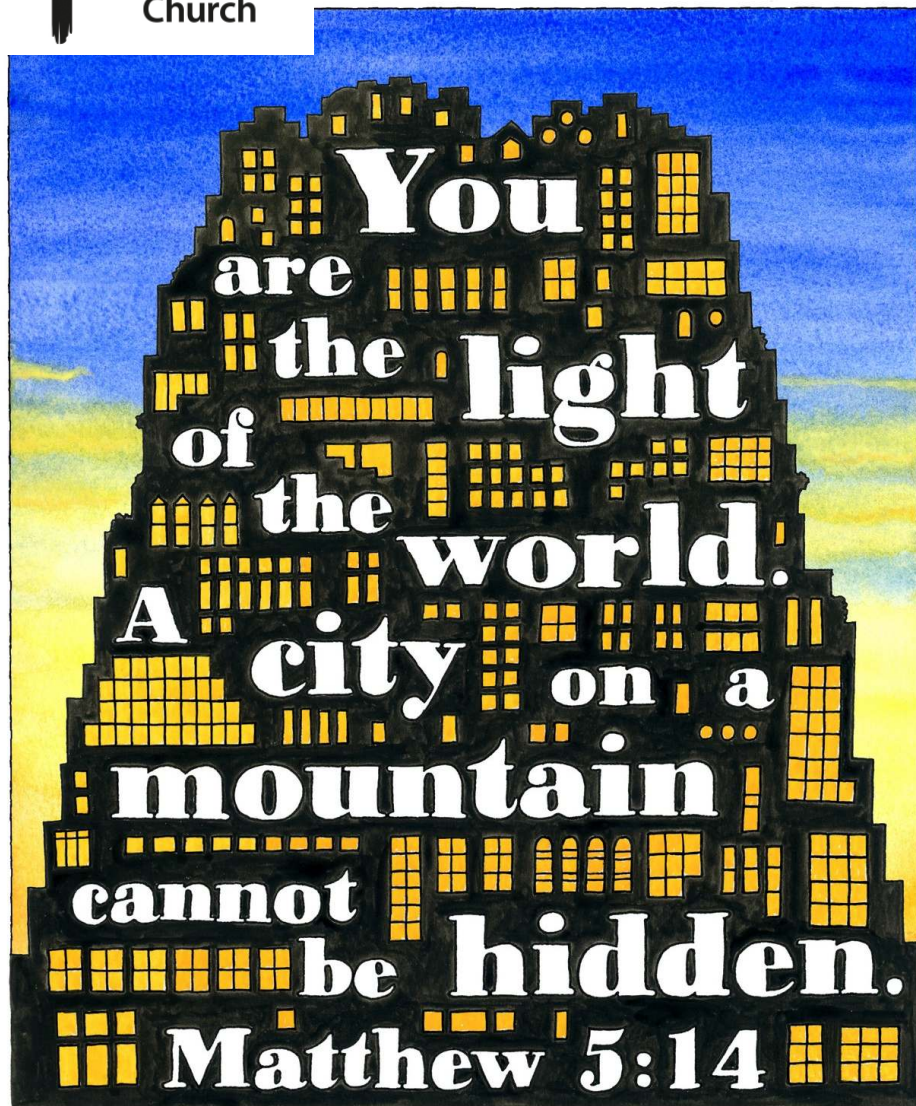




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Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 30th October. All material for inclusion should be emailed to **newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk** by **Sunday 16th October**

Open Doors

In many of our churches it is a regular practise to pray for sisters and brothers in other countries; especially for those who face persecution for being a Christian. We ask that they may sense God's presence, stay strong in faith and are able to persevere.

I have often wondered how strong or weak I would be in the face of persecution. Will I be able to stand and be a witness for Jesus?

Recent events in France have caused much fear among Christians and others across Europe. As a result, some experts now recommend that churches bolt their doors closed during services. There also should be a person on the door whose job it is "to delay any offenders (including those who are not terrorists) so that the police can arrive and deal with them."
(www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/ , 31st August 2016)

A substantial number of Christians find these suggestions helpful and acceptable to implement. They argue that safety comes first and that a duty of care exists to people in the congregation. We may, after all, be held responsible as a church if something happens to people



whilst they are worshipping in our building.

I am incredibly grateful that God does not operate along similar lines, or Jesus would never have become man. Coming among us as a baby, living in Palestine during Roman occupation, belonging to a people whose religious leaders would kill to protect their own power structure... it would never have passed the health and safety risk assessment! And quite right so, as we all know.

Yet Jesus took on that risk; in love for the Father he lived a dangerous life on earth. He continually pointed people to God, stood against hate and fear, verbally challenged abuse and false religion, loved unconditionally and gave up his life for his enemies (yes that includes me and you). He did so to make

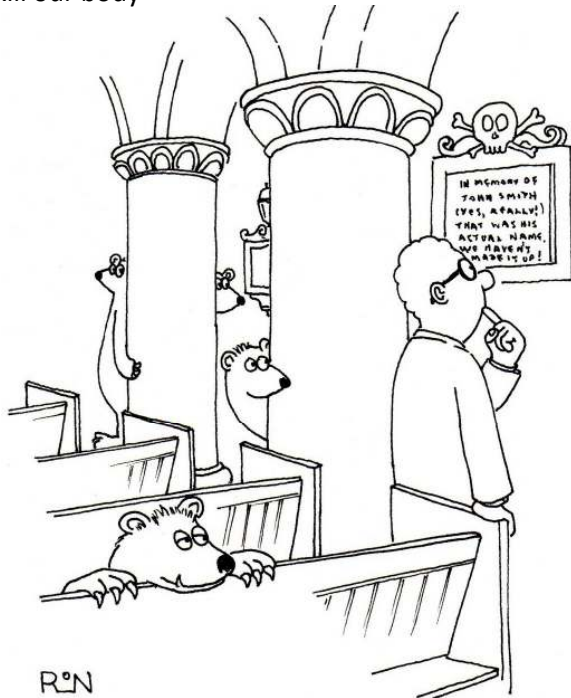
sure that we know about God's 'open door' policy for the world!

He trained up some friends, who would be able to point people to that policy after his resurrection and return to his Father. In preparation for the life they would live, Jesus warned that the whole world would hate them, persecute and put them to death because of him (Matthew 24:9). He urged them to fear God, who has power over our soul, rather than be afraid of those who can only kill our body (Matthew 10:28).

But above all, he promised that everyone who believes in him as Saviour will never truly die but live with him and through him forever (John 3:16).

The peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Henriette



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

Smile Lines

A WC worth visiting

Years ago a young couple were house-hunting in rural Somerset, and so visited an elderly clergyman who had a cottage for sale. Later they could not remember seeing a bathroom in the property, and so wrote asking where the WC might be.

The minister was not familiar with the term, and decided they must be asking for the nearest Wesleyan Church. And so he wrote them this reply:

'Dear ... I regret to inform you that the nearest WC is fifty miles away, which is most unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly. This one is situated in a beautiful valley, and many local people make a day of it, setting off in early morning and taking picnics with them. Some travel by car, others by bus, and some (on foot) arrive just in time. A bell rings 20 minutes before the WC opens, and there is plenty of standing room if you are late.

Inside, there are 40 plush seats, and beautiful carvings on the walls. The children sing as they process in, and there is even an organ accompaniment. I hope this will encourage you to visit it, and enjoy what it offers. I myself have not been for five months, and you can imagine this pains me very much. Yours faithfully...

Oddest

The parish magazine was reporting on a recent parish away-day at the seaside. It said: 'The results of our competition for the oddest item found on the beach were: First prize: Mrs Wainwright; second prize: The Vicar; and third prize, Mr Simpson.

If you understand it...

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

Here is the News

On 8th July 2017 - JustOne Day Over 40,000 people of all ages will gather at the Emirates Stadium.

JustOne Message Thousands hearing how the Good News of Jesus can transform lives and bring purpose JustOne Invitation Invite 'just one' relative, friend, neighbour or colleague.

We have committed to give £1,000 towards the costs of this event. Please place your contribution in the offertory marked JustOne, boxes are available in the Lounge.



Quilling - ever wondered what this is and how those beautiful designs are created from paper?

Now is your chance to find out - join us at a taster Workshop run by members of The Quilling Guild and make a simple but attractive Christmas Card.

When? Saturday October 15th and December 3rd, both 2-4pm

Where? Christ Church URC, Chase Side, Enfield

For a nominal charge of £3 to cover costs of materials etc. you can learn some basic shapes, taught by experienced members of The Quilling Guild and make a unique Christmas card for that special person in your life.

For further information and to book a place email russell.cathym@gmail.com or phone 020 8529 0689.

Date for the Diary

As part of getting ready for the JustOne event at the Emirates next year, there is an event this year, on Tuesday 22nd November from 7:30pm at Christchurch - an Evangelism Training Evening with J. John. Please see Henriette for more details.

Quiz Night

On 15th October from 7pm St Mark's Church are hosting a Quiz Night. Do you fancy going? They have invited us saying:

Come along for a lively, friendly evening of brain-teasing fun! Organise a BHP URC team or join a table on the night. We will have a low-priced licensed bar selling wine, beer and soft drinks. £5 per person in advance or £7 on the night.

See Lisa for tickets.

Carve a Heart

Join World Vision for a FREE evening of worship, prayer and performances as we seek to turn a night of fear into a night of hope for children around the world.

The evening will be packed with entertainment including performances from Daughters of Davis and J Marie Cooper (The Voice UK). We will also spend time praying and focusing our prayer on those children that are living in fear overseas either as a refugee or child soldier. Worship will be led by Lou Fellingham (previously Phatfish), Lara Martin, Velveta and Steve Thompson and Cath Woolridge (Sound of Wales) and we are delighted that Andy Frost from Share Jesus International and Phil Timson from HOPE Revolution will be our guest speakers.

Friday 28 October, 5-7pm, Christ Church Spitalfields, London. E1 6LY

For more information and to register for free entry please go to www.worldvision.org.uk/get-involved/carve-heart

Lisa is planning to go to this event, please let her know by 2nd October if you would like to join her so she can register the right number to go.



Prayer: no pressure-tactics needed!

“And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly.” (Luke 18:7,8)

In today’s pressurised world, DELAY is invariably the name of the game! Just last week my wife and I went to the pharmacy to collect some long-promised medication, only to be told, “No, we haven’t got them in yet; come back again next week.” In East Africa, at Uganda’s famous Entebbe Airport, an announcement went out, “We apologise to our passengers for the delay. The delay was caused by... the delay”!

In this parable from Luke’s Gospel it was a somewhat similar picture presented by Jesus. Here was a widow, buffeted by an ill-wisher, yet unable to get herself any legal justice from above. With no money and no powerful friends, her only weapon lay in her non-stop appeals to the local godless judge. Not that he cared about her at all; it was only her refusal to stop bothering him that caused him at last to cave in!

God is not like the judge; that is Jesus’ message here. And when afflicted people like the widow call upon their Lord for relief, the answer is instantaneous.

Do you face an issue, a falling-out with a callous individual or institution – even a religious group - right now? At any one moment- ‘day and night’ (v.7), there it is once again, wrecking your peace and eroding your energies. Luke, in his writing, loves the theme of steady prayer (Bible check: Luke 11: 5-10). God will not reject us, whatever the time of day or night.

As the English Puritan leader John Trapp declared 300 years ago, “Yea, He can feel breath when no voice can be heard for faintness.” Even if the final outworking of divine justice requires a necessary process (2 Peter 3:9), our case will be taken up, right there in the very courts of heaven.... and – we read - ‘quickly’!

‘Five words, a few broken sentences from a broken and contrite heart, are more desirable than to pray for hours without spiritual feeling’
(John Newton, 1725-1807)

Preb Richard Bewes

Diary

October

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 2nd	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Christine Hall
Sun 9th	10:30am 6:00pm	Worship with Michaela Lawrence Sunday Evening Reflection
Sat 15th	2:00pm 7:00pm	Quilling at Christ Church (see page 6) Quiz night at St Mark's (see page 6)
Sun 16th	10:30am	Worship with Ray Pettipher
Sun 23rd	10:30am	Worship with Martin Wells
Sun 30th	10:30am	United Pastorate Service, Brigade Enrolment and Elders ordination led by Revd Henriette Wentink

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 16th October

Prayer Diary

OCTOBER 2016

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

Saturday 1st

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 2nd

Thanks for good health

Monday 3rd

Valerie & Martin Vant

Tuesday 4th

TwS youth club

Wednesday 5th

East Crescent

Thursday 6th

For those on duty or training in
the RAF

Friday 7th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 8th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 9th

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

Monday 10th

John & Marlene Vyse

Tuesday 11th

House group

Wednesday 12th

Ermside

Thursday 13th

For those on duty or training in
the Army

Friday 14th

Parents needing help and support to care for their children

Saturday 15th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 16th

Give thanks for family and friends

Monday 17th

Robin, Frances, Cerys & Erin Ward

Tuesday 18th

Baby & Toddlers

Wednesday 19th

Falmer Road

Thursday 20th

For those on duty or training in the Paratroopers

Friday 21st

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

Saturday 22nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 23rd

Thanks for those who entertain and enlighten us

Monday 24th

Chris Whippe

Tuesday 25th

Friday morning prayer time

Wednesday 26th

First Avenue

Thursday 27th

For those on duty or training in the Special Forces

Friday 28th

Those who still don't know Jesus personally

Saturday 29th

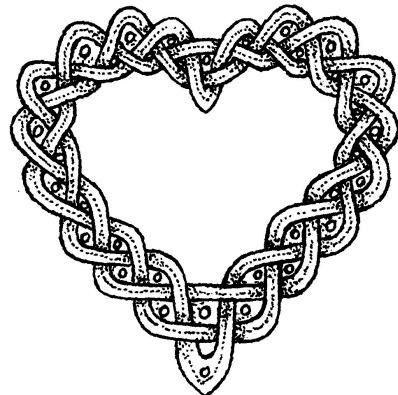
Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 30th

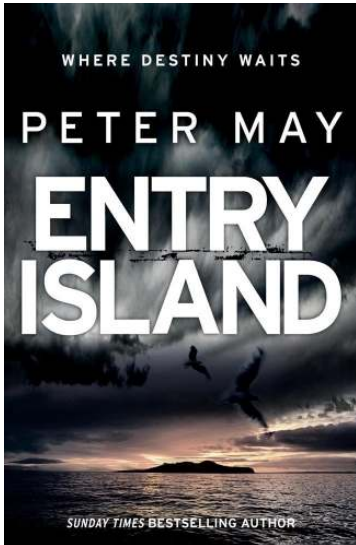
Thanks for our musicians, the stewards, tea makers those who project our services and provide the flowers week by week

Monday 31st

Tracey & Steven Williams



Book Club



Entry Island, Peter May.

Detective Sime Mackenzie is sent from Montreal to investigate a murder on the remote Entry Island, 850 miles from the Canadian mainland, he leaves behind him a life of sleeplessness and regret.

But what had initially seemed an open-and-shut case takes on a disturbing dimension when he meets the prime suspect, the victim's wife, and is convinced that he knows her - even though they have never met.

His insomnia becomes punctuated by dreams of a distant Scottish past in another century,

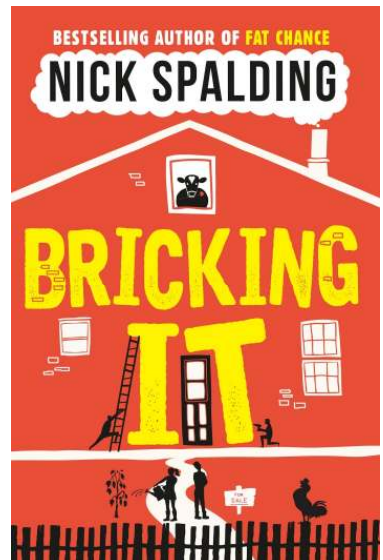
this murder in the Gulf of St. Lawrence leads him down a path he could never have foreseen, forcing him to face a conflict between his professional duty and his personal destiny.

The group did find this an interesting read; learning about life in Canada so many years ago when the Scottish Clearances sent so many of our ancestors to a new harsh life in that new country.

We discussed what it must be like to live a small island life where you do not lock your front door and know your neighbours well.

Next month we meet on Monday 10th October having read 'Bricking It' by Nick Spalding – something very different and not a thriller!!

Sylvia Page



50 Things to do in a Church

‘50 Things to do in a Church’ celebrates the many uses of church buildings, and invites the public to share their favourite things to do in a church or chapel by adding to the list.

Finding peace and quiet is one of the ‘50 Things to do in a Church’ that is a particular attraction for Michael Palin, writer and performer and Vice-President of the National Churches Trust. “Once asked to declare my religious beliefs I described myself as ‘an agnostic with doubts’. However my interest in and fondness for churches is undiminished.



“Two years ago I was being cross-questioned in a court case in London and during a lunch break in which I was not permitted to talk to anyone, I desperately wanted somewhere to sit quietly and get myself together. And yet there was nowhere where the price of a seat didn’t involve eating, drinking or some commercial transaction.

“Then, out of the blue, at the very heart of Fleet Street, I discovered the church of St Dunstan-in-the West. I was never so grateful for a place of repose, an oasis of peace and quiet in the midst of the mayhem.”

There are, of course, many other uses for churches and chapels and the National Churches Trust’s list – which ranges from finding the Green Man to helping out at a night shelter – can be found at www.nationalchurchestrust.org/50things
Why not visit it, and see if you can add to the list?

Watch a video of Michael Palin talking about finding peace and quiet in a church at <https://vimeo.com/175322636>

Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
2nd	Evelyn	Robin H	Jill	Jill	
9th		Robin H	Ivy & Jane	Chris & Rob	Tony & Robin W
16th	Alison	Anne	Valerie	Alison	Robin H
23rd	Evelyn	Sue	Yvonne & Jill		Tony & Diann
30th	Alison				

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!

Arsenal has most prayers behind them as new season is underway

A recent survey of church leaders across the UK has found Arsenal to be the best supported football team in the Premier League.

Premier, the UK's largest Christian media organisation, asked 200 leaders from across the denominations which team they supported. After Arsenal, Liverpool came second.

As their nickname is 'Saints', Southampton may have hoped to have come higher in the list than joint ninth, especially with Manchester United's 'Red Devils' coming in third.

Meanwhile the survey found one in five church leaders has prayed for their team to win, and one in seven has even skipped church to watch their team play.

Be like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."



Her colleague asked her to explain that one. And so she said: "Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

"Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?

Learn to ‘wait well’ for things ‘My future is in Your hands...’

In her helpful book, *When, God, When?* Joyce Meyer writes: “God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy trying to give it birth outside of God’s timing.”

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you’re waiting to get to where you want to be. After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you’re waiting for now – you’ll begin waiting for something else. That’s life! If we don’t learn to ‘wait well’, we’ll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well is what will deliver our dream. Listen: “in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Gal. 6:9). “Due season” is when God knows we’re ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that’s when it will happen – and not before.

God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust him. From UCB ‘Word for Today’. See www.ucb.co.uk/word-for-today.html for more reflections.



Girls Brigade News

We started the new year with a District Activity for the younger girls of canoeing and caving at the Herts Young Mariners Centre in Cheshunt. Charlotte & Sue took the girls and as you can see from the photo they ventured into the caves themselves.

We are also taking part in a district Harvest competition, which hopefully you will see displayed in the church after they have been judged.



Please continue to pray for the staff & girls in the company as we face the new year. Chris & I are not getting any younger, and we realise, that though the girls are used to us, we really need someone with more energy and ideas that would appeal. Charlotte is under pressure at work, and Sue is often in pain. We thank Margaret, who struggles to get to us after work, for her support, and Alison who is there to cheer us on. We are also grateful for Emily's help with the younger girls,



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

Lynda Cook



Wordsearch

All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

All	Hallows	Halloween	Druid	Priests
Festival	Samhain	Bonfires	Magic	Dark

Supernatural
Powers
Winter
Christians
Prayer

Charms
Deeper
True
Eve
Closer

Christ
Thanks
Loved
Death
Gone



The tale of the Prodigal Son



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN
WHO HAD TWO SONS.

ONE WAS HARD WORKING
AND CARED FOR HIS FATHER



BUT THE OTHER SON JUST
DEMANDED MONEY FROM
HIS DAD



THEN HE LEFT HOME TO WASTE
HIS WEALTH.

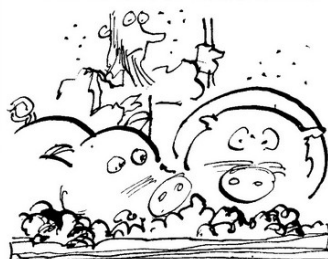
HE HAD MANY FRIENDS...



....UNTIL HIS MONEY RAN OUT



SOON, THE ONLY WAY HE COULD
SURVIVE WAS BY FEEDING PIGS.



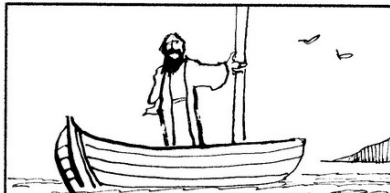
I KNOW, I'LL GO BACK TO
MY DAD AND SAY SORRY -
BUT HE'LL BE SO CROSS.



BUT HIS FATHER WAS
FAR FROM ANGRY - HE
WAS THRILLED TO SEE
HIS SON RETURN HOME!



MY SON IS ALIVE!!



JESUS EXPLAINED - WE HAVE A FATHER
IN HEAVEN WHO ACHES TO SEE US ALL
RETURN TO HIM - JUST LIKE THE
PRODIGAL SON RETURNED TO HIS
FATHER.

Weekly Activities

Monday	6.15pm	Boys' Brigade Junior Section
	7.30pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
	8.00pm	Book Club (1st or 2nd Monday)
Tuesday	8.00pm	House Group (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)

