: God decreed the event to maximize his glory. OR . . . it was an act of Christian hedonism. The chicken realized that his greatest joy would only be found on the other side.

C.S. Lewis: If a chicken finds itself with a desire that nothing on this side can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that it was created for the other side.

N.T. Wright: This act of the chicken, which would be unthinkable in British barnyards, reeks of that American individualism that is destructive to community.

Pluralist: The chicken took one of many equally valid roads.

Universalist: All chickens cross the road.

Tim LaHaye: The chicken didn't want to be left behind.

Emergent: For this chicken, it's not the destination that's important. It's the journey itself.

## Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?'

Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

## Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.

# Here is the News

## **Dates for your diary**

Music concert at BHP URC on Saturday 21st May, £10 per ticket. Several professional acts already confirmed including 'Tuba's in the moonlight' and 'North London orchestra'. Contact Robin Ward or Chris Payne for tickets (starting time TBC).

The BB are holding an activity afternoon on Sunday 22nd May for young people and encourage families and friends with young people to attend.

Henriette is on annual leave from Monday 18th April for two weeks. She will be back at her desk from Wednesday 4th May.

## **Night Shelter**

The night shelter which ran at seven churches in Enfield since January has just finished. I helped with cooking dinner, serving it and washing up every other Tuesday at Lancaster Road. On the first night we had just four guests, we think the number was low because other Christmas shelters were still open, a few weeks in and we regularly got the maximum 12 guests until the last evening when the Harringay group had stopped a day or two before us and we saw 14 guests. It was good to meet a need in a practical way.

One good news story is that one of the guests found work in the time the shelter was open and just before the end found somewhere to stay too. He came to the last shelter as volunteer and helped with the cooking, serving and washing up.

It was easier to do than you might think, each night is broken down into various tasks so you wouldn't be overloaded. Some set up the air beds, some the dinning table, others were there as people to talk to, different people stayed overnight and more came in the morning to make breakfast. No one person did a task on their own. I think this is going to happen again so if you feel you could help in one area do keep your eyes peeled.

Lisa Hamblin

# **The Queen is ‘very grateful’ for the nation’s prayers**

In a strong statement of faith, the Queen has said that she is ‘very grateful’ to the nation for its prayers for her and that she has felt God’s ‘faithfulness’ during 64 years on the throne.

The comments – rare insights into the Queen’s personal thoughts and Christian faith – came in the forward to a new book, *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*, published by Bible Society, HOPE and LICC.

Her Majesty said, ‘I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness.’

The book was published to mark the Queen’s 90th birthday. In her comments, the Queen referred to the changes she has seen in her life, which has made her the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

‘The extent and pace of change has been truly remarkable,’ she said. ‘We have witnessed triumphs and tragedies.’ And she alluded to the current problems in the Middle East saying that the world is now experiencing ‘terrible suffering on an unprecedented scale’.

The Queen’s Christian faith is well-known. In recent years, Her Majesty has referred to her beliefs in public statements, including Christmas broadcasts.

*The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* highlights the Queen’s faith and how it has shaped her personal life and service to the nation. A 12-page schools version has been published by Scripture Union.

Copies of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* are available in packs of 10 at £1 a copy (plus p&p). Visit [www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen](http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen) to order copies and for ideas on how to hold a street party and Thanksgiving service.

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# **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](mailto:mail@ccurc.org.uk). Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!**

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# Diary

## April

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 3rd	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Rev Henriette Wentink
Thur 7th	7:45pm	Church Meeting
Sun 10th	10:30am 6:00pm	Parade with Paul Ashitey Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 17th	10:30am	Worship
Fri 22nd	7:00pm	BB Awards Evening
Sun 24rd	10:30am	Worship with John Stynes

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Next newsletter deadline  
Sunday 10th April

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# PRAYER PLAN

APRIL 2016

But I will sing of your strength,  
in the morning I will sing of your love;  
for you are my fortress,  
my refuge in times of trouble.

Psalm 59:16

## **Friday 1st**

Opportunities to share our  
faith

## **Saturday 2nd**

Sunday's Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 3rd**

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

## **Monday 4th**

Margaret & John Hitchcock

## **Tuesday 5th**

Persecuted church in Eritrea

## **Wednesday 6th**

Poynter Road

## **Thursday 7th**

Staff and pupils at Latymer  
School

## **Friday 8th**

Elijah, our sponsored child in  
Zambia

## **Saturday 9th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 10th**

Thanks for those who love us  
and share our lives

## **Monday 11st**

Sarah, Ben & Sam Hitchcock

## **Tuesday 12th**

Persecuted church in Sudan

**Wednesday 13th**

Roman Way

**Thursday 14th**

Staff and pupils at Bishops  
Stopford's School

**Friday 15th**

Safety for men, women & children facing violence in the home from a spouse or parent

**Saturday 16th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 17th**

Thanks for answered prayers

**Monday 18th**

Peter Hitchcock

**Tuesday 19th**

Persecuted church in Pakistan

**Wednesday 20th**

St Marks Road

**Thursday 21st**

Staff and pupils at Lea Valley  
High School

**Friday 22nd**

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

**Saturday 23rd**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 24th**

Thanks for clean water, gas and electricity and sanitation for our homes

**Monday 25th**

Christine Hughes

**Tuesday 26th**

Persecuted church in Syria

**Wednesday 27th**

Second Avenue

**Thursday 28th**

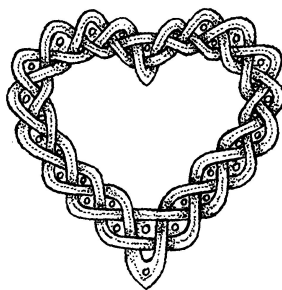
Staff and pupils at Aylward  
Academy

**Friday 29th**

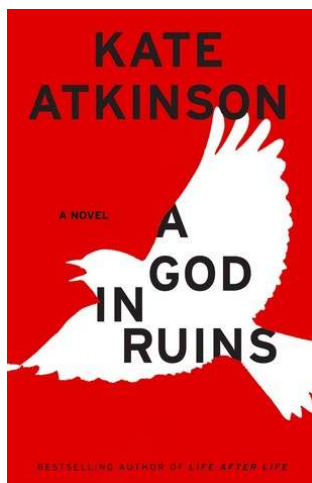
Those in pain, suffering without a diagnosis or cure

**Saturday 30th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow



## Book Club



'A God in Ruins' by Kate Atkinson and  
'Blackhouse' by Peter May

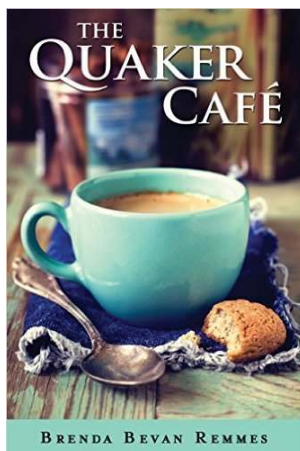
When we met at the end of February we realised we had been muddled as to which book was for that discussion! Some had read one, some two so we discussed both!

'A God in Ruins': This is a strange book which follows the lives of a family we meet in 'Life after Life' which had been read by some previously. It is mainly the War story of the RAF Wing Commander 'Teddy' whose birth is mentioned in the first book. However, there are twists and

turns to this and the jumping backwards and forwards in time is somewhat difficult to comprehend especially when reading on a Kindle. Kate Atkinson is a well-known author for the Jackson Brodie detective novels and some of us thought she should stick to writing about him although recognising the cleverness of 'A God in Ruins'.

'Blackhouse' by Peter May was liked; in fact, one member had read the trilogy. This is set in the Western Isles of Scotland. Detective Inspector Fin Macleod is sent from Edinburgh to investigate a Murder on the Island of Lewis. Much of the book is in flash-backs of his early life in the same town in Lewis. A disturbing section was a description of the traditional, yearly, collection of young gannets. Two thousand were killed and taken from a cliff face. Apparently they are delicious! Apart from the dark bits it was a very enjoyable read. If you would like a thriller set in an isle of Scotland - read this book.

The next book is The Quaker Cafe by Brenda Bevan Remmes on 4 April.



Sylvia & Ivy

## Breakfast – with Jesus Christ

“It is the Lord!” (John 21:7) There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee’s lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They’d been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore:

“How are you doing, guys?”

There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the right side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter’s hundred yard splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and ‘large’ tilapia fish... the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch – how we love the Bible, with its teeming stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ!

It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus. From now on it would be different. “Feed my sheep,” said Jesus.

1. Whose call but Christ’s call? Peter would never be the same again. Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart.

2. Whose word but Christ’s word? ‘Feed my sheep,’ were His words. Whoever we may be teaching, Christ’s servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ’s word and not one’s own. The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!

3. Whose flock, but Christ’s flock? ‘MY lambs... MY sheep’ – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight.

Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee’s beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. “It is the Lord.”

## Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
3rd	Evelyn	Robin H	Jill	Jill	
10th		Robin H	Ivy & Jane	Sylvia	Tony & Robin W
17th	Alison	Anne	Valerie	Alison	
24th	Evelyn	Sue	Yvonne & Jill	Sylvia	

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 most difficult place in the world to be a Christian

North Korea is the most difficult place in which to be a Christian, for the 14th consecutive year. According to the 2016 Open Doors World Watch List, North Korea's 'dictatorial paranoia' has kept it at the head of the 50 countries on the annual list.

But Open Doors said that the gap between North Korea and the rest of the world is narrowing. Throughout the 49 other countries on the list, the dominant and growing source of pressure on Christians is 'Islamic extremism'. It is the primary driver of persecution in the top 10 countries on the list.

## **Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land**

Our second hotel, where we stayed three nights, was in Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. On the first morning there, after an early start, we made our way to Mt Tabor the site of Christ's Transfiguration. The basilica there was built as three booths - the main one for Jesus and the other two for Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17). Mount Tabor overlooks the Plain of Jezreel or Mediggo (2 Kings 23, 2 Chronicles 25) where there is recorded a great battle between Judaea and Egypt and it is the possible site of Armageddon described in Revelation 16. The Basilica was a beautiful building with stunning murals. We had the place to ourselves. David led a moving service of songs, prayers and reflective worship with the early morning sun shining through the crescent shaped stained glass window above the altar. After this we called at the church at Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle-changing the water into wine.

We then travelled on to Nazareth where a first century village has been created. They had traditional crafts i.e. carpentry and masonry and people wearing traditional clothes tending sheep and goats. Donkeys were walking around and the olive trees were being harvested. We saw life as it was in Jesus' time with olive press and synagogue. For lunch we had a meal there with food that Jesus would have eaten. After lunch we visited St Gabriel's Church and Mary's Well where the angel Gabriel was sent from God to visit Mary. We also saw the Church of St Joseph which stands on the site of Jesus's and the Holy Family's home. At our next stop, the Synagogue Church and the basilica of the Annunciation, our service was held in the shade as it was very hot!

For our last visit of the day, David had fortunately managed to arrange for us to see the excavations at the Sisters of Nazareth convent. We were able to climb down and down to visit the 1st century tomb they had discovered. Our guide, a diminutive nun, is one of the last seven remaining there and she asked for prayers for more nuns to join the convent.

Finally we returned to Tiberias after a hot, very interesting and emotional day. The refreshing swims in Galilee at the end of each day were particularly welcome.

Lynda Lunn (High Cross Church, Camberley)

# *Boys' Brigade News*

As I mentioned last month, we took part in the PR games competition back in January. Well I am pleased to say that the results for the London competition have just arrived and I have just found out that our team won the London competition. Well done to the lads involved.

At the end of February the Senior lads held a quiz night to raise money. It was a very successful night with all nine seniors there on the actual night helping to run the evening. There were 10 rounds and some very interesting questions, as well as some hard questions. As the main staff table didn't want to steal the night and win, we decided to hold back our brain power (well that's our excuse for coming second from last anyway).

Since half term our younger lads have been making volcanoes out of papier mâché. When they are all painted and finished, we will have an erupting session.

On Saturday 27th march, the lads entered the table tennis and badminton competitions. We had two Senior teams and one Junior team. All the teams did really well and one of the Senior teams managed to win the Senior table tennis competition. As part of that competition, the battalion also put on six team challenges (run by Derek and myself) to keep the young people entertained while they were not involved in either competitions. This saw us set up six unusual team building activities which ranged from a large rope knot that the team had to navigate through, to a number puzzle, a large golf ball maze and a team hooking exercise. It was different and a good addition to the competition day.

Every Monday evening since September the lads have been doing 15 minutes of drill practice. This was all to get them ready for the drill competition, which was held last week. I am very proud to say that they all look so smart in their uniform and their drill was spectacular and very, very sharp and accurate.

We entered a team in the squad drill competition, which they came



first in. We also entered a team in the single line drill, again which they came first in. I must mention Stephen and Daniel May, who were entered into the smartest new recruit drill and who also came first. Finally we entered the colours competition, where Joseph had to memorise all the commands and then instruct the colour party on all their moves. Again they were exceptional and they won that competition.

They are now working towards the London drill competition which is very exciting.

As we come to the end of the spring term, we have the Easter expedition trip to look forward to. This year we are taking eight lads away to the Snowdonia National Park for four days of camping & expedition. On one of those days we will climb Mount Snowden, which is the second highest peak in the UK. I will fill you in with a full coverage of the expedition trip in the next newsletter.

On Friday 22nd April we will be holding our Awards Night. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what we have been up to over the past year and also to see the lads be awarded any badges and awards they have gained in the past year.

After the awards night we will start our summer programme and the long awaited 10 week countdown to camp!

Some important dates for your diary - On Saturday 21st May we are putting on a music concert that will celebrate the musical talent from the community. The night will filled with a range of different types of music. I hope you will come enjoy the concert. Please see Mr Payne or Mr Ward for more information or for tickets.

On Sunday 22nd May we will be holding an activity afternoon for the young people and encourage families and friends with young people to attend. We hope that from the activity day, both the BB and GB may gain some new members.

More information about both events will be included in next month's newsletter.

Andrew Caddies

# Wordsearch

## St George of the Golden Legend

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages. In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

george	patron	saint	england	officer
roman	army	diocletian	terror	martyred

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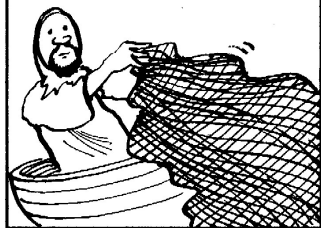
# The parable of the Fish and the Nets

JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



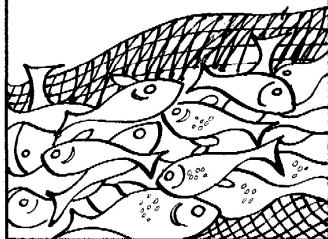
ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM  
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CATCHING FISH!

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THEY THROW THEIR NETS  
INTO THE LAKE...

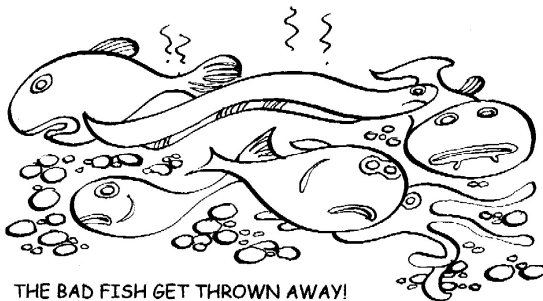
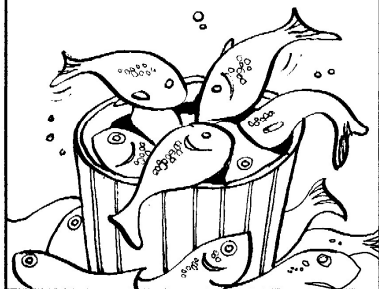


...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL,  
THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE

ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH  
HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.

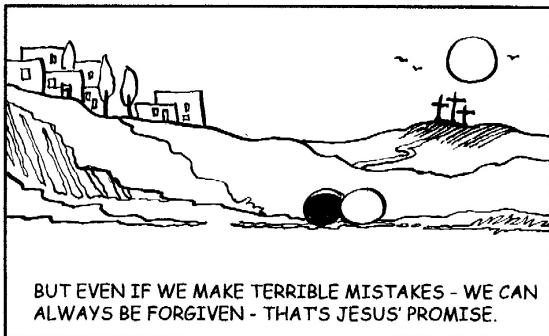


THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL  
BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN  
CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS  
WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN  
ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.

# BHP DAY BY DAY URC

<b>Monday</b>	6.15pm	Boys' Brigade Junior Section
	7:30pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
	8:00pm	Book Club (1st or 2nd Monday)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00pm	Housegroup (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6:15pm	Girls' Brigade Explorers & Juniors
	7:40pm	Girls' Brigade Seniors & Brigaders
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30pm	Boys' Brigade Company Section circuit training (when advised)
<b>Friday</b>	9:15am	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
<b>Sunday</b>	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)

