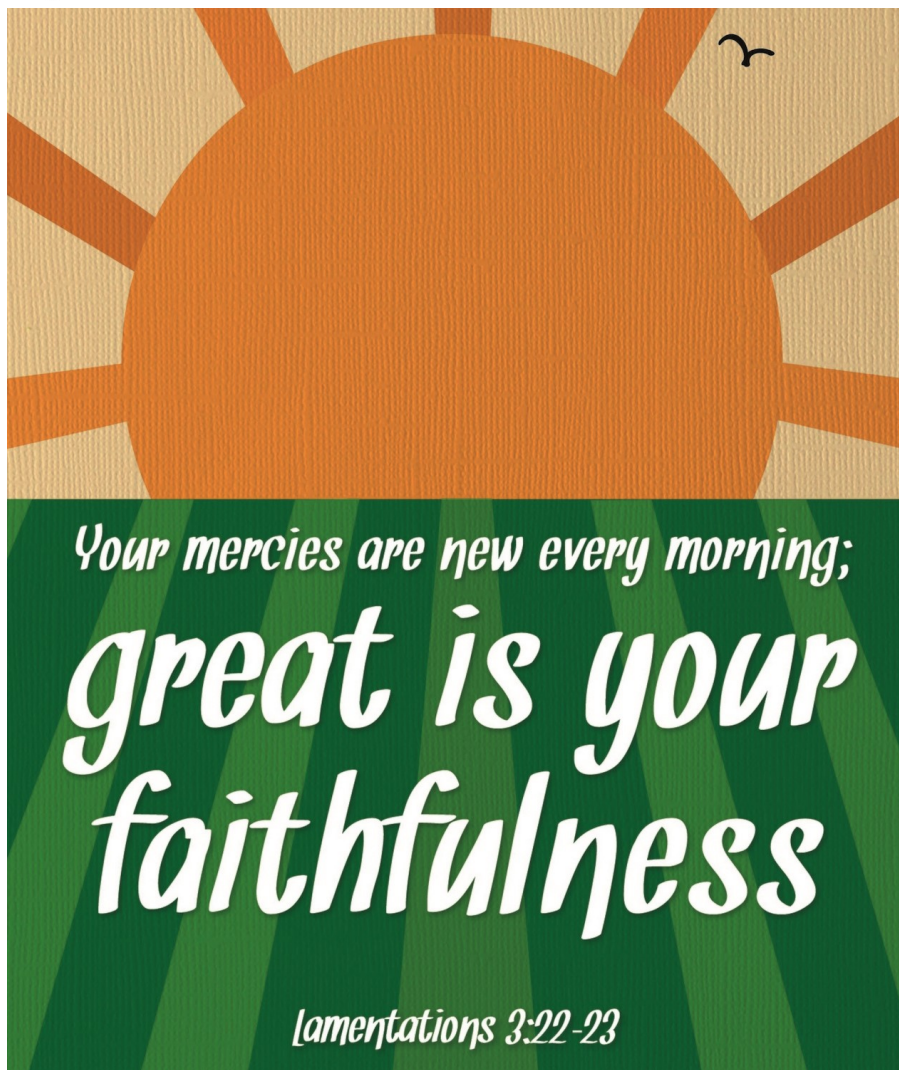


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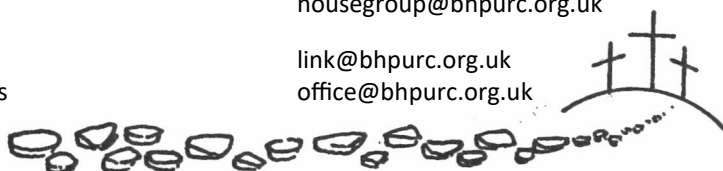
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*Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).*

*We expect all of our leaders, volunteers and those who use our premises to share this commitment and value the support of those who worship here in achieving this. Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).*

*Please visit <http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding> for further information.*

**Our Greenbelt experience began** on Friday evening as we arrived onsite and were guided to a suitable parking space in the middle of a large grassy field. We think we managed to park up with the smallest car on site all weekend as we had taken Melanie's Smart Car!



After we had managed to pick up our Greenbelt wristband and pre-paid for programme (about the size of the Saturday edition of a broadsheet!), we made our way on to the Greenbelt site itself, stopping for a cup of tea at the Tiny Tea Tent (it was fairly big and had quite a few people in it!) while we had a look at the programme.

We then headed towards the far end of the site as Melanie had kindly pre-booked us in to two “welcome” events.

At 6 o'clock on the dot, we found ourselves under canvas listening to an introduction from the Amos Trust and the Fairtrade Foundation about what they had planned for the weekend.

Listening to both these organisations helped us reflect on our churches here in Enfield; about how far each has gone in considering some of the issues raised by the Fairtrade Foundation and by the Amos Trust.

We know some of our folk have had experience of Palestine and Israel, one area of the world where the Amos Trust are working, and we are looking forward to hearing further about projects in that region of the world that people have had experience of between now and Christmas.

On the topic of Fairtrade we wonder whether you have heard of LOAF?

LOAF is an acronym that Green Christian have been promoting for a while now, and is a principle that we both try and follow as far as we are able to.

It means that whenever we buy or obtain things, we try to purchase things that are Locally-sourced or produced, Organic, Animal-friendly or Fairly-traded. We also add on an “E” these days, for Environmentally-friendly, which for us includes trying to reduce our use of plastics.

Sometimes you can find things to buy that fall into three of these categories (you can't have Fair-trade and local!), but at other times things we buy may only meet one of these criteria.

Following these guidelines helps us to think about how we are treating other people in the world, God's creation, and makes us question some of the practices of organisations and companies that possibly are simply in business to make a profit and are not so concerned about who they might exploit on their way to generating such a profit.

Did you know that the United Reformed Church as a whole had in place a boycott of Nestlé products for a considerable period of time? This was principally because of concerns about how Nestlé acted in some countries in trying to force new mothers to use their products, and tying them in to expensive foodstuffs for their children that they could ill-afford.

The boycott was dropped in 2010, but many Christians within the church are still concerned about the practice of this and similar big businesses.

Do you think about what you're buying and who made it? Is the exploitation of workforces in many different countries something that you think about, or is the approach that you take simply one of trying to ensure you buy the cheapest way you can?

Listening to representatives of the Fairtrade Foundation speak we learn some of the good news stories that abound where they are involved, and we are both keen to ensure that their work and awareness of our global community and the imbalances that exist in our world are corrected.

It is, for us, a matter of justice and fairness and something that we believe the church should be at the forefront of campaigning for.

Will you join us in working in this way?

Is there a change in your purchasing habits that you could make today that could affect the life of someone else in this world for the better?

*Mark and Melanie*

## Smile Lines

### **Say again?**

Three elderly church ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. The Methodist minister observed, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' the Baptist pastor said, 'it's Thursday.' The Anglican vicar agreed: 'So am I! Let's go get a pint.'

### **Whose fault is it, anyway?**

In a small town a businessman put in planning permission to build a nightclub complete with dancing girls. The local church started a vigorous campaign to block it from opening. The church launched a petition and held prayers in public. Work progressed, however, right up until the week before opening. Then one night a bolt of lightning strike hit the nightclub and it burned to the ground.

The church members were rather smug after that, until the nightclub owner sued them all -on the grounds that they were responsible for the fire. Loudly protesting their total non-involvement and innocence, the church members were all taken to court.

As the case began, the judge looked over the paperwork and observed: 'I don't know how I'm going to decide this. It appears that we have a nightclub owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't!'

### **If only**

Computer message I'd like to see: 'Smash forehead on keyboard to continue'.

**Here is the News**

# Monsoon floods in Kerala

Thank you to everyone who gave in the Christian Aid envelopes for the emergency appeal. We have sent £200 following our collections. Christian Aid have sent this update:

When monsoon floods hit Kerala just a few weeks ago, we worked together with our local partners to reach 12,000 people affected with emergency supplies.

Now we're focusing our initial response on supporting 20,000 people in the hard-hit Wayanad district in northern Kerala, and Idukki district in the centre of the state.

A major longer-term concern is the loss of livelihood sources such as farmland, labour, crops, stocked grains, seeds, fodder, livestock etc. Many families have no other livelihood options.

Prayer requests have been incorporated into this month's prayer plan on Thursdays.

## Harvest

Thanks to everyone who gave at our Harvest service, the food and toiletries will go to North Enfield Foodbank.



## Events Email

As Enfield United Reformed Churches, we are setting up 'NewsShare': a news and events email where you will be sent, direct to your inbox, updates about what's happening in our churches in Enfield and other items that might be of interest to you. It may even contain some words of wisdom from our Ministers, Mark and Melanie! The emails will be sent out once every couple of weeks, or so, but not more than weekly. You can, of course, unsubscribe at any time. Please do follow this link and subscribe to keep informed: <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH>

## Appliance looking for a home...

Mark and I have a tumble-dryer (Hotpoint Aquarius 8kg) which we do not need. We would be very happy to gift it to a family who might need it or receive a donation towards the KSN Hospital in West Bengal. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let us know.

Melanie Smith

## Christian Aid matched giving

Christian Aid have announced that money raised through their Harvest 2018 Appeal will be match funded by the European Union. Every £1 you give will be worth £5 for life-changing work in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Honduras and Malawi. We are aware that some of our churches will be supporting other things, however if, as an individual, you'd like to see your money multiplied, then you can give personally through Christian Aid's website ([donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1](https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1)). And if you can Gift Aid, your money can go even further to help women like Aster gain power and control over their own lives.



**Palmers Green  
United Reformed Church**

# **Time to Remember**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018  
7.00pm**



## **A service for All Souls Day**

An opportunity to gather with others to remember people whom we've known and loved who, for many different reasons, are no longer with us.



**Palmers Green United Reformed Church**

Fox Lane, London N13 4AL  
[www.palmersgreenurc.org.uk](http://www.palmersgreenurc.org.uk)

## Don't bottle it up – it's okay to grieve

I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women. How the mighty have fallen! 2 Samuel 1:26

A lament is a passionate expression of grief, a heartfelt cry of sadness. Here David, who composed some of the most memorable and uplifting songs of praise, allows himself the opportunity to pour out his heart to God because of his deep sorrow.



Christians are sometimes confused about how to express grief. Some contemporary teaching has emphasised the power of praise, and of praising God in all circumstances, so they feel guilty about the pain inside them and do not know how to release it. Whilst Paul does say we are not to grieve 'like the rest of mankind' (1Thessalonians 4:13), he means we should not grieve in the hysterical way that characterises those who have no hope in God. He does not mean that we should not grieve at all, or that we should suppress our true feelings. That would be cruel, unnatural and unhealthy. Grief is best acknowledged and expressed, and in a way that is consistent with our belief in heaven.

David's own heart feels most keenly the loss of his dearest friend, Jonathan. Those who have known the loss of a 'soul mate' will understand the depth of his feeling and the pain in his heart. His lament enables him to get in touch with his grief, to express it, and so begin the slow process of healing and recovery.

If you are grieving yourself today, may I encourage you to pour out your heart to God? You could pray aloud, or write your prayer down. You may find a song that helps, or a piece of music. You might talk with a trusted friend. You may just want a good cry. Whatever you do, remember that it's OK to grieve.

Rev Tony Horsfall

## Tim Peake speculates on intelligent design

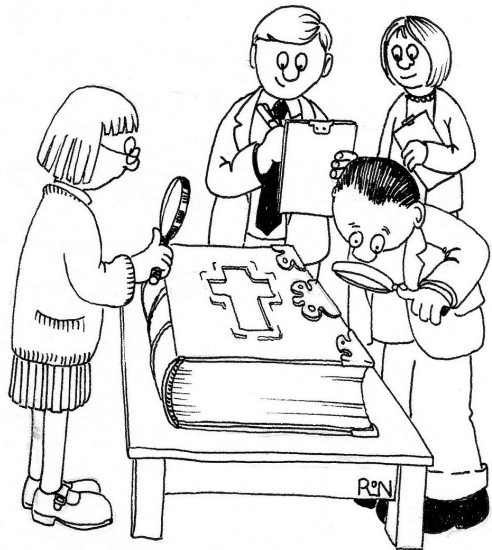
The astronaut Tim Peake, on a recent visit to Peterborough Cathedral, has said that although he is not religious, his time in space made him consider the possibility that the universe is not an accident, but the result of intelligent design.

Tim Peake spoke about his journey back to Earth in 2016. According to The Times, he said: 'Although I say I'm not religious it doesn't necessarily mean that I don't seriously consider that the universe could have been created from intelligent design. There are many things in science that lead us towards that conclusion.'

'From a point of view of seeing how magnificent the Earth is from space and seeing the cosmos from different perspective, it helps you to relate to that.'

Peake added that, as well as the scale of the universe being impressive, looking at the minute details also made him think: 'When you look at the smaller scale, the micro level, and you understand quantum mechanics and quantum physics, there are many things that lead us... towards intelligent design of the universe.'

The Astronaut's Soyuz landing module and spacesuit is on display in Peterborough Cathedral until 5th November.



*Every week they gathered for  
Bible Study*

# Embracing Difference

## Church and Society Network

A day to explore how we understand and embrace diversity in our churches, ourselves and our faith, and how diversity in a variety of ways impacts people and issues. We hope to share in this exciting and thought provoking programme together, with opportunities to share our own experiences.

Saturday 27th October 2018

Grange Park URC

10.00am – 1.30pm

(Lunch provided)

Please contact Sandra – [churchandsociety.sga@gmail.com](mailto:churchandsociety.sga@gmail.com)

You can just come on the Day, but it would be helpful and encouraging for us to know those who are intending to come, especially as a meal will be prepared.



Image by Miss Irene Benewaa

### Travel:

1. Come to Leyton Underground station (Central Line) and walk west along Leyton High Road towards the church which is in Grange Park Road (5 minutes)
2. Come to Leyton Midland over- ground station , turn left out of the station and walk east along Leyton High Road until you come to a Jet garage. Just after that, cross the road, take the right turn and then left into Grange Park Road where you will find the church on your left.
3. There is a church car park for car drivers, post code: E10 5EP

# Prayer from India

When Melanie and I went to India in 2017 on our own we had a little more time to wander around Kolkata. The experience prompted me to write some prose. Here is one of them for you to ponder:-

I ate all my food today  
I've been taught to do things that way -  
to clear my plate  
to not leave anything  
Throwing food away is so bad...  
But my dinner companions did not  
Eat all theirs..  
What a shame..  
What bad manners..  
Instead what was left was boxed up  
And given to the driver of the car  
Who had waited while we ate..  
This place of poverty  
This place of challenge  
Teaches me  
Humbles me  
And changes my thinking  
I won't eat all my food another day..

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Supporting the Four Homes of Mercy, Bethany, Jerusalem



# **GALA QUIZ EVENING**

At Lancaster Road Church Hall,  
9 Armfield Road, EN2 0DH

 **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**7:00 for 7:30 pm**

**Tickets at £10 per head to include  
Fish and Chip Dinner  
with option of  
Meat or Vegetable Quiche**



**Tables (teams) of 8 people**

To reserve a place/table please contact Maureen Prior or  
Jim Holliday on 07740353519 or email

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[maureen.prior@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:maureen.prior@blueyonder.co.uk)

All proceeds will go to The Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany, Palestine to help with  
the costs of supplying a physiotherapist to help with their disabled patients.

*You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks.*

# Aspiring to more

Join our learning circle to enlarge your faith and understanding through shared study in 2018-19

Want to know more about the Bible and faith?

Want skills in worship-leading, Bible study or preaching?

Want to qualify as a lay preacher?

Join us for one or two modules or the whole course

Join us just to explore or do assignments for a qualification

Initially, at Trinity United Reformed Church, 58 Orford Road, Walthamstow, London E17 9QU – only 7 minutes walk from Walthamstow Central Station.

After Easter at High Cross United Reformed Church, junction of High Road and Colsterworth Road, Tottenham, London N15 4BN – only 6 minutes walk from Seven Sisters Station.

There's unrestricted on-street parking at Trinity and a car park for building users at High Cross

## Programme dates for 2018-19:

Introductory module Wednesdays at 7pm

26th Sept; 3rd Oct; 10th Oct

Bible module – **'Getting to grips with the Bible'** Wednesdays at 7pm and a Saturday Study Day

24th Oct; 7th Nov; 21st Nov; 12th Dec; 9th Jan 2019

Study Day Sat 12th Jan '19, 10am to 4pm

Theology module – **'Talking about God'** starting 30th January 2019

Worship module – **'Leading Worship'** starting 1st May 2019

Preaching module – **'God's word for today'** starting 17th July 2019

## Interested?

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# Diary

## October

**See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities**

The diary is also online at [www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar)

Sat 6th	7:00pm	Quiz evening at Lancaster Road URC, see p 13
Sun 7th	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Revd Mark Meatcher
Mon 8th	8:00pm	Taste of India see page 19
Sun 14th	10:30am 6:00pm	Enrolment Parade with Revd Mark Meatcher Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 21st	10:30am	Worship with Ray Pettipher
Sat 27th	10:00am	Embracing Difference event at Grange Park URC, see page 11 for details
Sun 28th	10:30am	Worship with Terry Silvey

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**Next newsletter deadline:  
Sunday 14th October**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to  
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# Prayer Diary

OCTOBER 2018

As for God, his way is perfect:  
The Lord's word is flawless;  
he shields all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 18:30

## **Monday 1st**

Alison

## **Tuesday 2nd**

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

## **Wednesday 3rd**

Cross Road

## **Thursday 4th**

For those affected by monsoon  
floods in Kerala - Clean toilets  
and space for bathing

## **Friday 5th**

Children who care for a family  
member

## **Saturday 6th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the  
service tomorrow

## **Sunday 7th**

Thanks for those who love us  
and share our lives

## **Monday 8th**

Alyssia

## **Tuesday 9th**

For the future of our church and  
fellowship

## **Wednesday 10th**

Delhi Road

## **Thursday 11th**

For those affected by monsoon  
floods in Kerala - Debris clear-  
ance

## **Friday 12th**

Elijah, our sponsored child in  
Zambia

**Saturday 13th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 14th**

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

**Monday 15th**

Andrew

**Tuesday 16th**

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

**Wednesday 17th**

Dimsdale Drive

**Thursday 18th**

For those affected by monsoon floods in Kerala - Clean drinking water

**Friday 19th**

Children and staff at Al-Shurooq School in Bethlehem who we support as a church

**Saturday 20th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 21st**

Give thanks for our homes and the shelter we have

**Monday 22nd**

Anne

**Tuesday 23rd**

The leadership of the church and its organisations

**Wednesday 24th**

Downs Road

**Thursday 25th**

For those affected by monsoon floods in Kerala - The need for non-food items (tarpaulin, kitchen utensils, clothes)

**Friday 26th**

Children and staff at Al-Shurooq School in Bethlehem who we support as a church

**Saturday 27th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 28th**

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

**Monday 29th**

Arthur

**Tuesday 30th**

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 31st**

East Crescent

# Creationtide

The heatwave this summer was a powerful reminder that our planet is not disposable! The evidence that carbon dioxide is heating the planet is seen in melting polar ice caps, rising sea levels and extreme weather. In the church September and early October is designated Creationtide, a time to reflect on God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. God loves the world



('cosmos') so much (John 3:16), referring to the entire universe. Do we share such love for God's world, in our care for it?

Despite the environmental crisis, God has not given up on His world. We live in a broken world where our present experience is marked by suffering: 'For the creation was subjected to frustration' (Romans 8:20). With us, the creation groans in pain: 'We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.' (22). However, these are not groans of despair, as God promises the hope of a new heaven and earth for all creation: 'the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.' (v 21). At the end of time, God will not simply start again, but renew the created order according to His glorious eternal purpose.

What does this say to us? We cannot simply write off this world, but work with God for that day of transformation. We demonstrate the importance of this world to God by our lifestyle, by living simply and generously and not harming the environment by the wrong use of resources. What practical steps can we employ?

Our commitment must be 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' (Five Marks of Mission).

Paul Hardingham

# Taste of India

7.30pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Lancaster Road URC

Taste, see, smell, and hear about the work of the Church of North India in West Bengal, with photographs and a short film by Graham A. Matthews and guest speakers Linda and Chris Berry, as well as Revds Mark and Melanie.

Find out how a rural mission hospital, Khristiya Seva Niketan, survives with minimal resources, what side of the street cows walk on, and how to avoid Delhi Belly!

This is an event organised by the United Reformed Church in Enfield, and is open to all.



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## Book Club

Lizzie Borden – Did she or did she not kill her stepmother and then father?

Oh, how they could have done with forensic science in the 1890s.

The group had individually picked four books to read. We looked at the facts, digested different information gleaned and came to the conclusion that... It certainly wasn't sister Emma as she was away from home. Lizzie died of pneumonia in 1927 taking the truth with her. She spent 10 months in prison prior to the trial which acquitted her. Emma passed away nine days after Lizzie of nephritis. The sisters had been estranged for years after the acquittal and a move to a large modern house on 'The Hill' a much more prestigious area.

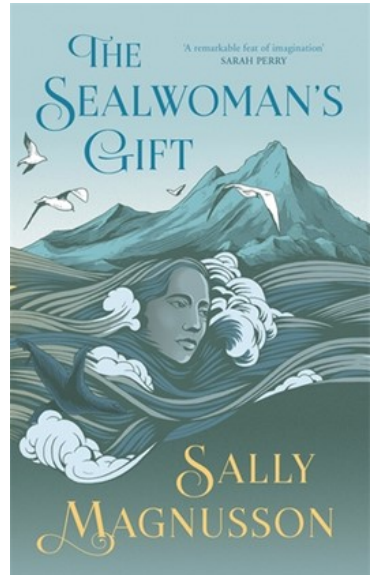
This was a very dysfunctional family, full of anger. Lizzie was a strange child/woman but not without intelligence. She had been cared for by Emma (ten years her senior) since her mother died. There was latterly a cold indifference to her stepmother. It was also felt that their inheritance was being squandered to help her stepmother Abby's family. She was dissatisfied with her lot in Second Street, aspiring to something much grander since her Grand Tour a few years earlier but her father was adamant they stay where they are for the sake of his businesses.

The Borden house is still there, a museum to this unsolved double murder. You can stay the night!!!

We are not putting into print our combined conclusion. Everyone needs to make their own decision.

We meet next on **Tuesday** 2nd October after reading 'The Sealwoman's Gift' by Sally Magnusson.

Sylvia Page





**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield Boys Brigade  
Presents.**

**“Last Night of the Proms”  
Music Concert**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**At Bush Hill Park United  
Reformed Church 8pm**

**Featuring:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Enfield Boys Brigade &  
Friends Brass Band.**

**The London Tuba and  
Recorder Ensemble.**

**Plus More**

# Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
7th	Evelyn	Judith	Sylvia	Sylvia	Tony
14th	Judith		Ivy & Jane	Robin & Chris	Tony
21st	Alison	Anne	Valerie	Alison	Tony
28th	Evelyn	Judith	Sylvia	Sylvia	

## Why Christians are like pumpkins

A woman 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 woman 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 finds you and picks you up 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 carefully 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 gives 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. We can each of us smile today, and shine with His light!'



## **China – persecution of Christians soars as new laws kick in**

It is now eight months since tough new restrictions on religious freedom came into force across China. Release International, which supports Christians under pressure around the world, says persecution has been rising dramatically.

According to Release partner Bob Fu, the persecution of Christians in China is now at the highest level since the Cultural Revolution. He told the Washington Times that in 2017: ‘We documented persecution against 1,265 churches, and 223,000 people.’

According to Fu, of China Aid, persecution against Christians has increased further since the new religious regulations came into force: ‘Thousands of churches have been banned.’

As well as closing churches, the authorities have destroyed them, torn down their crosses, arrested and imprisoned their pastors, and detained lawyers trying to represent them in the courts.

A US State Department report on religious freedom has described China as carrying out a ‘far-reaching strategy to control, govern and manipulate all aspects of faith.’ That includes torture, forced confessions and compelling Christians to renounce their faith.

Since the new regulations came into force in February this year, churches in Luoning County in Henan Province have had their windows smashed and property confiscated. Preachers have been prevented from giving sermons. Officials have removed crosses, cut power to a church and arrested its pastors.

All churches in Xinyu County have been ordered to display the national flag as well as a picture of President Xi Jinping and posters extolling socialist values.

In Jiangxi Province, more than 40 churches have been made to hang up notices banning non-locals from preaching and underage people from attending services. The government has also threatened to cancel the welfare of low-income residents should they attend church.

# Raise funds for

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# Prayer

## Visible unity

God who makes us one,  
gather us with your community of faith,  
and bring us to a welcoming place,  
where we can be united in all our diversity  
and make our unity visible.

Embrace us as we live out our faith,  
strengthen us as we rebuild and remake,  
enter us into a space where injustice has no place  
and enable us to live respectfully with each other.

Accompany us on our journeys of faith,  
give us wisdom to seek peace, settle and pray,  
enable us to prosper together face-to-face,  
and free us to share and encounter your grace.

*Tessa Henry-Robinson*

From the URC prayer handbook 2016 for 9th October looking at Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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](mailto: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.

## Girls' Brigade News

We have started the new term with 4 new girls which we are really excited about and have been making them feel welcome at GB.

On 14th September, three of our Juniors, Jessica, Elizabeth and Carla, went to a weekend Camp with 3 other companies from London North and 1 visiting company from Harlow. They stayed at Tolmers Activity Centre in Cheshunt.

Here are our girls trying out the high ropes



And getting to know their room mates



A big thank you to all the staff who made it possible and an extra special thanks to Lynda for stepping in at the last minute to meet the girls and to Emily for taking them home while I was stuck in



Milton Keynes!

This term the Explorers have been investigating how we can be creative. We started by looking at God's creation of the world and made some of our own using the fallen Autumn leaves.

We have just learnt about how we can be creative with Music. Still to come is being creative with Dance, being creative in the Kitchen and being creative using Clay.

The Juniors are looking at the Lord's Prayer and are breaking down each verse to find out what it really means.

I will let you know what we are doing in the next half term in the next newsletter.

Charlotte McBride

## Boys' Brigade News

After an enjoyable summer break BB started back again on the week commencing 10th September. There was a strong show of numbers on the first week back as we began our first sessions of the 2018-19 year.

The first week, for the Junior Section, saw the boys begin the night with inspection followed by a basic drill session. This included moving from attention to at ease, left-turns, right-turns, about turns and saluting. For this the boys were split into pairs to practice before coming together in a squad to test them which, for a first attempt, went well. They'll be winning the drill competition before you know it! This was followed by a games session which included a throwing competition with foam javelins and some basketball skills before playing a game of chair ball. After this the boys got creative and designed Boys' Brigade logos and then began to colour in paper people cut outs for the parachutes they'll be making over the next few weeks. The Monday night sessions will continue in this format with different games being played each week and new drill skills taught. As well as this the boys will be making water filters out of plastic bottles and socks and learning about the importance of clean water. You can read about how successful the parachutes and water filters were in next months article.

Before the Monday night sessions begin there is a band practice starting at 6pm. During this time the boys, who have learnt to play as a badge class, come along to play and learn music with a professional teacher. All the boys who have learnt to play come every week and enjoy playing and being part of the band! There will be a concert on Saturday 17th of November here at our church named Second Enfield Performs "Last Night at the Proms". The concert will include some patriotic tunes such as Jerusalem,

## RAF March Past and Fantasia on the British sea songs!

The company section also had a good show of numbers as we began back after the summer. The first Monday night back saw the session kick-off with inspection followed by a games session, after playing some uni-hock the boys then split into their varying badge classes and projects. The year sevens that have just joined the company section after moving up from Juniors did cookery as the first part of the target badge which they are working towards. This week they made chocolate cornflake cakes and having tested one or two myself I can safely say that the boys did rise to the occasion and the proof was certainly in the pudding. A very important skill that is taught at BB is first aid and the boys in school years 8 to 10 began first aid by learning when and how to put someone in the recovery position. These boys will be continuing to learn different first aid skills over the weeks up to the October half term. This will include CPR and dealing with different types of cuts, bruises and breakages. The rest of the boys in the company, in school years 11 and upwards and are working on an upcoming puppet show. The format of a Monday night session for the year will begin with inspection followed by drill and then badge classes. After this there is a bible class and then a games session.

Next months article will let you know how the boys have been getting on with first aid, the target badge and may have a review of the puppet show!

Joseph Nicoladies



# Wordsearch

## The Poor Man's Earl

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It is in fact a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a devout Christian Member of Parliament who spent his life fighting to help ease the miserable conditions in lunatic asylums, to stop the practise of forcing young children to be chimney sweeps, to stop children working in factories below the age of 10, to stop women and children going in the mines at all, to stop opium addiction, and to provide Ragged Schools for children without any means of education. On the day of his funeral at Westminster Abbey, tens of thousands of poor Londoners thronged the streets to see his coffin go by. He was much loved as The Poor Man's Earl.

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## Other local church activities

### October

Date	Time	Activity	Location
7th	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	Methodist
7th	4pm	Messy Church	Lancaster Road
15th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Albania - John Wallington and Anne Johnson</i>	Christ Church
25th	10.30am	Community coffee morning	Methodist

### Weekly

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Sun	6.30pm	Service (1st of the month is Café style, 4th of the month is Contemporary with the band)	Lancaster Road
Mon	10am	Ladies Bible Study	Living Room
	7.30pm	English Conversation Club	Living Room
	7.45pm	Prayer at Betty's (Fortnightly)	Methodist
Tues	10am	Tots and Toys	Gospel Hall
	1.30pm	Open House (Coffee and Chat)	Living Room
Wed	9.45am	Bible Study (Fortnightly)	Lancaster Road
	2pm	Wednesday Fellowship (Talks from a variety of speakers, see Margaret Barbour for detail)	Methodist
Thurs	1pm	Back to Life (Support Group / Board Games) starts with lunch	Living Room
Fri	10am	Shoppers Coffee Morning	Lancaster Road
	4pm	EPIC (Club for kids in years 3-6)	Gospel Hall
Sat	9am	Breakfast Club (2nd and 4th of the month)	Christ Church

# Weekly Activities

<b>Monday</b>	6.15pm	Boys' Brigade Junior Section
	7.30pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
	8.00pm	Book Club (Once a month, see inside for date)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00pm	House group (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade
	8.00pm	New Songs (1st Wednesday)
<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
	9.45am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys
<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)

