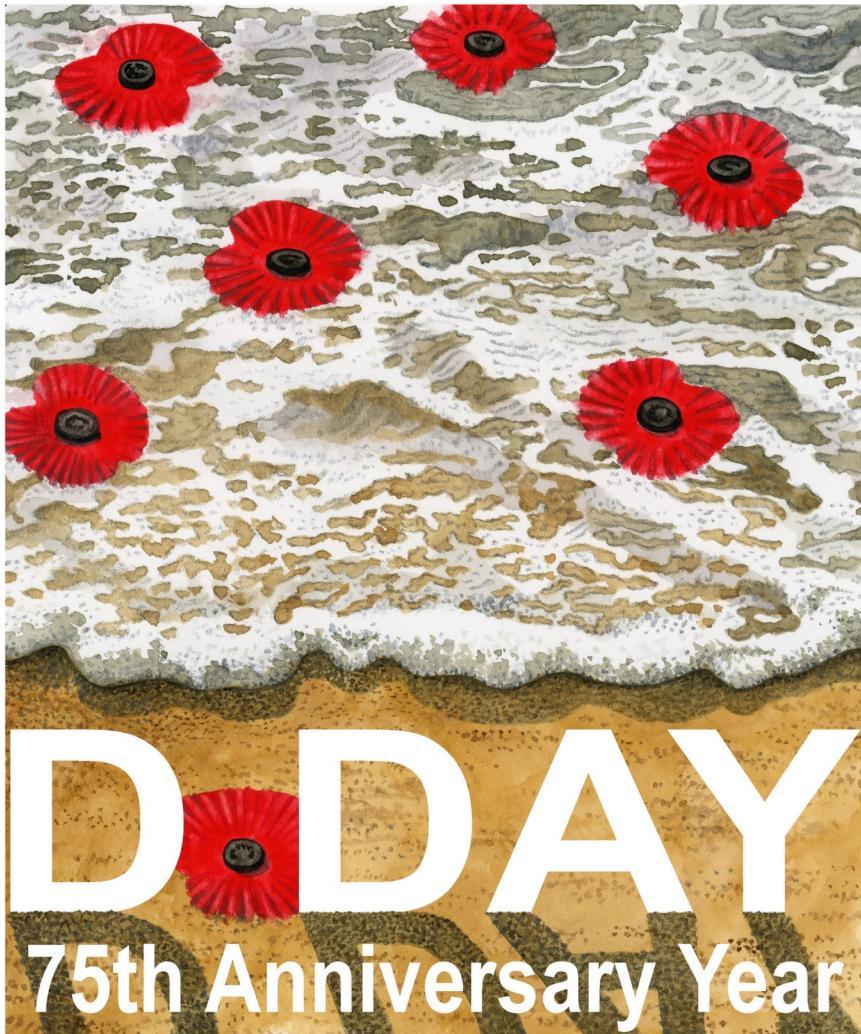




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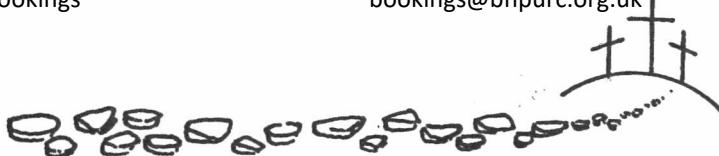
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The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church policy.

As we come again to remember those who lost their lives in order that we could be free today to live as we do, our remembering causes us to think, alongside giving thanks for those who fought for the country, about how important it is that we should be doing all that we can to prevent any unnecessary loss of life in the here and now, and in the future.

It is probably fairly easy for us to think about not being at war in the future, not being involved in a conflict like the United Kingdom saw between 1914 and 1918 and again between 1939 and 1945, but we wonder how many of us realise the number of wars that are raging today around the world?

There have been 10,000 or more deaths in conflicts in Afghanistan, Mexico, Syria and the Yemen in the past year.

There are 55 places in the world where conflict is going on today.

We wonder also how many of us realise how many of these conflicts we as a country are actually involved in? We might



see occasionally reports of how our soldiers are training others, we might learn of involvement of our special forces in covert operations but how often do we hear the stories about how we supply weapons of warfare to many around the world?

We are involved, and we are not sure that we should be trying to pretend we do not have knowledge of our involvement and are therefore not guilty.

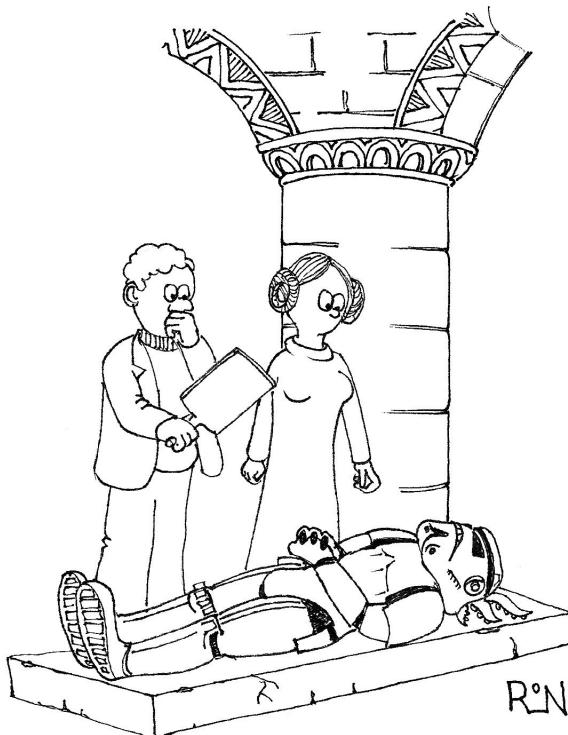
So, for us, the appropriate response when we come to give thanks for those incredible people who gave their lives over many years for the peace of the United Kingdom, and for the peace of the world, is to commit

ourselves to the cause of peace,
to becoming and being
peacemakers and peacekeepers.

And such roles are not restricted
to places of war. We can be
peacemakers and peacekeepers
in our homes, in our
communities, in our workplaces,
wherever in fact we may be.

Our prayer for you this
Remembrance Sunday is that
you would remember, and
ensure that we never forget by
giving yourself to the cause of
peace in this world.

Mark and Melanie



He'd fought in the wars, but the guide
didn't say which ones

Smile Lines

Ketchup

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it. "It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother.

Then she told her caller: "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Lead us not...

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen"

Thou shalt not

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbour's wife."

Expectant

The rector of a church had just made the happy announcement that a member of the congregation was with child. Then he reminisced a bit: 'As far as I know, there have been no pregnancies in this church for years - until I arrived!'

Here is the News

All Souls Day

On Saturday 2nd November, at Palmers Green URC, there will be the opportunity for us to think about those loved ones we have lost, with prayer stations and reflection space open to the community between 10.30am and 3pm. At 3pm, there will be an act of worship, bringing our thoughts together. Please fell free to drop in for all or part of the day.

Charity Christmas Cards

The Cards for Good Causes Card Shop will open at Palmers Green URC between Saturday 26 October and Wednesday 11 December. It's open each day from 10am until 4pm, Monday to Saturdays. If you are buying Christmas cards this year, please do visit Palmers Green and look at the wonderful selection available.

Volunteers Needed for the new Community Patrol Scheme

The Community Patrol scheme has been up and running since March 2019 to help tackle youth crime and help make our kids feel safer on their journeys to and from school. We are a peaceful scheme supported by the Metropolitan Police to be eyes and ears for the police but also if young people are felling unsafe and need an adult. It's been very successful and the results are showing in the youth crime dropping in the town and reports back that the kids feel safer.

To become part of the scheme please email:
communitypatrol@loveyourdoorstep.co.uk

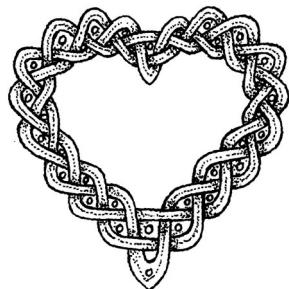
At the moment Patrols run in Enfield Town lunch times and after school and also in Highlands School and Village area after school. It's a wonderful scheme to be involved in and volunteers currently are parents, grandparents and members of the community.

Emma

You are loved by God

One of the most beautiful passages in Scripture is found in Isaiah 43:
'...you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned...For I am the Lord, your God,.. you are precious and honoured in my sight, and ...I love you...(Isa 43: 1- 4)

Write down that last phrase on a card: 'You are precious and honoured in my sight...I love you.' It is tremendous – and astonishing. YOU are loved by GOD. Who else do you need to impress? What other ladder do you need to climb? What are you going to add to your CV to top that? When you are tempted to despair, when you are afraid, anxious, alone, remember: God loves you. He said so Himself.



Green Tip

Have you thought how you can cut down single use items in the kitchen? For kitchen towel, use an old dish cloth, a cut up tea towel, or a scrap of old sheet etc. to wipe up those spills, and then stick them through the wash with your normal load of teas towels. Instead of using cling film, put a plate on top of the dish.

Many of us lived in an age before kitchen roll and cling film, we can do so again! How about turning back to loose leaf tea, even? If you have space, you can buy large 5lt containers of washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, fabric softener etc., so you can refill your standard sized bottles time and again. Ethical Superstore's online shop has a load of bulk purchase options.

The Beatitudes: ‘Blessed are the peacemakers’

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.’ (Matthew 5:9).

H.G. Wells wrote of Mr Polly, *‘he was not so much a human being as a civil war.’* A lack of peace in our lives reflects the lack of peace in our families, community and nation.

In this beatitude, Jesus calls us to be peacemakers by overcoming conflict and bringing unity to relationships. This is very different from being a *peacelover!* It calls for hard work, patience and a willingness to understand the disagreement. We also risk misunderstanding and rejection by those we’re trying to help. This brings a much-needed perspective to the current Brexit debate!

What perspective does a follower of Jesus bring to peacemaking? Jesus says we will *‘be called children of God’*, because we demonstrate the family likeness of the ultimate peacemaker. On the cross Jesus has enabled us to have peace with God (Romans 5:1) and broken down the walls of hostility between people (Ephesians 2:14). To be a peacemaker starts by recognising that God *‘has reconciled us to Himself through Christ’* (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Our mission is to implore people to *‘be reconciled to God.’* (2 Corinthians 5:20). This is the only true path to inner peace, as it is rooted in the reality of peace with God.

We are also called to bring peace between people, especially in the local church. It’s easy to avoid doing anything because we want a peaceful life! It means confronting situations where relationships have broken down and bringing people together in unity of heart and mind. The role of peacemaking is never easy; it cost Jesus His life and will undoubtedly change us: *‘reconciliation takes place when two opposing forces clash and somebody gets crushed in between.’*

The Rev Paul Hardingham

India Trip review

Driving through rural West Bengal with verdant green paddy fields rushing past you, punctuated by the bright red, yellow and oranges of sari-clad women and the film-star quiffs of young men on motorbikes riding past, you could be forgiven to think you were on a Bollywood set. As you enter a hamlet of traditionally thatched mud dwellings, with bare-footed children smiling and waving you past, you might wonder if you've been transported back to some innocent bygone era, unchanged for centuries.

But scratch the surface and you find that the stark reality is that in the Sarenga area of West Bengal, we are not in a garden of Eden, where oxen, goats, chickens and dogs co-habit in a peaceful idyll (although they do seem to!). Villages, which appear picture-box at first sight, are places of high illiteracy, poor health and traditional customs; customs which could see a new-born's umbilical cord wiped with cow-dung to bring good luck, and hands washed in sewage-steeped mud. Added to this are high suicide rates among young men who cannot afford to pay back debts for seeds for planting on their small plots of ancestral land and old men almost comatose at 11.00 in the morning, from illicit home-brew and drug abuse. Human trafficking of children is an ever-present danger.

This is the context in which USPG are supporting a community health programme through Khristiya Seva Niketan (KSN), a 125-bed hospital run by the URC's partner church, the Church of North India. The name of the hospital, which was founded in 1914, is Bengali for 'The house of Christian service'. The USPG partnership with KSN is called CAFORD, Community Approach for



Rural Development. It aims to provide appropriate, holistic and affordable healthcare that maximises community participation.

To date, CAFORD has been able to address concerns such as tackling chronic diseases, improving hygiene and sanitation, providing safe drinking water, reducing communicable diseases, encouraging employment and small-scale industry, and encouraging children to stay in school. Particular tasks of the mobile clinics include eye-screening, testing for chronic diseases, treating minor ailments, and health education, facilitating a health programme that is helping the hospital and the local church establish closer connections with local communities.



Project worker, Sukanyu Mandi, took those of us from our Enfield URCs on a trip to several of these communities. In one village, after being greeted by young women presenting bowls of water at our feet in a traditional welcome, we were able to watch Sukanyu demonstrating hand-washing techniques to a group of local women, men and children. In communities where water-born disease is a big health risk, such basic lessons are potentially lifesaving.

We also were able to meet several people who had received life-renewing cataract operations at KSN, after having been identified through the programme. One older gentleman told us that it was like seeing with the eyes of a child again. Another, when the group were about to leave the village, insisted that we visit his home, as he too had benefitted from an operation at KSN. Mothers with small children proudly presented them to us, having given birth at KSN. Much amusement was had as we tried to explain that we didn't all live on farms. Back at KSN, we visited the classroom



where women were learning how to use sewing machines, with the aim of increasing employability and possibly creating a small business.

It would be easy to romanticise the poverty, given that so

many faces displayed such big smiles with light and easy laughter and offered us such a warm and generous welcome. Yet the poverty we witnessed here and elsewhere was deep and harrowing, but still there were so many glimmers of hope. There was a God-given dignity as women rushed off to dress in their traditional tribal saris, so that they could have their photographs taken with us, photographs they'd never see. God's love was tangible in the eyes and hands of those who have dedicated their lives to working with some of the most vulnerable people on the planet.



As we tell more stories of our visit to India, please do pray that the work of KSN, CNI and USPG may prosper, to the glory of God. If you would like to support this work in India in other ways, please do speak to us.

Every Blessing,

Melanie and Mark

How Armistice Day began, 100 years ago

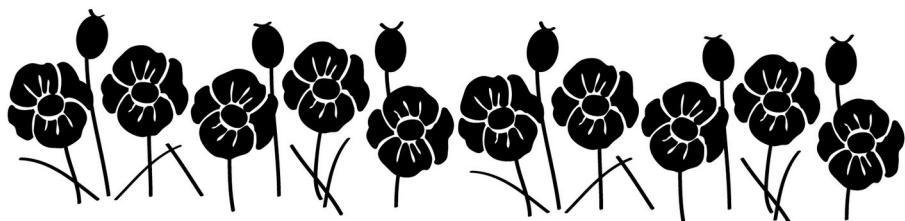
It was 100 years ago, on 11th November 1919, that the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day) was marked in the UK. King George V had issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am to remember the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The two-minute silence was in fact adopted from a South African idea that had spread from Cape Town through the Commonwealth in 1919. The first minute was dedicated to those who died in the war, and the second to those left behind – families affected by bereavement and other effects of the conflict.

The Cenotaph was erected temporarily in Whitehall for a peace parade for Armistice Day in 1920. After a tremendous nationwide response, it became a permanent structure, and in the following years war memorials were created in other British towns and cities.

In 1939, the two-minute silence of Armistice Day was moved to the nearest Sunday to 11th November, so that it would not conflict with wartime production. This tradition continued after World War II – Remembrance Sunday is still marked with a national service, and by special services in most churches throughout the country and beyond. Americans mark Veterans Day instead.

Tim Lenton



**METHODIST CHURCH
ENFIELD CIRCUIT
INVITES YOU TO
A STUDY DAY FOR WORSHIP
LEADERS, LOCAL PREACHERS
AND PASTORAL VISITORS**

Theme

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

Speaker/Facilitator

DR ALISON GRAY

Director of Studies - Westminster College, Cambridge.

Saturday, 2nd November 2019

9am – 4pm

**Bush Hill Park Methodist Church
135 Wellington Road, Enfield EN1 2RS**

There is no cost for this training and lunch will be provided

**For more information and to book your space, please contact
before 20th October 2019:**

*Revd Papa Owusu on
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or Anne Pulford on 07930 920941, Email: annepulfo@gmail.com*

Diary

November

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sat 2nd	9:00am from 10:30am	Study day at BHP Methodist Church, see page 12 All Souls Day space to reflect and service at 3pm, Palmers Green URC
Sun 3rd	10:00am 10:30am	Prayers in the church Communion with Revd Barrie Thompson
Sun 10th	10:30am	Remembrance Parade Worship with Christine Hall
Sat 16th	3:00pm	Family Film Feast - see page 10
Sun 17th	10:30am	Worship with Ray Pettipher
Fri 22nd	7:30pm	Honesty over Silence at Enfield Baptist Church, see page 20
Sun 24th	10:30am	Worship with Terry Silvey

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

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

Prayer Diary

NOVEMBER 2019

Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Friday 1st

Those suffering from HIV & AIDS
and the charities who seek to
find a cure

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for those who faithfully
attend our church services week
by week

Monday 4th

John

Tuesday 5th

Worship God for his beauty

Wednesday 6th

Erminside

Thursday 7th

Local Councillor for Bush Hill
Park – Clare De Silva

Friday 8th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 10th

Thank God for the freedoms we
enjoy to pray and worship and to
participate in public life

Monday 11st

Joseph

Tuesday 12th

Worship God for his majesty

Wednesday 13th

Falmer Road

Thursday 14th

Local Councillor for Bush Hill Park – James Hockney

Friday 15th

Crime reduction initiatives

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

Give thanks for God's love

Monday 18th

Judith

Tuesday 19th

Worship God for his kindness

Wednesday 20th

First Avenue

Thursday 21st

Local Councillor for Bush Hill Park – Will Coleshill

Friday 22nd

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

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 24th

Thanks for those who love us and share our lives

Monday 25th

Julia

Tuesday 26th

Worship God for his faithfulness

Wednesday 27th

Firs Park Avenue

Thursday 28th

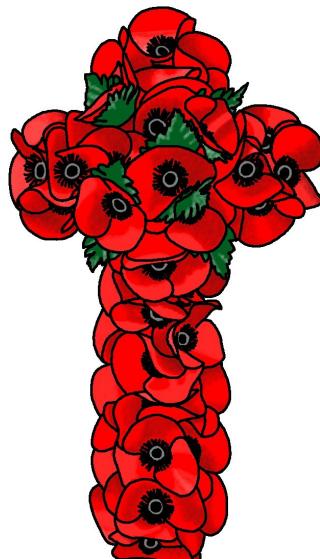
Local politics and council decisions

Friday 29th

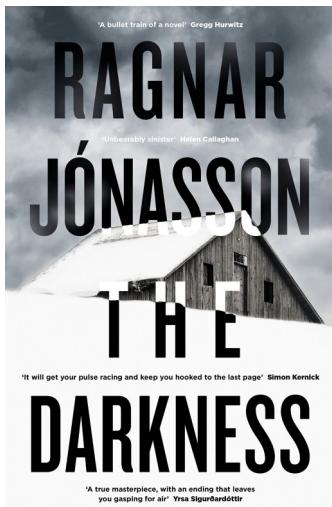
Child carers and the charities who help with support and enjoyable events

Saturday 30th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow



Book Club



The Darkness by Ragnar Jonasson

This was quite a quick read, a bit of a page turner but written in the modern style of two stories linked but tumbling into each other to keep the mind active!

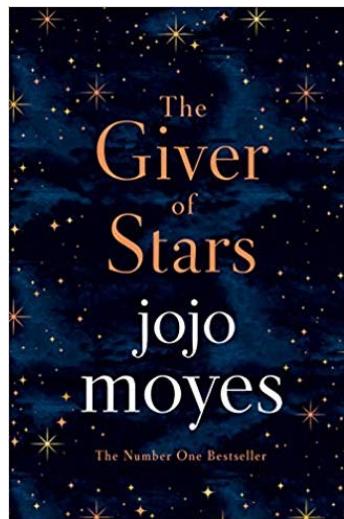
The story centres on a senior detective, Hulda, a troubled woman with a dark past, who is being forced into retirement much against her will. Before she leaves, she is offered a 'cold' case to investigate, which she does in the hope of leaving on a high. She chooses one where a Russian girl, who

came to Iceland in the hope of finding asylum but whose body was found on a remote beach. After a brief investigation the case was quickly declared a suicide and closed. On looking at the evidence again, Hulda finds another girl went missing at the same time but was never found. The deeper she investigates, the more it seems her colleagues do not want to assist her efforts...

It certainly had some unforeseen twists at the end, and we were re-introduced to the harsh Icelandic environment of short daylight hours and freezing weather that we first encountered in 'The Sealwoman's gift', which was interesting.

Our next book is 'The Giver of Stars' by Jojo Moyes - another author we have not tackled before. We meet on Monday 11 November at 10:30.

Yvonne & Sylvia





We live in challenging times. There is a great need for churches to speak out and challenge injustice.

Do you want to put faith into action, and build a powerful social movement to end poverty and hunger in the UK?

On Wednesday 20th November, join supporters of Church Action on Poverty, and others who share that vision, for reflection, inspiration and action.

Put your faith into action

- Hear from people on the margins who are speaking truth to power themselves.
- Explore how churches and others can take action to transform the unjust systems that trap people in poverty
- Get practical ideas for how your church or community can be more open to people on the margins
- Hear inspiring stories from local activists and projects supported by Church Action on Poverty: Poverty Truth Commissions, Your Local Pantry, Self-Reliant Groups, End Hunger UK
- Meet and share ideas with like-minded folk from across London
- Find out about how you can support the End Hunger UK campaign locally
- Pick up practical ideas and resources to engage your church in practical action, prayer and worship

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Book your free ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speaking-truth-to-power-putting-faith-into-action-south-east-regional-gathering-tickets-70627768557>

Rotas

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

If you can fill in the gaps above please put your name in the sheet on the wall in the lounge.

If you would like to do any of the above but feel you'd need a little guidance first please talk to Lisa, she'll make sure you find the right person. The sound room is easier than you think - go on, volunteer!



Safeguarding Statement

Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).

We expect all of our leaders, volunteers and those who use our premises to share this commitment and value the support of those who worship here in achieving this. Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).

Please visit <http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding> for further information.

KINTSUGI HOPE, CWR AND LOCAL CHURCHES PRESENT

HONESTY IT'S OK NOT TO BE OK OVER SILENCE



PATRICK
REGAN OBE
SPEAKER,
AUTHOR



DIANE
REGAN
SINGER
SONGWRITER

Honesty Over Silence is an evening of live music and talks, seeking to open up conversations around difficult topics such as trusting in God when life is painful, and dealing with anxiety and depression.

Friday 22 November at 7.30pm, doors open at 6.30pm
Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG
Tickets are free but still needed for entry at:

www.eventbrite.com/e/honesty-over-silence-the-tour-tickets-66445709

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Nigeria now the ‘largest killing ground for Christians in the world’

There are warnings that religious violence in Nigeria is spiralling out of control. The United Nations describes a ‘pressure cooker of injustice’. And a leading US human rights campaigner fears Nigeria could be set to implode, destabilising surrounding countries.

UK-based Release International supports Christian victims of violence around the world. Its partners in Nigeria warn of an agenda of Islamisation.

Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi says Fulani militia are being used to drive Christians out of the North.

In his new book, *Neither Bomb Nor Bullet*, (Lion Hudson) he writes: ‘Nigeria is being described as the largest killing ground for Christians in the world today. First Boko Haram and now Fulani militants. The plan we see being executed is to wipe Christianity from the face of northern Nigeria.’

As lawlessness spreads, growing numbers of church members and pastors are being killed and kidnapped. The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) says that in Kaduna state alone, more than 500 Christians have been abducted in the past four years.

‘Pastors and church members are being kidnapped, huge sums of money are being demanded, and nothing has been done by the Nigerian government to halt the situation,’ Kaduna state CAN Chairman Joseph Hayap told the *Christian Post*.

Since 2011, an estimated 11,000 people have been killed in conflict featuring Fulani militia. The death toll is said to be six times higher than that caused by Boko Haram terrorists.

This growing conflict is often characterised in the West as between Fulani herdsmen, seeking fresh grazing land because of climate change, and predominantly Christian farmers. But alongside this there is growing evidence of a heavily-armed Fulani militia, sometimes in army uniforms, attacking Christian villages, slaughtering the inhabitants, driving them out and taking over their lands.

In the House of Lords, Baroness Cox observed: “There has been a very disturbing change in the behaviour of the Fulani herdsmen... In the last two to three years they have adopted a new policy: attacking Christian villages, killing local people, destroying homes, driving villagers off their lands and settling in their place.

“There are concerns that the Fulani militants are now so well armed that they are possibly fighting a proxy war for Boko Haram, with the shared agenda of driving Christians out of their homelands in northern and central-belt Nigeria.”

The ten-year insurgency by Boko Haram has killed some 27,000 people and driven 1.7 million from their homes, according to the United Nations. Some now see the Fulani militia as a greater menace.

A veteran human rights campaigner has warned of a ‘gathering storm in Nigeria’. Former congressman, Frank Wolf, writing on US website, *The Hill*, says: ‘Many believe Nigeria is about to implode, which would destabilise the surrounding countries and send millions of refugees north into Europe and beyond.’

Release International CEO Paul Robinson says: “We ignore the Islamist agenda in Nigeria at our peril. Boko Haram’s stated aim is to take over the country for Islam. Fulani militants are playing into that same agenda. Meanwhile, Christians in the north are being killed and driven out in their thousands.”

Enfield SACRE and North London Area BCU present

Vision of Hope

A community event to celebrate

INTER FAITH WEEK

A 'celebration of peace' event

Concert starts at 2.30pm with

TALLY KOREN, Iffat Khanum
& Vocally Sound Gospel Choir



November 17th
1pm - 5pm at

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Faith stalls, World Cafe
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understanding between
people of religious and
non-religious beliefs



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Prayer

Forgive me, Lord, for what I do

Forgive me, Lord,

but I don't know who I am.

Am I like a gambler, gambling with my faith

believing that a little bit of clothing

is all I need to wear?

Am I like a spectator, standing at a distance,

watching injustice unfold

without a word of protest?

Am I like a passerby, listening to the scoffers,

hoping that the crucified

will save themselves from death?

Am I like an enemy, shouting with the mockers,

teasing the persecuted

with cheap wine no one wants to drink?

Forgive me, Lord,

I don't know who I am.

Help me, Lord, to find the you in me.

Richard Becher

From the URC prayer handbook 2016 for 20th November looking at Luke 23:33-43

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.

Girls' Brigade News

Our day at Hertfordshire Young Mariners

On Saturday 21st September we went, with other companies from the District, to enjoy a day of caving and kayaking.

First we had a talk from the two people who were going to be our instructors for the day. They were called Jaq and Dave. We then went to get our helmets ready for our caving experience. The hats had to be adjusted which was quite difficult, then we had a practice trying to get through some very small tunnels. Our instructors took us over to the site where the man made tunnels were - it was a little bit scary. We went through tunnels, saw cave drawings and fossils. At one point we all had to turn our lights off. It was really, really dark.

After the caving it was time for lunch. As it was such a beautiful day we had a picnic outside. Amanda, an officer from Southgate shared chocolate cakes and biscuits with us all. We also picked some blackberries from the bushes nearby.

It was then time to get ready for the kayaking. First we had to get life jackets just in case we fell in. Once these were fitted we carried the boats to the bank and fetched the paddles. Soon we were ready, sitting in the boats the instructors dropped us into the water. We had a practice at paddling and getting the kayak to go in the right direction. Then we set off down the river and into the lake next door. There we had to do some exercises. The first one was an obstacle course through the willow trees. Unfortunately Lizzie could not do this one as she is allergic to willow trees. Then we played a game like stuck in the mud. One person chased the rest and had to touch the end of your kayak you then had to stay still and hold your paddle upright waiting for another person to rescue you. Lastly we had a race to

the marker buoy. When it was time to finish we were told to hold our boats in a line making a kayak raft. Then we had to get out of our kayak and crawl along the other and jump off the last one into the river.

We had a welcome shower before going home.

Elizabeth Rees and Jessica McBride

This session all age groups have been looking at the heavens. We learnt about the planets of our solar system and how they travel round the sun. We made pictures of the star patterns and tried to learn their names. Then with polystyrene balls and coat hanger wire we made a model of the earth going round the sun and the moon going round the earth learning about the seasons and tides.

For our next project we are making banners. Our first one, which will hang in the church, we hope to have finished for Remembrance Sunday and then we will move on to make individual ones for our bedrooms.

Charlotte McBride



...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...

Boys' Brigade News

With the first half term coming to a close the boys are finishing up their first badge classes / Duke of Edinburgh sessions of the year.

Year 7 to 9

The boys in year 7 to 9 have been making stop motion productions and they are looking very good as they finish up. Over the past five Mondays the boys have taken over 750 pictures to make their videos. Nearing completion on their final shoots, 600 pictures is equivalent to around 25 seconds of production. All three groups have taken different routes with their story-lines, from farmers and lumberjacks to jewellery heists it has it all! For the last week before the half term break each group will be putting the finishing touches to their sequences before a final showing.

Year 10s upwards

The boys in year 10 and upwards have been working hard towards their DofE Bronze. Along with Tuesday Night Circuit Training for their physical, each boy must also learn a new skill and volunteer (each for three or six months). They have been working increasingly hard on map reading, it came as a shock to some of them when they were told they couldn't follow Google Maps! Learning their lefts from their rights and their Norths from their Souths the boys planned a practice route. They then left early one Saturday morning to go on a practice walk which I have been informed went very well, even if Mr Caddies was on the hunt for a hot chocolate the whole time! For their real expedition they will have to

plan their route, breaks and food for the weekend.

Trips

Following enrolment, a full bus set off for quasar and a full bus made it back. There was fierce competition between the reds and the blues. As the reds led by Derek headed into the arena followed by Cad's blue team it was all to play for. In the end it was the blues who narrowly came out on top. There is also an upcoming Go Karting trip which is another trip that is always enjoyed by all and where the boys have lots of fun!

At the enrolment service Taejah, Jahsiah and Jafari Johnson became Lance Corporals, Chris was promoted to Corporal and Josiah Butcher became a Sargent.

Over half term we hope to do some DIY too which the boys will be involved in.

On the right is a picture from the return from quasar of part of the winning blue team.

Joe Nicolaides



Wordsearch

War and remembrance

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, when the Allied Forces of Britain, America, Canada, and France attacked the German forces on the coast of Normandy, France. The Allies' victory became the turning point for World War II in Europe.

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day). It was in 1919 that King George V had issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am on 11th November, to remember the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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Other local church activities

November

Date	Time	Activity	Location
3rd	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
18th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Roy Pickering</i>	Christ Church
28th	10.30am	Community coffee morning	BHP Methodist

Weekly

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Sun	6.30pm	Service (1st of the month is Café style, 4th of the month is Contemporary with the band)	Lancaster Road
Mon	10am	Ladies Bible Study	Living Room
	7.30pm	English Conversation Club	Living Room
	7.45pm	Prayer at Betty's (Fortnightly)	BHP Methodist
Tues	10am	Tots and Toys	Gospel Hall
	10.30am	United Prayer (1st and 3rd of the month)	Winchmore Hill Baptist
	1.30pm	Open House (Coffee and Chat)	Living Room
Wed	9.45am	Bible Study (Fortnightly)	Lancaster Road
	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)

