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The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church policy.

Ministers' Musings

On Tuesday 3rd September, Mark and Melanie – and many, many others (including you?) will be gathering at the ExCeL exhibition centre to protest its hosting of DSEI 2019, the Defence and Security Equipment International exhibition which is:

The world leading event that connects governments, national armed forces, industry thought leaders and the global defence and security supply chain on an unrivalled scale. With a range of valuable opportunities for networking, a platform for business, access to relevant content and live-action demonstrations, the DSEI community can innovate, share knowledge, discover and experience the latest capabilities across the Aerospace, Land, Naval, Security and Joint domains.

In other words, it is the place where arms manufacturers and dealers ply their trade to governments, democratic and despotic, from around the world; hosted by our government.

The 'No Faith in War' demonstration is part of a series of events which seeks to communicate that it is obscene for large profits to be made from the death and destruction of war.

Christians have long debated the idea that, under certain circumstances, war can be

justified; the just war theory. The Bible itself is full of story of wanton violence by God's chosen people, some of which appears to be sanctioned by God. However, each week, perhaps each day, we pray that God's kingdom will come, and the picture of that kingdom, where there is no war, is very clear in Micah 4:

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills.

God shall judge between
many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between
strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords
into ploughshares,
and their spears into
pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword
against nation,
neither shall they learn war
any more;
but they shall all sit under
their own vines and under
their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them
afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of
hosts has spoken.

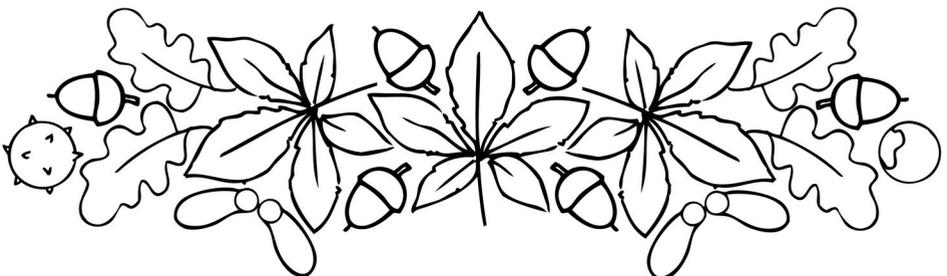
There is no definitive answer as to whether Jesus was a pacifist in its modern meaning, although his words at the sermon of the mount and his actions at his arrest and trial certainly suggest

that he was against personal violence, there can be little doubt that Jesus would be against the profiteering from war that the arms fair represents.

For those who can't make it on the Tuesday, when groups representing all major religions will gather, actions are planned on every day from Monday 2 September 2019 until Friday 13 September, during the setup period when the tanks and long-range missiles roll in until DSEI itself on 10-13 September.

Please pray for all those who will be standing up for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven sooner, rather than later.

Mark and Melanie



Smile Lines

Too grand a piano

The story is told how after the concert hall at Broadcasting House was built there was doubt whether the door would admit a concert grand. "Try it," said somebody. But the musical director objected on the ground that if his beautiful Bechstein got stuck it would be damaged. So they instructed the carpenter to take measurements and make an exact replica in plywood. This was done, and then they found they couldn't get the model out of the carpenter's shop. (from Alexander Donald)

Grows

The fastest growing thing in nature is a fish - from the time the fisherman catches it until the time he can tell someone all about it.

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully.

"I'm sorry ma'am," said the minister gently. "I'm in sales, not management."

Here is the News

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who came and had an enjoyable evening at the Boys Brigade Quiz which raised money for the Building Fund as well as for BB - see the BB article on page 32 for a full report. The Anchor Boys have also been raising funds for their activities and a fun time was had by all at their Bingo night - see page 31 for more details.

Four Christians killed in church by Islamist militants

Four people were killed in a recent attack on a church in Burkina Faso. It was the fourth deadly assault by Islamist militants on Christians in the region in four weeks.

A heavily armed gang attacked in the town of Toulfe, 240 km north-west of the capital Ouagadougou, while the congregation worshipped.

Local sources said the attack “caused panic in the village and many residents sought cover in their homes or in the bush.” The latest attack brings the total death toll to 20.

Inclusive Church AGM Tuesday 9th July 7.00pm

The 2019 Inclusive Church AGM and Annual Lecture will take place at Southwark Cathedral in London. The speaker is the Revd. Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, author and theologian. The title of Sam's talk will be 'Citizens of Heaven: Identity, Inclusion and the Church'. This will be followed by refreshments in the retro-choir.

Church of England Alexa

Do you have an Alexa? Do you want to have easy access to prayers, videos bringing the Christian faith to life and the social action work of churches across the country? Why not get the C of E Alexa Skill?

To activate the Church of England skill “Alexa, open the Church of England”. A full list of commands is available on the C of E’s dedicated Alexa page at <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/try-church-englands-alexa-skill>

God's Blessing to the Weak

I mentioned the death of Rachel Held Evans in our last magazine and found that another author whose books I have read with interest actually gave the benediction at Rachel's funeral.

I hope you may find it of interest to read. Mark Meatcher.

The benediction given by the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber at the funeral of Rachel Held Evans (re-posted by Diana Butler Bass on social media):

Blessed are the agnostics. Blessed are they who doubt. Blessed are those who have nothing to offer. Blessed are the pre-schoolers who cut in line at communion. Blessed are the poor in spirit. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

Blessed are those whom no one else notices. The kids who sit alone at middle-school lunch tables. The laundry guys at the hospital. The sex workers and the night-shift street sweepers. The closeted. The teens who have to figure out ways to hide the new cuts on their arms. Blessed are the meek. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

Blessed are they who have loved enough to know what loss feels like. Blessed are the mothers of the miscarried. Blessed are they who can't fall apart because they have to keep it together for everyone else. Blessed are those who "still aren't over it yet." Blessed are those who mourn. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.

I imagine Jesus standing here blessing us because that is our Lord's nature. This Jesus cried at his friend's tomb, turned the other cheek, and forgave those who hung him on a cross. He was God's Beatitude— God's blessing to the weak in a world that admires only the strong.

Jesus invites us into a story bigger than ourselves and our imaginations, yet we all get to tell that story with the scandalous particularity of this moment and this place. We are storytelling creatures because we are fashioned in the image of a storytelling God. May we never neglect that gift. May we never lose our love for telling the story. Amen

The Beatitudes: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness'

'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.' (Augustine).

We all have deep longings in our lives that we seek to satisfy, however Jesus points out that we can only be truly satisfied by God Himself: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.' (Matthew 5:6). The words hunger and thirst are strong words referring to those truly desperate for righteousness. But what does this mean?

Longing for right relationship with God: It means putting God at the centre of all we are and do and trusting Him with the whole of our lives. It's a response to Jesus' death on the cross, rather than anything we can do for God: 'This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.' (Romans 3:22).

Longing for right living for God: A righteous or holy life is one that is righteous 24 hours a day. It's an integrated Christian life lived out of our ongoing relationship with God, affecting everything we do, say or think.

Longing for right relationship with others: God's righteousness will influence how we relate to others in the community, so that all our relationships are loving and just e.g. at work, with family, friends or neighbours.

When we are really desperate Jesus says that God will *fill* us and our desire for righteousness will be satisfied. The problem is that often we are not desperate enough! We don't want to let go the deep desires that get in the way of God. *'It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are far too easily pleased.'* (C S Lewis).

Rev Paul Hardingham

Anokhi

Indian Fine Dining

An Indian Feast

Monday 12th August 7.00pm

£20 for starter, main, side and rice or bread (drinks extra)

Raising money for KSN Hospital and CRS West Bengal, India

To reserve your place at the table, email: revd.meatcher@gmail.com



Bush Hill Park Christ Church Lancaster Road Palmers Green
Ponders End Trinity Methodist/URC Winchmore Hill



Cathedral Relief Service
Kolkata, India

Anokhi Restaurant, 757 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill N21 3SA

Vision?

I quoted from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Letters and Papers from Prison" in a sermon at Lancaster Road recently:

"The church is the church only when it exists for others. To make a start, it should give away all its property to those in need. The clergy must live solely on the free-will offerings of their congregations, or possibly engage in some worldly calling. The church must share in the secular problems of ordinary human social life, not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live with Christ, to exist for others. In particular, our own church will have to take the field against the vices of power-worship, envy and illusion, as the roots of all evil. It will have to speak of moderation, authenticity, trust, loyalty, constancy, patience, discipline, humility, contentment, and modesty. It must not underestimate the importance of human example (e.g. Jesus, Paul); it is not conceptuality, but example, that gives its word emphasis and power." (Pages 144 & 145)

Bonhoeffer's words make me think about my own role as a minister and the sort of things I should be doing, but they also lead me to ask questions about how we, the URC in 2019, are using our resources.

Are we using our ministers in the best way possible? What about our lay preachers?

Is the idea of church really that we should gather for an hour every Sunday and that is all that it is about?

Are we using our buildings for the glory of God, or should we be considering the disposal of some of them and the re-using of any monies gained through such a disposal in a different way, a way that would mean we were more effective in the mission God has given us? As we think about the future here at Bush Hill Park URC and our plans

for the use of the building complex perhaps we need to prayerfully think about what God has called us to do, what kind of “ministry” God wants us to be involved in.

Do you know?

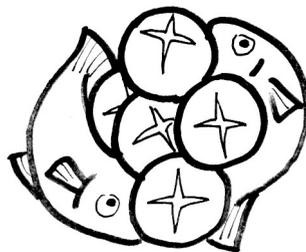
Have you shared your own thoughts and feelings about the mission work we should be doing with other church members, or have you kept your thoughts to yourself?

“encourage one another, and build each other up...” (1 Thessalonians 5:11) are the words the apostle speaks to the church at Thessalonica to help them through the situations that they were facing – are we any different?

We need to encourage and strengthen one another in the faith, sharing good news stories as and when they happen but also be willing to be there to hold one another when we find ourselves going through difficult times.

As we share, and as we pray let us hope that God reveals the pathway we each are required to tread.

*Your ministers
Mark and Melanie*





Eco Tip

As well as eating less meat and dairy and not buying so many new 'things', transport is one of the most significant areas where we can control our carbon footprint. Not all of us drive yet you probably know someone who does. For anyone considering changing their car, there is a website to help you make a greener decision: nextgreencar.com

Next Green Car's mission is to help car buyers find, compare and buy a greener, more economical car. The core of the website is a database of all new cars currently available in the UK, which visitors can search and compare cars according to many criteria including CO2, MPG, car tax band and OTR price.

Search results are ranked according the unique Next Green Car Rating which expresses a vehicle's environmental impact as a score out of 100 ranging from 0 for the greenest vehicles to 100+ for the most polluting, allowing for a fair comparison across technologies and fuel types. The Next Green Car website covers all issues relating to green motoring including guides on both the established and emerging technologies including electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.



Recycling the un-recyclables at BHP URC

The pladis Biscuits and Snacks Recycling Programme. Recycling in partnership with McVitie's®, Carr's®, Go Ahead® and Jacob's®



The KP Snacks® Nuts, Popcorn, Crisps and Pretzels Packet Recycling Programme. Recycle your nuts, popcorn, crisps and pretzels packets



The extraordinary Sarah Chang

When, in 2010, 4000 delegates from 198 countries gathered in Cape Town, South Africa, for the Lausanne Movement's Third International Congress on World Evangelization, one unlikely speaker stood out from the rest. She was a young North Korean orphan, dressed in her high school uniform, who told the story of her family's escape from the regime and of her desire to take the Gospel back to North Korea herself one day.

Her name was Gyeong Ju Son, now known as Sarah Chang. She had been brought to Cape Town as a last-minute speaker and was utterly shocked at the size of the gathering—she had been expecting to speak at a small church. Little did she know how her life would be changed from that moment on.

For her testimony went viral online, and she was offered a full scholarship to Biola University in California as soon as she left high school. And during her last year at school in South Korea, Sarah met a Miss Yoo, who became an unnie (older-sister figure) to her while they attended Sarang Church together. It was through Miss Yoo that Sarah began to realize God's specific calling on her life.

For Miss Yoo owns and runs a major restaurant in South Korea. She uses it to reach out to North Korean refugees living in South Korea. She hires and trains them as her employees and sees how a steady income gives them a chance for education, friendship, and integration into South Korean society. Most importantly, their hearts begin to stir for God. They wonder, 'Who is this God that these kind-hearted people serve? We want to know Him too.'

"Before I met my unnie, I had thought only missionaries or pastors could do missions," says Sarah. "But through Miss Yoo, I realized you can also serve God's kingdom through business – and sometimes, you can reach people whom missionaries and pastors cannot."

While at Biola, Sarah met and married a South Korean called Paul Chang. Their dream is to do business as mission, to start their own cosmetics business in South Korea within the next five years, reaching out to North Korean refugees.

Christians in North Korea continue to be among the most persecuted in the world, but Sarah and Paul are sure of their calling. Sarah tells of how God once spoke these words to her in a dream: ‘Walk with me . . . I am your heavenly Father, and whatever has [and will] happen to you is because I love you.’ As Sarah and Paul look Northward, the words of this promise go with them still.

See her testimony at Capetown: <https://www.lausanne.org/content/north-korea-through-young-orphans-eyes?>



The internet and children under five years old

Screen time for young children should be limited to an hour a day, and infants should not be exposed to it at all. That is the recommendation of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The guidance comes from the first ever WHO guidelines on physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep for young children. They have been drawn up in response to the global obesity crisis, which has identified lack of physical activity as a leading risk factor.

One in five children in England are overweight or obese by the time they start school, rising to one in three by the time they leave. By school age, one in three British children are doing less than 30 minutes exercise per day. WHO says: “What we really need to do is to bring back ‘play’ for children.”

Diary

July and August

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

July Sat 6th	10:00am	Boys Brigade Jumble Sale in the hall
Sun 7th	10:00am 10:30am 4:00pm	Prayers in the church Communion with Rev Barrie Thompson Animal Blessing at Lancaster Road (see page 30)
Sun 14th	10:30am	Parade with Rev Martin Legg
Sat 20th	11:00am	Believing and Belonging lunch and discussion (see page 21)
Sun 21st	10:30am	Worship with Rev Mark Meatcher
Fri 26th	6.30pm	Forest Church (see page 25)
Sun 28th	10:30am	Worship with Martin Wells
August Sun 4th	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Martin Hamblin
Sun 11th	10:30am	Worship with Laura Marlow
Mon 12th	7:00pm	An Indian Feast (see page 9)
Sun 18th	10:30am	Worship with Rev Melanie Smith
Sun 25th	10:30am	Worship
Fri 30th	6.30pm	Forest Church (see page 25)

Prayer Diary

JULY 2019

In God,
whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

Psalm 56:4

Monday 1st

Alison

Tuesday 2nd

Persecuted church in Pakistan

Wednesday 3rd

Amberley Road

Thursday 4th

Local “Safer Neighbourhoods”
police and PCSOs

Friday 5th

For those who are fearful in their
own home

Saturday 6th

Sunday’s Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 7th

Thanks for all those who give

their time and support to our
organisations and to help in our
community

Monday 8th

Alyssia

Tuesday 9th

Persecuted church in Sudan

Wednesday 10th

Amberley Gardens

Thursday 11th

Speeding traffic on the A10

Friday 12th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 13th

Sunday’s Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 14th

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

Monday 15th

Andrew

Tuesday 16th

Persecuted church in Libya

Wednesday 17th

Bertram Road

Thursday 18th

Gun and knife crime, for safety

Friday 19th

Those suffering from Parkinson's and the charities who seek to find a cure

Saturday 20th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 21st

Thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 22nd

Anne

Tuesday 23rd

Persecuted church in North Korea

Wednesday 24th

Blakesware Gardens

Thursday 25th

A reduction in burglaries and

peace for those affected

Friday 26th

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

Saturday 27th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 28th

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

Monday 29th

Arthur

Tuesday 30th

Persecuted church in Iran

Wednesday 31st

Broadfields Avenue



Prayer Diary

AUGUST 2019

Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Thursday 1st

For the Coastguard Service

Friday 2nd

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 3rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 4th

Give thanks for those who help
with Kings Club

Monday 5th

Bill

Tuesday 6th

The Message, a charity working
in Enfield and across the UK,
Christian outreach to youth in

secondary schools, local commu-
nities and prisons

Wednesday 7th

Broadfields Avenue

Thursday 8th

For hospital staff

Friday 9th

Children who care for a family
member

Saturday 10th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 11th

Thanks for Sunshine and rain

Monday 12th

Caroline

Tuesday 13th

Enfield charity – Beyond Ourselves, working with children in Zambia

Wednesday 14th

Burleigh Road

Thursday 15th

For Special Policemen & women

Friday 16th

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

Saturday 17th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 18th

Thanks for our ambulance, medical services and the air ambulance helping to save lives

Monday 19th

Charlotte

Tuesday 20th

Enfield charity – Enfield Street Pastors, out on a Friday and Saturday night to care for, listen to and help people

Wednesday 21st

Bury Street West

Thursday 22nd

For Community Support Officers

Friday 23rd

For the vulnerable

Saturday 24th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 25th

Thanks for our service men & women

Monday 26th

Christine (both)

Tuesday 27th

Enfield charity – Pathway, providing Christian education for children

Wednesday 28th

Bycullah Avenue

Thursday 29th

For doctors

Friday 30th

Those without clean drinking water and the charities that seek to bring clean water and sanitation to everyone

Saturday 31th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Believing and Belonging - Follow on

During February Melanie, Mark, the Student Trainee Susan, and Dan Haylett from Trinity ran a course which began to explore what church membership is all about. [Ed: not only for new members, for anyone]

As a follow-up to that we have arranged a further opportunity for the group that met, and any others who wish to join them, to have another discussion together.

We have therefore arranged for a “Bring and Share lunch” to take place at Lancaster Road URC on Saturday 20th July 2019 from 11 am to 2pm.

We realise this clashes with the Christ Church lunch, but hope this will mean that more people will receive some good food that day!

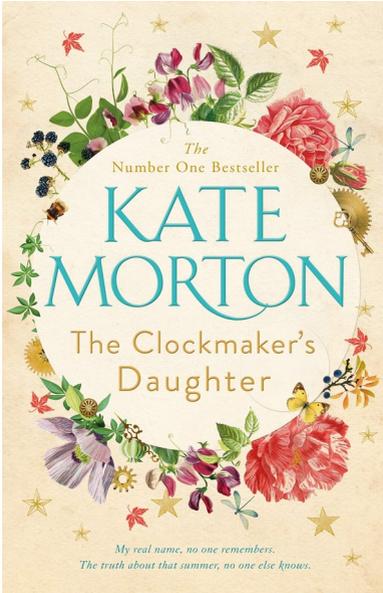
Please do come along and share with us – if you’re able to.

Mark, Melanie and Dan

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 11th August**

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

Book Club



The Clockmaker's Daughter by Kate Morton

OK, this 'person' the daughter of a clockmaker is very much part of the story but so much more it is about the house in a beautiful setting beside the River Thames with priest holes and missing jewels.

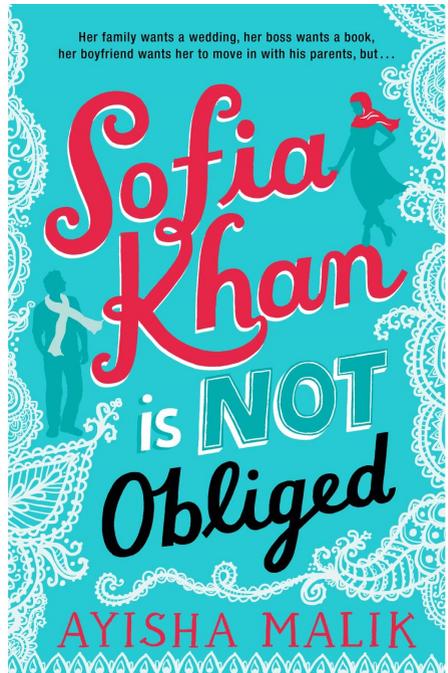
A very long read set out in sections of different timelines, with too many characters for the poor old brain instantly to remember them all and set them into the correct era. We

managed.

One has but to admire the author who envisaged so much and set it down in such a 'wordy' way weaving into this novel.

Next time we meet on Monday, 1st July at 8pm having read. 'Sofia Khan is not obliged' by Ayisha Malik.

Sylvia Page



Walking on the moon in July 1969

American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin ‘Buzz’ Aldrin became the first people to walk on the surface of the Moon 50 years ago, on 21st July 1969.

There had been some dispute over who would step first on to the Moon’s surface, but Apollo 11 commander Armstrong was given the privilege partly for technical reasons. Lunar module pilot Aldrin followed him almost 20 minutes later.

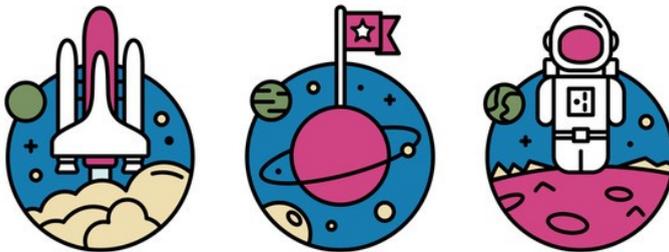
Both men were Christians. Aldrin, who was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, Texas, had got special permission to take bread and wine with him to space and take Communion privately. He did this with Armstrong watching in silence.

Armstrong wrote later: “We had come to space in the name of all mankind – be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics or atheists. But at the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”

The two men spent 21.5 hours on the lunar surface before rejoining the command module Columbia in lunar orbit.

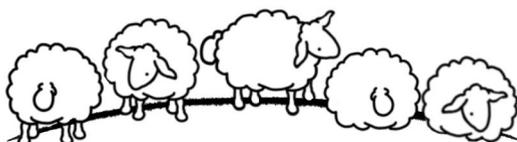
Armstrong’s first step onto the lunar surface was broadcast on live TV to a worldwide audience. He described it as “one small step for a man – one giant leap for mankind”.

Tim Lenton



Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea and Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
Jul					
7th	Evelyn	Robin H	Yvonne	Alison	Robin H
14th		Bill	Ivy & Jane	Diann	Tony
21st	Alison	Anne	Valerie	Alison	Robin H
28th		Sue	Sylvia	Sylvia	
Aug					
4th	Evelyn	Sylvia	Yvonne	Yvonne	
11th		Bill	Ivy & Jane	Alison	
18th		Anne	Valerie	Yvonne	
25th	Evelyn	Sue	Sylvia	Sylvia	



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.

Forest CHURCH

Celebrating:

COMMUNITY

Creativity

Creation

and the

Creator



6.30pm Friday

26th July & 30th August

The Scout Field
The Paulin Ground
Ford's Grove
Winchmore Hill
N21 3ER

For further info :

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Holy Days or Holidays?

Some porters were hired to carry a group's possessions on a trip through the jungle. The pace quickly increased until the head porter called a halt: 'We've come so far, so fast we need to take a break and allow our souls to catch up with our bodies!'

How often do we feel like this? July is a month when many of us take a break. Jesus and His disciples often took time to withdraw from the crowds: 'because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, 'Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' (Mark 6: 31,32).

Jesus saw how tired and stressed His disciples were and wanted to give them a break from their busy lives. He loved them and cared about their wellbeing. He longs to do the same with us, so we can restore the balance of work, rest and play in our lives. Going on holiday or taking time off gives us an opportunity of letting go the burdens of everyday life and renewing our rest in Him. This enables us to entrust Jesus with our issues and concerns, as we take time aside declare a holy day or holiday!

The story is told of the aged Apostle John playing with doves. A passing hunter expressed surprise at what a man as pious as John was doing. John pointed to the bow in the hunter's hand and asked him why he carried it with a loosened string. The hunter replied, 'it loses its strength unless it is given the chance to unbend'. John replied, 'why are you surprised that a servant of Christ should not relax to keep himself stronger for his work?'

Rev Paul Hardingham

LANCASTER ROAD URC

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Holiday Club 2019

5TH AUGUST – 9TH AUGUST

9.30 – 12.30

ARMFIELD ROAD CHURCH HALL EN2 0DH

Games
Singing

Crafts
Story time
Watt Family Drama



For children aged 5 to 11 years

Registration
Forms available
from 1st July

email: administrator@lancaster-road-urc.org.uk

Prayer

True treasure

Come Jesus, our friend

into the frenetic busyness of our days.

Come Jesus, our companion

into the quiet vulnerability of our lives.

Come Jesus, our guide

into the confusion of our world.

Too often our treasure chests are full.
Our possessions, our ambitions,
the insubstantial stuff that fills our lives.
There is no room left,
no time to see God's touch in the beauty of creation,
Jesus' smile in the stranger's face,
the love of God come close in the chatter of a child.

Forgive us,
and help us to open our hands, our hearts and our lives
to the true treasure of God's love come close in Jesus.

Come Jesus, our friend

into the frenetic busyness of our days, bring peace.

Come Jesus, our companion

into the quiet vulnerability of our lives, bring love.

Come Jesus, our guide

into the confusion of our world, bring hope

Ruth Maxey

From the URC prayer handbook 2016 for 7th August looking at Luke 12:32-40

Girls' Brigade News

We had our Awards evening on 22nd May, and I would like to thank all the parents who came to support us. The girls did a drama about the colours of the rainbow for us and did so well to say their lines, especially as we only had a week to practice it.

As well as giving out the badges the girls have earned over the past year, we also gave out prizes to the girls for Attendance and Uniform. A big well done to all of them., First place went to the following girls:

Explorer Attendance - Abigail Bagshaw and Star Apau

Explorer Uniform - Abigail Bagshaw and Star Apau

Junior Attendance - Jessica McBride

Junior Uniform - Kymaani Osei-Arthur

We started our Summer session doing Science experiments at the request of the girls. I did have my reservations, but they actually turned out to be great



fun. We made our own slime, made a lemon explode, made colourful swirls in milk and used skittles to make rainbows. Here are some of the rainbows we made.

For the rest of the Summer term we have been over to the park, made fruit kebab's and jewellery. For the next few week we will be making pizzas, building bug boxes to go outside the Church, painting our own money boxes and finishing up with a jump around at JumpIn for an end of term treat.

I would like to thank Chris, Lynda, Sue, Margaret and Alison for all their help over the past year, because without them, running GB every week would be impossible.

Charlotte McBride

Animal Blessing

All are welcome!

4.00pm Sunday 7th July 2019

Lancaster Road

United Reformed Church

Armfield Road Hall



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Animal Blessing Service led by Rev Mark Meatcher.

Please do feel free to come along with your animal and share in a time of giving thanks for all of Gods creation together.

Boys' Brigade News

The end of May and June have been quite busy for the 2nd Enfield as we had our annual awards night and presentations, the start of our summer session and several fundraising events.

At the awards night this year, we had fun presentations from each of the three sections, all with some audience participation. Such as the Junior's parachute game, and the Senior's looking back on the year showcasing what we had done, including and not limited to: expedition, London Dungeons, bird boxes, Aqua Park and Cad's many hot chocolate stops. Here is also a list of the awards given out this year and who won them:

Smartest NCO - Stephen Nicolaides

Smartest Private - Jeffrey Vasco

Bandsman Trophy - Taejah Daily

Sportsman Trophy - Josiah Butcher

Expedition Award - Chris Vasco

Family Bingo Night

Our inaugural bingo night took place on Friday 7th June, in place of our usual Anchor Boys session. The crack team of bingo experts (me, Michelle, Tom, Will, Miles, Cad and Steven) set up for the evening but to be honest we were a little apprehensive as we were unsure how many people would attend. We were very pleased to see that around 40 people came which included our Anchor boys, church members, family and friends.

Michelle was our caller for the evening, I ran the catering and Steven checked the winning lines. With sales of the books, sweets, tea/coffee and hotdogs we made around £140 which is enough to buy us some much needed sporting equipment for the anchor boys. We will let you know what we have bought as soon as we can. Thank you to everyone who came and played, helped out or just donated money, we really do appreciate all of your support.

Caroline Liversidge

Great British Quiz Night

On the 15th of June some of the boys in the Company Section hosted a Great British Quiz Night to help raise funds for a revamp of the hall, and other BB related activities, including camp!

We had a huge turn out with 64 quizzers in attendance making up 9 full tables. There were burgers and hotdogs served at the half time interval which went down a treat

After lots of questions it came to the final 2 rounds where any of the top half of the tables could have won it. As the tightly run contest came to an end the scores finished with 7 points between 1st and 3rd.

The whole night was a huge success making £620 before food costs. The logistics of the night were never in doubt with Stephen controlling the kitchen with the help of his assistance Chris and Jeffrey. The food all went out nice and smoothly and without any glitches owing to the great teamwork in the kitchen. Whilst Mr Caddies read out the final 5 rounds Stephen and Chris cleaned up the kitchen and Jeffrey helped with the marking of the rounds and adding up

the total scores. A special thank you goes to Stephen, Chris and Jeffrey for all their help and hard work to make the night happen!

Joseph Nicolaides

In other news the SUMMER SESSION HAS STARTED, only a few weeks left till the joys of camp. So far the boys have been to Jump-In Trampoline Parks, Bush Hill Park for the annual game of Danish Rounders, and all the way to Hemel Hempstead for a fun evening of Laser Quazar.

Everyone is really starting to get into the spirit of camp, and the excitement is ramping up. This will be the first year of camp for young Lee who will be moving up from junior section this September, as long as he remembers to get Derek wet, no matter what excuse or clipboard he is holding, he will be fine. This is also going to be Joseph and Tom's first years as starrrrfff at camp. Tom and Joe will be showing moral support to all the boys doing tent inspection in the mornings by reclining in their chairs with a nice warm mug of hot chocolate (courtesy of Mr Caddies).

Of course, this year we also have our annual JUMBLE SALE to raise the funds needed for us to go to camp. All donations are welcomed, and be sure to come and have a peruse of all the stands when the jumble sale opens on 6th JULY AT 10AM. Any help is more than appreciated, but if you can't help, please come along and have a browse.

It's sure to be a good few months.

Tom 'Bomber' Brown

Wordsearch

St. Swithun is the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day (15th July) it will then rain for 40 days after that. Swithun was Bishop of Winchester in the 9th century, and famous for his charitable gifts and for building churches. When he was dying in 862, he asked to be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door. But on 15th July 971 Swithun was dug up and moved into the cathedral itself. That same day many people claimed miraculous cures, but the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and for days following, was attributed to the power of St. Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral.

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Other local church activities

July

Date	Time	Activity	Location
7th	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
15th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Roy Pickering</i>	Christ Church
25th	10.30am	Community coffee morning	BHP Methodist

August

Date	Time	Activity	Location
4th	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
4th	4pm	Messy Church	Lancaster Road
19th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Summer Tea</i>	Christ Church
29th	10.30am	Community coffee morning	BHP Methodist

Weekly selection

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
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
	9.45am	Prayer (Fortnightly, alternates with above)	Lancaster Road
	2pm	Wednesday Fellowship (Talks from a variety of speakers, see Margaret Barbour for detail)	BHP Methodist
Fri	10am	Shoppers Coffee Morning	Lancaster Road
	4pm	EPIC (Club for kids in years 3-6)	Gospel Hall
Sat	9am	Breakfast Club (1st and 3rd 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
- 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)

