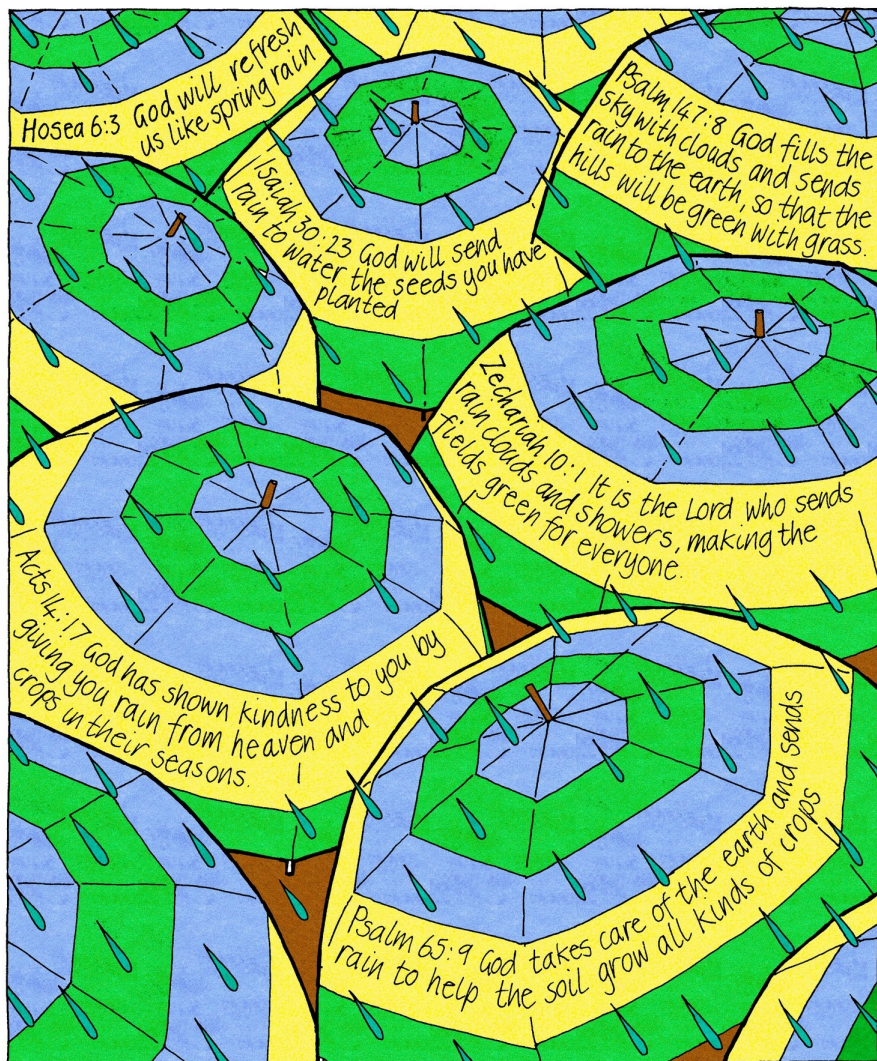


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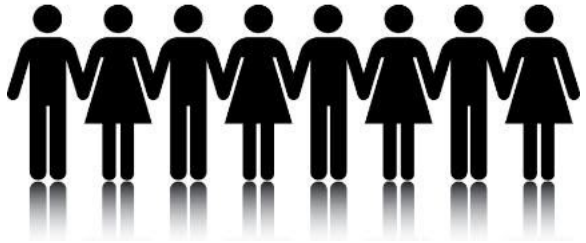
Next Newsletter

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

Take heart!

One Radio Four speaker recently made the comment, "Do not believe for one moment that 2016 was just another political year." He was part of a panel

discussing current issues. The talk-show carried a tone of urgency, warning that the political shifts we are experiencing are very much here to stay. The hope that it will all blow over is gone. At some point, in one way or another, we will be caught up in or caught out by a new world order.



Many among us are acutely aware of this. Many also remember the quote: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing" (Edmund Burke). Hence we see and hear demonstrations, proclamations and protestations everywhere. These are unsettling times. Former truths no longer seem to hold. Systems and establishments are crumbling down. Frightening times to grow up in; to find work; build a family; grow old in.

I often try to imagine how life must feel without truly knowing some of the magnitude of God's loving care for us. Would not the world, and life itself, seem an even more threatening, scary and unpredictable place?

It is nothing new for the world to be known as a dangerous place. Nor is

it something exclusively experienced by a particular group of people. None of us, regardless of our race, gender or class is able to completely escape the dangers of the world.

How important is it then, to know and grasp hold of the words of Jesus in John 16:33, "Take heart! I have overcome the world."

Grasping hold; not in a despondent way or as our last resort (although there may be some of that too). Not in a way that numbs our senses and allows us to close our eyes to what is going on around us. But alert and with eyes wide open. In the way we would grasp hold of the mast of a sailboat in severe weather, not to be swept overboard. Or how we would tighten our hold on a rope anchored to the rocks, to save us from plunging to our death.

Grasping hold of the hope of life,
the promise of a future.

Jesus warns us, that in this world
we will have trouble. It is life's
reality. The question is: how we will
respond to it?

With despair and hopelessness? Or
with faith and hope?

As Lent starts, I pray that we all may
be people who stand strong against
the temptation to fall for the lies of
the evil one. No matter what we
see happening in the world around

us. May we proclaim and stand in
the hope of the promise God has
given us in his Son Jesus Christ.
Take heart! He has overcome the
world!

Yours in Christ,

Henriette



FLOWERS WERE NOT ALLOWED
IN CHURCH DURING LENT

Smile Lines

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean *CHANGE*??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time *AND* the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, vicar, you've got another think coming!

Present

For the elderly minister's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, and said: 'Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.'

Still lost in translation

When it's English, but not as we know it...

(Seen in a Korean hotel in Seoul) Measles not included in room charge.

(Qatar hotel welcome notes) Please do not use the lift when it is not working.

(French hotel in Paris) Please leave your values at the front desk.

(Indonesian hotel menu in Bali) Toes with butter and jam.

(Street sign in Japan) Waiting will be prosecuted

(Private school in Nairobi, Kenya) No trespassing without permission

(Road sign in Malaysia) Caution: Water on road during rain

(Restaurant in Acapulco, Mexico) The manager has personally passed all the water served here

(Luggage trolley at Singapore airport) Not to be removed from Crewe Station

(German hotel cloakroom) Please hang yourself here

Source: Our thanks to *Løst in Tränšlation*, Charlie Croker, Michael O'Mara, 2006, for these gems!

Here is the News

The Leprosy Mission

Thank you to the few who have Leprosy Mission collecting boxes. I have been able to send £55.06 to them (down a lot on the last few years).

Unfortunately because of people moving away etc. we only have 5 people with boxes now. This is a very worthy cause and it would be lovely if I could give out another 1 or 2 boxes to people who would be kind enough to put their small change in during the year. Please let me or Judith know if you would like a box. I know the boxes are not very strong but there are ways round. Have a word with me or Judith for an explanation.

There are several copies of the latest magazine in the lounge. Please take one to read about the work of The Leprosy Mission.

Also, thank you to those who collect stamps for them. These and other collectables bring in a lot of money for the work of TLM. I have also recently been given some foreign coins to send. These all help with the work of healing, treatment and rehabilitation. Any stamps (UK or foreign, stamped or unstamped, clean and undamaged) and foreign coins, can be put in the teapot in the lounge.

Thank you.

Christine Hughes

JustOne

As a church we have partnered with J.John and the team putting on the JustOne event at the Emirates Stadium and as part of this have committed to raise £1,000 towards the costs of the event which takes place on Saturday 8th July 2017. If you can help please make your donation online at give.net/justonebhpurc or in an envelope marked "JustOne" in the Sunday offertory.

Further details about the JustOne Event can be found at justone.co.uk. Please do also pray for the event and for each one of us to invite someone - make sure you have the date in your diary!

Lent Studies

“Natural Evangelism” course

The act of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is called evangelism. Evangelism is the cry of Jesus as he weeps over lost people. 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 anyone wanting a more effective friendship evangelism.

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

We will meet every Tuesday in Lent, starting on Tuesday 7th March, 8pm at Lisa’s house.

The titles for each session are: The “Why” of Evangelism; What is the Good News of Christianity?; What is Friendship Evangelism?; This is My Story; Demonstrating the Good News; and How Can We be Empowered for Evangelism?

It would be lovely to have a full house, I hope to see you there.

Lisa Hamblin

Open Doors Lent Group

There will be a Lent group meeting at the Manse every Monday evening from 6.30 – 8.00 pm.

A simple meal will be provided each week. During our table fellowship we will be thinking about and connecting with our persecuted sisters and brothers in Christ.

The group will start on Monday 27th February and finish with an (early) breakfast on Easter Sunday morning.

Please email (HenrietteWentinkNL@gmail.com) or call (020 8366 1284) if you would like to attend. Places around the dining table are limited!

Henriette Wentink

Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry

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

‘I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.’ (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32 NLT)

‘Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously. (Isaiah 55.7 NLT)

‘But there’s also this, it’s not too late — God’s personal Message!— “Come back to me and really mean it! Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!”

Change your life, not just your clothes. Come back to God, your God. And here’s why: God is kind and merciful. He takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot, this most patient God, extravagant in love, always ready to cancel catastrophe.’ (Joel 2:12-13 MSG)

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



The Compton Players present

The Actress

**A Comedy
by
Peter Quilter**

16, 17 & 18 March 2017

Box Office: 020 8360 1104

**United Reformed Church
Compton Road, Winchmore Hill**

Doors open: 7.30 pm

Tickets: £9

By kind permission of Samuel French

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Am I
Being
Unfair
to You?

PRAYING FOR
THE PHILIPPINES

Friday 3rd March 2017
ALL ARE WELCOME

St Andrew's Parish Church
Market Square

10:30

Diary

March

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Wed 1st	7:45pm	Ash Wednesday service at Ponders End (see p 18)
Fri 3rd	10:30am	Women's World Day of Prayer at St Andrew's in Enfield Market (see p 10)
Sun 5th	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Terry Silvey
Tue 7th	8:00pm	Natural Evangelism Lent study starts (see p 7)
Sun 12th	10:30am 6:00pm	Parade with Martin Legg Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 19th	10:30am	Worship with Revd Henriette Wentink
Sat 25th	11:00am	Lunchtime @ Christ Church
Sun 26th	10:30am	Worship with Martin Wells

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 12th March

Prayer Diary

MARCH 2017

Give praise to the Lord,
proclaim his name;
make known among the nations
what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8

Wednesday 1st

Main Avenue

Thursday 2nd

For those on duty or training in
the Navy

Friday 3rd

Those without enough money for
heating and food and the chari-
ties who aim to provide help

Saturday 4th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 5th

Thanks for Sunshine and rain

Monday 6th

Christopher and Kate Payne

Tuesday 7th

That God will send people to us
to help in his mission for Bush
Hill Park

Wednesday 8th

Melbourne Way

Thursday 9th

For those on recovering from
injury on the battlefield

Friday 10th

Karam, our sponsored child in
Bethlehem

Saturday 11th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 12th

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 13th

Anthony and Rachel Rensch

Tuesday 14th

For Henriette, our church and fellowship

Wednesday 15th

Millais Road

Thursday 16th

For those on duty or training in the Royal Marines

Friday 17th

Those suffering from HIV & AIDS and the charities who seek to find a cure

Saturday 18th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 19th

Thanks for those who teach us whether at school, university or as we get older in self-help groups

Monday 20th

Evelyn and Fred Rolph

Tuesday 21st

That people will earnestly pray about their role in the church and if they are being led to take a more active part in the life of the church and its mission

Wednesday 22nd

Percival Road

Thursday 23rd

For those on duty or training in the Paratroopers

Friday 24th

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

Saturday 25th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 26th

Be joyful in hope and faithful in prayer giving thanks to God for his blessings

Monday 27th

Alan and Angela Rushbrook

Tuesday 28th

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

Wednesday 29th

Poynter Road

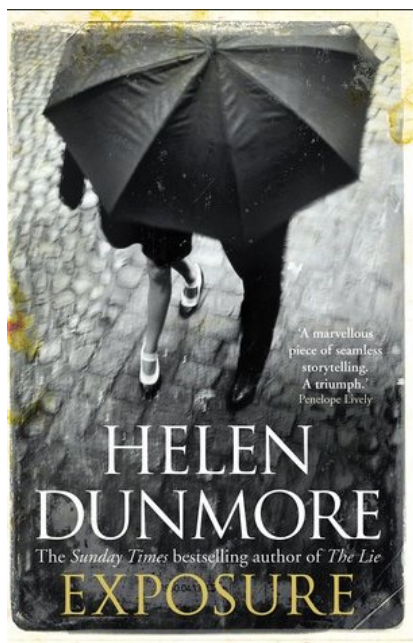
Thursday 30th

For those on duty or training in the RAF

Friday 31st

JustOne J.John event at Emirates Stadium

Book Club



'Exposure' by Helen Dunmore

This was another new author for us, although the writer has penned another thirteen novels.

Put yourself in the cold war era of the 1960s, recall the spy stories related to Oxbridge graduates and MI5 and that is a starter to this story.

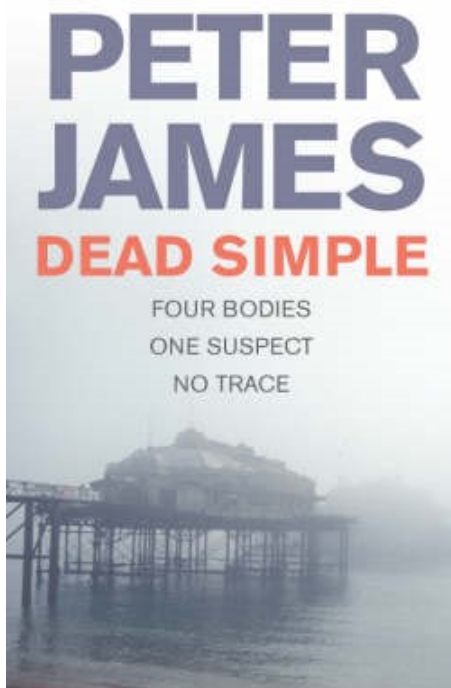
Some characters you like and others you do not. Both parents have secrets of their past and father's come to haunt him and lead to imprisonment by an act

carried out for another. How does mother cope with three young children? As the story is slowly revealed we find out. Children are resilient.

Not a bad read, something different.

Next month we meet on Monday 20th February having read the first Peter James novel 'Dead Simple'.

Sylvia Page



How can 40acts help me during Lent?

Lent is one of the most important times of year for many Christians around the world, particularly those within the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox traditions, held at a similar level of importance to Advent – the build up to Christmas.

Different people observe Lent in different ways, though by and large most people do this by giving something up for Lent. Whether you're intending to give up chocolate, fast food, alcohol, or the Internet, 40acts encourages you to do something generous during Lent, too. You can sign up to take the challenge at 40acts.org.uk/signup.

As well as group resources for families, churches, small groups, schools and youth groups, 40acts also have a whole host of prayers for Lent that you can read, as well as a list of Lent prayers for children. In order to help your children better understand this wholly significant time of year 40acts also have a section of their website entirely dedicated to facts about Lent, from the different days of Lent to what days like Ash Wednesday mean to the wider community. Go to 40acts.org.uk for more details.

If you need any help or guidance through Lent this year, sign up for 40acts, and do Lent generously.

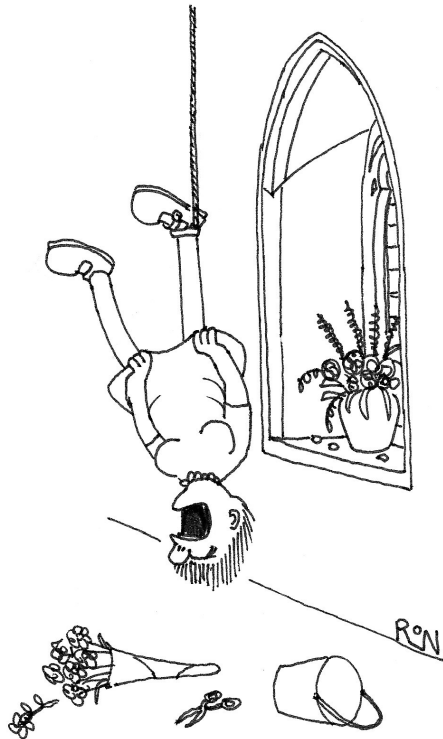


Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
5th	Alison	Robin H	Mavis & Jill	Diann	
12th	Evelyn	Brigades	Jane & Ivy	BB	Tony
19th	Kath	Judith		Alison	Tony
26th				Jill	Robin W

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!



Mrs Stebbings always did the flowers in the South Window, as Mrs Todger soon learned

Prayer



Simple Things

O Lord,
You revealed your Kingdom in parables
That spoke of simple things —
Yeast in a loaf of a bread,
A woman sweeping her home.
Grant that the simple choices we make —
What tea to drink, what fruit to eat —
May honour your Name
And reveal your Kingdom present among us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

From Fairtrade Fortnight

Ed: If you have a prayer you would like put in the newsletter instead (or indeed as well as...) do email it to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk. If you want it in a particular month make sure you meet the deadline for that month, usually the second Sunday of the month. Thanks.



ASH WEDNESDAY

*A time of reflection at
the start of Lent*

*Join with us on
1st March 7:45pm*

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

*Ponders End United
Reformed Church*

**College Court, High Street
Ponders End
Enfield EN3 4EZ**

Girls' Brigade News

In February we celebrated 100 years of the 1st Enfield Company. First founded in 1917, it is was run very differently to how it is now, not just because of the change of times but also because of the syllabus that was taught. Back in 1917 the girls were taught important life skills such as sewing, first aid and band. Now we teach the girls about inner beauty and friendship, also important life skills, but the one thing that remains the same is the teachings of Jesus and the stories he told. I would like to thank everyone who was there to help celebrate with us.

Later in the year (when it gets a bit warmer) we are planning to have a small party at the trampoline park in Enfield.

Charlotte
McBride



Boys' Brigade News

Well what a fantastic February it has been. At the start of the month, we took some of the boys to the Battalion swimming gala. We had a strong team and were able to enter all age groups. The team did really well and we can 2nd in North London competition and 1st in the Enfield competition. A big well done to all those who took part.

As half term approached the first years were taking on become chefs with a range of different cooking sessions. The cooked chocolate chip cookies, chocolate cornflake cakes, omelettes, stir fry, fajitas and a mushroom and garlic on bread dish.

The middle aged boys have started to make Rockets, which when finished will fly 300ft into the air, deploy a parachute and then glide back down to earth, to be re-launched. The lads are currently constructing the fins of the rocket from wood, carefully sanding the edges to make them more aerodynamic.

The older boys finished off the filming of their 'keep fit app', which we hope to launch soon. It's a 40 minute workout, with warm up and warm down sessions. All the exercises have been filmed and they have all taken part in the video.

They then spent two weeks preparing the entertainment for the forthcoming company supper.

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!!). We then spend the rest of the time doing a cardio and strength work out. We might start using the new fitness app once it has been edited together.

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.

All the company staff (anchor boys - company section) were present, with a range of guests. Most of the company section boys, and the two top Junior Section boys were also invited.

The food was just fantastic, once again and was cooked and prepared by Mrs Rushbrook (she excelled herself once again).

After some toasts, we had the guest of honour's speech, which this year was Mr Richard Pite. He was an old boy of the Company and now regularly supports us with the Old Boy's Band, playing at various fundraising events and activities.

After that, we all retired into the church, for the entertainments. This year we had handed complete control of the entertainments over to the Seniors. We had no idea what to expect. However, what followed was 20 minutes of pure hilarious madness. Lots of very poor jokes were told (which are always funny because they are so poor). There were a few funny sketches depicting the year gone by and Chief concern and Mr Wobble made a return!

It was a great night and everyone seemed to really enjoy it.

On the Thursday of half term, we ran a trip to Mega Jump, which is a basically a large warehouse full of trampolines all joined together with a spongy floor in-between. The trampolines even go up the wall. There is also a large air bag, so you can do 'flips' and backwards jumps etc.

The lads bounced around the venue for an hour, but the staff could only manage 30 minutes.

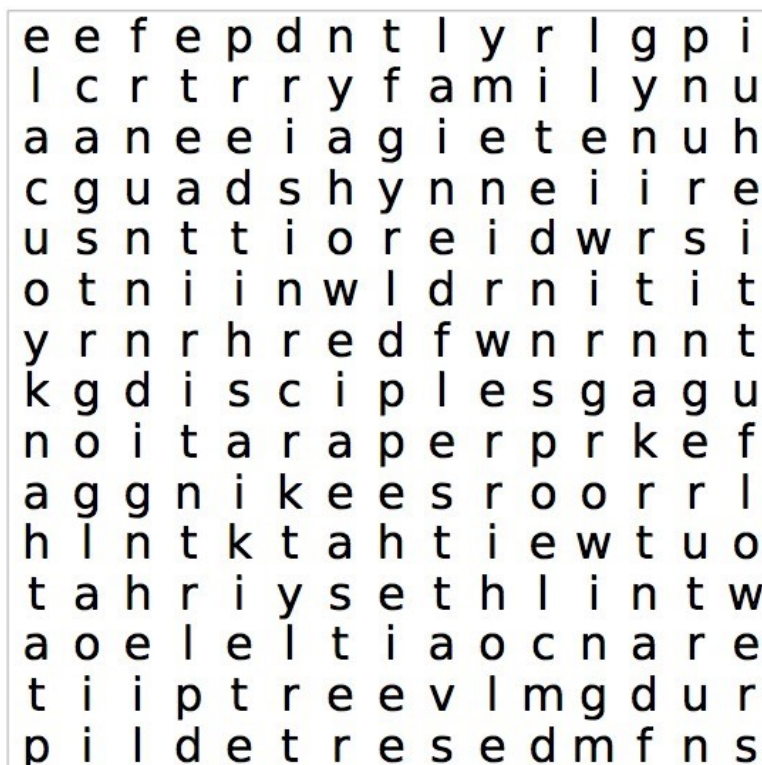
We have now started back for another session of badge classes and competitions. In a few weeks' time, we will be taking a few of the lads on a battalion weekend camp. As each month goes past, camp gets even closer!!!

Andrew Caddies

Wordsearch

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

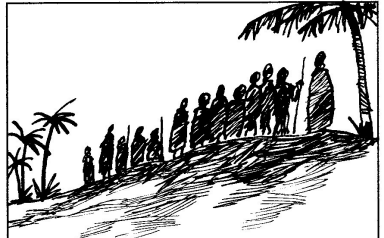
lent	spiritual	easter	preparation	fasting
prayer	desert	selfdenial	repentance	seeking
finding	growing	mothers	love	care
nurture	learning	teaching	disciples	worldwide
flowers	thankyou	nursing	family	



The Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.

JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM

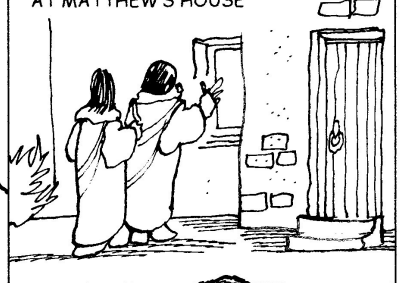


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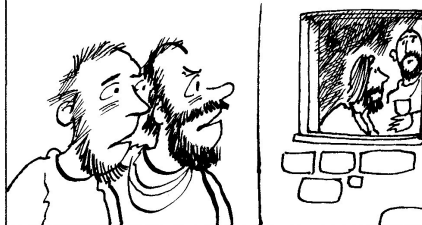


MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS

JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE

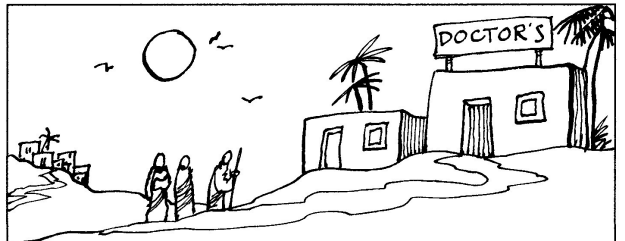


BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"
see Luke 5:27-32

Weekly Activities

Monday	6.15pm	Boys' Brigade Junior Section
	7.30pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
	8.00pm	Book Club (Once a month, see inside for date)
Tuesday	8.00pm	House group (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
Wednesday	9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade
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
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)

