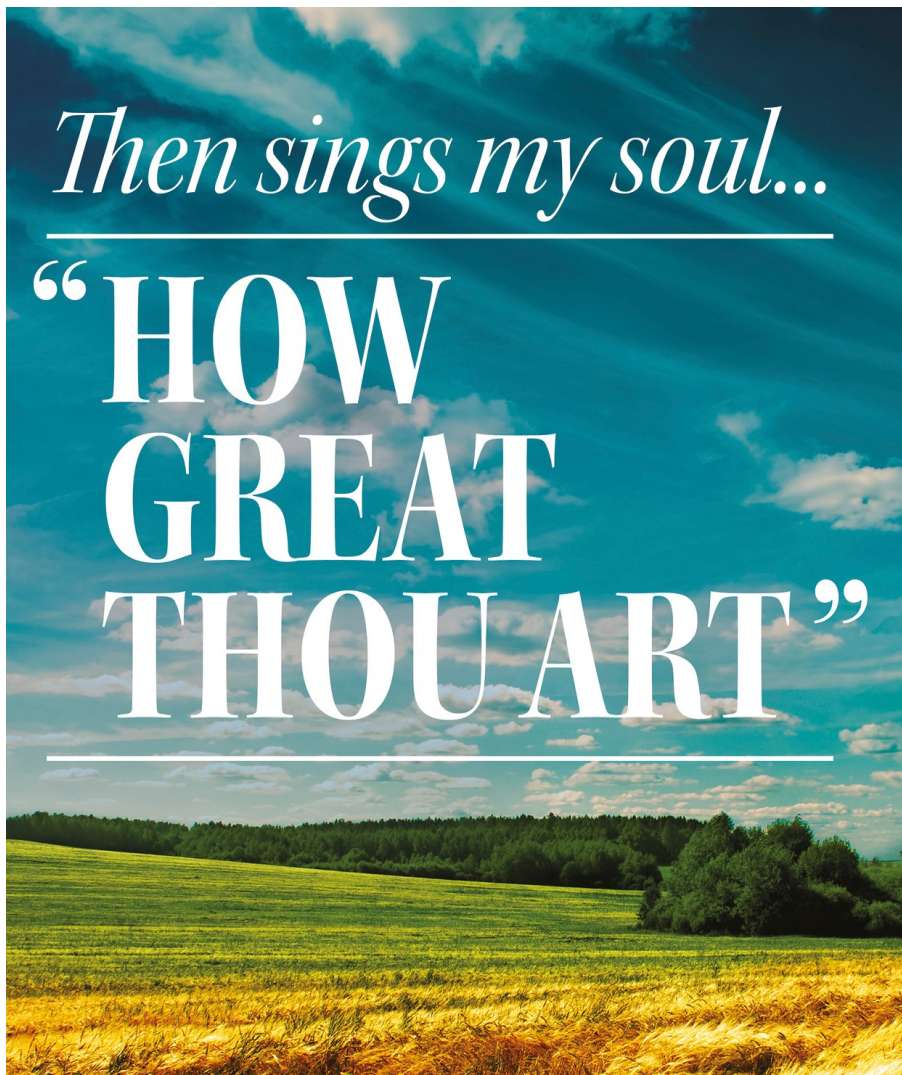


September 2019

Then sings my soul...

“HOW
GREAT
THOU ART”



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“Be like new-born babies who are thirsty for the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow and be saved.” (1 Peter 2:2)



How hungry are you?

I know that might sound like a strange question, but it's one that I'd like to ask you as we come to the end of the summer and look forward to a new school year.

Children, we hope, as some begin school and others change year groups, or even change schools; are eager to learn, to grow in their knowledge and understanding.

We hope that they are enthusiastic to discover what is going on in the world, how things work, how things grow, how to build things and simply to absorb knowledge.

But what about those of us who are older? Do we still have a passion to learn, to grow?

Some of us perhaps are still infants in our knowledge of the bible, our understanding of

God...and that's why I ask the question "how hungry are you?" I would dearly love to say that I am keen to discover more and more about God, but actually I think that I want to love God more and more and grow in my relationship with God, rather than be absorbed with gaining knowledge about God.

There is a slight difference, but I think it's a big difference.

How many of us have encountered people who seem to have a great knowledge about God, but have no love, no compassion, no tenderness about them.

The apostle famously wrote about this to the Corinthians, didn't he?:-

*"if I have prophetic power, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am **nothing**..." (1 Corinthians 13:2)*

Can we be enthusiastic for God, and for sharing what we have received from God with others, are we hungry for God, or is our

experience of Jesus something that is in need of refreshment, revitalizing, encouraging?

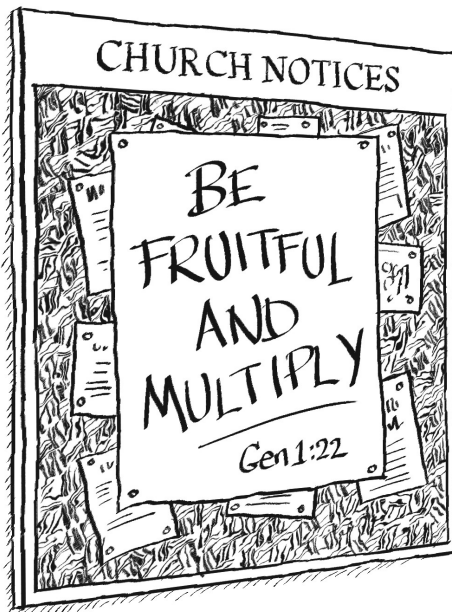
As a church, do we feel that we are hungry to find out what it is that God wants us to do, to be involved in or are we simply satisfied with what we've got going on at the moment?

I pray that we will all grow in wisdom, understanding and, most of all, in love for one another as we progress through

our own school year in Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church.

Your minister

Mark



The vicar's attempts to increase the number of children attending services were becoming less and less subtle...

Smile Lines

School blues

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

Books

Gardening vol. I	by Rose Bush
Gardening vol. II	by Rhoda Dendron
Gardening vol. III	by Ivan Hoe
Gardening vol. IV	by Honey Suckle
Gardening vol. V	by April Showers
Gardening vol. VI	by Holly Hock

Say it slow

On a beautiful late summer's day, two American tourists were driving through Wales. They reached Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwylllantysiliogogoch (yes, that place in Wales) and stopped for lunch.

Still gazing in fascination at the place name on the sign outside, one of the tourists approached the waitress and said: "Before we order, I wonder if you could settle an argument for us. Can you pronounce where we are, very, very, very slowly?"

"Sure," the girl shrugged. She leaned over the counter and said: "Burrrr-gurrrr-king".

Here is the News

Baby and Toddlers group

We have had a busy six months or so with sometimes over 30 children on a Wednesday; Fridays can be quiet but still, apparently, enjoyed by the kids and parents/carers. It certainly gives more time for interaction with the train set or jigsaws. The staff members do moan about having to put them together at the end of the session but secretly quite enjoy it!

We ended our session being joined by the Grafton Pre-School for entertainment by Mr Marvel. The children of all ages up to five were very good, totally engrossed in finding the missing mouse, and stroking the rabbit or simply jumping up and down and being hit on the head (supposedly). After lots of laughter the morning finished with milk lollies.

Alison and Sylvia

A quick thanks!

As a church we use Everflow Water for our water, they have told us that we have helped provide 66 wells in countries where water scarcity is common.

Everflow Water is committed to charitable giving. This runs through the core of the company, so for every 250 customers that join Everflow they commission the building of a well for people in countries who don't have access to clean, safe water.

Unclean water and poor sanitation are one of the biggest causes of disease and death in some of the poorest countries around the world, and we firmly believe in the importance of doing what we can to help those countries develop good water infrastructure.

Church Meeting

There is a church meeting on Sunday 8th September. One topic for discussion is a proposed change to the start time for Sunday services to 10am. Please come along to the service on the 8th to discuss this.

Eco Church update

Eco Church met in July to see how close we are to the bronze award. Now that we have the recycling boxes for biscuits, crackers, crisps, nuts, popcorn and pretzels as well as updates to the building like lights which automatically turn off and the BB bird boxes, the GB bug hotel plus the cycle racks (to name just a few improvements) we have reached the criteria needed for the bronze award! Well done to everyone.



There are more actions we can do to help us hopefully reach the silver award soon. One thing each member of the church can do is a carbon footprint survey (<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>). We would like to be able to publish an average figure for a member of our church in the next newsletter. To do that we need add as many members as possible to take the survey and email the number shown in tonnes on the weight under the footprint at the end of the survey to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk by 15th September. When you take the survey do please take a note of actions you could take to improve your carbon footprint.

We hope to make this an annual survey so we can see improvements year on year.

Lisa



Free* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 21st September



Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives. **U 2018 2h 10 Minutes**



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Government accepts recommendations on support for Persecuted Christians

The Bishop of Truro has welcomed the Government's commitment to accepting all of the recent recommendations of the Independent Review into FCO Support for Persecuted Christians.

The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, who chaired the review, said he hopes it will now become a significant catalyst for change.

Sir Alan Duncan (who was then a Foreign Office Minister) told the House of Commons that the Government had decided to accept every recommendation in full and outlined how they would take them forward. Sir Alan also said that a bold response was needed.

Bishop Philip said he was: "delighted that Sir Alan has formally recognised the need for a response across the rest of Government.

"Our review was restricted to looking at the support from the FCO, but there was a feeling from the outset that this needs a cross-governmental approach, as this crucial issue traverses many boundaries and is not something that can be neatly compartmentalised."

The Bishop hoped that there was "recognition at the highest level that Freedom of Religion or Belief is a fundamental human right – and one that is inextricably interconnected with other basic human rights."

He hoped that "the report will become a catalyst for change and enable Britain to pursue an aspiration to be the global leader in championing this right."

The Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth, said: "The plight of Christians around the world is all too often overlooked. We now expect this important report to provide renewed impetus for the Government to rise to the challenges so clearly identified and for the UK to become, as the report recommends, 'the global leader in championing Freedom of Religion and Belief for all'."

The Beatitudes: 'Blessed are the merciful'

One difference between grace and mercy is that grace is getting what we don't deserve (favour), and mercy is not getting what we do deserve (justice).' (R.T. Kendall). *Jesus calls us to show mercy in our everyday relationships: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.'* (Matthew 5:7).

How are we to show mercy to others?

Firstly, we are to ***be merciful to those in need***, as illustrated by the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus uses this parable to challenge the lawyer about who showed mercy to the man, who was mugged on the road. *'The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'* Jesus told him, *'Go and do likewise.'* (Luke 10:37). Our mercy will be demonstrated as we look out for those who are hungry, sick, outcast or lonely and show them practical love in meeting their needs.

Secondly, we are to ***be merciful to those who have wronged us***. The natural response, when somebody upsets or hurts us, is to get our own back and seek revenge. We feel justified when we see things going wrong in their lives. However, we are called to demonstrate the same mercy and compassion that God shows us, leaving the situation in his hands: *'Do not take revenge, my dear friends...if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.'* (Romans 12:19,20).

The promise of this beatitude is that those who show mercy who will also receive mercy, for it is a divine quality of God himself.

'The quality of mercy is not strain'd. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice bless'd...it is an attribute to God Himself' (William Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice).

The Rev Paul Hardingham

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Celebrating:

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6.30pm Friday

27th September

The Scout Field
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Whole Life Discipleship

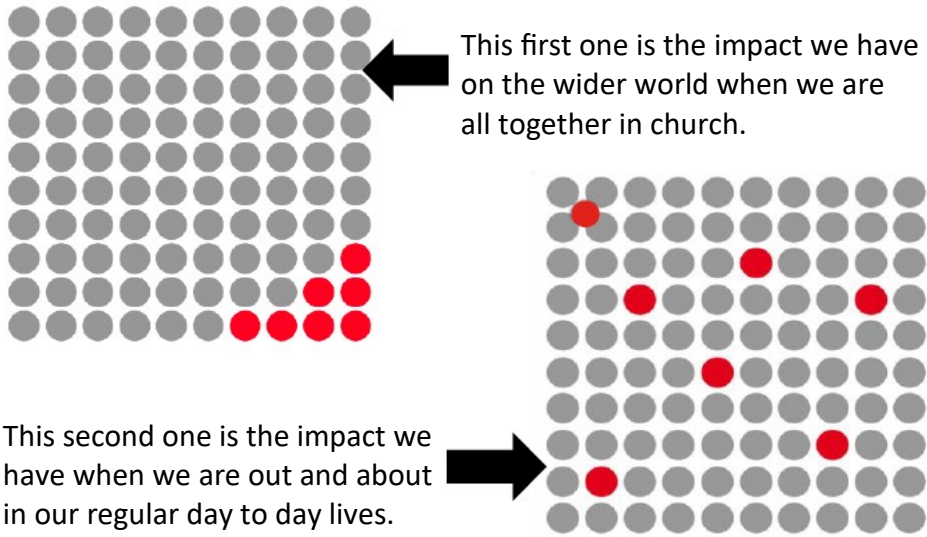
The London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) talks about Whole Life Discipleship to help think about how we live as the disciples of Jesus in our day to day life: at home, at work, at school and out and about doing our regular day to day things. They remind us that we spend a lot more time doing those regular day to day things than we do in church and challenge us to think about how we space in our worship together to time to consider how we are God's people in our regular day to day things. They ask questions about how being a Christian affects the way we do our work and relate to the people we meet. They ask questions about how we think about regular day to day things in Sunday worship: do we hear about what people do during the week? Do we talk about it? Do we pray about it? One big challenge from them is about how much effort we put into getting people in to church when we might find we'd be more effective disciples if we put as much effort into how we lived as Jesus' disciples out of church.

Their ideas are quite challenging, and the Synod think it might be good to churches to explore what we need to do differently so that we can put some more effort into this outward thinking.

To help this happen we are looking to run some "Learning Hubs" in the Synod. Learning hubs are the place you learn about the different things that need to happen in our churches to help us make this change of thinking from only focusing on getting people in to putting more energy in what we do when we are out. A learning hub would run over a series of months and different people would be encouraged to come to different sessions to look at different areas of church (worship, preaching, pastoral care, youth work etc.)

Enfield and East Hertfordshire Local Area Group are looking at whether your area group might be a good place to run a “Learning Hub”. What do you think?

2 images to help your thinking on this...



The Learning Hub will help us to explore what we need to do when we are together (1) to help us be better disciples of Jesus when we are out and about (2).

Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 15th September

All material for inclusion should be emailed to
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Revive reuse shop

To encourage reuse and recycling, Enfield Council have a Revive reuse shop at Barrowell Green Recycling Centre. The shop sells donated items including:

- antiques
- artwork
- bikes and bike parts
- books, CDs and DVDs
- clothing
- furniture
- garden items
- ornaments, trinkets and glassware
- toys and games



Reuse and recycling helps protect the environment by reducing the need to extract, refine and process raw materials, which creates a lot of air and water pollution. It also saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions, to help tackle climate change.

Profit will be used to support local projects and charities, such as the Mayor's Fund, and may also be used to reinvest in the site to help increase usage and profit of the facility. This will be determined at the end of the financial year (2019/20) once the full year position of the reuse shop is confirmed.

Opening hours are Tuesday to Sunday, from 8:30am to 4pm.

You can visit the shop at:

Barrowell Recycling Centre

Barrowell Green

Enfield

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Diary

September

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 1st	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Revd Barrie Thompson
Sat 7th	See Link sheet	Thanksgiving service for the life of Barbara Camp
Sun 8th	10:30am	Parade with Revd Mark Meatcher and Church Meeting
Mon 9th	6:15pm	Boys' Brigade Junior and Company section restarts after the summer break
Tues 10th	8:00pm	House Group restarts
Wed 11th	9:30am 6:15pm	Toddlers restarts Girls' Brigade restarts
Fri 13th	6:00pm	Anchor Boys' restarts
Sun 15th	10:30am	Worship with Michaela Lawrence
Mon 16th	10:30am	Funeral considerations (see page 25)
Sun 22nd	10:30am	Worship with Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 29th	11:00am	No service at BHP, join with Lancaster Road URC at 11am



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Prayer Diary

SEPTEMBER 2019

But the Lord is faithful,
and he will strengthen you
and protect you from the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Sunday 1st

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

Monday 2nd

Derek

Tuesday 3rd

For awareness of sanitation need
globally

Wednesday 4th

Cecil Avenue

Thursday 5th

Staff and pupils at Raglan Primary
School

Friday 6th

Children and staff at Al-Shurooq
School in Bethlehem who we

support as a church

Saturday 7th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 8th

Thanks for carers and those
helping people to live a normal
life

Monday 9th

Diann

Tuesday 10th

For the work of Toilet Twinning

Wednesday 11th

Clive Road

Thursday 12th

Staff and pupils at George Spicer
Primary School

Friday 13th

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

Saturday 14th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 15th

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

Monday 16th

Evelyn

Tuesday 17th

For education around hygiene, here and across the world

Wednesday 18th

Charles Street

Thursday 19th

Staff and pupils at Grafton Nursery School

Friday 20th

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

Saturday 21st

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 22nd

Thanks for what we harvest and can share with others

Monday 23rd

Fred

Tuesday 24th

Thanks for lives saved through Toilet Twinning and improved sanitation

Wednesday 25th

Chatsworth Drive

Thursday 26th

Staff and pupils at Bush Hill Park Primary School

Friday 27th

Those in pain, suffering without a diagnosis or cure

Saturday 28th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 29th

Give thanks for answered prayers

Monday 30th

Gertrude



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

I am privileged to serve on the United Reformed Church Equalities Committee of General Assembly and due to complete my 4-year term in July 2020. I will be sorry that such an interesting part of my involvement with the URC will be coming to an end.

During my time on the Committee I have become increasingly aware of the general lack of knowledge and understanding about equality, diversity and inclusion. The Equalities Act of 2010 (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance>) clearly states the areas where it is illegal to discriminate against people who are perceived as being "different". There are nine protected characteristics that are there to protect ALL people: age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

I am sure that none of us would want to suffer discrimination simply because we are young or old, married or single, or because we are a woman or a man. But sadly, I have heard several discriminatory comments about people lately, and it seems to me that such comments have become more frequent and more hurtful since the referendum.

I sat next an elderly lady on the bus the other day. We were waiting for the traffic lights in Christchurch and she turned to me and made some derogatory comment about the way a lady who was walking towards us was dressed. She actually looked very smart but I could not believe the vehemence of the comment from my fellow passenger: "what do you expect, she's a foreigner"!

Now I can almost hear you saying, "I would never make a comment like that", and yet I have heard derogatory comments from people within our Churches about people with a different sexual orientation

or gender identity from us. We are called by Jesus to love God and to love one another as ourselves, but it seems that, for some people, this command excludes lesbian, gay, bi, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people.

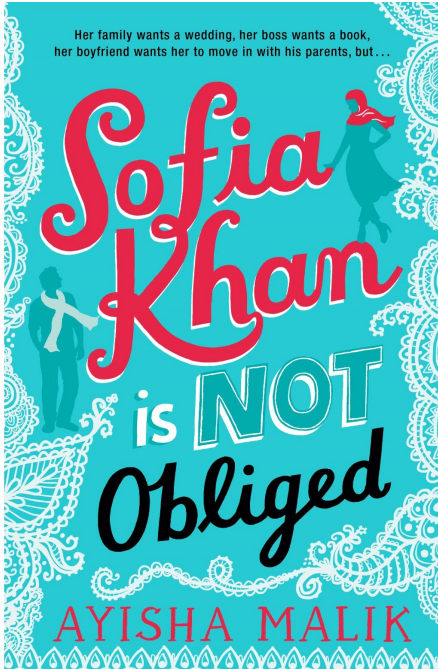
In 2014, Inclusive Church produced a handy series of six booklets on equality and discrimination. The booklets cover Disability, Poverty, Mental Health, Sexuality, Gender and Ethnicity and make very interesting and informative reading. Two of the books were authored by URC Ministers of Word and Sacraments: Ethnicity by Revd Michael Jaggasar, former Moderator of General Assembly and Poverty by Revd Susan Durber, former Principal of Westminster Theological College, where many of our ministers and lay preachers are trained.

Inclusive Church (<https://www.inclusive-church.org/>) is a non-denominational network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision: "... which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

I hope that one day our group of churches could agree to become part of that network so we can truly say that we welcome ALL God's people.

(The above was written by a good friend of Mark and Melanie's, Rosie Martin, for her local church magazine and is re-printed with permission)

Book Club



Sofia Khan is not obliged by Ayisha Malik

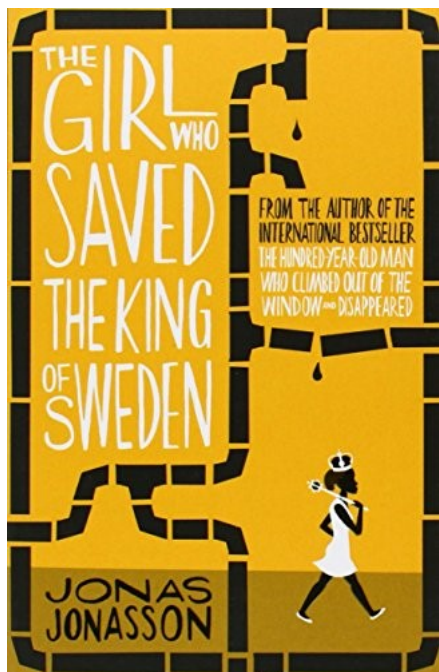
What a good book! Sofia is a Pakistani Muslim girl who has just broken up with her boyfriend because he doesn't want to move very far from his family - he wants to buy the house next door and knock a hole in the wall for easy access!

Sofia is then asked by her boss to write a book about the differences and challenges in dating and being Muslim.

The book follows the lives of several of Sofia's friends, and also her own problematic path which is led by her family who are very concerned that she is still living at home, unmarried, at the age of 30. Her mother loves her family but is not frightened to tell them what she thinks, delivered with an acerbic wit.

The book was interesting and thought-provoking, highlighting some of the differences/difficulties encountered along the way. We enjoyed it.

Yvonne

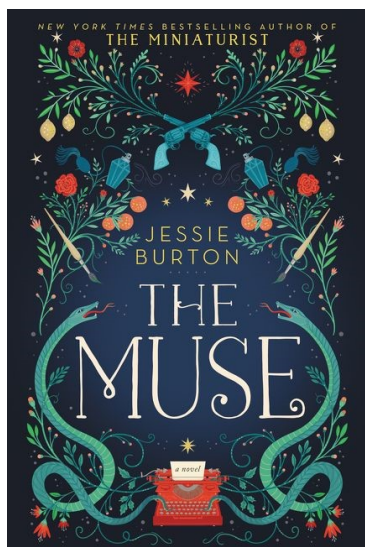


The Girl who saved the King of Sweden by Jonas Jonasson

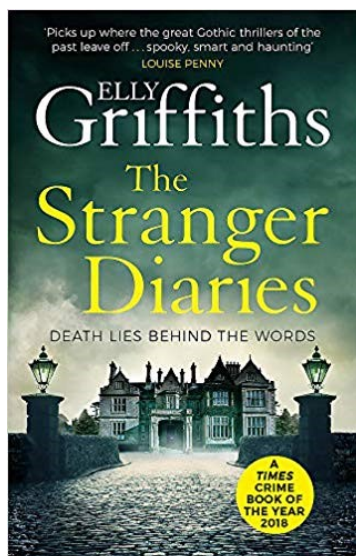
Put together, in neutral Sweden at the time of the Cold War, an illiterate latrine emptier from Soweto, a twin who was never registered at birth, two Israeli secret service agents, three Chinese girls who faked ancient artefacts and you have an amazing, silly and very funny read. Not forgetting the potato farming Countess and the Prime Minister doing the washing up.

We loved it!

Sylvia



For various reasons we will not meet until Monday 16th September so have listed two books: The Muse by Jessie Burton and The Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths.



Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea and Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
1st	Alison		Sylvia	Diann	Robin H
8th	Evelyn	Brigades	Jane & Ivy	Kath	Tony
15th	Kath	Judith	Valerie	Alison	Tony
22nd	Alison	Anne	Sylvia	Sylvia	Robin H

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.

An Indian feast

On Monday 12th August about 45 people sat down for an amazing feast of Indian food at Anokhi restaurant in Winchmore Hill. We had starters, main, vegetable side dishes, rice and naan bread which was all fantastic and really filled our bellies.

All this was to help raise money for the charities in West Bengal which Mark, Melanie and some members of the Enfield URC will visit in October.

We saw photos of the people in India who we were helping, heard stories of the impact we can make and had a raffle to boost the money raised.



All in all it was a wonderful evening out and we raised over £700 which will make a great difference to people's lives.

If you would like to help the charities, which Mark, Melanie and other church members will visit, you can by buying items from an Amazon India wishlist: amzn.in/60DmxyO.

Lisa

The story behind the hymn: How Great Thou Art

This well-loved, world famous Christian hymn began in Sweden, moved to Germany and Russia, and then to England and the USA, where it became world famous as the signature song of George Beverly Shea in the great Billy Graham Crusades.

In about 1887 Carl Boberg was a young lay-pastor in Sweden, walking home from church near Kronoback, Sweden, and listening to the church bells. Suddenly a violent storm blew up, with lightning and thunder and wind – and just as quickly it departed. In the calm following the storm, a rainbow appeared, and all nature was at peace. Boberg was inspired to write a poem, ‘O Store Gud’, on the greatness of God in Nature. He set it to an old Swedish folk tune, and it was first sung in Varmland in 1888.

‘O Store Gud’ became popular, and it began to spread. By 1907 it had been taken to Germany by a wealthy Baltic Baptist nobleman. By 1925 it had been translated into English ‘O Mighty God’ by a professor at North Park College in Illinois. But this gave way in 1949 to a different English translation, done by a British missionary to the Ukraine, Stuart K Hine, who called it How Great Thou Art, and rewrote some verses.

It was Hine’s version which went on to gain wide popularity in the USA at the Billy Graham Crusades. It was sung in the 1955 Toronto campaign, and then it really took off in 1957 in Madison Square Garden, New York, where Shea sang it 100 times during the campaign.

George Beverly Shea’s recording of the hymn has been ranked number 204 on the top recordings of the 20th century. Billy Graham once said: “The reason I like ‘How Great Thou Art’ is because it glorifies God. It turns Christian’s eyes toward God, rather than upon themselves. I use it as often as possible because it is such a God-honouring song.’

How Great Thou Art was voted the United Kingdom’s favourite hymn by BBC’s Songs of Praise programme, and it was second on the list of the ‘favourite hymns of all time’ in a 2001 survey by Christianity Today magazine.

It's your funeral...



Monday 16th September

10.30 - 12.00

Bush Hill Park URC

Have you ever wondered what might be helpful to your family and friends (and even the church minister) in organising your funeral ahead of time?



The
**United
Reformed
Church**

Enjoy a pleasant chat over coffee and cake with our minister and a local funeral director about some of the things that might be good to plan and organise.

There's no need to bring your diaries...

Prayer

Remember to pray

Remember to breathe.

Breathe in God.

Breathe as you walk, as you eat,
as you talk, as you sleep.

Remember to ask.

Ask God.

Ask as you work, as you rest,
at your worst, at your best.

Remember to thank.

Thank God.

Thanks for your life, for this day,
in its strife, all the way.

Remember to bless.

Bless God.

Blessings for royal peace,
for toil to cease.

by Tim Yau

From the URC prayer handbook 2016 for 18th September looking at 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Ed: If you have a prayer you would like put in the newsletter instead (or indeed as well as...) do email it to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk. 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

July started off with our annual jumble sale to raise money for camp. It was very successful this year with us raising more than enough money to go towards funding camp. This is due a lot to the help given to us by so many gracious volunteers who came to help set up on the Friday, or worked non-stop through the Saturday selling to customers left, right and centre. Our thanks go out to anyone who came to help, or anyone who came to buy some of the jumble, because every contribution helps us continue to do what we do.

Now onto the bit everyone's waiting to talk about... CAMP! In our last issue I said that this was the first camp for Lee, but over the summer session we managed to gain a few new recruits meaning that this year we had five new first years consisting of: Lee Clitherow, Kevin Gonzales, Charlie Watson, Jude Thompson and Jayden Gengadoo. We also had some new additions to the starrrrrf this year with Joe Nicolaides and Tom Brown joining the ranks of Junior Staff, bringing enthusiasm, energy and a giant duck with them.

This year's theme was Marvel Comics and everyone got into the spirit, with a whole host of costumes on the minibus including: Captain America, Spiderman, Iron men, and plenty of Thors. Joe and Tom who went down a day early even wore their costumes on the journey, thoroughly confusing everyone at waterloo station and the ferry terminal.

After a morning of set-up at the camp site, we start off camp with our first (of many) trips down to the beach to cool

off, then a trip up to the monument. Apparently the first years said that it was closed when they asked the shopkeeper, we can only hope it's open next year. It was then time for the first of many delicious meals cooked this year by our returning masterful chef Peter Rushbrook, this year he was assisted by his trusty left hand Charles Screaton, returning after a year away. With the amount of activities we manage to cram into camp the Chefs are the most important people at camp and deserve a huge thanks for the amount of work they put in while we're messing around with water buckets and rope. After dinner we had our traditional game of Danish Rounders to start the week off. It was a very successful game with the required amount of cheating from both sides, and Alan only managing to crush one child this year.

The rest of the week went off without a hitch with Sunday continuing with feats of strength and bulldog. On Monday morning the boys were dropped off in Brading for the Tom and Joe Foot Rally Extravaganza, with no one getting too lost, and everyone making it to the end. We then went back to the field for more food, initiative puzzles, Chinese whispers and football. This year's 5-a-side football was surprisingly won by the staff team, who definitely didn't have about 9 players on their side at one point in the game.

On Tuesday we had our Raft building day, with some of the sturdiest rafts I've ever seen being built by each team. It was definitely more effort getting them too and fro from the beach than the actual race was when we were down there.

Wednesday was our theme day 'Marvel Monday' with a surprise guest of Rev. Mark Meacher joining us for the day's activities, we definitely didn't throw him in the swimming pool upon arrival. The rest of theme day was excellent, with our beach parade in full costume down to the beach for beach Olympics and back up again for the theme day activities. Rev. Mark only stayed for the day and it was a pleasure having him join us for the day to see what we do at camp, I hope he had as much fun as we did.

The rest of the week saw our trips to Headhunters on the Thursday and a trip to Go-Karting on the Friday, which had some amazing crashes from Jason Gengadoo, who managed to get his kart half on top of the barrier at an angle. We also had our yearly trip down to Sandown (or Rundown as it really should be called). The weather this year was amazing with every day being warm and sunny, the only rain we had was on the night of the thunder storm, which saw the staff rushing around the campsite banging in tent pegs to stop the tents flying away. That was the night we almost lost Duck Van Dyke our giant rubber duck, but luckily he was found in the hedge the next morning by the search party. Apart from that one night the weather was beautiful the whole week long.

But soon enough camp was over, with us all returning to our normal lives. The one upside of the end of this year's camp being that next year's camp is now less than a year away!

BB restarts on the 9th of September, until then we can only sit and wait for the new Boys Brigade year to start again.

Tom 'Bomber' Brown

Wordsearch

Holy Cross Day (14th September) is when the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. It began back in the fourth century, when Helena, mother of the Christian Roman Emperor Constantine, travelled from Rome to Israel to seek out places of special significance to Christians.

Much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans in 135 AD, but even so, Helena located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. And that church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14th September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing about AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

holy	cross
day	celebrate
symbol	triumph
victory	death
helena	roman
emperor	constantine
rome	israel
site	crucifixion
burial	sepulchre
church	sign

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Other local church activities

September

Date	Time	Activity	Location
1st	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
16th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Speaker and painter - Linda Clarke</i>	Christ Church
26th	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
	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
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 (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)

