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Church

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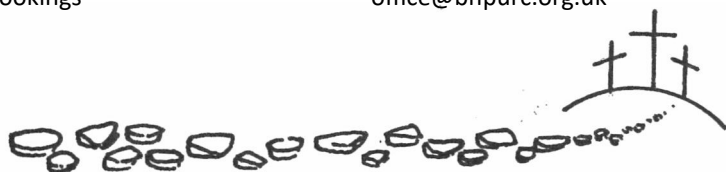
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## In the beginning...

At the start of his ministry Jesus came to be baptized by John the Baptist. We are informed by Luke's gospel that *"the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' "* (Luke 3:22)



### A significant moment.

I wonder what it meant to Jesus, and also what those who were watching, standing nearby, maybe waiting in the queue for their turn to be baptized, might have thought.

And the voice that came from heaven – did it sound like thunder or what? How many people heard what was said?

And if you had actually heard the words that were spoken, how would you have been inclined to respond?

Some of those who were there must have made a note of what happened, because otherwise we would not have a record of the events to hand now, but I am not convinced that too many

of them, at that stage, actually followed Jesus.

One of the reasons for my thinking that they didn't follow Jesus straight away is the fact that at the beginning of the next chapter in Luke's gospel we find Jesus heading off into the desert for forty days.

Thinking about this makes me wonder how often we miss significant moments that happen, that are happening around us?

Do we read the signs of the times, do we understand what is really going on, do we miss opportunities to respond to God's promptings because we are busy with our lives, and maybe not alert to God's voice in our midst?

As we enter the season of Lent this year, as we prepare for Easter, why not take a little more time each day to simply pray one of the following prayers:-

“Lord Jesus Christ,  
Help me this day,  
To hear Your voice,  
To see where you are at work  
And to join in with Your building  
of the kingdom of God  
Here and now. Amen.”

“Lord, when one of us hungers,  
make it our instinct to feed.  
When one of us is displaced,  
make it our instinct to share our  
home. When one of us is called  
illegal, make it our instinct to  
advocate for our sister’s rights.  
May we find our peace in the  
peace of the places to which you  
have called us. Amen.” (from  
Common Prayer by Claiborne,  
Wilson-Hartgrove & Okoro)

*Your ministers,  
Mark and Melanie*



*That old tea urn had served the  
church well*

## Smile Lines

### Grannie

After church, the mother asked her young son if he had enjoyed Sunday School. "Oh yes," he replied. "My new teacher is pretty cool - she is Jesus' grand-mother." Startled, his mother asked what made him think that. "Obvious, she never stops talking about Jesus," he replied.

### St Patrick

Why do people wear shamrocks on St Patrick's Day?  
Because regular rocks are too heavy.

### Morning Tea

A vicar in a small country church was looking forward to an important visit from his bishop, which would involve the bishop staying overnight at the vicarage after the service. His young son became very excited, as he had never spoken to a bishop before.

The vicar decided that his young son should be allowed to knock on the bishop's door in the morning and take him in his morning tea. His father gave him instructions: "First, knock on the door of the bishop's room and then say loud and clear: "It's the boy, my Lord, it's time to get up."

The young son was very excited and rehearsed his lines, repeating them over and over. Finally, the bishop came and spent the night. Next morning the young lad went to the door and knocked. He cried loudly: "It's the Lord, my boy, and your time is up!"

# Here is the News

## Services in March

A little advance information on a couple of services in March for you.

On Sunday 10th March we will be belatedly this year celebrating Leprosy Sunday so there will be an additional collection for the work of the Leprosy Mission.

Please do pray for our student, Susan, on 17th March as she will be leading her Assessed Service for the year that day at Winchmore Hill URC and the Principal of Northern College, Manchester will be present to review the service.

On Sunday 24th March our Joint North Enfield group service will be held at Lancaster Road URC. Rev Mark Meatcher will be leading the service and Rev Dan Haylett, minister of Trinity Church, Enfield, will be preaching.

## Save the Date

Saturday 18th May 7.30pm at Christ Church URC An Evening with Garth Hewitt. Garth Hewitt is Troubadour, gospel singer, protest singer... The Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector, St James's Piccadilly writes... Garth Hewitt writes redemption songs and then sings them without fear. His voice comes through clearly, challenging us by his witness to act for justice. His is a brave voice, needed more than ever in a fearful world, and in a sometimes timid church.

Please do add the date to your diaries, start spreading the word and watch for more information.

## Eco Church

After church meeting agreed that our church wants to become an "Eco Church" and get accredited as such by the charity A Rocha, Vikkie, Sue, Tony, Martin, Alison and I met on Sunday 27th January to go through their questionnaire to see if we're doing enough to get the bronze award and what we could do as a church to help the planet.

The survey has five sections and we need to meet enough criteria for bronze in each of the five sections to get the bronze award. We are doing quite well but could definitely do better. We reached silver in the Worship & Teaching section, bronze in Buildings and Land sections but did not get enough in either the Community & Global Engagement or Lifestyle sections to achieve bronze. This means we have work to do in those areas before we can apply for our bronze award.

One thing in particular we would like the church to get involved with and approve, is becoming a public recycling drop off point for biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers. Enfield council does not currently recycle these wrappers but Terracycle does. They work with big brands (in this case, McVitie's®, Carr's®, Go Ahead® and Jacob's®) to enable the recycling of ALL brands of biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers. Once collected, the biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers are cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remolded to make new recycled products.



Hopefully we, as both the small Eco Church group and the church as a whole will improve the eco credentials of the church and we will get the bronze award in the next few months - watch this space for tips on easy changes to be more eco and what we hope to do as a church. Once we have got our bronze Eco Church award, the next step will be a more long term look to see what we can do to achieve the silver award!

Lisa Hamblin



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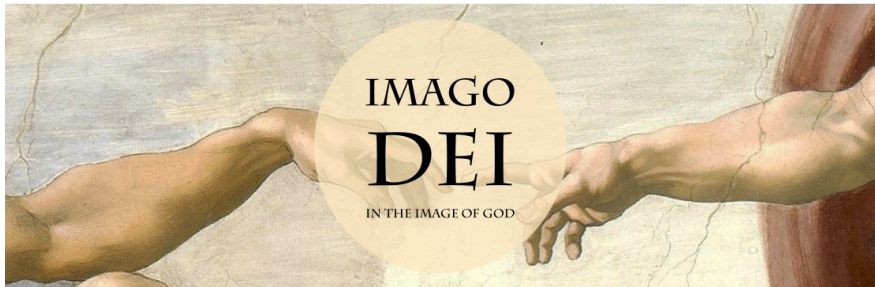


# Imago Dei: Poetry, Music, Art

In the Christian religion, the imago dei (Latin for the image of God) refers to the unique imprint God placed upon humanity, identifying people as a special creation. What the image of God precisely is, and what it implies, has been debated throughout history.

This exhibition, with contributions from across the community including schools and those of other faiths, will focus on images of God and images of humanity, made in the image of God, from various parts of the world including our own.

Guided tours of the building will also be available at various times during the week.



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**Monday 15th April to Saturday 20th April**

10.00am to 4.00pm (1.00pm to 4.00pm on Good Friday)

Free entry - refreshments available

**Christ Church United Reformed Church**

Chase Side, Enfield EN2 6NJ mail@ccurc.org.uk

## Volunteers

Christ Church URC are looking for volunteers from the Enfield group of URC churches to support them in the Imago Dei venture. They are particularly looking for people to be on hand to serve refreshments and chat to people who visit the exhibition.

If you have time available please let Pamela Fisher know. Pamela is contactable by e-mail (please put "Staffing at CC Easter" in the subject), phone on 07775 505999 or you can leave a message on 020 8482 4610.

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The first of the three R's is Reduce.

Reduce is first on the list because it is the best and most important way of minimising your impact on the earth's environment. It means that you try to reduce the amount of materials that you use and also the resources such as fuel and water that you use.

Here are some examples of ways that you can reduce:

- By not buying items that you do not need, for example by only replacing items when they can no longer be used or are beyond repair.
- If an item is damaged, try to repair the item rather than buying something new. Clothes and electronics are good examples of items which are often thrown out when they become damaged, yet they can often be repaired.
- By not buying and using single use items such as straws, plastic cups and drinks that are sold in plastic bottles which are used once then thrown away.
- You can also reduce your impact on the planet by refusing to buy items that have excessive packaging, for example chocolates that come in plastic boxes or items that are sold in an unnecessarily large container.
- If you need to print out a document, print on both sides of paper. If you have paper that you have printed on one side only, you could use the back to write on.
- By choosing to walk, cycle or take public transport rather than using a car.
- By hanging washing outside to dry rather than using a tumble dryer.

See [reducereuserecycle.co.uk](http://reducereuserecycle.co.uk) for further information.

Melanie Smith

## India 2019

Mark and Melanie are organising a trip to India in the autumn and would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in going with them.

The group travelling would leave the UK on Tuesday 1st October in the evening and return to the UK on Tuesday 15th October.

The expected cost of the trip including visas would be around £1,000 per person.



We would expect to visit Kolkata and a rural hospital in Sarenga, seeing projects that the Church of North India is actively supporting and getting a flavour of city and country life in the West Bengal area of North India.

There will be opportunities for sightseeing alongside exploring the work of the church.

If you're interested in coming, then do let us know by the end of March and we will set up a meeting to plan everything and begin to book as soon as we can.

Mark and Melanie

**6.30pm Sundays at Lancaster Road URC**  
**Our questions will be explored within Christian worship, but all are invited to address these thorny issues together**

# QUESTIONS GOD FOR

**Challenging Questions  
Uneasy Answers**

**with Revds. Mark Meatcher and Melanie Smith**

10 <sup>th</sup> March	Christianity: a bloody history?
17 <sup>th</sup> March	The Cross: one way to heaven?
24 <sup>th</sup> March	God's Manifesto: who would Jesus vote for?
31 <sup>st</sup> March	God: who is she?
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Pain and suffering: a time to die?



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## Opening Up to God

In a best-selling book, Generation X guru Douglas Coupland tracks a young man through a troubled era. He's remorseful over his mistakes. His marriage has stagnated. He's ensnared in a meaningless job. Instead of deep friendships, he endures what he calls "halfway relationships." He's worried that he doesn't feel life the way he used to. He peers into his future with uncertainty. The book's title: *Life after God*. But after 358 pages of aimlessness and frustration, this was his conclusion:

*Now — here is my secret: I tell it to you with an openness of heart that I doubt I shall ever achieve again, so I pray that you are in a quiet room as you read these words. My secret is that I need God — that I am sick and can no longer make it alone. I need God to help me give, because I no longer seem to be capable of giving; to help me be kind, as I no longer seem capable of kindness; to help me love, as I seem beyond being able to love.*

Like Coupland's character, maybe you have a secret, too. Perhaps your own circumstances are causing you to conclude that maybe — just maybe — you need God to breathe hope and life into your world. Or maybe you need him to knock the crust off a heart that's corroded with self-interest and cynicism. Or maybe you need him because... well, to be honest, you're not sure why. You just sense that there's got to be more to your existence than a job, three meals a day, and the gnawing feeling that something's missing.

So you've been casually checking out Christianity. Nothing too serious yet. You've leafed through a book or two. Questions are swirling through your mind. You'd like to get at the truth, but you're not sure how to — and you're a little afraid of what you might find. Or possibly you already know a lot about the idea of God, but you're realizing that you really don't know him. You've wrestled with the concept of a deity yet never embraced Jesus himself. You went to church as a youngster and even went through religion classes, but they seemed to have numbed you toward God more than sensitized you toward him. If someone asked, you'd say that you were a religious person, although the truth is this: a heartfelt, life-changing, soul-satisfying faith has always eluded you.

This prayer is for you. Seventeen words that can start a revolution. Pray them at your own risk: *"God, open my eyes to who you really are, and then I'll open my life to you."*

From the Lee Strobel devotional via BibleGateway.com

# Free\* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> March



In a legend turned upside down, news of a 'smallfoot' throws the Yeti community into an uproar, in a story about friendship, courage and the joy of discovery. **PG 2018 96 Minutes**



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# Diary

## March

**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 2nd	3:00pm	Family Film Feast, see page 12
Sun 3rd	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Revd Barrie Thompson
Wed 6th	8:00pm	New Songs (In the Junior room)
Sun 10th	10:30am 6:30pm	Parade with Revd Mark Meatcher Questions For God starts at Lancaster Road URC, see page 22
Sun 17th	10:30am	Worship with Revd Martin Legg
Sun 24th	11:00am	Worship with Dan Haylett and Revd Mark Meatcher at Lancaster Road URC
Sun 31st	10:30am	Worship with Michaela Lawrence

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**Next newsletter deadline:  
Sunday 17th March**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to  
[newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk)

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# Prayer Diary

MARCH 2019

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35

## **Friday 1st**

Those suffering from motor neurons disease and the charities who seek to find a cure

## **Saturday 2nd**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 3rd**

Thanks for the preachers who come to our church each Sunday

## **Monday 4th**

Lisa

## **Tuesday 5th**

Pray that God would save multitudes worldwide

## **Wednesday 6th**

Lincoln Crescent

## **Thursday 7th**

Member of Parliament for Edmonton

## **Friday 8th**

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia (see page 24 for update)

## **Saturday 9th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 10th**

Thanks for those who entertain us, make us smile and show us other worlds

## **Monday 11st**

Lynda

## **Tuesday 12th**

That the gospel would go forth in



power to every nation and people

### **Wednesday 13th**

Lincoln Road

### **Thursday 14th**

Member of Parliament for Enfield,  
Southgate

### **Friday 15th**

Children in care, that they would  
be fostered/adopted by a loving  
family

### **Saturday 16th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the  
service tomorrow, also for our  
student, Susan, leading her As-  
sessed Service for the year tomor-  
row at Winchmore Hill URC

### **Sunday 17th**

Give thanks for answered prayers

### **Monday 18th**

Mabel

### **Tuesday 19th**

That God would save our leaders,  
give them wisdom and cause  
them to promote righteousness  
and life

### **Wednesday 20th**

Leighton Road

### **Thursday 21st**

Member of Parliament for  
Enfield North - Joan Ryan

### **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 those who faithfully  
attend our church services week  
by week

### **Monday 25th**

Margaret (both)

### **Tuesday 26th**

That the gospel would spread  
and that we might worship God  
in peace and freedom

### **Wednesday 27th**

Main Avenue

### **Thursday 28th**

Local government decisions

### **Friday 29th**

Those without enough money  
for heating and food and the  
charities who aim to provide  
help

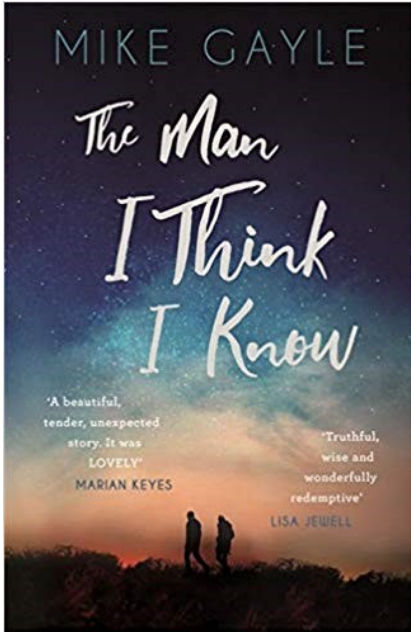
### **Saturday 30th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow

### **Sunday 31st**

Give thanks for good health

## Book Club

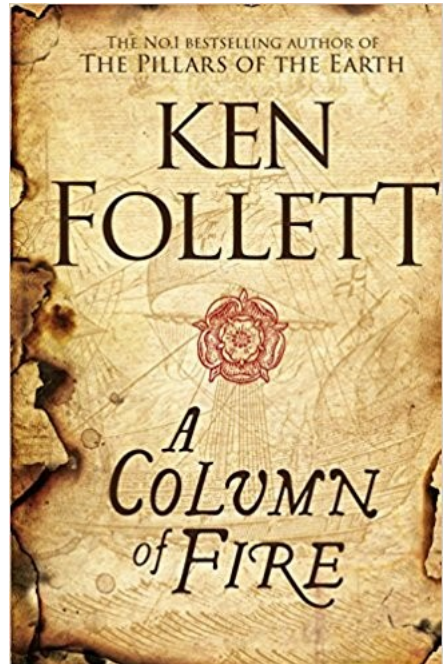


The Man I think I know by Mike Gayle

Once again, we did find something 'different'. This is an interesting, you could say, charming novel. The story of two guys in their 30s with problems who meet up for the first time since school days. They build up a relationship, both, in a way, relying on the other to sort out their lives. It touched on issues so relevant to today, quite thought provoking at times. You could visualise the characters and their situations. This is definitely a book we recommend.

We next meet in the Lounge of the church at 8pm on Monday 11th March having read 'A column of Fire' by Ken Follett, part of a trilogy but can stand alone.

Sylvia Page



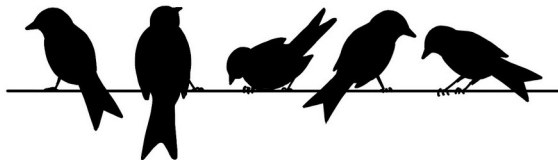
## What's wrong with having time?

A popular way to 'show off' these days seems to be telling people on Facebook that you are too busy to accept their invitation to whatever. This lets everyone know that you are in more demand than they are, and that they would be lucky to get five minutes with you. You are a busy person! Busy, busy, busy!

Why do we feel under constant pressure to cram more and more activities into our lives, and then to keep everything going at a frenzied pace? Why do we have to live like hamsters on a wheel? If ever we slow down, or falter, there is always that little voice in our head which accuses us of being idle – or inadequate.

We admire people who seem to endlessly juggle family, work, hobbies, sports and whatever else in their lives. But why? Why is it so good to never have time to stop and think and just BE? Why is risking burn-out and complete exhaustion something to be admired?

This Lent, why not prayerfully try and discern what is really worthwhile in your life. There is no need to charge from one thing to another, hoping to find some meaning in it all. Remember, at the end of the day, the hamster gets nowhere.





# **Ponders End** **Neighbourhood Police** **Team**

## **Crime Prevention Talk**

Your local police team are holding a crime prevention event, specifically focusing on fraud related crimes and scams that are affecting the residents of Ponders End and the wider community.

**Ponders End United Reformed Church,  
College Court, Ponders End, EN3 4EY**

**Tuesday 12th March 2019**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

**Everyone Welcome**



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## **Round, like a circle in a spiral, like a wheel within a wheel...**

Many years ago, at the Pleasure Beach at Blackpool, there was a certain 'ride' or amusement that was strictly for the physically fit. It consisted of a flat wooden disc about 20 feet in diameter and set at an angle of 45 degrees in the floor. When it began to rotate, the aim was to get to the centre where there was a pole. As the disc rotated faster and faster, everyone who failed to get to the pole got flung off. Nowadays there's probably a regulation banning it as far too dangerous! The principle of the game was a basic law of physics. When any wheel rotates, the outer rim moves fastest of all. Half way to the centre and you are moving a lot more slowly. And, at least theoretically, at the absolute centre will be a point which is totally still. That's why anyone who reached that pole could stand there quite comfortably.

We have just started the Church's season of Lent. It's generally thought of as being a time for giving up chocolate, wine, whatever. But it's really a time to remind us that in our own rapidly spinning world, God is the still centre.

At Christmas, we thanked God for entering the ever moving and changing life of the world. But one great characteristic of Jesus was His stillness. Busy, harassed, injured people found someone with neither clever chat nor idle gossip, neither vulgar boasting nor loud opinion. His life always seemed to rotate round a still central point, which gave Him His balance and authority.

"Be still then and know that I am God" wrote the Psalmist. Lent is a time for us to stop and remember that. Lent is a good time to be a little more silent than usual – quicker to listen and slower to speak. And the more silent spaces we give ourselves, the more we'll give that still, small Voice within.

God's stillness is still full of energy. That still centre of the spinning disc is also the point which drives the rest of the rotating circle. Equally, when we're in touch with that still centre, we'll be able to give strength and support to those who feel they're spinning at the edges.

Being still does mean that we need to take time to pause, to take stock, to take a critical look at our lives. That's what Lent is about. On the spinning discs of our own lives, we need to remember that there is a still centre, calm and yet full of energy – which is where God is.

# Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea and Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
3rd	Alison	Sylvia	Yvonne		Tony
10th	Evelyn	Bill	Ivy & Jane		Tony
17th	Kath	Anne	Sylvia		Tony
24th	At Lancaster Road URC				
31st				Diann	

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.*

# Quiz Evening

Saturday 16th March

Proceeds to the

Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

## Homeless Overnight Respite (Winter Night Shelter)

**6.30pm for 7.00pm start**

in the Church Hall, Armfield Road EN2 0DH

Tickets £10 per person includes a  
Quiche and Salad or Fish & Chip supper,  
tea or coffee at half-time.

Bring your own drinks.

Booking essential from Beryl Woolley  
07950 592 454

Tables of 8 or less

## **Update on Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia**

Elijah lives with four other children and three adults in his home. He is cared for by his mother, Peggy Mambwe. At home Elijah is responsible for sweeping, washing dishes and fetching water. He enjoys playing with friends during his free time. Apart from the staple diet of nshima (maize), Elijah enjoys eating vegetable pie and rice. Elijah visited the local clinic this last year with chest pains but has recovered now.

Elijah is in Grade 6 at Greater Joy Community School. His favourite subject is technology and one day he would like to be a pilot. He enjoys learning at school. Elijah's favourite moment from the last school year was celebrating Teachers' Day.

Greater Joy School is led by Maureen Nakaponda who is the Head Teacher and works closely with Ospeck and Angelina Sichilongo, the Directors of the school. The school has a dedicated team of staff that enjoy making learning interactive and are keen to ensure they are using the up to date teaching practices in Zambia.

Each school day Elijah receives lunch and enjoys breaktimes outside, which often include games of football. If any children are unwell, a staff member, together with the child's carer, will take them to a local clinic where they will be given treatment where necessary.

Over the past year a new toilet block has begun to be built. The foundations have been dug and the walls are up. It has been exciting to see the church and the community come together to build this toilet block.

The exam results at Greater Joy Community School continue to surpass that of local government schools. The teachers and pupils also enjoy days such as Career's Day and Chetenge Day where students have the opportunity to come to school dressed up and participate in a whole school assembly.

Thank you for supporting the children and staff at Greater Joy Community School.



# Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

**Ponders End United Reformed Church**

**Raising funds for our Church's Community Garden**



# Prayer

## Temptation

For forty days Jesus was tempted by the devil.

Forty days? Is that all?

Keep us strong in the face of daily temptations:

whispered gossip,  
turning a blind eye,  
sharp words,  
lack of patience,  
false pride,  
old resentments,  
failure to forgive,  
sense of guilt,  
self-absorption,  
judgement of others,  
self-deprecation...

Help us not to be overwhelmed  
by weakness and failure;  
keep us confident in the knowledge  
that, whatever we face,  
we face it with you.

*Melanie Smith*

From the URC prayer handbook 2016 for 14th February (first Sunday in Lent) looking at Luke 4:1-13

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

Over the past five weeks the Explorers have been learning how to be healthy. They have looked at how to keep clean by washing with soap and water, how to look after their teeth using toothpaste and a toothbrush, how to keep their heart healthy by doing exercise, looking at how much sugar is in different foods so that they don't eat too much of it and finally they looked at the importance of making sure we rest as well.

The Juniors have been discovering who Abraham was and how his obedience to God helped him to have many children who could go and help spread the good news about God to others. We have looked at family trees and who we have descended from. We also looked at the importance of following rules and how sometimes we don't always want to be obedient but that it is important in order to keep us and others safe.

After the February half term we will be starting our final badge before we have our awards evening in May. Find out what we have been doing in the next newsletter.

Charlotte McBride

## Boys' Brigade News

As the February half term approaches, the boys finish up their current badge classes before moving on to new ones after half term.

Our year 7 boys continued their brass band lessons before continuing work towards their Target badge. They are also meeting at the slightly earlier time of 7pm to practice the two smartest recruits drill before the regular Monday night starts in preparation for the competition in March. We have four boys which means we are able to enter two teams of two this year which we haven't done for a few years. The year 7 boys then move on to games and have been doing the PR games activities to get ready for the competition alongside a game such as unihock, dodgeball and chair ball.

Our middle group, made up of the boys in years 8 and 9, have been doing cooking which has included kebabs, gourmet burgers, spaghetti Carbonara (as pictured) with garlic bread, pizzas and some deserts like triple chocolate brownies. Having tried them all myself I can safely say they tasted very good! These boys, along with our older boys in years 10 to 13, have been getting ready for the drill competition as we have begun to iron out the creases and get down to the nitty gritty detail that would leave the smart and well organised boys look smarter and even more well organised on the day of the competition. They have also be doing the PR games which



are a series of team games involving balls, hoops, chairs and a timer.

The older boys have continued their work on their Duke of Edinburgh in preparation of their up coming expedition. This year we are holding an expedition in the Easter holidays at the start of April. For Stephen, Christopher and Josiah Butcher it will be their first expedition with the Company! It's a great opportunity for them to test their tent craft, cooking and map reading skills out in the real world in an area they haven't been to before. This expedition will also give them a taster of what their Duke of Edinburgh expedition will be like.

We had two trips over February, one to the SnoZone, an indoor snow park where the boys went sledging, and another to the London Dungeons, getting an insight in to London's past from Sweeney Todd and Mrs Lovett's Pie Shop to the gunpowder plot and the great fire of London.

Also in February half term we had our annual company supper attended by current and past boys and staff of the 2nd Enfield Boys' Brigade Company. Every year we have great food and a great laugh thanks to our unique entertainment and sense of humour!

In the build up to April the boys will move on to doing new badge classes to earn their badges. In next month's Newsletter you can find out how they did in the drill competition and what the boys will be doing to earn their badges as well as an update on the Anchor Boys and Junior Section.

Joseph Nicolaides

# Wordsearch

## 25 years of ordaining women

25 years ago, on 12th March 1994, the first 32 women priests in the Church of England were ordained. It happened in Bristol Cathedral, and Bishop Barry Rogerson ordained them in alphabetical order; so Angela Berners-Wilson was considered the very first woman to be ordained. She is now chaplain at the University of Bath and prebendary at Wells Cathedral. The youngest was Karen MacKinnon, now spiritual care manager at Southampton Hospital. Ten years later, one in five priests was a woman. Of the 542 candidates entering training in the Church of England this year, more than half (274) are women, which is 19 per cent more than last year.

Years	March	First	Thirty	Two	Women
Priests	Ordained	Bristol	Cathedral	Rogerson	Alphabetical
Angela	Chaplain	University	Karen	Spiritual	Care
Hospital	Candidates				

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## Other local church activities

### March

Date	Time	Activity	Location
3rd	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
18th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Kew Gardens - Brenda Brown</i>	Christ Church
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)

