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What are you “adding” this year?

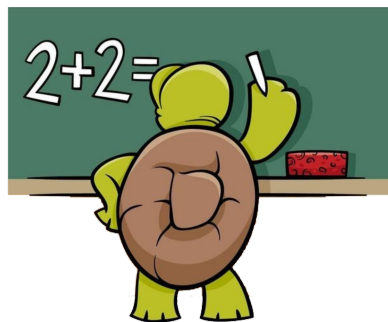
At the beginning of the New Year I found myself “stuck” in one particular passage of the bible that I have talked about a couple of times now, but which others may want to reflect upon.

Where I was stuck was in the first chapter of the Second letter from Peter.

This second letter begins by reminding us that God has given us everything we need in order to lead a godly life. We cannot complain that we have not received from God. We have God’s promises to us which help us to be able to share God’s life today.

Thinking about that on its own can be quite a task – perhaps even a revelation for some – but then as you move through verses 5 to 8 I think we are challenged in a greater way:

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control,



perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (NIV)

And that is why the question I seem to be asking, of myself, and of others that I am talking with, is “what are you adding this year?”

The apostle writing the letter is suggesting to those he is writing to that they should be adding to what they already have. Add goodness to your faith. Add knowledge. Add perseverance... and so on.

So there is a task for us – to add to what we already have.

But the challenge for me doesn't stop there.

The apostle says “make every effort” (2 Peter 1:5). Now I know that in other translations those words may be different, but they give me a challenge. They suggest to me that I should not simply be going along to church week by week, that I should not simply be getting involved in church related activities but that I should be making every effort I can to grow, to add to what I already have in terms of faith, goodness, self- control; that I should be developing as a follower of Jesus, not standing still.

Now – that is a challenge!

I heard it said several years ago now that we never stand still in

the Christian life, that we are either moving forwards or going backwards. Which direction are you and I going in this year?

Are we able to see where we might add to some of the gifts we've already been given? Can we see where we might develop and grow this year? Is there a study group we can join to improve our knowledge and understanding? Is there some work going on in the church or in the community around us where we might make a contribution and possibly develop our perseverance?

We will be praying for you all in the months ahead, as together we try and find ways to make some additions this year.

Mark and Melanie



Smile Lines

Manner of speaking

'Are your father and your mother in?' asked the vicar when the small boy opened the door.

'They was in,' said the youngster. 'But they is out.'

'They was in. They is out. Where's your grammar, young man?'

'She's gone upstairs, for a nap.'

Heaven's reward

A taxi driver and a minister from the same village died and went to heaven. St Peter met them at the gate. He gave a kindly smile to the minister, but threw his arms around the taxi driver, and several angels rushed out to carry the taxi driver in triumph through the pearly gates.

The minister was miffed. He wanted to know why his welcome was so much less, considering he had spent his life working for the Kingdom of Heaven. 'Indeed, you did,' said St Peter soothingly, 'and you did a good job. But sadly, you came nowhere near to what this taxi driver achieved for us up here in Heaven.

'But - but - he has never preached even once,' protested the minister.

'True, but while over the years your ministry inspired about 30 people to pray with real fervour, this taxi driver inspired thousands. Anyone, in fact, who got into the back of his taxi for a drive.'

Here is the News

Building Fund

Following their successful concert "Last Night of the Proms" in November, the Boys Brigade have donated £1,000 towards the building fund. We also raised £110 from the sale of Mike and Marilyn Steward's photographs. Thanks you too everyone who came and supported the event.

If you have an idea for a fundraising event do speak to an Elder and help us to pay for the updates to our church and connected buildings.

A summer festival

Greenbelt is a festival of arts, faith and justice. The best you've never heard of. Greenbelt saw its first edition way back in 1974 and has hosted its annual festival every single year since. But thinking of Greenbelt as just another 'festival' doesn't do it justice. It is also an idea, a way of seeing, a gathering of the clans – part movement, part moment. Its genius is that it defies easy description. You have to be there.

Celebrating artistry and nurturing activism, Greenbelt Festival is an act of the imagination – inspirational, provocative and fun. Energised by a progressive Christian worldview, with 19 stages, galleries, installations and outdoor performances, Greenbelt creates a festival that is inclusive, open-minded, participatory and generous in spirit.

Greenbelt takes place in the beautiful, landscaped grounds of Boughton Estate, three miles from Kettering town centre and runs over the August bank holiday weekend, Friday 23rd – Monday 26th August 2019.

Mark and Melanie are already booked and going, if you would like to join them do book a place or if you would like more info go to www.greenbelt.org.uk

Building works update

The accessible toilet has now been fully installed, including a baby change and twinned with a toilet in Choma, Southern Province, Zambia. For more details on toilet twinning go to www.toilettwinning.org.

It is great to see the funds we have raised resulting in an up to date, useful space.



**Sunday 3rd February 2019 6.30 pm
at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church.**

An opportunity to come and share together.

We are going to try a new way of doing Café Church and hope that you might be interested in joining us.

Please do come along – and bring some food to share with others.

Then we will spend some time talking and sharing about the topic for the day, worshipping and growing together.



MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Rediscovering joy and wonder

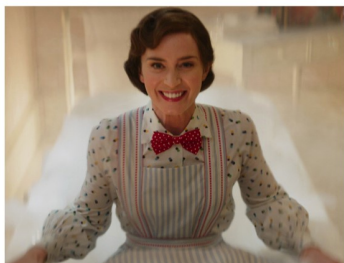
Children have a natural sense of joy and wonder. But, as Mary's magical umbrella says in *Mary Poppins Returns*, 'grownups forget, they always do.' Why is this? And how can that joy and wonder be rediscovered?

In this long-awaited sequel, Michael Banks, the young son in the first film, is now grown up with children of his own. Tragically his wife has died, and his life is falling to pieces. 'The magic vanished since you went away' he sings to her memory. He has abandoned his hope of becoming an artist and taken a mundane job at the bank.



When his youngest son brings Mary Poppins home, saying 'I was flying a kite and caught a nanny', Michael's immediate thought is that he cannot afford her. But Mary is undeterred, she is on a mission once more to save the Banks family.

At first the children are sceptical but, when she takes them on a fantastical underwater adventure through the bubbles of their bath, they realise that Mary is no ordinary nanny. And this is no ordinary sequel. *Mary Poppins Returns* takes these adventures deeper than the first film. They don't just provide a spectacular visual and musical treat, they also provide opportunities for the children, and us as the audience, to reflect on important life lessons. In her upside-down repair shop, Mary's cousin Topsy invites them to look at life from a different perspective. In the magical music hall Mary sings 'the cover is nice but it's not the book... so open it up and take a look.' In the spectacular dance routine by lamplighters, Mary's friend Jack teaches them to look up for a light to guide them home.



This beautiful sequel will undoubtedly reawaken the joy and wonder many of us experienced in the first film. But, perhaps its extra depth and meaning might also reawaken our joy and wonder in life. If we, like Michael, have become worn down by the cares and worries of this world, perhaps we also need to rediscover what it means to look through the eyes of a child.



**ETHOS
MEDIA**.org

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

Love Despite Brexit?

‘Should I stay or should I go?’ (The Clash). Since the Referendum in June 2016, we have seen families, our nation and Parliament divided by different opinions over Europe. But ‘at the heart of the Christian message is Jesus’ command to love our neighbour. This includes those with whom we agree and disagree: at home, in Europe and further afield.’ (CofE Bishops, December 2018).

As we celebrate St Valentine’s Day this month, how can we conduct this debate in a loving way? The Apostle Peter reminds us: ‘Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.’ (1 Peter 2:17).

Respect everyone: However much we may disagree with another people’s perspective, we should respect them as people. This applies even if they don’t respect our views!

Love the church: Among the family of believers there should be an even greater respect for each other! The way we treat each other not only reveals the depth of our love; it will also cause people to glorify God and want to be part of the family.

Fear God: We must demonstrate our allegiance to God by putting Him first and following His leading. Of course, this doesn’t stop Christians from having different opinions to each other.

Honour those in authority: We are called to honour those who are in authority over us ‘for the Lord’s sake’ (13). Even when we disagree with their decisions and actions, we should keep our respect and not speak ill of them.

Peter is calling us to live with the freedom to make up our own mind on Europe, while listening to what others say (16). ‘A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.’ (Martin Luther).

Rev Paul Hardingham

Free* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 2nd February



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Set at the dawn of time, when prehistoric creatures and woolly mammoths roamed the earth, Early Man tells the story of Dug and Hognob as they unite to save their home. **PG 2018 89 Minutes**

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Nigerian Christians under relentless attack

Release International relates the following true story:

Gyang, a 27-year old Nigerian Christian is a student at the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Jos. A few weeks ago Gyang saw a post on Facebook about how his village had come under attack from Fulani militants. Almost immediately he called home to speak to his father, the Rev Adamu Gyang, but his father's phone was switched off.

Sensing something was wrong, he called his mother, but her phone was switched off too. A few minutes later he called a friend who told him that both his parents, his three younger siblings and his grandmother were dead. They were among many villagers who had been killed in the village when the militants arrived one evening.

During that dreadful night the Fulani burned 95 homes. Most of the village's crops that were almost ready to harvest were also destroyed. Now Gyang is the only surviving member of his family of seven.

Unfortunately, this situation is all too common in parts of Nigeria, where the persecution and killing of Christians is on the increase. But it is not just in Nigeria. In Eritrea, Pakistan, Somalia, Kenya, Egypt and India Christians are also being murdered for their faith. Often, those who are left behind find it hard to keep going.

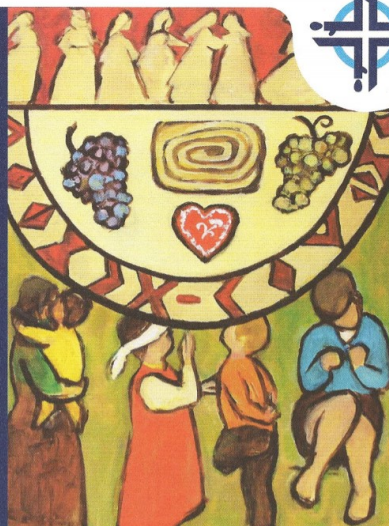
If you want to help the survivors of these attacks, who desperately need food, shelter, medicines and spiritual encouragement, go to www.give.net/
ReleaseInternational





**Come –
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PRAYING FOR SLOVENIA
A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE



**Friday 1st March 2019
10.30am
St Andrew's Church
Market Square**

For more information please speak to Sylvia or go to
www.wwdp.org.uk/wdp-2019/theme-and-country/

Diary

February

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sat 2nd	3:00pm	Family Film Feast, see page 10
Sun 3rd	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Martin Hamblin
Wed 6th	7:30pm	Believing and Belonging starts, see page 16
Sun 10th	10:30am 6:00pm	Parade with Revd Melanie Smith Sunday Evening Reflection
Sun 17th	10:30am	Worship with Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 24th	10:30am	Worship with Lisa Hamblin

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 10th February**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to
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Prayer Diary

FEBRUARY 2019

Jesus replied:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind.’

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

Matthew 22:37-39

Friday 1st

The homeless on the streets of
London as the weather gets colder

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

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

Monday 4th

Joseph

Tuesday 5th

For the Staff of the Girls Brigade
that God will give them vision

and strength to fulfil their mission

Wednesday 6th

Kingsbury Place

Thursday 7th

For those on duty or training in
the RAF

Friday 8th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 10th

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

Monday 11st

Judith

Tuesday 12th

House group

Wednesday 13th

Ladbroke Road

Thursday 14th

For those on duty or training in the Paratroopers

Friday 15th

The elderly and the charities seeking to provide information and help on health, money matters, friendships and more

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Thanks for our service men & women

Monday 18th

Julia

Tuesday 19th

Friday morning prayer time

Wednesday 20th

Landseer Road

Thursday 21st

For those on duty or training in the Army

Friday 22nd

Children and staff at Al-Shurooq

School in Bethlehem who we support as a church

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 24th

Thanks for water, whether rain or from the turn of a tap

Monday 25th

Kath

Tuesday 26th

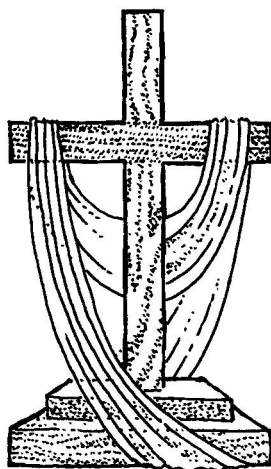
Family Film Feast

Wednesday 27th

Lathkill Close

Thursday 28th

For those on duty or training in the Special Forces



The Bible verse of 2018

A Bible app, YouVersion, has named Isaiah 41:10 as the most popular verse of 2018.

That verse has been posted, bookmarked, and highlighted more times than any other on the app (which has been downloaded more than 350,000 times around the world).

Isaiah 41:10 reads: 'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' The verse also came top in Chile, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Perus, South Africa, Spain and the United States.

But in the UK, for 2018, we preferred Jeremiah 29:11: 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

A free four week course for anyone interested in what it is to believe and belong to the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

Together we will explore what we believe and how we believe, our diverging and converging histories, and the joys and responsibilities of church membership.

For new believers...

Believing and Belonging

...and those who've been with us for years

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th February 2019

7.30pm @ Trinity Church, Enfield (Methodist/URC)

Please let Dan, Mark or Melanie know if you'll join us

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Fairtrade Fortnight 25 February - 10 March 2019

Each year for two weeks over February and March, Fairtrade Fortnight highlights the difference fair trade can make to lives and communities.

This year, Fairtrade Fortnight will focus on cocoa. Farmers of this iconic Fairtrade product have seen prices crash to crisis levels in the last few years, particularly in West Africa where most cocoa is grown. The situation highlights in stark terms the scandal of unfair trade. We have a choice about whether we take a stand against this.

Many farmers – both men and women – are underpaid and exploited. That means they can't earn enough for the basics many of us take for granted, including food, education and housing, because they don't earn a living income.

It's even worse for the women who work in the fields and in the home. Despite the hard work they put in, they're often overlooked and under-represented, and usually see even less of the money for their crop. They deserve more.

And now, we are extremely concerned how Fairtrade, which was taking a hold a few years ago is now being undermined.

Cadbury have pulled out of Fairtrade, Sainsburys have 'developed their own scheme', starting with teas, Waitrose are stocking fewer Fairtrade wines due to lack of demand and Traidcraft faced closure and is having to change its business model.

But now for the good news! Co-op are still committed and doing a grand job! The range of teas and coffees in most supermarkets is fantastic and the old adage of them not being as nice as the leading brands is simply not true.

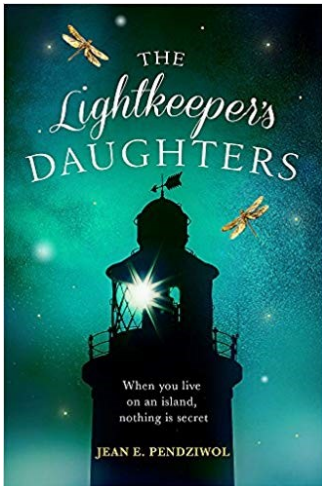
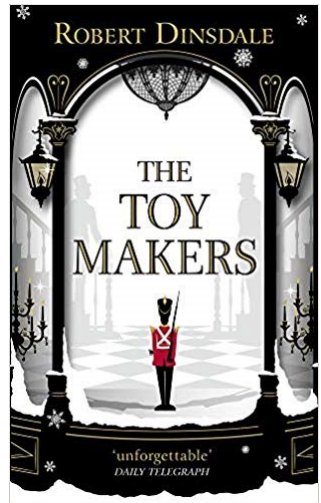
Please do look out for Fairtrade as you shop, and consider that, sometimes, a few pennies more transforms the lives of people with little consumer power or choice.

Melanie and Mark

Book Club

The Toymakers by Robert Dinsdale

It quickly became obvious you had to have the mindset of a child to experience the delights of the toyshop open each year from the first fall of snow until the first snowdrop appeared, yet the writing was really for adults. Papa Jack's Emporium (set off Regent Street) was not what it seemed! This fascinating story of the family of toymakers was unbelievable yet charming. We will not reveal any more here!

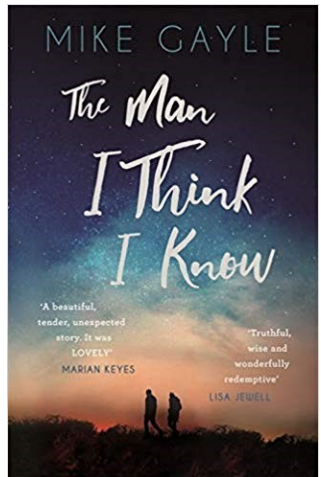


The Lightkeeper's daughters by Jean Pendziwol

This wonderful read is set around Lake Superior and the reader is taken to the atmosphere of that lake in all its seasons and the need for that lighthouse to be kept alight. Yet, it is a family story set over very many years narrated by Elizabeth now frail and blind having returned to see out her years close to the

place she so loved as a child. But... there is the wonderful relationship with this wayward teenager. A veritable treat. A must read.

We meet next on Monday 4th February at 8pm. The chosen book is 'The Man I think I know' by Mike Gayle. We would love some new people. Don't think it is highbrow or deep discussion, we just love books and reading.



No need to fall

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy, to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Jude v 24-25

When the weather is cold and icy we have to take care lest we slip and fall. It is so easily done, and that is why our A&E departments are often overstretched in winter.

One of the fears that besets many believers is that they will take a tumble spiritually and fall into sin. They are unsure whether they can keep their footing when there are so many temptations around them, and when the values of society are so against Christian standards. They worry that they will not be able to keep up their good intentions to follow Jesus.

Here, through this doxology, we are given a great encouragement to believe that we can stand firm without falling because Jesus is there to help and support us.

Temptation is real and persistent, and sin will always be waiting to catch us out (Genesis 4:7), but even when we are weak and vulnerable, we need not fall because the Lord is our Keeper. As the Psalmist said, “He will not yet your foot slip – He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.” Psalm 121:3-4

Having set out on the heavenly journey, we will arrive home safely because of Christ’s amazing grace. Through His blood shed on the cross we have been cleansed from every sin, and with His help will take our place in the presence of God with the joy of angelic songs resounding in our ears. This is our confidence and their hope.

“Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace shall lead me home.” (John Newton)

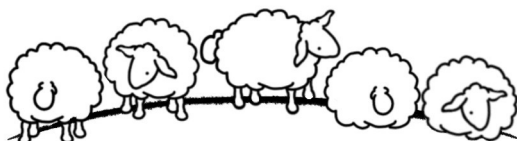
Tony Horsfall

Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea & Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
3rd	Evelyn	Anne	Yvonne		Robin H
10th	Kath	Bill	Ivy & Jane		Robin H
17th	Alison	Sue	Valerie		Robin H
24th	Judith	Sue	Sylvia	Yvonne	Tony

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.

**MODERN
SLAVERY**

**Monday 18th February, 7pm
Winchmore Hill URC**

MODERN SLAVERY IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Find out what modern slavery is and how to spot the signs on our doorstep as well as what to do about it.

With Dan Pratt

Antislavery Co-ordinator for
the Eastern Baptist
Association

www.togetherfree.org.uk



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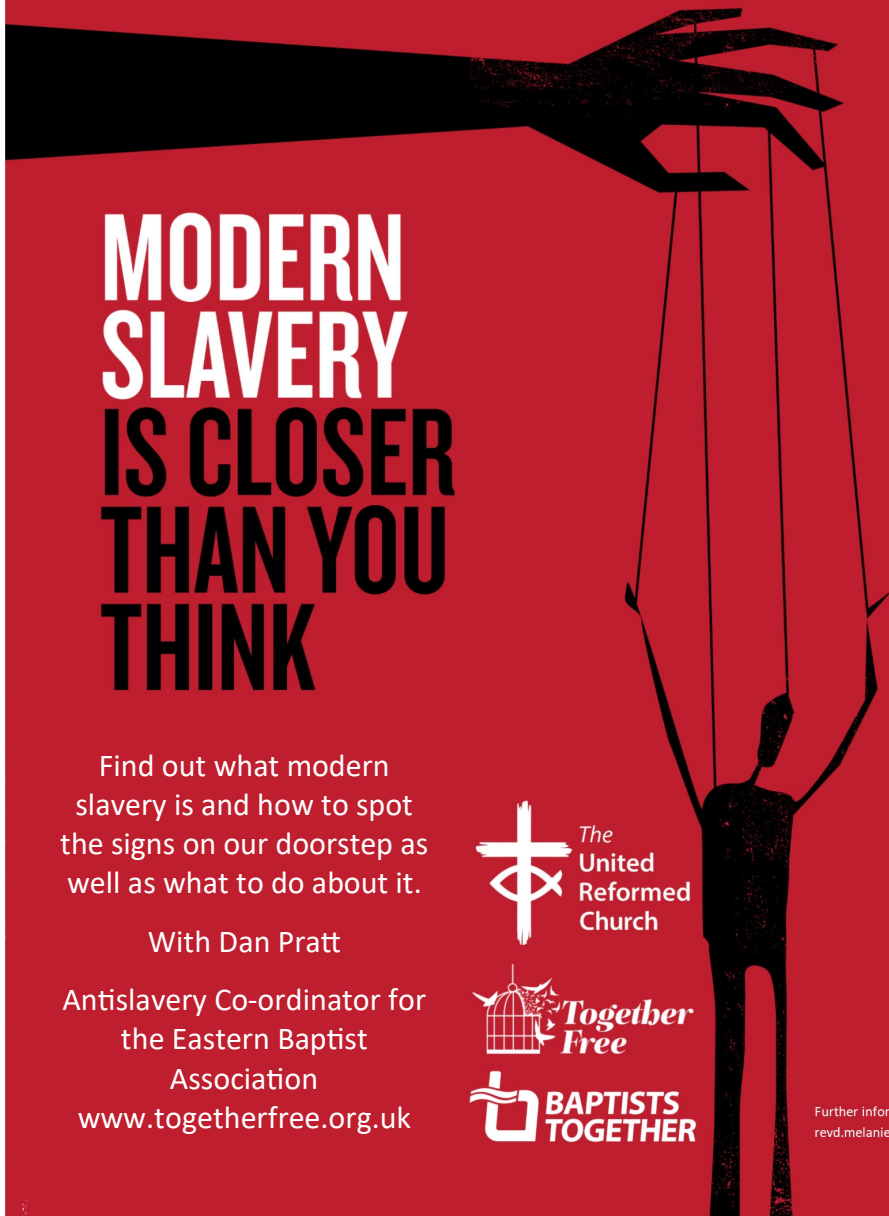


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Prayer

Invitation to the Feast

The invitation is given, COME:

Children

Older folk

Middle-aged

Everyone.

However, excuses are made with
precision.

Exclusion is chosen instead of
inclusion.

But the invitation is extended
with

power and grace,

Through God's spirit to every
heart.

May there be no foolish excuses.

Father God, shake us out of
complacency to do our part,

To share your heart, your love,
and

tell of your forgiveness.

May we sense the urgency to
share

your invitation,

With family, friends and
neighbours,

And invite them to our
community

and to the feast.

The invitation is given, COME:

Children, Older folk, Middle-
aged,

Everyone.

No matter where you have been

Or what you have done,

The Lord invites YOU, he says
COME.

Louise Bowes

From the World Day of Prayer, <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/prayers/invitation-to-the-feast>

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.

Boys' Brigade News

We finished off 2018 strongly, over five nights we collected around £2,000 through carolling and had a good turnout of boys over all five nights. We also had a very enjoyable nativity this year with the boys in the brass band playing Christmas carols and the other boys across Anchors, Juniors and Company taking part in the nativity and getting the audience involved too! We finished off with a puppet sing-a-long to Bethlehemian Rhapsody a Christmas take on the Queen classic Bohemian Rhapsody. 2019 brings about lots of prospects and here's a quick run through of what the boys will be doing to start the year!

We had a good turn out to kick off our 2019 with 14 out of 17 boys attending. New year means new badge classes for the boys as they split into their different groups as well as upcoming badminton and drill competitions along side the swimming gala and a Battalion weekend away. The format this term is changing a little to how it has previously been done.

As usual we begin the night with fall in and inspection. Just like the 1993 high jump, the bar has been set to new heights. Stephen Nicolaides is the current Smartest NCO with 107.73 marks out of a possible 110 and Jeffrey Vasco is the current Smartest Private with 107.5 marks out of a possible 110. There is also a Smartest Squad which is calculated by adding up the totals for each boy in the squad and then diving the squad total by the number of boys in each squad respectively. C squad are heading up the inspection leader board at the moment on 89 closely followed by A Squad on 75 then B squad on 51.

After inspection we move into drill. This year we will be entering the Single Line Drill and Small Squad Drill competitions and with the 13th of March fast approaching we're getting down to perfecting the little details to ensure we retain our titles. With a few tricky movements this year's drill paper has thrown up a few challenges for the boys but they have worked hard and are looking very good ahead of the competition. We will also be entering the smartest new recruits' competition. This is where the year 7s compete by completing a basic drill set. This year we hope to enter two teams with Dillan, Jude, Miles and Tom Wood being our four new recruits. Over the coming weeks they will be practicing the drill paper on a Monday night at 7pm after band finishes to get them ready for the competition. Although it's early days there are good signs from the drill they have done so far.

After drill the boys make like a banana and split. Over the coming term the boys in year 7 will be working towards their target badge doing all sorts of different things. They will continue brass banding and don't forget, make a note and tune in to the next newsletter to find out how they are progressing. Along side brass they are also doing sideways photography, basic crafts and gymnastics. Going up to the next age group the boys in school years 8 and 9 are doing intermediate cooking and made top quality gourmet cheeseburgers first week back which tasted really good. As well as doing cooking these boys will also be trying out some fun and very interesting science experiments. The older boys have now begun their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award with Stephen, Chris and Josiah Butcher all helping out at anchors boys for their volunteer section. Circuit training will be

starting back up again soon, which will help these boys towards the physical element of their D of E, as well as being open to all of the boys in the Company Section. These boys will be doing stove cooking, map and compass work and tent craft in order to prepare them for their expedition and see them through their Bronze D of E.

The PR Games is a competition that takes place within each company and the results are then sent off and the highest scoring company wins the PR Games. We will be doing this over the start of the year as part of the boy's games session followed games such as dodge ball, uni-hock, volleyball, team games and chair ball. The games session is now split so the younger ones have their games session whilst the older boys in the company do their badge classes and vice versa.

We then finish the night with devotions for the boys who weren't at church the Sunday prior and for those boys who were at bible class or attended church parade. There are games such as pool, table tennis and table football for the other boys to play with.

CALLING ALL MUPPET FANS!!!! After the success of Bethlehemian Rhapsody at the nativity the boys that took part enjoyed working with the puppets and are enthusiastic about continuing to do puppeteering so keep your eyes peeled at church parades as the puppets could be around!

Joseph Nicolaides and Tom 'Bomber' Brown

Wordsearch

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

Candlemas, 2 February, comes exactly 40 days after Christmas. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. (Luke 2: 22-40) So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day.

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Other local church activities

February

Date	Time	Activity	Location
3rd	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
3rd	4pm	Messy Church	Lancaster Road
18th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>The Suffragettes - Joe Studman</i>	Christ Church
18th	7:00pm	Modern slavery is closer than you think	Winchmore Hill
28th	10.30am	Community coffee morning	BHP 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)	BHP Methodist
Tues	10am	Tots and Toys	Gospel Hall
	10.30am	United Prayer (1st and 3rd of the month)	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)

