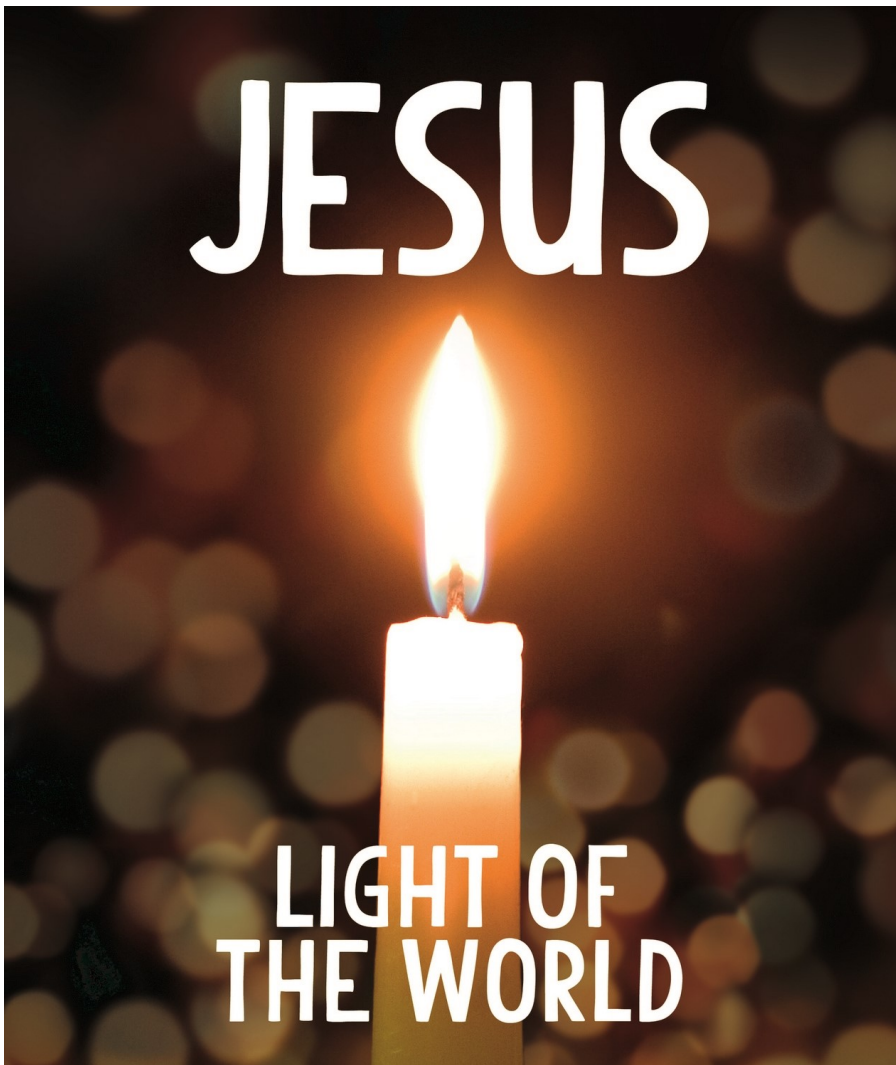


**December 2018 and
January 2019**



JESUS

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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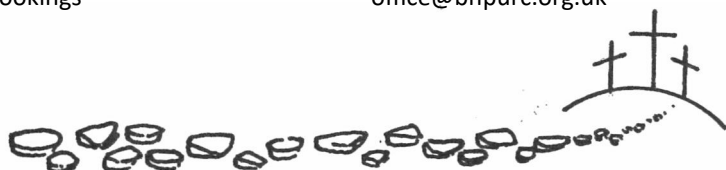
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Christmas

What is it about the Christmas story that appeals to you?

What particular bit of the gospel accounts, or maybe even the words of the prophets often read during Nine Lessons and Carols and other such services over the Christmas period helps you at Christmas time?

Might it be perhaps some of the things that are at the edge of the story that affect you the most?

Jesus, the baby, becomes a refugee and shares the plight of millions in our world today. Joseph and Mary rush him off to Egypt when they find out that Herod is minded to kill the baby. We're not sure exactly how long it is before the Christ-child returns to his homeland – an experience equally shared by many in the world today.

As we share the journey to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph this Christmas perhaps we can read a little more about the experiences of those who have experienced flight, or life in a foreign country, and then possibly share what we have

learnt with those in our churches so that we can know better how to pray, and how to help change the world we live in for the better.

The Children's Society, promoters of the Christingle services that many attend at this time of year, offer the following as a prayer:-

*God of compassion,
we have seen the harrowing
images:
of children fleeing danger and
desperately seeking safety;
of families risking everything
without the assurance of
anything in return;
of young people whose only
hope depends
on finding refuge in an unknown
country.*

Lord, may we offer a welcome as warm as the one we would offer the child who once fled to Egypt.

*We make this our prayer, in the name of your Son,
Who offers hope to the weary,
Respite to the traveller,
And peace to all your children.*

Amen.

*([childrenssociety.org.uk/
prayforrefugees](http://childrenssociety.org.uk/prayforrefugees))*

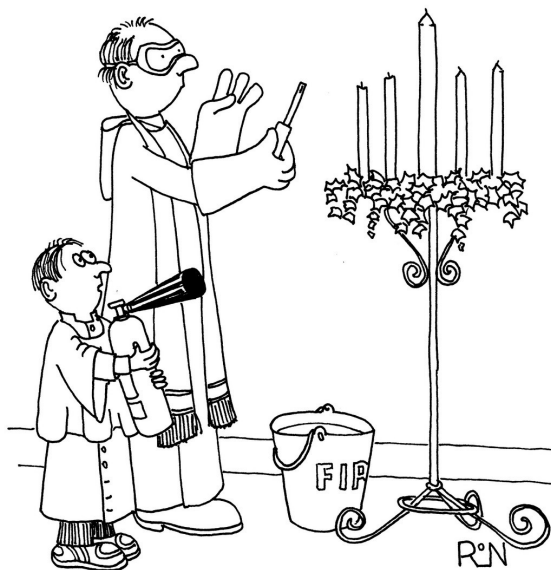
If it is not the reality of the plight of refugees like Jesus that moves you this Christmas then do please let us know what it is that

inspires you about the Christmas story.

It would be lovely to hear your thoughts – as we all have different views and by sharing our views can help one another to grow in our faith.

With every blessing for Christmas and the New Year ahead,

Mark & Melanie



After the first candle fiasco, Brian took no chances

Smile Lines

It may be Christmas, but does it meet Health and Safety....?!
Just wait until political correctness gets hold of some well-loved carols...

Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load

The RSPCA have issued strict guidelines with regard to how heavy a load that a donkey of small stature is permitted to carry. Also included in the guidelines is guidance regarding how often to feed the donkey and how many rest breaks are required over a four-hour plodding period. The donkey has expressed his discomfort at being labelled 'little' and would prefer just to be simply referred to as Mr Donkey. To comment upon his height or lack thereof may be considered an infringement of his equine rights.

While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around

The Union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided. Therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available. Please note, the angel of the Lord is reminded that before shining his/her glory all around she/he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory.

Here is the News

Getting ready for Christmas!

Lynda is taking the service on 23rd December and would like to include your favourite carols which we don't sing very often. Please speak to Lynda and tell her which carols you really enjoy and why, then we can sing them on 23rd December. You can get involved and shape the service!

Thank you

We are extremely grateful for all the work Sylvia and Alison do to run Baby and Toddlers. It has provided another £700 towards the refurbishment of the church hall. Thank you.

Arthur Neate

Plant some plants?

I take a gardening weekly magazine and with each copy there is a free promotional packet of seeds. To date I have 35 packets and still coming!!

There is a great variety - sweet peas, asters, sweet Williams, lupins etc.etc. The majority of the sow by dates are end of 2020, and the firm is Thompson & Morgan.

I was wondering if folk with greenhouses or sunny window-sills would like to take a packet or two to sow and then we would have a plant sale sometime in May perhaps. If you are interested would you let me know. I have some flower pots if needed.

Judith Hughes

Christmas Concerts

Enfield Concert Band, Sunday 16th December 2018 7.30 pm

Christ Church URC, Chase Side, Enfield EN2 6NJ

Adults £5, Concessions free

Enfield Community Orchestra, Thursday 6th December 2018 8.00pm

Christ Church URC, Chase Side, Enfield EN2 6NJ

£5 suggested donation, free refreshments in the interval

SACRE

Enfield SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) has two vacancies on its council for members of the United Reformed Church.

Rev Mark Meatcher and Laura Marlow attended the last meeting as Observers and have a lot of information about the council and what membership would involve.

If it is something that you think you might be interested in then please do speak to Mark or Laura about it.

The council meets three to four times a year and is responsible for advising the local authority on what needs to be done to improve religious education and collective worship for schools in the Enfield area.

Looking for a property

Do you have property in Enfield that you would like to rent to a refugee family?

Enfield Refugee Welcome (ERW) is arranging to settle another family in the borough of Enfield and need suitable accommodation.

The rent will need to be at the Local Housing Allowance rate, which in Enfield is currently £1,106.47 per month for 2 bedroom accommodation, £1,365.52 for 3 bedroom, and £1,684.15 for 4 bedroom.

If you have property to rent and think you can help, please contact us at enfieldrefugeewelcome@gmail.com . For more information about Enfield Refugee Welcome see www.enfieldrefugeewelcome.org

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Peaceful Praise on a silent night

200 years ago this Christmas Eve a parish priest near Salzburg in Austria and his organist wrote a new carol for the midnight mass. The priest, Fr Joseph Mohr, provided the words in a poem he had recently written. The organist was Franz Xavier Gruber who created a tune of haunting beauty. The carol, Stille Nacht, was duly sung at the service.

We don't know what the congregation thought of it, though I bet someone said, 'I can't stand all these new tunes!' But the simple words and wistful melody were to become one of the world's favourite carols, translated into hundreds of languages, 'Silent Night' as we know it.

My father told me of his experience in the First World War, when on Christmas Day the British troops heard the sound of German soldiers singing Stille Nacht. They responded with Silent Night, and the sacred words echoed across the blood-stained no man's land. It is a carol that breathes peace, quite unlike the traditional ones that stir us to action – 'O come all ye faithful', 'Hark the herald angels sing'. This German song is about the infinite peace of nativity – Mary pondering her heart all that was happening and the shepherds returning to their fields. The birth of this royal baby went largely unnoticed. There were no crowds, no cheering, no processions. But for two centuries people have sung this precious song of peace to recall that silent and holy night.

Canon David Winter

Walk in to a Church near you this Christmas to discover Jesus, the Light of the World



Methodist Church



#WorshipinEnfield

An Advent Evening on Lebanon



Brian Ball's study tour on Christianity and Islam

Meal with Lebanese / Middle Eastern food

Raising money for a project in Syria



Saturday 8th December 7.00pm



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College Court, High Street, EN3 4EY

Please register for catering with: Jeremybrianball@gmail.com

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Initially, at Trinity URC, 58 Orford Road, Walthamstow, E17 9QU – only
7 minutes walk from Walthamstow Central Station. After Easter at
High Cross URC, jct of High Road and Colsterworth Road, Tottenham,
N15 4BN – only 6 minutes walk from Seven Sisters Station.

There's on-street parking at Trinity and a car park at High Cross

Programme dates for 2019:

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

30th Jan, 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 13th Mar, 27th Mar

Study Day on Saturday 6th April 10am-4pm

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

1st May, cell groups in week of 6th-10th May

Study Day on Saturday 18th May 10am-4pm

22nd May, cell groups in week of 27th-31st May

5th June, cell groups in week of 10th-14th June

19th June

Study Day Saturday 29th June, 10am-4pm

Cell groups in week of 1st-5th July

Wed 10th July '19

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

Interested? Contacts:

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John Campbell 07429 627 156 /

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Exploring the faith/church

If you have questions about faith, are interesting in learning more about Christianity or what church membership involves then please do set aside your Wednesday evenings in February next year.

Mark and Melanie have teamed up with Rev Dan Haylett and our Student minister Susan Quildan-Foreman to run a joint session on exploring the faith and talking about church membership that will be held at Trinity Church in the centre of Enfield on Wednesday evenings in February 2019.

If you are interested in finding out more then please do speak with either Mark or Melanie, and put the dates in your diary now!

BEER & CAROLS

Wednesday 19th December
7.00pm



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Holy Innocents

The death of a very young child is perhaps the hardest grief of all to bear. So the 28th December is a very poignant day in the church calendar. It is when the worldwide Church joins with bereaved parents to grieve the loss of babies and young children. For Holy Innocents day recalls the massacre of the young male children of Bethlehem by Herod the Great.

Herod had been told by the magi, or wise men, that a great king had been born in Bethlehem, and he felt shaken. How could a child in unimportant little Bethlehem be so powerful that the stars in the night sky honoured His birth?! Herod took the magi so seriously that he decided to try and kill this new young rival. He decreed that every male baby of two years and under should be killed. (Matthew 2:1-18).

Bethlehem was not a large place, and Bible commentators estimate that between six and 25 infants were slaughtered by Roman soldiers. Their mothers were inconsolable at the death of their babies, as indeed mothers have always been.

The death of these innocent baby boys of Bethlehem became a feast-day in the western Church by the 4th century. This was because the Church considered them to be martyrs because they not only died for Christ, but instead of Christ.

Down the centuries, the tragic loss of the Holy Innocents has touched the imagination and hearts of poets, preachers and artists. Though heart-broken parents still grieve today, the Church can offer them one firm assurance: that young children who die to this world will undoubtedly “this day be with Me in Paradise.” The One who eagerly said “Suffer the little children to come unto Me” will be the last person to turn them away.

Diary

December and January

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Dec		
Sat 1st	3:00pm	Family Film Feast, The Lorax
Sun 2nd	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Advent Communion with Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 9th	10:30am 5:30pm	Advent Parade with John Stynes Carol Service at Ponders End URC
Sun 16th	10:30am 4:00pm	Advent Worship with Lisa Hamblin Family Carol Service with Revd Mark Meatcher
Wed 19th	7:00pm	Beer and Carols at the Little Green Dragon pub
Sun 23rd	10:30am	Advent Worship with Lynda Cook
Mon 24th	11:30pm	Communion at Christmas led by Revd Martin Legg
Tues 25th	10:30am	Christmas Day Christmas Celebration led by Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 30th	10:30am	United Worship at Christ Church URC
Jan		
Sat 5th	3:00pm	Family Film Feast, The Incredibles 2
Sun 6th	10:30am	Communion with Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 13th	10:30am	Parade with Revd Martin Legg
Sun 20th	10:30am	Worship with Martin Wells
Sun 27th	10:30am	Worship with Ray Pettipher

Prayer Diary

DECEMBER 2018

But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news
that will cause great joy
for all the people.”

Luke 2:10

Saturday 1st

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 2nd

Thanks for our young people and all children who visit our church and its buildings

Monday 3rd

Derek

Tuesday 4th

Leadership & Congregation of Jubilee Church

Wednesday 5th

Fotheringham Road

Thursday 6th

For our Chancellor of the Exchequer

Friday 7th

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

Saturday 8th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 9th

Thanks for doctors and nurses who go to areas where the people have no access to health care

Monday 10th

Diann

Tuesday 11th

Leadership & Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

Wednesday 12th

Haileybury Avenue

Thursday 13th

For the Leader of the House of Lords

Friday 14th

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

Saturday 15th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 16th

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

Monday 17th

Evelyn

Tuesday 18th

Leadership & Congregation of Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church

Wednesday 19th

Harman Road

Thursday 20th

For our Queen

Friday 21st

Those in pain, suffering without a diagnosis or cure

Saturday 22nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 23rd

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 24th

Fred

Christmas Day**Tuesday 25th**

Give thanks for Jesus

Wednesday 26th

Harrow Avenue

Thursday 27th

For our Foreign Secretary

Friday 28th

Parents needing help and support to care for their children

Saturday 29th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 30th

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

Monday 31st

Gertrude



Prayer Diary

JANUARY 2019

For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith - and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God - not by works,
so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Tuesday 1st

Local "Safer Neighbourhoods"
police and PCSOs

Wednesday 2nd

Hadrians Ride

Thursday 3rd

Worship God for his sovereignty

Friday 4th

Those in gangs and the charities
who seek to educate young people
about the futility of violence
in our streets

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Give thanks for family and
friends

Monday 7th

Ivy

Tuesday 8th

Traffic on the A10

Wednesday 9th

Halstead Road

Thursday 10th

Worship God for his nearness

Friday 11th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

Thanks for Sunshine and rain

Monday 14th

Jane

Tuesday 15th

Caravans and their owners in re-tail car parks

Wednesday 16th

Hazelwood Road

Thursday 17th

Worship God for his infinite greatness

Friday 18th

Those seeking to free people from trafficking, the people who are being trafficked and the charities which help

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks for carers and those helping people to stay in their own homes

Monday 21st

Jill

Tuesday 22nd

Gun and knife crime, for safety

Wednesday 23rd

James Street

Thursday 24th

Worship God for his holiness

Friday 25th

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

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Thanks for carers and those helping people to stay in their own homes

Monday 28th

John

Tuesday 29th

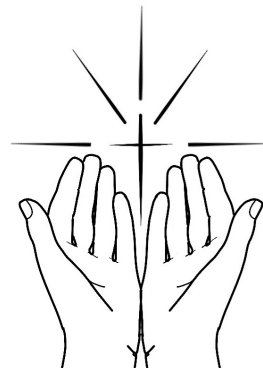
A reduction in burglaries and peace for those affected

Wednesday 30th

John Street

Thursday 31st

Worship God for his glory



Free* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 5th January



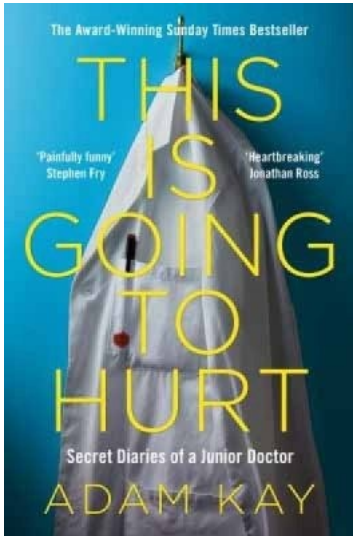
A family of undercover superheroes, while trying to live the quiet suburban life, are forced into action to save the world. **PG 2018 118 Minutes**



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Book Club



This is going to hurt by Dr Adam Kay

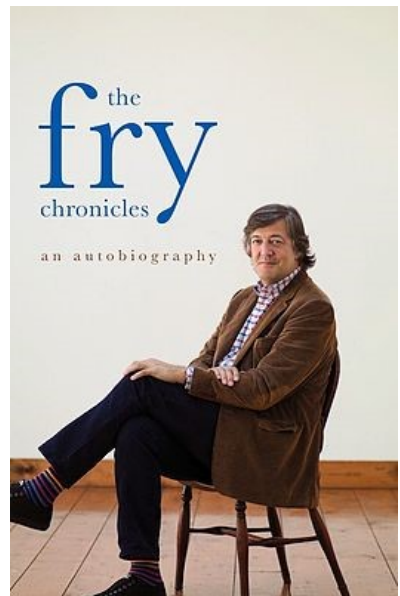
We very much liked a morning meeting but that cannot happen in December. Increased numbers certainly helped discussion and it was good to have two new people to boost our small group.

Dr Adam Kay did have his problems, expressing them in a throw away manner but his diary is a bit repetitive in places. Patients are people and some more amusing than others. We were not keen on the bad language, there was no need

for it. Medical humour is timeless and some of the group had met it all before.

We have to say we do not understand how this book has received such accolades since publication. We all had our views on the workings of the NHS and some with personal working involvement over the years.

Next time we meet at 8pm on Monday 3 December having read The Fry Chronicles, an autobiography for a change of style.



Sylvia Page

Ponders End United Reformed Church
College Court High Street
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Everyone is invited to join us



Christmas Carols
And the Noisy
Neighbour

with

Enfield Brass Band Ensemble

Sunday 9th December

5:30 pm

Why not come dressed as one of the Nativity
Characters and join in the fun.

Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
December					
2nd	Alison		Yvonne	Kath	
9th	Evelyn	Judith	Jane & Ivy	Ivy	Tony
16th	Kath	Anne	Valerie		Tony
23rd			Sylvia	Diann	
30th	Service at Christ Church URC				

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!



Safeguarding Statement

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.



Join our Christmas Celebrations

Sunday 2nd December

10:30 - Advent Communion Worship led by Revd Mark Meatcher

Sunday 9th December

10:30 - Advent All Age Worship and Parade led by John Stynes

17:30 - Carol Service with Enfield Brass Ensemble at Ponders End URC

Sunday 16th December

10:30 - Advent Worship led by Lisa Hamblin

16:00 - Family Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December

10:30 - Advent Worship led by Lynda Cook

Christmas Eve

23:30 - Communion at Christmas led by Revd Martin Legg

Christmas Day

10:30 - Christmas Celebration led by Revd Mark Meatcher

It would be great to welcome you and your family to these special services at Christmas. Donations at the Family Carol Service and Christmas Eve and Christmas day services will go to Enfield Mental Health User Group and All People All Places.

The man who married Mary

The traditional Nativity scene on our Christmas cards has Mary with the Holy Babe. Around her are the shepherds and Magi. We may also see stable animals, angels and a star! While Joseph is often included, his presence seems to be of minor importance. After all, we praise God for Jesus with our familiar Christmas carols, mentioning angels, shepherds, Wise men and Mary but the name of Joseph is absent! Why is Joseph given a low profile? For he is a man to be remembered.

Joseph was a resident of Nazareth. He worked as a carpenter and his skills would have included making furniture, repairing buildings and crafting agricultural tools. Although Joseph had an honourable profession, he would not have been a man of great wealth.

The gospel writers Matthew and Luke give Joseph a few brief mentions. After the birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary go to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate the Baby to God. Afterwards, they flee into Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod and much later return to Nazareth. Twelve years later, Mary and Joseph go with Jesus to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. Here they lose Jesus, and find Him in the Temple talking with religious leaders!

Apart from these verses, the New Testament is silent about the rest of Joseph's life. However, we do know that Joseph was father to other children by Mary. His four sons are named and they had at least two daughters. (See Matthew 13:55)

And we also know that Joseph was someone who quietly and humbly took on the awesome role in caring for the early life of the Son of God. Joseph would have taught Jesus many things – not just the skills of a labourer, but the lore of the countryside which was evident in our Lord's teaching. Jesus grew up within a loving family and described God as 'Father', knowing also the good fatherly qualities of Joseph.

In the Christmas story, Joseph is placed into a situation that brought him misunderstanding and suspicion. But Joseph remained faithful in the knowledge that as long as God had spoken, the opinion of others mattered little. Before Jesus began His ministry it is believed that Joseph died. It is likely Jesus took on many of His father's responsibilities before He left home.

In the eyes of the world, Joseph was a nobody. He was not a man of valour, fame and fortune. But he was the one who had parental responsibility for the greatest person who has ever lived!

It is sad that we often equate ordinariness with ineffectiveness. Down the ages, God has used many ordinary people to accomplish great things. God continues to use ordinary people. Like Joseph, we need to know that doing God's will is the most important thing in life. May we, this Christmas, respond to God's call to us and please Him in all that we do.

Lester Amann



Prayer

Living the story

I have heard the story a thousand times,
but today I want to live it anew -
see for myself,
feel in my heart,
and know with every part of my being.

Let my ears hear the tiding, 'Good news! Good news!'
Let my eyes mist and my words cease
as I gaze into a comfortless manger.
Let my heart blaze with rekindled wonder
and my soul sing a song of unbounded joy:
'Joy to the world
and peace to all who inhabit the earth.'

I have heard the story unnumbered times,
but let it spring fresh within me now,
that I may stand proudly to be counted amongst your
own -
those who hear and see and feel for themselves
and are transformed by encountering you.

Karen Campbell

From the URC prayer handbook 2016 for 25th December looking at Luke 2:1-14,
Isaiah 9:2-7 and Titus 2:11-14

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 13th January**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to
newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk

Boys' Brigade News

After the relaxed final week of October, it has been back to business for the Second Enfield. November sees a slight change of format for the Monday sessions, with the return of all of the boys' favourite... Drill. The drill sessions are split in half, with Tom 'Bomber' Brown teaching the first years the basics, and Joe Nicolaides trying to get the older boys into some semblance of a squad. After a first week refresher course the boys have been improving week on week and will soon be ready to defend their title as Squad and Single Line champions of the Enfield Battalion.

This new half term also brings a plethora of new badge classes for the boys to take part in.

The youngest of the boys are currently being taught brass instruments by Mr Ward, with the help of Tom Brown as the 'Trombone position translator' for Jude. All the boys are learning very quickly and have picked up how to play very fast. A few of the boys have also gone on to get extra lessons in school since the start of this badge class. The future of brass banding in the Second Enfield is looking very good and the Second Enfield brass band could soon be scaling up with the addition of these boys.

The middle age group have been working with Mr Parsons and Joe Nicolaides on a 'sideways antigravity' project in the upper room, now that the set has been built Taejah is very much enjoying it as he just has to lie down. But the pictures do look great and I'm sure there will be some very interesting ones coming to the church soon.

The oldest boys have been working on their Duke of Edinburgh Award under the guidance of Mr Caddies. I'm sure

Cad is showing them all the best ways to get lost and run away from spiders. Hopefully their expedition will be as tiring as it is long, and it may see the return of JPM (Jurassic Park Man) to adjudicate.

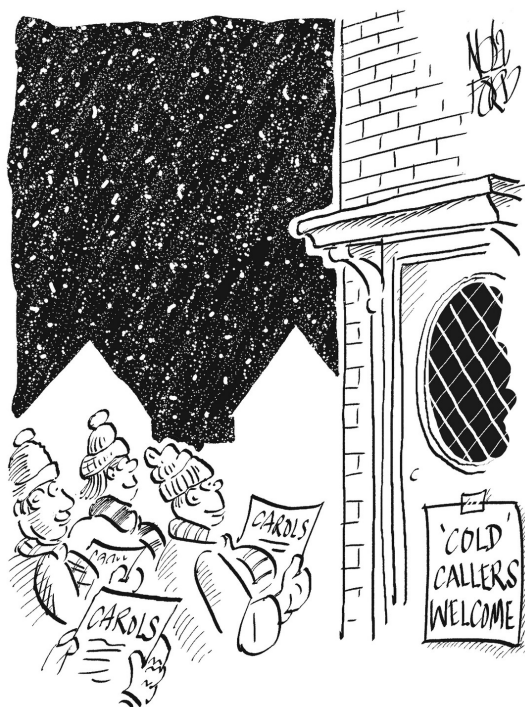
The Junior Section boys have also started learning how to read maps and compasses and even spent a Monday night over at Whitewebbs testing their map reading skills. The boys have also made pizzas and done a range of games.

The Boys have also been prepping for the long awaited, and highly anticipated, Last night of the Proms Concert in the church on November 17th. The concert is sure to be a great night, with many people performing. All the boys are getting involved, with those who are not playing in the band will be helping on the doors and selling tickets. It is sure to be a great night with great music.

This month also saw 100 years since the end of the First World War, with people commemorating the lives lost in war all around the globe. Our own service here at Bush Hill Park URC had a great turn out of people of all ages coming to commemorate those who gave their lives. The Second Enfield had an almost perfect turn-out, including a brass band that played the music for the service. A huge thank you to the boys who came in the morning, and an even bigger and very special thank you to James, Chris, Jeffrey, Stephen, Tom and Dylan who came along later to march in the large parade to the cenotaph in Enfield Town for the service there. The Boys Brigade looked fantastic with the Second Enfield once again baring the colours for the occasion, and all their

marching was rewarded with a session of tea and cakes at the Enfield Civic Centre afterwards. Overall it was a lovely affair and it was amazing to be included in such an event.

As the first school term comes to an end, we will be spending the first couple weeks of December out in the streets of Bush Hill Park carol collecting, with the brass band playing some jolly tunes and filling Bush Hill Park with the merriment of Christmas whilst those not in the band collect donations to raise some funds for the Boys' Brigade. Not long after that will come the Christmas nativity service and there might even be a surprise puppet appearance with a performance of Bethlehemian rhapsody. It won't be long before Shepherds start watching the stars by night and we'll be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Tom 'Bomber' Brown

Wordsearch

The nearly four weeks leading up to Christmas is Advent. It means 'coming'. It refers to Jesus' first coming as a baby, but it also looks forward to a day when Jesus is expected to return in triumph at his 'second coming' to establish perfect justice and a new order of peace. Originally Christians marked Advent as a time when they refrained from excessive eating and drinking. Then Christmas Day reintroduced them to the joys of feasting. Christmas celebrations lasted for twelve days, with gifts exchanged as a climax at Epiphany (6 January). Today, however, Advent is more likely to be associated with accelerating festivity, with the days following Christmas something of an anti-climax until 'twelfth night', on which decorations are removed. Many Christians worldwide are trying to revive the spirit of Advent by setting aside time to pray and address global poverty.

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Other local church activities

December

Date	Time	Activity	Location
2nd	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
2nd	4pm	Messy Church	Lancaster Road
17th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Preparing for Christmas (A Christmas programme including a bring and share tea)</i>	Christ Church

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)	BHP Methodist
Tues	10am	Tots and Toys United Prayer (1st and 3rd of the month)	Gospel Hall Winchmore Hill Baptist
	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)	BHP 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

- 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
- 8.00pm New Songs (1st Wednesday)
- 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
- 9.45am Baby & Toddler Group
- 6.00pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys
- 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)

