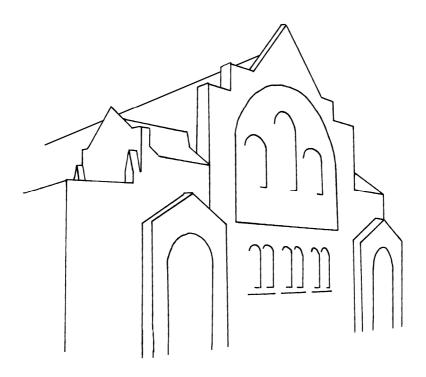


### June 2016 Newsletter



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#### **Next Newsletter**

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 26th June. All material for inclusion should be emailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by Sunday 12th June

## Sharing in the season after Pentecost.

For the early church, the Season after Pentecost was a period of togetherness and prayer, witness and growth, sharing and learning, new encounters and miracles. As we read through the first chapters of the Acts of the Apostles it is easy to catch some of the buzz and opportunities that seem to have been so readily available to the apostles and believers.



Boldly, they spoke about Jesus Christ and his saving work on the cross. Opposition and (eventually) persecution did not stop them. On every occasion the church grew hand over foot and many were added to her numbers every day.

These days in churches the Season after Pentecost is often marked by a slowing down of activities. The summer holidays are just around the corner (some years more so than others!) and slowly but surely groups, clubs and organisations start thinking about their last meeting before the summer. It is a period of finishing things and having a

breather before a new season starts again in September.

The beauty of the quiet summer season is that it creates space for us to engage in new things that we may not have time for during the rest of the year. And so it is that the coordinating group and elders have agreed to start running small groups in the three churches during the summer months.

As partnering churches for the JustOne Emirates event in July 2017 we are not just asked to contribute financially. We have also 'signed up' to seriously think and pray about whom we can invite to come with us to the

event next year. Friends or family who have never come to church or who no longer do so. People on the edge of our faith communities whom we would love to invite, but we do not quite know how.

In order to extent a personal invitation for the event to others, we need to understand why we like to ask them. In other words, we first of all need to be able to put our own faith story into words. Sharing such personal stories is not always simple and straight-forward. Many of us struggle with it. Therefore, the easiest place for us to begin exploring this is in small groups with people whom we trust. It is here, where we are allowed to wrestle with words and struggle with sentences; where we feel safe to share and

can make mistakes; where we are accepted for who and what we are, that we begin to flourish and learn to talk about our own faith journey to others.

During the summer months there will be an opportunity to meet together in small groups in the three churches across the pastorate - on different days and times. Hopefully it will give everyone the opportunity to find a time that suits them. It is an opportunity to talk and share, have discussions and ponder questions, to pray and grow together; into people who are ready to share the story of God's saving love with others.

Yours in Christ,

Henriette



#### Smile Lines

#### Life in the Circus

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motor-home, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied, and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he fits in the cannon."

#### Notices in a church news-sheet:

Organist required: to work with small but trying priest and congregation.

The Low Self Esteem Support Group meets Thursday. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers to meet at 7pm in the church hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

There will be a shared supper at church this Sunday - with prayer and medication to follow.

The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

The students will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

#### Good quote

A certain bishop had a fondness for using Bible quotations whenever he visited a function. When he arrived to open a new Maternity Home the organisers thought: "Now we have him stumped." However, after a few well chosen words, the bishop smiled and said: "I know you are waiting for a quotation, so here it is: 'We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed!"

## Here is the News

#### **Prayer breakfast**

Don't forget that we decided to start praying more as a church and so there will be a prayer breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8.30am. Do come along on 11th June and share what you want to pray for your friends, your family and our church.

#### **Lancaster Road 6:30pm Sunday evening services**

We have been invited to the evening services at Lancaster Road Church, details below.

**June 5th** Cafe Service with Rev. Henriette Wentink. Includes Holy Communion.

June 12th With Terry Silvey

**June 19th** Joint service with St.Luke's and St. John's Churches with Rev. Dr. Edward Dowler and Terry Silvey.

June 26th Contemporary Worship wit Rev. Henriette Wentink.

#### China tears down crosses

The Chinese authorities have been tearing down thousands of crosses from buildings. It has been described as a crackdown on the country's growing Christian minority. Officials in the coastal province of Zhejiang say the crosses are being forcefully removed because they violate regulations against 'illegal structures'.

One pastor caught up in the action is Pastor Bao Guohua and his wife Xing Wenxiang, whose peaceful opposition to the cross removals has just resulted in them being convicted of 'disturbing social order', and sentenced to 14 and 12 years in prison respectively. Bao Guohua is pastor of Jinhua Christian Church in Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province.

More details at: <a href="www.csw.org.uk/home.htm">www.csw.org.uk/home.htm</a> and also www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/china-tears-down-crucifixes-buildings-7724425#ICID=nsm

#### The Natural Evangelism Course

In preparation for the JustOne Emirates event next year we thought it would be good to get a bit of teaching on evangelism.

The act of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is called evangelism. Evangelism is the cry of Jesus as he weeps over lost people. Evangelism is the whole work of the whole church for the whole age. The gospel is not something we come to church to hear, it is something we go from church to tell.

The Natural Evangelism Course is a six-session course, which provides a simple, yet insightful training programme for all churches wanting to encourage and equip their members towards more effective friendship evangelism.

This course has been tried and tested through J.John's own experience of preparing hundreds of churches for mission on six continents.

As a pastorate the JustOne groups will meet as shown below. All sessions are open to all people of all ages across the pastorate. Please feel free to 'group hop' if that is the only possibility for you to join in!

#### Bush Hill Park in the church lounge

- 2nd Saturday of the month, 9.30 11 am (3rd in July and October)
- 4th Friday of the month, 7.30 9 pm (3rd in September)

First meetings are on Sat. 11th June and Fri. 24th June

#### Christ Church in the elder's vestry in the church

- 1st Saturday of the month, 10.30 12 am
- 2nd Friday of the month, 7.30 9 pm (3rd Friday in July)

First meetings are on Sat. 4th and Friday 10th June.

#### Lancaster Road in the church lounge

- 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 8 9.30 pm
- 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 9.30 11 am.

First meetings are on Monday 6th and Friday 17th June.

#### The coming European Football Championships

The 2016 European Football championships which will take place in France (10 June to 10 July) will have more British interest than usual with England, Northern Ireland and Wales having qualified – along with the Republic of Ireland.

Spain is the defending champion. Before 2008. Spain had not won an international tournament since 1964 and this was to be the start of a sequence of dominating world football, winning the 2008 and 2012 European Championships and the 2010 World Cup.

The 2008 Spain-Italy quarter-final was a really significant game. Marcos Senna who played in it recalls: "We really celebrated the victory over Italy in the quarter final as much as, if not more than, the final because Spain had this barrier or jinx of not getting past the quarter finals in big tournaments. And, of course, Italy were the reigning 2006 World Cup winners".

The game finished 0-0 with Spain winning 4-2 on penalties. Senna took and scored the third penalty for Spain. He recalls: "We had practised penalties the day before. But remember that on that day we had played 90 minutes plus 30 minutes extra time. I was exhausted and had cramp everywhere. I knew that would be one of the penalty-takers. I was calm and felt God's Spirit coming on me and giving me peace and clarity and I was able to shoot well, score and do the business for Spain. It was all down to God".

Spain beat Germany in the 2008 final 1-0 with Fernando Torres scoring. Senna recalls: "It was a great day especially as all of Spain could share in the celebrations. From then on it was a time of great joy for all the players who were part of the team that won the trophy for Spain. Their lives changed because of being part of winning the Championship".

Senna referred to God's help. His faith is an important part of his life: "If you are worried about anything I do not think that money is the answer. God has made me very happy and changed my life in every way. It is the best decision that anyone can make in their lives. The difference that Jesus made in my life is everything. Quite simply He makes all the difference. There is nothing I can do without Jesus in my life. Jesus is everything to me. And when I die I will go to be with Jesus in heaven, in the place He has prepared for us".



#### **European Union Referendum Prayer**

Loving God,

In the referendum that lies before us, in the challenge of seeking an answer, in our differences of opinion, in our need to understand,

may you guide us in our decisions, make us gracious in our disagreement, and may we join you to work for the building of your kingdom rather than our own.

Amen

Taken from <a href="https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Think-Pray-vote-EU-Referendum-resource1.pdf">www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Think-Pray-vote-EU-Referendum-resource1.pdf</a>

# 1st Enfield Girls Brigade Come to our

**Coffee morning** 

Saturday 11th June

10:30am until 12:00 noon

**Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church** 

Main Avenue Enfield EN1 1JD







## Diary June

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities The diary is also online at www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

Sun 5th		Prayers in the church Communion with Revd Henriette Wentink followed by a special church meeting
Sat 11th		Prayer Breakfast Coffee morning (see page 10)
Sun 12th		Parade with Revd Henriette Wentink Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 19th	10:30am	Worship with Christine Hall
Sun 26th	10:30am	Worship with Paul Ashitey

## Next newsletter deadline Sunday 12th June

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## PRAYER PLAN

JUNE 2016

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

#### Wednesday 1st

Wellington Road

#### **Thursday 2nd**

Persecuted church in North Korea

#### Friday 3rd

Crime reduction initiatives

#### Saturday 4th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### Sunday 5th

Thanks for the preachers who come to our church each Sunday

#### Monday 6th

**Bob & Julia Neate** 

#### **Tuesday 7th**

Staff and pupils at Raglan Primary School

#### Wednesday 8th

Alberta Road

#### **Thursday 9th**

Persecuted church in Iran

#### Friday 10th

Karam, our sponsored child in Bethlehem

#### Saturday 11th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### Sunday 12th

Give thanks for those who lead and help with Boys and Girls brigade

#### Monday 13th

Ray, Frances, Jackie, Yanick, Ray Jr & Catherine Nguene

#### **Tuesday 14th**

Staff and pupils at George Spicer Primary School

#### Wednesday 15th

**Amberley Road** 

#### **Thursday 16th**

Persecuted church in Afghanistan

#### Friday 17th

The courage to invite someone to church

#### Saturday 18th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### Sunday 19th

Give thanks for those who help with Kings Club and TWS

#### Monday 20th

Tony, Diann, Rebecca, Joseph & Stephen Nicolaides

#### **Tuesday 21st**

Staff and pupils at Grafton Nursery School

#### Wednesday 22nd

**Amberley Gardens** 

#### Thursday 23rd

Persecuted church in Somalia

#### Friday 24th

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

#### Saturday 25th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

#### Sunday 26th

Thanks for Sunshine and rain

#### Monday 27th

Mabel Osae

#### **Tuesday 28th**

Staff and pupils at Bush Hill Park Primary School

#### Wednesday 29th

Bertram Road

#### **Thursday 30th**

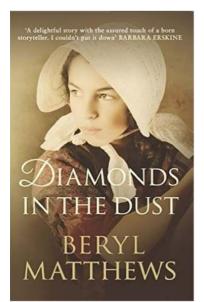
Persecuted church in Iraq

#### Friday 31st

Those caring for vulnerable adults and the charities which help



#### **Book Club**



'Diamonds in the dust' by Beryl Matthews

This is a strange read. Very simple language. It is wound around three children in difficulty because their mother does not come home from work one morning, and the father died some years ago. Yes, with the help of neighbours they coped but there is something wrong about the way they coped. Set in London in 1920 with soldiers coming home injured from their service in WW1 part of the story is Dora, one of the daughters helping them to come to terms with life again and there is reciprocal assistance.

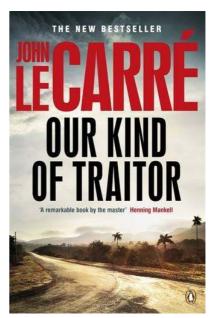
We were a bit disappointed at the plot, had

hoped for something more unusual at the end as to why the mother had gone missing.

Next month we meet on the 13th June having tackled John Le Carré's 'Our Kind of Traitor' which should 'tax our brains' a bit more!

At the end of the evening we said goodbye to Sandra who has been loyal over the last few years. We wish her well in her move to South London to be closer to her family.

Sylvia Page



#### Observations on our Christian pilgrimage...

Be ye fishers of men - you catch them and He'll clean them.

Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things. - A Gordon

Evangelism never seemed to be an 'issue' in the New Testament. That is to say, one does not find the apostles urging, exhorting, scolding, planning and organising for evangelistic programmes.... evangelism happened! Issuing effortlessly from the community of believers as light from the sun, it was automatic, spontaneous, continuous, contagious. - R Halverson

Every age is an age for evangelism. God has no grandchildren. - E Smith

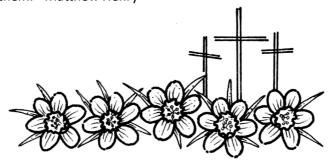
The fruit of the Spirit is not excitement or orthodoxy: it is character. - G Duncan

Have you ever noticed the difference in the Christian life between work and fruit? A machine can do work; only life can bear fruit. - Andrew Murray

We can do more good by being good than in any other way. - Rowland Hill

When we invent our own ideas of God, we simply create Him in our own image. - Kenneth Prior

When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them. - Matthew Henry



#### **Rotas**

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
5th			Mavis & Jill	Jill	
12th	Evelyn	Brigades	Jane & Ivy	ВВ	Tony
19th	Kath	Judith	Valerie	Alison	Tony
26th	Alison			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!



Justin was invested as a Royal Chaplain

#### The Way I See It: Our Servant Queen

The whole country will this month be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. She has splendidly fulfilled the promise made on the day when her father, King George VI, died and she came to the throne at the age of 27. On that day she dedicated 'the rest of my life, whether it be long or short' to the service of the nation and the Commonwealth. She has certainly proved that she meant what she said. Hers is already the longest reign of any British monarch.

Those years have seen huge changes in the world: the end of apartheid in South Africa, the transition of scores of countries to independence within the Commonwealth, the advent of space exploration and men on the moon, the arrival of the computer and the internet, social media, Twitter and so on. Through it all she has remained a calm, reassuring figure, head of state to 12 different prime ministers and leader of a resilient and growing Commonwealth of Nations.

The Queen has quietly moved with the times. Her rather tortured 'royal' accent of the forties and fifties has broadened into a quietly spoken Received English. Uneasy about it at first, she has made herself an effective performer on television. And through it all she has openly acknowledged that her own Christian faith is the bedrock of all that she is and has done. In recent years she has been more willing to talk about that faith, notably in her Christmas messages.

To mark her 90th birthday, the Bible Society has published an attractive illustrated book The Servant Queen, setting out largely in her own words the essential heart of that faith. The Queen herself has written a Foreword. The aim of the publishers is that the book should be widely distributed, so that people up and down her kingdom can share her evident enjoyment of a



committed Christian faith. It's subtitle is 'And the King she serves '. As advertisers say, 'every home should have one'. The Servant Queen is available from the Bible Society: www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/servantqueen

The Rev Canon David Winter

Ed: We have copies at church to give away so if you would like to read one or pass them on please take a copy or two from the lounge.

#### You are my God...

So many TV dramas, films and books these days depict family problems. They have all manner of emotions and attitudes - anger, bitterness, mistrust, bullying, lying and deceit – to name a few! Even when the 'fighting' has stopped it is just an interlude before another 'bombshell' is dropped! It is rare to see families happily united.

The Bible records numerous family discords but one family upset does end happily – the story of Joseph. In Genesis chapter 37 we read of Joseph's brothers turning against him. They plot to kill him but instead sell Joseph to merchants who take him to Egypt. It is likely that modern day novelists or film script-writers would use this opening scenario to give Joseph justification for revenge. Perhaps there would be a dramatic escape from Egypt followed by Joseph unleashing his vengeance on all his brothers!

But the Bible story is very different. Joseph is not a young man filled with hatred. Instead he grows up as a slave in Egypt with a deep trust in God and love in his heart. When Joseph is eventually reunited with his brothers he shows no malice. He is so overwhelmed with love for his family that he cries openly in front of them. He hugs and kisses all of them. A family feud that concludes with forgiveness is not the expected climax for a blockbuster movie!

Real life is often full of surprises! Joseph said to his brothers "Now do not be upset or blame yourselves because you sold me here. It was really God who sent me ahead of you to save people's lives." Isn't this an amazing statement? Despite all the physical and emotional pain Joseph experienced, he knew that God was with him. Joseph believed that nothing had happened to him by accident and refused to be crushed by his adverse circumstances. Joseph was convinced that God was in control of his life and was in Egypt for a specific purpose.

This story is an encouragement to us because it shows that God is close to those who love Him. Even when we are bewildered by troubles, illness, family upsets, hardships and when life deals us cruel blows, God is with us. Whatever is our personal need, the life of Joseph gives us hope. God will never abandon those who belong to Him.

My trust is in you, O Lord; you are my God. I am always in your care. (Ps 31:14-15)

Lester Amann

## Girls' Brigade News

As we write this we are preparing for the GB display, but it will have passed by the time this article is published, so for those of you who were unable to come this is what the girls have been up to.

The Explorers, who number 14 now, have been looking at Our Feelings, Our Homes, Our Bodies and God's Family. We have been nivestigating how God can help us with each of these things and how we can share His love with others.

The Juniors have been Dancing, Cooking, Sewing, making cards and doing drama as part of their Generosity, Courage, Faith and Friendship badges.

The Seniors & Brigaders, have been designing their ideal bedrooms, revamping children's chairs, looking at prayers and the different way we can pray, and exploring the use of masks.

We are making plans for camp, and are taking 6 of the Senior girls to the Frontier Centre near Wellingborough. It is an activity centre run by Rock UK, and the girls will be doing a range of exciting activities including, archery, giant swing, low ropes and much more. I'm sure the girls will tell you all about it when they return in September.

We are going to be fundraising for camp and for Brigade Funds between now and the end of July, so look out for information on that. We are planning a tea, coffee and cake event, and are also planning a sponsored walk through some of the parks in Enfield.

€harlotte McBride



## Boys' Brigade News

The end of May saw us very busy with two exciting events. The first was the 'Raise the Roof' music concert, which was held on Saturday 21st May. It was held in the church and lots of people came to watch it.

The evening opened with a set from the 'London's Peoples Orchestra'. This orchestra let's all people, of all standards come together and perform. They played 4 pieces of music and were an excellent opening to the concert.

Next to perform on the stage, was Martin & Lisa Hamblin, who played wind instruments. They performed some beautiful pieces of music so effortlessly. To follow them, were Martin Hamblin and Julia Neate, who both played one piano!! That's right, they sat side by side and played on one piano. Again, this was an incredible act and sounded great.

After the interval, there was an act called 'Tubas in the Moonlight'. It was a very funny performance, with 2 old boys of the second Enfield performing on over 15 different Tubas, and a range of music and singing. A plastic tuba was also played at one point. To end their performance, they had a special tuba that emitted fire out of the end of the instrument.

To finish the night the Second Enfield brass band played a 30 minute set of music. The stage was packed with over 20 old boys, a few guests and some sons and daughters. The band sounded amazing and it was a smashing ending to a great evening.

I must just mention Mr Ward, for all his hard work in organising and putting the concert together.

The second exciting event that we held was on Sunday 22nd May. This was our activity afternoon. This event was aimed at all children in the brigades, plus their friends and any young people from the local community.

We had a large inflatable bungee run, a bouncy castle, sumo suits, parachute games, uni-hock competition, pool and table tennis, Lego stations, story time and also a large range of different craft. We

also had a BBQ running all afternoon to feed the young people and their parents.

At the start of the afternoon we had no idea how many young people would come along. The wait was very nerve raking. However, within 20 minutes of opening the gates, the whole event was busy. Each age group was full, with more young people arriving throughout the afternoon. In total we had 76 young people attend (that's not including parents), so you can imagine how full it was.

The best part was that so many of the faces were new faces. In fact we met 50 new young people from the area and their families. That's incredible. We had to restock the BBQ very soon into the afternoon.

We were very lucky with the weather and the sun shone all afternoon. The day was a great success, but only because of all the hard work put in by so many people. Let's hope the brigades see some new recruits join up and lets hope it helped to put BHP URC on the map and some families come through our doors on a Sunday morning.

So, after all that you would think we would take it easy. Well think again. Before you know it we will be off to an Ice skating centre, going to play quasar, running a football competition, and that's all before July.

Coming up very soon we have the athletics competition and also our Camp meeting. On Saturday 9th July we are holding our annual Jumble sale. This will raise funds to help keep the cost of camp as low as possible - it also goes towards us being able to run events like the free activity afternoon.

If you have any jumble, please let us know and we will arrange for a collection. However please note that we are not collecting any jumble until 1 WEEK before hand. Also please don't start putting any jumble on the stage until Monday 4th July, as the stage is used by other hall users.

We will need help to sell, sell, sell on the day, so if you're free to help, please do let me know.

And finally we have started the official count down to CAMP 2016 - we all can't wait!

Andrew Caddies

#### Wordsearch

In honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations, this month we are basing the Wordsearch on words found in the national anthem of the United Kingdom: 'God Save the Queen'. The anthem dates back to London in September 1745, and first appeared as 'God Save the King' during a time of political tension. Both the words and tune are anonymous, but about 140 composers, including Beethoven, Haydn and Brahms, have used the tune in their compositions.

God save our gracious Queen! Long live our noble Queen! God save the Queen! Send her victorious, Happy & glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the Queen.

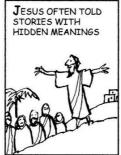
Thy choicest gifts in store On her be pleased to pour, Long may she reign.

May she defend our laws, And ever give us cause, To sing with heart and voice, God save the Queen.

God Save Gracious Queen Live Long Noble Send Victorious Happy Glorious Reign Choicest Gifts Store Pleased Defend Laws Cause Heart Voice

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KEPT ASKING

## 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

**Saturday** 8:30am Prayer Breakfast (2nd Saturday)

**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)

