


October 2019



AUTUMN DAYS:
I MUSTN'T FORGET
TO SAY A GREAT BIG
THANK YOU!



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“Do you understand what you are reading?” Acts 8:30

How many times have you picked up the bible this past week and read it?

If you have done so, what did you discover, and did you share your thoughts about what you read with anybody at all?

One of the things that seems to be clear in the UK at present is that biblical literacy is falling quite quickly. Children and adults no longer have an understanding of the stories we find in the bible.

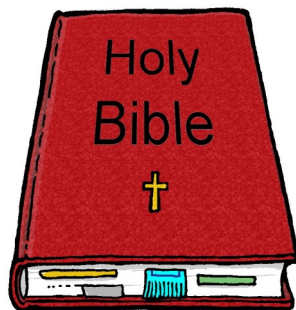
We might feel that there are many reasons for this, ranging from the lack of regular school religious assemblies (although I can't say I particularly enjoyed them when I was at school!) to lack of children attending Sunday school, a change in the attitude and approach of some uniformed organisations perhaps and a whole host of other reasons maybe.

Another reason could be that it is simply because some of us have stopped reading the bible

or have become unsure of how we should approach it.

Dave Tomlinson writes:-

“Over the years I have variously loved the bible and hated it listened to it and ignored it, been irritated by it and captivated by it, I have sometimes felt like throwing it away, sometimes found it impossible to put down. It is, for me, both an intimate friend and a stranger, a source of immense inspiration and the cause of constant annoyance. It is a push-pull relationship; whenever I try to walk away from the Bible, I find myself inescapably drawn back into it. I am repelled by many sentiments expressed in its pages and by some of its portrayals of God, yet it also inspires and informs my highest and most treasured



visions of who God is. And in a curious way it calls me, constantly, to be a better person than I am." (from "Re-enchanting Christianity by Dave Tomlinson)

Might that be your experience, and might you, as a result of some of the negative encounters you have had with the bible, have stopped reading it?

Several years ago now I had the privilege to hear a leading theologian speak to many learned scholars (I must have gate-crashed the event somehow!) and he talked about Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch where Philip draws near to the Ethiopian's transport and asks whether the eunuch understands what he is

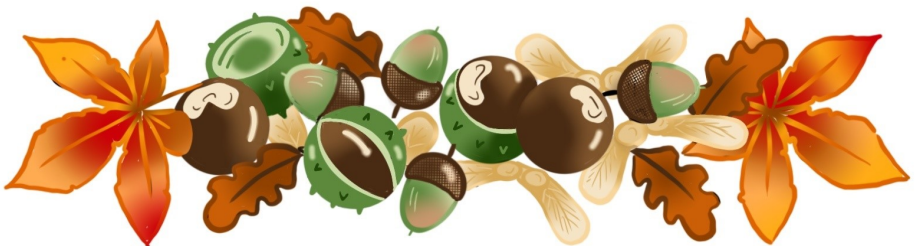
reading. I'd like to ask you the same question... and invite you to discuss your answers with other church members.

We need to have confidence in our faith, confidence in what message the written word of God might have for us, so that we can share the life that Jesus gives us through the Holy Spirit with the world around us.

Why not try it this month?

Explore, encounter and embrace the scriptures and see where they might lead you.

*Your ministers,
Mark and Melanie*



Smile Lines

Opting out

There are 100 members in our church,
But 30 are frail and elderly.
That leaves 70 to do all the work,
But 18 are young people at college.
That leaves 52 to do all the work.
But 14 are tired businessmen,
So that leaves 38 to do all the work.
But 16 are busy wives with jobs and children,
That leaves 22 to do all the work.
But a further 10 have most important outside interests,
That leaves 12 to do all the work,
But 5 live too far away to come regularly,
So that leaves 7 to do all the work.
And 5 say they've already done their bit for the church.
That leaves you and me,
And I'm exhausted.
Good luck to you!

Family Bible surprise

A little boy was fascinated as he fingered through the pages of the old family Bible. Suddenly, an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages fluttered out. "Mum, come quick!" he cried. "I think I just found Adam's underwear!"

School

A little girl was struggling with her first term at school. "I'm just wasting my time," she sobbed to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

Here is the News

Harvest donation to FoodBank

Thank you to everyone who donated food at our harvest service on 15th September for the FoodBank.



Toilet Twinning

As well as the harvest donation we had a collection to twin our other toilets in addition to already twinning the accessible toilet. Michaela donated her fee for the service, which added to the collection means we have just raised enough to twin two more toilets. Thank you.

Time change from January

Church meeting approved that, from January, we will move our Sunday services to start at 10am. This will mean we should see much more of Mark and we can move forward together.

Please pray for this change, that it would benefit Mark and our church and that it isn't too early for the people who don't do early mornings!

Christian Resources Exhibition

The Christian Resources Exhibition is on again at Esher from 15th to 17th October. Mark and Melanie will be attending on the Thursday. If you're interested in going then please let them know as they should be able to get tickets for you (as you don't have to go on the say day they will be there!)

India 2020

Mark and Melanie are intending to be back in India again in 2020 - if you're interested in joining them on a trip there next year then please do let them know.

An information evening about the trip will be held at the manse, 50 Churchbury Lane, Enfield on Friday 18th October at 7.30pm for those who might want to learn more.

Stepwise

Early in 2020 Mark and Melanie hope to begin a Stepwise course in Enfield for those who may be interested.

Stepwise is for those keen to reflect on, and develop their Christian faith ready to be stimulated and challenged, and for those who want to make a difference in their own life and the lives of others. Stepwise emphasises the importance of learning from your daily life - wherever you are and whoever God might be calling you to be.

Please do let Mark, Melanie or Laura Marlow know if you think this could be of interest to you.



"So really, it is very easy to understand how Brexit will affect our parish..."

Ashamed



On Tuesday (3rd September) Melanie Smith and I joined hundreds of others at the #NoFaithinWar demonstration at the ExCel Centre in London as part of a week of protests

against the Defence and Security International Exhibition which is due to be held at the ExCel Centre next week.

DSEI is the showcase for many manufacturers of weapons of warfare and promotes weapon sales by giving arms dealers the chance to meet and greet military delegations, government officials, other arms companies and a host of individual visitors.

The #NoFaithinWar protest was attended by representatives of many different Christian groups, accompanied by others from various different faiths together with atheists and agnostics.

Whilst I was delighted to be able to be there supporting many others I came away from my day with one over-riding feeling, a feeling of being ashamed.

I was ashamed because at around 2.30 pm the police literally burst into a very peaceful and moving time of Quaker worship being



attended by approximately 300 people (including Melanie and myself) and loudly announced that they were going to clear the road and people needed to move out of the way.

They proceeded to continue to tell people that at 3pm they would start arresting people for obstruction of the public highway.

This they then did, with 48 arrests being made, of people of all ages, one of whom, I found out later, had been involved in marches with Martin Luther-King, and another of whom was blind!

I was ashamed because this was an act of worship that was interrupted.

I was ashamed because they were arresting peaceful protestors and yet no-one was arresting any government members for selling weapons of warfare to Saudi Arabia, something that the British courts have held to be illegal.

I was ashamed because it felt to me that the police were simply being used as tools of a system that is finance driven and not people focused. If we cared more about the people of the world we live in than making money then we would stop supplying arms to others.

The protests continue with others taking the lead on different days during the week ahead, and on Monday evening our Quaker friends will be holding a vigil outside the ExCel centre – if you can get there please do go!

Rev Mark Meatcher



The Beatitudes: ‘Blessed are the pure in heart’

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God’ (Matthew 5:8).

Simon Stylites was a Christian, living in Syria around 400 AD, who wanted to be totally pure in his devotion to God. In order to avoid distractions, he lived in the desert on top of a pillar for 37 years. Now is this what Jesus intended for the pure in heart?

Does being single-minded for God mean that our lives should be dominated by ‘Christian’ activities, like Bible reading and prayer, and that God isn’t really interested in the rest of our lives? To be pure in heart is to make God the number one priority in our lives. When this happens everything else in our lives, including work, leisure, relationships, time, money etc, will fall into place. When our overall aim is pleasing and serving God, we’ll find many ways of working this out in practice.

To be pure in heart also means we aim to be completely sincere in all our relationships. In a culture where the pressure to conform is very great, it means living life in an open and honest way, with nothing to hide. This is the way God intends us to live, as we operate from a pure heart before Him. The challenge is relating to others without any hidden agendas, so that ‘what you see is what you get’!

Jesus promises that God will reveal Himself to the pure in heart and that one day they will see God face to face. Deception blinds us, while purity opens our eyes to see God.

‘Lord, we Thy presence seek; May ours this blessing be; Give us a pure and lowly heart, A temple meet for Thee.’ (Hymn: Blest are the pure in heart).

Rev Paul Hardingham

Free* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 19th October



A kind-hearted street urchin and a power-hungry Grand Vizier vie for a magic lamp that has the power to make their deepest wishes come true. **PG 2019 2h 08 Minutes**



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

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EU Settlement scheme

Citizens Advice Enfield are trying to promote the need for EU nationals to apply for settlement. They have free sessions twice a week to help people apply.

There is a full explanation of the settlement scheme at the link below
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/staying-in-the-uk-after-brexits/staying-in-the-uk-after-brexits/>

These are the key points:

- You don't need to apply if you are a British or Irish citizen.
- You don't need to apply for settled status or citizenship if you have indefinite leave to remain. However, it's still worth applying for settled status because you can live outside the UK for 5 years without losing your status. With indefinite leave to remain, you can only live outside the UK for 2 years.
- If you have permanent residence - your document will not be valid after 31 December 2020. You need to apply for either settled status (free) or citizenship (very expensive) to protect your rights in the UK after that date.
- If you are an EU national and none of the above apply, you will probably need to apply if you want to stay in the UK and should get advice.

It is in everyone's interests to sort out settlement – it is free of charge, quite simple to do and can make it much easier to prove your right to live here to prospective landlords and employers and access benefits in the UK if you ever need to.

The Citizens Advice Bureau are available every Wednesday in Enfield Town library and every Friday in Palmers Green library to provide help to complete your application. At the Friday session they can also give advice on issues such as benefits, debt and housing.

Diary

October

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sun 6th	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Terry Silvey
Sun 13th	10:30am	Enrolment Parade Worship with Revd Martin Legg
Sat 19th	3:00pm	Family Film Feast - Aladdin, see p11
Sun 20th	10:30am	Worship with Evodian Fonyonga
Sun 27th	10:30am	Worship with Revd Mark Meatcher
Tue 29th	8:00pm	Joint elders meeting at Lancaster Road URC

Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 13th October

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

Prayer Diary

OCTOBER 2019

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-2

Tuesday 1st

That God will send people to us
to help in his mission for Bush
Hill Park

Wednesday 2nd

Cross Road

Thursday 3rd

For politics of wisdom, integrity,
self-sacrifice and policymaking
for the good of all

Friday 4th

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

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for our musicians, the
stewards, tea makers, those who

project our services and provide
the flowers week by week

Monday 7th

Gertrude

Tuesday 8th

For the future of our church and
fellowship

Wednesday 9th

Delhi Road

Thursday 10th

For the positive influence of
God's people for the good of all
throughout all Government de-
partments

Friday 11th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

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

Monday 14th

Ivy

Tuesday 15th

That we as a fellowship will be
open to the guiding of the Holy
Spirit

Wednesday 16th

Dimsdale Drive

Thursday 17th

For effective and gracious Chris-
tian presence and influence in
political debate

Friday 18th

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

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks for the small things peo-
ple do to help us

Monday 21st

Jane

Tuesday 22nd

The leadership of the church and
its organisations

Wednesday 23rd

Downs Road

Thursday 24th

For the work of the House of
Commons and the House of
Lords: that good and just deci-
sions will be made and that the
tone of debate is measured and
constructive

Friday 25th

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

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Give thanks for good health

Monday 28th

Jill

Tuesday 29th

That people will earnestly pray
about their role in the church
and if they are being led to take
a more active part in the life of
the church and its mission

Wednesday 30th

East Crescent

Thursday 31st

For integrity, truth and compas-
sion throughout Government

A letter from The United Reformed Church

Finance Committee

To: The members and friends of each local URC congregation

‘THANK YOU’ for what you help us achieve together in God’s name

The purpose of this letter is to say **‘Thank you’** to each and every one of you for all that you do for the Church and, especially, for your help in **raising over £19 million in 2018 for the URC Ministry and Mission Fund**. For Christians, any giving of ours is in response to the amazing generosity of God in pouring out his love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and through his risen life in the world and the church today, through the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, it is important to say ‘thank you’.

The URC is like a big family, about 46,000 members in 1,400 churches served by just under 400 ministers. In any thriving family, members support each other and want the best for each other. In the URC, we are all seeking to *‘Walk the way: live the life of Jesus today’* and to enable others to do so too.

For most of us, this idea of the church as family is most easily seen in the life of our own local church. That is where we regularly worship God and also seek to serve our own community and share God’s love with them. There are 1,400 different ways in which this is happening and a colossal amount of worshipping and witnessing and working for the kingdom happening in URC congregations across our three nations. **‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom in your local churches.**

A crucial part of what your local church does, like any family, is support you in all that you do in your daily lives. That is where we all *‘Walk the way’*.

‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom in your daily discipleship.

But the wider family of the United Reformed Church is more than the sum of its parts. We belong to each other under God and through our sharing of resources as well as burdens, opportunities as well as challenges, we achieve more together. You can get a flavour of this from the reports of the last Mission Council on the URC website – from new resources for Pilots and children to disinvesting in fossil fuels; from the challenge to be better at safeguarding to the need for a new General Secretary. **‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom through the wider Church, including your giving**

which enables your church to give to the Ministry and Mission Fund.

You might ask ‘how much should I give?’ That is a matter for you. The Church has sometimes suggested 5% of after tax income, but that is only a guide. If your church is looking at ‘Holy habits’ then one of those covers giving. If not, there are other resources on the stewardship pages of the URC website.

The URC Finance Committee is responsible for the oversight of the finances of the central United Reformed Church. Each year, our local churches raise more than £19 million for the Ministry and Mission Fund. Over 80% of this money is used to pay for stipendiary ministers and church related community workers and their training.

For a long time, the number of ministers in the United Reformed Church has been falling at roughly the same rate as the number of church members. What has fallen more dramatically over the years has been the average size of URC congregations – now around 35. So, the challenge which is exercising people across the Church is not so much a shortage of ministers, but how to make the best use of the ministers we have got in the context of small, often widely dispersed, congregations.

It is an extraordinary demonstration of commitment and generosity that the average giving per member to the Ministry and Mission Fund continues to go up each year. Although the number of URC members has been going down by a few percent each year, the total amount raised has been going down much more slowly. The total raised in 2018 was less than 0.5% lower than the total for 2017. These contributions are voluntary but they are not optional. They are an expression of our commitment to each other. The United Reformed Church could not function without them. **‘THANK YOU’ for your church’s contribution to the Ministry and Mission Fund.**

NB: the contribution to the Ministry and Mission Fund requested from each local church is a matter for its Synod. The central Church is not directly involved.

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter then please speak to your church treasurer, who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help then they will get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

Yours sincerely, Ian Hardie (Treasurer) and John Piper (Deputy Treasurer)

Book Club

The Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths

A gripping contemporary Gothic thriller is how it is advertised.

Clare Cassidy is no stranger to tales of murder. As a literature teacher specialising in the Gothic writer R.M. Holland, she teaches a short course on them every year. Then Clare's life and work collide tragically when one of her colleagues is found dead, a line from an R.M. Holland story by her body. The investigating police detective is convinced the writer's works somehow hold the key to the case.

Not knowing who to trust, and afraid that the killer is someone she knows, Clare confides her darkest suspicions and fears about the case to her journal. Then one day she notices some other writing in the diary. Writing that isn't hers...

The story unfolds with information from the main characters.

A good read, with a twist, of course.

The Muse by Jessie Burton

This story is set between 1960s England and southern Spain in the pre-WW2 years, involving the Spanish Civil war and its horrors. A good writer, the characters do come to life. Odelle is a typist from Trinidad who migrates to England and starts work for 'Quick' in an Art Gallery in London. Then along comes a young man with an interesting painting.

We found this an excellent read as the events unfolded; to be recommended.

We next meet on Monday 21 October at 10:30, back to the morning, at least to try it. The next book is *The Darkness* by Ragnar Jonasson. An Icelandic detective story.

Sylvia Page



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Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea and Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
6th	Evelyn	Robin H	Yvonne	Alison	Robin H
13th		Brigades	Jane & Ivy	Diann	Tony
20th	Alison	Anne	Valerie	Alison	Robin H
27th		Sue	Sylvia	Sylvia	

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.

Meeting God in the Whirlwind: Theological and Pastoral Reflections on the book of Job

annual Study/Away Day led by Dr Alison Gray
at Bush Hill Park Methodist Church
on 2nd November

The book of Job asks, and faces, some of the most fundamental and complex questions of human life and faith. In this day workshop, we will be exploring why Job might have been written, and how the book goes about asking and answering questions of pain and suffering, reward and punishment, moral order and chaos.

We will be looking at the role of Job's friends as 'comforters' from the perspective of pastoral encounters, and at how Job might be represented in Christian preaching and teaching.

The day starts with coffee from 9.30 and ends with a Communion Service at around 3pm. Lunch is provided, there will be the opportunity for donations.

Dr Alison Gray is Tutor in Old Testament Language, Literature & Theology, Westminster College, Cambridge;
Bye-Fellow and Director of Studies in Theology at Selwyn College, Cambridge.



The Algerian church needs our help

The Bible Society is hard at work in Algeria, even though some of its staff could be arrested and imprisoned at any time.

But they are willing to take the risk, in order to support the besieged church there, which is begging for as many as 50 Bibles every week. As a Bible Society spokesman explains: “Our office remains the only place in Algeria where you can be sure to get a Bible.”

The Church in Algeria lives under pressure and suspicion, in a country rocked by political instability. But when church buildings are forced to close, the Christians simply put up tents and meet there instead.

It costs £5 to provide a Bible to believers in Algeria. If you can help, please go to <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

Asia Bibi calls for blasphemy reform

Asia Bibi, the Christian who spent eight years on death row in Pakistan on charges of blasphemy, has called for reform of the blasphemy laws.

Giving an interview in Canada, for the first time since her release from prison, Bibi told the Sunday Telegraph: “I pray to God that everyone falsely implicated in blasphemy cases should be released, that they get freedom and God helps them.

“There should be proper investigation mechanisms while applying this law. We should not consider anyone sinful for this act [blasphemy] without any proof, she added.

Bibi also spoke about her time in a Pakistani jail. She said that her Christian faith had never faltered, and that when her daughters had visited her, she had never let them see her suffering. “I used to cry alone, filled with pain and grief,” she added.

Bibi and her family are currently living in Canada, but they may be moving to Europe in the coming months.

Prayer

God of all time,
You are preparing us for a future yet to be revealed.
Teach us to be a people willing to travel in opinion and practice
rather than those marooned upon an island of uncertainty.

As politicians meet,
in corridors, meetings rooms and coffee shops,
may they look for common ground
on new horizons
where the needs of those they serve
are best met.

As young and old search for identity,
in groups, alone, or in social media,
may they recognise the value of difference
and of speaking with another,
and create a world where passion
leads to conversation rather than pain.

As communities living together,
in villages, towns and cities,
may we be welcoming of our neighbours,
building a world
where the difficult discussions
reveal the Presence of heaven.

Amen

by MaryAnn Rennie

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

Summer may have come to an end but the dawn of autumn marks the beginning of the BB year. Finishing with strong numbers at the end of last year, they continued as we started back up for 2019/20. James has now gone off to uni along with Tom Brown, but we have some return new editions to the boys with Anthony, Charlie and Jaden joining, having come to the summer session last year, and we have welcomed Lee who has joined us from the Junior Section! We started back on Monday 2nd September with 14 boys. As it was the first Monday back after the Summer holidays we had a relaxed evening while the boys competed in top team challenges.

We have two upcoming trips, one of which is to an aqua park with a giant inflatable course on water, which the boys enjoyed last year despite the cold water. The second trip is to Rye House Kart Raceway which is a go karting race track, another trip that is enjoyed by all!

The second week back we started with the first set of badge classes for the year. For those boys in year 7, 8 and 9 they are making stop motion productions. Stop motion is defined as an animated film making technique where objects are physically moved in small increments between individually photographed frames so that they will appear to exhibit independent motion when the series of photos are played back as a fast sequence. Similar to the effect of post it note cartoons. The boys have been split into three groups each making their own unique stop motion production from a

lumberjack to a jewellery robbery and a car chase. For this the boys are using Lego character as well as mini sets and backgrounds. For the first week the boys planned their story lines, made a story board and started to play around with their ideas before testing them out. In the next few weeks the boys will be bringing their stories to life.

The boys that are in year 10 or above are getting back into their Duke of Edinburgh, revisiting their map reading and route planning skills as well as preparing for a practice walk at the start of October. Unlike Cad the boys won't be planning a route that passes various of his favourite hot chocolate spots. Once they have their route planned they'll have set checkpoints to reach, the wilderness to navigate



and meals to plan which they will be taking with them and cooking on the sites they stay at. Following the success of the earlier Easter Expedition I'm sure they'll have nothing to worry about! Find out next month how they got along.

Joe Nicolaides

The previous month's Harvest Festival donation from the Genetic Modification research laboratory was proving to be a useful stop-gap until the steeple restoration fund reached its target

Wordsearch

October brings us Harvest, and Psalm 65 expresses it perfectly: “You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it... You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance... the hills are clothed with gladness, the meadows are covered with flock and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing.”

corn	rain	mud	wheat
abundance	goodness	riches	pumpkins
marrows	water	thankful	food
crops	soften	carts	overflow
praise	care	blessing	meadows
flocks			



Other local church activities

October

Date	Time	Activity	Location
6th	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
6th	4pm	Messy Church	Lancaster Road
21st	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Zimbabwe - Sylvia Coombs</i>	Christ Church
31st	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** 10.00am 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)

