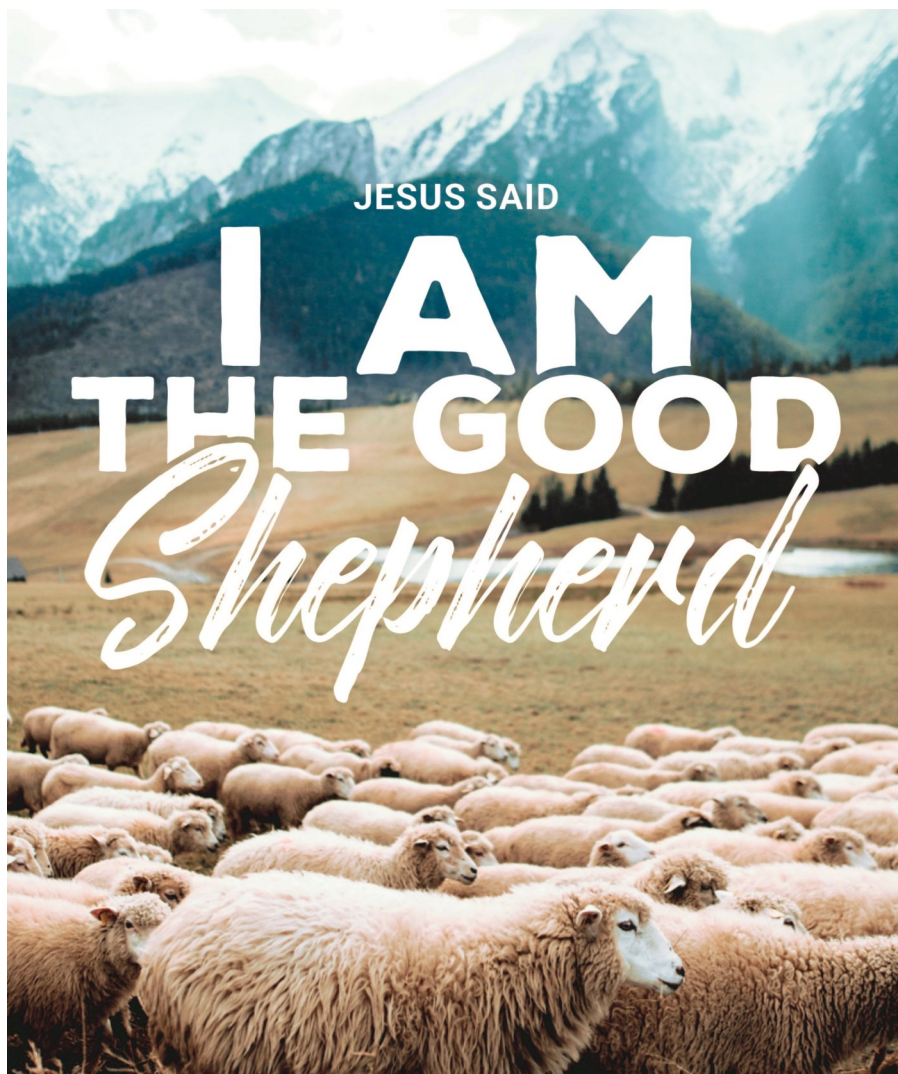


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New ways

He told them this parable: 'No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins.

Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, "The old is better."' (Luke 5: 36 – 39)



When people start talking about new things and change how do you react?

Recently reading a couple of commentaries on the above passage it was noted that the last verse "The old is better", does not appear where the story is told in the other gospels where it appears.

Why does Luke include it then?

Was there something about the past or past patterns of behaviour that Luke was trying to say to the people he was writing to that actually were not better? Was he trying to convince them that the new way, the way of the gospel of Jesus Christ, was better,

different in so many ways and worthy of exploring?

William Barclay comments that *"The whole passage is Jesus' condemnation of the shut mind and a plea that new ideas should not be rejected."*

Challenge to do new things, look at things in a different way, is always hard to do – especially when you have been doing things the same way for a long time and have learnt many behaviour styles from your childhood, and kept to them.

The way we deal with people, the environment, the church, work, is all now a product, for most of us, of many years

training, behaviour patterns that we have developed.

So should we change those patterns when asked to try something new?

Tom Wright, commenting on the above passage observes:-
"People sometimes use this passage to justify every bright idea and to mock every tradition, but that's not the idea. Jesus is doing a new thing; this new thing still forms the basis of Christianity today. The real

challenge of this passage is to see where in the world – and, of course, in the church too – people are living today as though the old age was still the norm, as though the new life of the gospel had never burst in upon us. The task then is to live out the new life, the new energy, which was at the heart of Jesus' teaching and work."

Plenty there for us to consider as we pass through the new year...

Your ministers,
Mark and Melanie



Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...

Smile Lines

What are angels like?

Try asking school children that question, and you'll get some imaginative replies! Like these....

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. - Sara, aged 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His Son, who's a very good carpenter.
- Jared, aged 8

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. - Kate, aged 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the kid get over it. - Vicky, aged 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. - Sarah, aged 7

Here is the News

Save the date - A major conference on Christian and spiritual peace making | Saturday 25th April 2020, Maria Fidelis Catholic School in London

The Network of Christian Peace Organisations, of which the Peace and Disarmament Programme of QPSW and the Northern Friends Peace Board are active members, is holding a major conference on Christian and spiritual peace making next year. The conference, whose provisional title is Prophets and Reconcilers, will take place on Saturday 25th April at the Maria Fidelis Catholic School in London.

Provisional major themes of the conference are Militarism and the Path of Jesus, Nonviolence in Times of Climate Emergency and United Societies in Divided Times. The exact timing and programme are to be confirmed.

As this conference aims to encourage and strengthen reflection and engagement with peace issues among representatives of various faith communities, it requires engagement by Christians from across the country. This conference is an important opportunity for spiritual peacemakers from across the country to come together and to discuss how we can strengthen our work to build a peaceful and just society.

For more information please contact the Peace and Disarmament Programme Manager Daniel Jakopovich at danielj@quaker.org.uk

It's all in the spelling...

G – God
R – ran
A – alongside
C – carrying
E – everything



Eco-tip

Following hearing him speak at Greenbelt last year we finally got round to buying Mike Berners-Lee's book *"There is no Planet B: A Handbook for the Make or Break Years"*, and can do no better this month than recommend that you get your own copy.

It is full of fascinating insights as to the issues facing humanity today. Here's a few quotes to get you started:-

"when you go shopping, what you buy is not just the product itself but also a whole set of implications for everyone who was involved in producing it."

"Inequality is the main reason why anyone today does not have access to a healthy diet."

"The elimination of household and catering waste in just Europe and the Americas alone would add 10% to the world food supply."

The book is full of short statements, facts and figures about food, climate and the environment, travel and transport, business and technology and the like – all presented in an easy to read style.

So, without filling this newsletter with many more tips:-

"We all need to push our money into the supply chains that we want to see thriving. Ask where, ultimately, will the money you spend end up? Who will get richer, and what will they in turn invest in?"

Whilst that might not sound like an eco-tip in the first place one of the things that Mike Berners-Lee is very clear on is that a lot of issues facing us are inter-related – there is no one solution, we have to work on things together!

Mark and Melanie

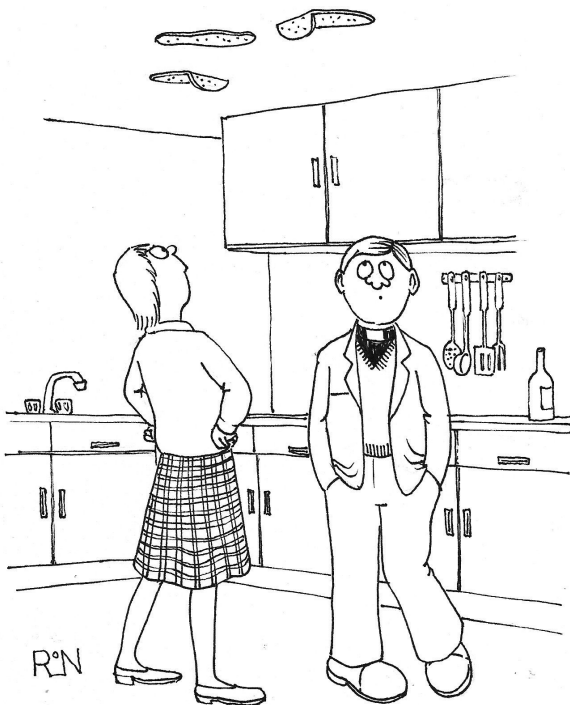
How do you feel about sharing your faith?

Perhaps you have been 'gossiping the gospel' for years? Maybe you even lead a small group, or are passionate about community outreach?

Or – perhaps you feel a quiver of panic at the very thought of talking about your faith. Society seems to be hostile, and so you struggle to know how to engage with people who think very differently from you.

If you struggle, then here is good news: Bible Society is keen to help you. It has recently launched a new website called Lumino (<https://lumino.bible/>) to do just that.

Lumino aims to support Christians who want to share the good news. It explains the different types of people you are likely to encounter, and their attitudes to the Bible and Christianity. Bible Society has found from research that "an estimated 20% of the population is open to the Bible, open to faith and interested in knowing more. What an exciting opportunity..."



*"Pancake party?" said Simon,
"What Pancake Party?"*



Lifting the Lid Lent 2019

**7.30 for 8.00pm Tuesdays 12th, 19th, 26th March, 2nd April
Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church**

One in four of us will have a diagnosable mental health condition in our lifetime.

Even in the healthiest community, there can be a lot at stake in opening up about mental health. People can sometimes be wary of sharing their experiences, or feel that only those with visible difficulties are in need of support.

This year's Lent Course has been produced by Livability, in collaboration with 'Mind & Soul', a Christian organisation seeking to bridge the gap between faith and mental health.

We will share Biblical perspectives on mental health using well-known Bible stories and explore how God treats those who feel exhausted, rejected, hopeless or heartbroken.

**Churches Together in Palmers Green,
Winchmore Hill and Grange Park**

Open Doors World Watch List

The World Watch List is an annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most persecution. It's a unique, in-depth record of the places where Christians are following Jesus no matter the cost. The data for the World Watch List 2020 covers period 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2019.

Open Doors understands persecution as 'any hostility experienced as a result of one's identification with Christ'. But measuring persecution is a complex task, and measuring faith-based persecution is even more complex. In many countries, persecution is multidimensional – gender and ethnicity will also play a role, for instance.

To create a comprehensive list, the World Watch Research Unit works closely with researchers in the field to collect survey data and secondary data in the following six areas:

Private life. What freedom does a Christian have to worship and own religious material? Is conversion to Christianity allowed? Is freedom of thought permitted?

Family life. How free are Christians to express their faith within their family? Is it possible to hold Christian family milestones, such as Christian marriages and funerals?

Community life. Can Christians live without harassment and discrimination in their local communities? How does their faith affect their education or employment?

National life. Does the government allow Christians to express their faith? Can converts call themselves Christians on official documents? Do the police target Christians?

Church life. Are Christians allowed to meet together? Can they build churches? And if they can, are they heavily monitored? Are Bibles freely available?

Violence. Are Christians attacked mentally or physically? Are they arrested, abducted, tortured, imprisoned or even killed? Do they face sexual harassment?

Each of these areas is scored, and each of the 150 countries assessed is then given a score out of a hundred for the severity of persecution. A score of 81-100 equates to 'extreme' persecution; 61-80 is 'very high' and 41-60 is 'high'.

Research methods and results have been independently audited by the International Institute for Religious Freedom (IIRF).

The full list can be seen at <https://worldwatch.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list>. The top 10 countries where Christians are persecuted are:

1. North Korea
2. Afghanistan
3. Somalia
4. Libya
5. Pakistan
6. Eritrea
7. Sudan
8. Yemen
9. Iran
10. India



Open Doors

Do consider Christians in these countries when you pray as well as the political leaders and decision makers in the countries, that their hearts might be softened, their eyes opened and for each person to be treated with respect.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe



FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



10.30am

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Cecil Road, ENFIELD

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Love in action!

The writer Gary Chapman describes the 5 'love languages' as words of encouragement, quality time, gifts, acts of service and touch. Do you have a preferred 'language of love'?

With the approach of St Valentines' Day, let's ask: what is God's love language? *'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.'* (1 John 3:18). God's love is expressed in the word agape, which is exclusively found in the New Testament. Greek has a number of words for love e.g. empathetic, friendship or sexual, but agape is defined uniquely by Jesus. *'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.'* (1 John 3:16) It provides the model for how we should love others.

Agape love is self-giving: it is ready to put the other person first, just as Jesus gave His life for us on the cross by dying in our place. Are we generous with our time, words, money and service to others?

Agape love takes the initiative: are we ready to show love to those who don't deserve it? Do we have eyes of compassion to see the needs around us and a heart to reach out to them?

Agape love is intentional: are we ready to get close to those in need around us, irrespective of what time we have or how we feel?

The story is told of Jesus asking a little child, *'how much do you love me?'* The child replied *'lots and lots and lots!'* They then asked Jesus how much He loved them. Jesus stretched out His arms wide and said *'I love you this much'*, as they nailed Him to a cross.

The Rev Paul Hardingham



QUIZ NIGHT

WHEN: 7pm for 7.30 start
Saturday 1st February
2020

WHERE:
URC church, BHP, main avenue EN1 1DJ

QUIZMASTER: MILES LIVERSIDGE from the 2nd
Enfield Boys Brigade

RAISING MONEY FOR: A School football trip to
REAL MADRID and the 2nd Enfield BB

TICKETS: £10 inc dinner or £70 for table of 8

PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
theliversidges@btinternet.com so that we can
make sure we cater for enough people



Diary

February

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sat 1st	7:00pm	Quiz night at BHP URC, see page 14
Sun 2nd	10:00am	Communion with Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 9th	10:00am	Parade with Revd Martin Legg
Sat 15th	3:00pm	Family Film Feast, see page 26
Sun 16th	9:30am 10:00am	Prayers in the church Worship with Ray Pettipher
Sun 23rd	10:00am	Worship with Evodian Fonyonga
Wed 26th	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday service with Revd Mark Meatcher

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 9th February**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to
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Prayer Diary

FEBRUARY 2020

Give praise to the Lord,
proclaim his name;
make known among the nations
what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8

Saturday 1st

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 2nd

Give thanks for our Elders

Monday 3rd

Stephen

Tuesday 4th

That parents will encourage their children to attend the Brigades

Wednesday 5th

Kingsbury Place

Thursday 6th

For a reversal of global warming

Friday 7th

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

support as a church

Saturday 8th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 9th

Give thanks for our homes and the shelter we have

Monday 10th

Sue

Tuesday 11th

Family Film Feast

Wednesday 12th

Ladbroke Road

Thursday 13th

For world leaders to investigate and implement good waste management

Friday 14th

Those suffering from addiction,
their families and the charities
that help them break free

Saturday 15th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 16th

Give thanks for the Peacemakers

Monday 17th

Sylvia

Tuesday 18th

Friday morning prayer time

Wednesday 19th

Landseer Road

Thursday 20th

For less human impact on na-
ture, particularly deforestation

Friday 21st

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 22nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 23rd

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

Monday 24th

Tom

Tuesday 25th

For the Staff of the Girls Brigade
that God will give them vision
and strength to fulfil their mis-
sion

Wednesday 26th

Lathkill Close

Thursday 27th

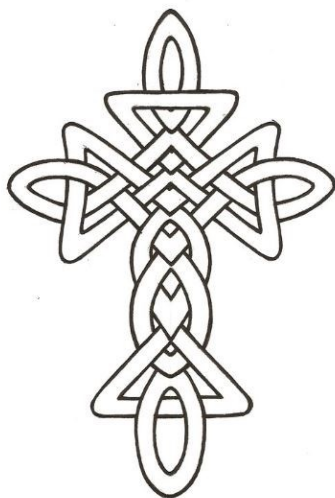
For better air quality in UK cities
and worldwide

Friday 28th

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

Saturday 29th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow



Fairtrade Fortnight

24th February - 8th March

A poster for Fairtrade Fortnight. On the left, a close-up of a Black woman's face, looking slightly to the right. The background is yellow with a pattern of small gold coins. Scattered across the background are several pink and black patterned money bags, some of which are open, spilling gold coins. The text 'SHE DESERVES' is in large white letters, and 'A LIVING INCOME' is in large pink letters below it. At the bottom right, there is a black banner with white text that reads 'DON'T FEED EXPLOITATION. CHOOSE FAIRTRADE.' and the Fairtrade logo, which is a blue and green yin-yang symbol with the word 'FAIRTRADE' underneath it.

SHE DESERVES
A LIVING INCOME

DON'T FEED EXPLOITATION.
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE.


FAIRTRADE

Lucia deserves Fairtrade

Lucia is a cocoa farmer in Sierra Leone. She belongs to a Fairtrade co-operative of farmers called Ngoleagorbu, who live around the edge of the Gola rainforest.

This forest-edge community became Fairtrade certified in 2019, which means they grow their cocoa according to Fairtrade Standards.

The Standards cover the social and environmental practices the farmers use. Now they're selling some of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms to the UK, receiving the Fairtrade Minimum Price and Fairtrade Premium.



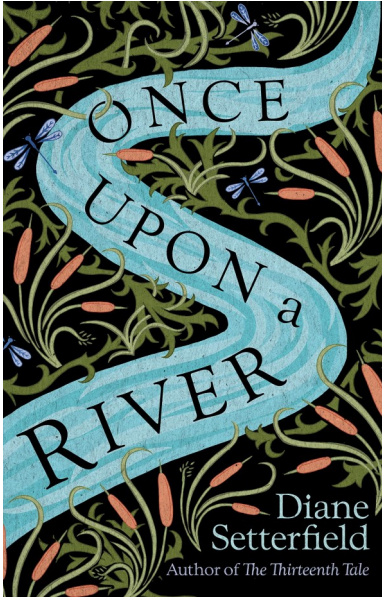
Farming in the rainforest is tough. During the night, chimpanzees wreak havoc, hollowing out the ripe, sweet cocoa beans from the pods, destroying the whole crop and leaving the farm strewn with empty shells. Not only this, but the hot, wet climate provides ideal

conditions for the rapid spread of disease, which can lead to food shortages.



Lucia has seen many farmers turn to mining, logging or rice farming as alternative sources of income. But she has also seen the destruction these activities bring to her beloved forest. Lucia is hardworking, proud and determined. She deserves to use her land in a way that earns her a decent living, but also protects her forest home.

Book Club



Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield

In some ways a strange tale of that mighty river Thames which starts as a trickle underground and heads to the sea through the City of London.

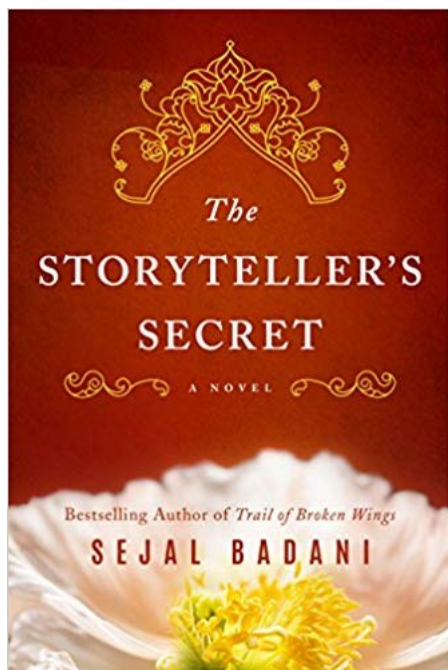
This novel is set in the early 1830s when photography was so exciting and of interest to those living in differing conditions along the banks between Cricklade and Oxford. There was a Mr Daunt and his camera!

The book contains so many characters it is a slow read but somehow mystifying. It is extremely atmospheric in parts with the changing weather conditions through the months. Children go missing, tales are told. Who were Alice, Amelia and Ann? Were they with the correct families? Is the Ferryman real? He is to some. The river sees it all.

The group felt this to be a good read, but you must allow time.

The Storyteller's Secret by Sejal Badani

Set between America and India this is a story of tracing family roots following the trauma of multiple miscarriages setting her life in a spin. Jaya leaves her home to travel alone to unravel mysteries. What is it her mother and father are not telling her? We are taken back to India at the time of the Raj and then forwards and backwards as the tale unfolds.

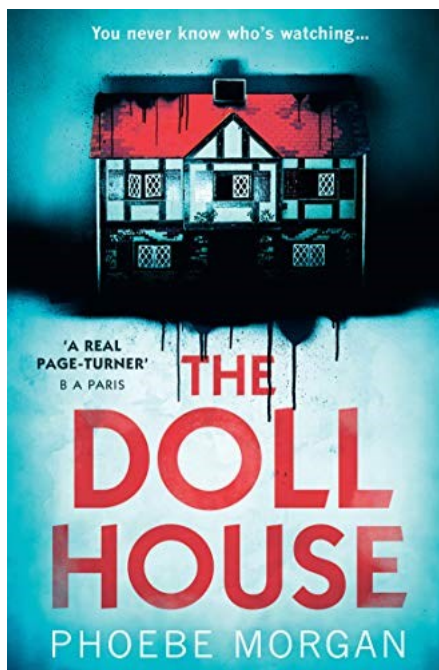
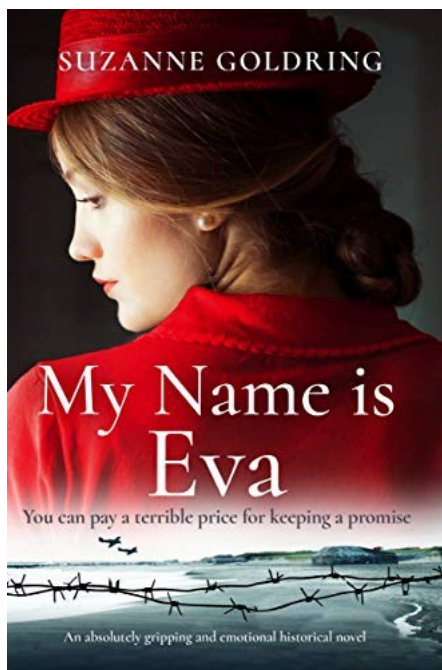


This is a good read, descriptive with likeable characters; especially the 'untouchable' family so sorely abused through their lives except for ...

To be recommended.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10th February at 10:30 at the church. We could not decide between 'My name is Eva' by Suzanne Goldring and 'The Doll House' by Phoebe Morgan so we will do both!

Sylvia



Tuesday 25th February 7.30pm

Stepwise Pancakes

Prepare for your Lenten journey with Pancakes* and Stepwise

Stepwise is about what we, as the people of God, can become together as we share God's love in the world.

Stepwise is made up of five broad learning streams, or areas, which include themes for individuals and groups to explore:

Faith-filled Life discovering our place and purpose

Faith-fuelled Leadership we all have a part to play

Faith-filled Confidence being confident in our own faith and building friendships across faiths

Faith-filled Community being a church shaped by God's mission acting for justice in God's name

Faith-filled Worship worship for change

Find out more, Tuesday 25th February 7.30pm @ The Manse

Speak to **Mark** or **Melanie** for further details

*vegan, of course!



Lent Fasting

This month sees the start of Lent, the season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Fasting can be a neglected discipline, but it plays an important part in the Christian life. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and He taught His disciples to fast (i.e. not *if* but *'when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen.'* (Matthew 6:17,18).

Why Fast?

Firstly, giving up something in my life underlines my desire to put God first in my life. Secondly, fasting shows me how much I depend on things other than God in my life, so I can surrender my idols to Him. Thirdly, fasting encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God in my life. Therefore, fasting gives me space to humbly focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom and results in a more intimate relationship with Christ. It also enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness, repentance, and a transformed life, with a heart more attentive to God.

How can I fast?

Usually fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, although some can't abstain from food for medical reasons. It might also include abstaining or limiting the time I give to television, alcohol or social media. However, Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines e.g. joining a study group, 'random acts of kindness' like 40Acts, or giving more time to prayer and Bible study. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.' (Matthew 5:6).

The Rev Paul Hardingham

Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea and Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
2nd	Evelyn	Sue	Yvonne	Yvonne	
9th	Kath	Brigades	Ivy & Jane		
16th	Alison	Anne	Valerie		Robin H
23rd	Judith	Sue	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.

I believe, help my unbelief

I was in a discussion recently as to whether or not a Christian can have doubts. The father in Mark's story (9:17-27) speaks for many people. He knew that Jesus could heal his son, but just wasn't quite sure if He would.

Doubt comes in many forms. It may be intellectual, a form of wrestling with the truth of certain key Christian beliefs like the Virgin Birth or the inerrancy of the Bible. It may be philosophical, a pondering of the problem of evil and why God allows bad things to happen to good people. Sometimes it is spiritual, and doubting whether or not we are saved. Occasionally it is emotional, wondering if we are loveable, if we have any worth or value in God's sight.

Such doubts are painful and debilitating, but true faith does not exclude the possibility of doubt. Indeed, we could say that faith would not be faith if there was not an element of doubt!

Often doubt is a way by which we discover the truth in a deeper way as we wrestle honestly with the questions we have. For many it is a way by which faith grows and matures, leading us to a greater understanding of the mystery of God and the reality that with our finite minds we can never understand everything about God or the way in which He works.

Doubt is not the same as unbelief, which is a stubborn refusal to believe what the Bible says to be true. Doubt is more a normal part of faith development and is not to be feared, especially if we bring our questions to God.

The great Methodist minister Dr William Sangster was asked if he ever doubted. "Yes," he replied, "of course I have doubts. But I also doubt my doubts!"

Tony Horsfall
of Charis Training (www.charistraining.co.uk)

Free* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 15th February



After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery.

PG 2019 1h 58 Minutes



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Prayer

A Treasured Heart

A pearl beyond all human measure
Your heart is such a golden treasure
Too valuable to tell!
Through times of toil and of leisure
Times of sorrow and of pleasure
I shall guard it well!

Love and trust, once they are woken
Are more than just a heart-shaped token
This gift from God above
Not a treasure to be broken
By careless deeds or phrases spoken
This precious gift of love!

Love is patient, love is kind
Love leaves selfishness behind
Forgiving from the start
Truthful, trusting, never blind
Such are the beauties I can find
If I just guard your heart!

By Nigel Beeton

Nigel Beeton writes: Sometimes we can be terribly careless with our family and our loved ones. On Valentine's Day, it is worth reflecting upon the trust placed in us by both God and our partner when we are entrusted with the priceless gift of another person's love.

Boys' Brigade News

2020 kicked off in fine fashion with a very strong turnout to our first meeting of the year! Unlike the previous term this term has seen a change to the running order of the night. As well as this there are a few competitions and trips.

This term the year 7s and 8s are doing alternating badge classes. One week they'll be doing First Aid and the following week they'll be doing conservation, as part of their community badge. The boys have begun their first aid badge class by learning about assessing the dangers that may be present, how to check responsiveness and how to put someone into the recovery position. For their conservation work the boys will be looking at conservation in the local community, their home and church including water usage, recycling, composting and much more.

Meanwhile the year 9s and upwards are working on their Duke of Edinburgh along side a puppet show for the Battalion Church Parade on March 29th. Some of the boys are coming towards the end of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award whilst others are beginning. For this there are four sections to be completed; Physical, Voluntary, Skill and Expedition. For the Physical, Voluntary and Skill the boys have a choice. They have to do two of them for three months and the third for six months. The expedition they'll be doing lasts for two days and one night. One thing is for sure and that is that the puppet show is certainly worth looking forward too!

Upcoming over the next few months are a couple of competitions. The swimming gala is one that we have done

well in, in previous years, and is one that we'll be going for gold in again this year. The other is a cross country competition. Following these we have the drill competition where we'll be hoping to retain our titles for last year. The weekend after the drill competition is the company section weekend away. Last year the boys that went really enjoyed the weekend and are looking forward to going again this year.

We also have our company supper coming up. I've heard that Mr Butcher has been practicing his interpretive dance as part of the nights entertainment and Miles and Tom will be doing some ventriloquism.

The 1st of February will see Miles turn into a Quiz Master for a quiz night. Tickets are £10 and include dinner or you can get a table for 8 for £70. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. For more details see the poster on page 14 or around the church. You can book your tickets by emailing theliversidges@btinternet.com.

That's the latest run down on what is a jam-packed term. More updates to follow next month.

Joe Nicolaides



Wordsearch

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, 40 days after Christmas.

Jesus is described in the Bible as the Light of the World, and so early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas. The story can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West.

Forty	Days
Baby	Boy
Public	Appearance
Mary	Jewish
Mothers	Temple
Jesus	Purified
Present	Lord
Festival	Presentation
Light	World
Simeon	Candlemas
Nunc	Dimittis
Office	Evening
Prayer	West

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Other local church activities

February

Date	Time	Activity	Location
2nd	3pm	Tea and worship in the hall	BHP Methodist
17th	2:15pm	Friendship Club <i>Iceland - John Wallington and Anne Johnson</i>	Christ Church
27th	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
	10am	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** 9.30am Prayers (3rd Sunday)
 10.00am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)

