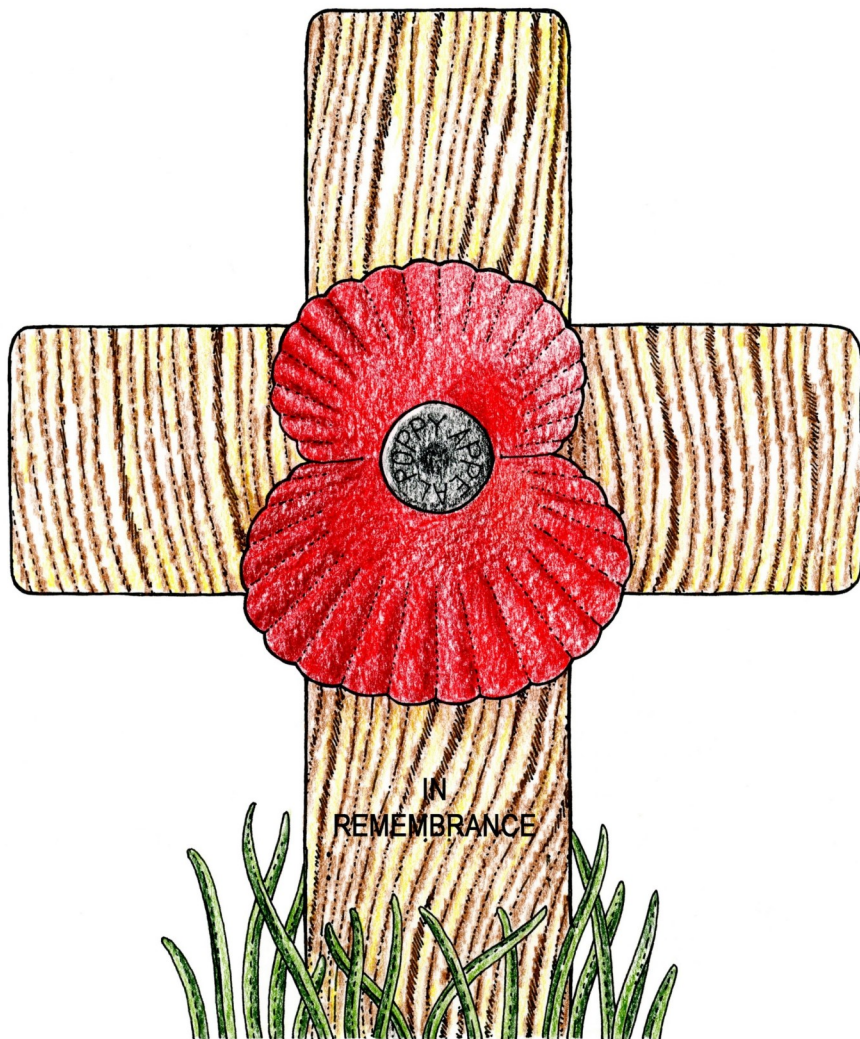




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Memories of War

"I am not allowed to say how many planes joined the raid, but I counted them all out and I counted them all back. Their pilots were unhurt, cheerful and jubilant, giving thumbs-up signs." (Brian Hanrahan, BBC reporter)

As the generations come and go, our collective memories change.

The numbers of people who actually were physically alive at the time of the First World War is now fast diminishing, whilst those who were older than children, and could genuinely say they fought or worked during the Second World War is also declining (you would really have to be 95 or older to fit into that category).

My (Mark's) own understanding of warfare is probably best defined by the quote above, as, in the early 1980's, Britain went to war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands, and the memory of hearing Brian Hanrahan speak those words, and the palpable anxiety that there was in the population at large listening to, and watching, the reports coming back from a place that most people probably didn't even know existed, let alone that it was British, surrounded us in those days.

And yet, now, today, in 2020, I am growing ever more conscious that the population around me, particularly anyone under the age of 40, has no recollection of the events that shaped my life growing up. They are confined to their history lessons.

So how do we pass on the lessons that we have learnt to the young people growing up behind us, how do we teach them that war, in general, doesn't really help, that we probably need to work harder to get on with other people, and understand cultural practices that are different to our own, if we are to have any serious hope of peace in our world? We probably need to invest more time in religious education – and history lessons – to help us with this.

Films, we find, often assist us to get a better focus on what may be really important, and music, too, helps us re-align our values so that we can re-gain a

perspective that calls us to follow in Christ's footsteps:-
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9)

Who cannot fail to be moved when they hear John Williams "Hymn to the Fallen" from the film "Saving Private Ryan"...but then are we not also equally moved by the haunting soundtrack to "Schindler's List" (another John Williams piece) which shows a different side to the impact of war.

As we think about war and peace we find more questions emerging as we consider some of the accounts within the biblical record.

Take a look for a moment or two at Exodus 15 – a song of celebration that God has destroyed the enemies of the Israelites.

Whilst we appreciate that the Israelites needed to be set free, to begin their journey to their Promised Land, did God really have to kill so many people to achieve that goal? Were there no "innocents" among them?

We are convinced that God does not actually take pleasure in the death of any person, no matter how wicked they may be, or what evils they have done, and therefore find it difficult to sing, or join in a song of celebration over the defeat of our enemies.

Which brings us back to where we started – the idea of thumbs up because a mission has been successful, that planes have dropped bombs on their target and "our side" has not suffered any casualties, but without knowing how many lives on "their side" have been taken – how can we celebrate that?

War poses many questions.

How do we genuinely work for peace, and how do we enable the true peace that every person is searching for, to be known.

We know that this peace is only found through faith in Jesus Christ – so how do we explain that as well to the generation that is following after us? How do we make sure that for them the story of Jesus is not simply a history lesson, but is something that really means something?

Your ministers,
Mark and Melanie

Smile Lines

Champagne

My husband and I were delighted the day we finally bought our first house. After years of renting, it was wonderful to own our own home. Our minister even gave us a bottle of champagne to mark the occasion. But in the hustle and bustle of getting moved in, his champagne was put in a cupboard and forgotten.

Months later, we held a Baptism party for our third child. Wine flowed until, running short, we suddenly remembered the housewarming gift of champagne. So, in front of our guests, I opened the attached card from the minister and read it aloud: "Dave, take good care of it - this one is really yours!"

Book titles

Baking Biscuits by Gary Baldie
Dressings & Garnishings by Walter Cress
Growing Rice by Paddy Fields
Ice Cream by Tony Bell
Ideas for Salads by B. Troot, Q. Cumber & Tom Artow
Instant Coffee by Max Wellhouse
Losing Weight by M.T. Plate
Sunflower Margarine by Polly N. Saturatres
The Life of the Wild Boar by Walt Hogg
The Missing Cake by Henrietta Meringue
Vegetarian Dishes by R.T. Choke
Washing Up by Jay Cloth

Here is the News

Enfield Churches Debt Centre

There is a promotional evening for the Enfield Churches Debt Centre taking place at Enfield Baptist Church and via Zoom on Monday 16th November at 7.30 pm. Please see the letter on page 10 for more details.

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day,
Wednesday 11th November
Christ Church United
Reformed Church on Chase
Side will be open for private
prayer from 10 am to 12
noon.



At 10.55 am we will prepare to observe the two minutes silence at 11 am and Rev Mark Meatcher will lead in a time of prayer after the silence has been observed.

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Bible Study

Our Zoom bible study continues to meet in November on Saturday 7th, 14th and 28th at 10.30 am. The topic we are currently looking at is “Parables” and we hope to finish the Cover to Cover book that we are basing our study on in November so that we can then follow an advent bible study in December.

If you would like to join the bible study group then please contact Mark for the Zoom sign up instructions – you can join the group by phone if you wish to (we have one member who already does this regularly and finds it very rewarding!).



Eat locally and seasonally. During lockdown, particularly initially with fears of food shortages, it was very tempting to buy whatever was available during our limited supermarket shops. But now, with restrictions easing, it's more important than ever to support local initiatives and growers. Can you consider what locally

grown foods you can add (back) to your diet/shopping list? It's worth remembering that produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness (versus being harvested too early in order to be shipped and distributed to your local supermarket). Produce at 'peak ripeness' will be full of flavor and taste better than the produce that has been imported and traveled thousands of miles. By buying locally grown food, you are helping to maintain green and/or open space in your community, and invest into the local economy. Taste for yourself the benefits of seasonal *and* local food!

Spare a thought for your furry friend

Many dogs have struggled to adjust to the changes that Covid-19 has brought to their owners this year, according to the Dogs Trust.

For one thing, coronavirus has meant greatly reduced walkies for many dogs, more people around the house all day, less quiet for rest, and little or no contact with other dogs. No wonder that the Dogs Trust has reported that 82 per cent of owners have reported an increase in barking or whining.

Nurture your friendships

Lockdown has damaged our social life, so badly that many of our friendships may not be the same for up to a year after lockdown. And although Zoom is 'extremely good' at slowing down the rate of a friendship's decay, 'nothing on earth is going to stop a relationship quietly sliding away, if you don't once in a while meet up physically.'

So warns an Oxford University academic, Robin Dunbar, who is an evolutionary psychology professor. He was talking to BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

Report about Foodbank

I joined an online meeting on 30th September arranged by Enfield Food Bank. About 40 people joined the meeting for this “Referral Agency Update”. This was run by Kerry assisted by Phoebe. The notes will be available at some point so when they are either Mark or I will let you know but in the meantime I thought that I would pass on some of the main points that will be of interest.

Since the beginning of April this year the Foodbank has seen 10,740 people. Of the families supported 53% include children. The clients have been referred by 158 different agencies.

If you are not currently able to issue vouchers for people in need and would like to do so then please contact either Mark, Melanie or myself and we will sort something out for you.

We are asked to only refer the client to one food bank, as this allows a relationship to be formed and facilitates follow up support. The guidance for the number of referrals is three times in six months. If the client/family requires another voucher after this, they ask that the referral agency would call and speak to the food bank admin to discuss the situation and see how they could help.

The food bank is able to provide access to a money advice service and the debt centre phone number is 07596 735789. The client can self-refer to this service.

The food bank has social media presence in all the usual places. You can find out on the sites what is going on including what shortages they may be experiencing.

Sadly, the workers, including volunteers have noticed a rise in aggressive behaviour recently.

Please pray for all who provide such vital support and for those who receive the help they need in difficult times.

Janice Luckett, Lancaster Road URC

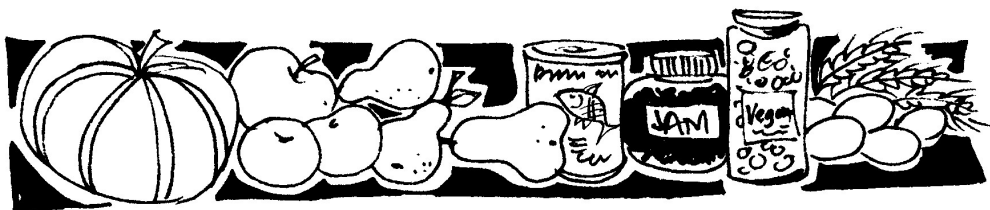
Where do you store your various food items?

Where do you put your parsnips and eggs, and what about the potatoes and onions?

The correct answers, according to new government guidelines, are that the first two below in your fridge and the second two belong in your cupboard.

More guidance on storing food safely can now be found on Wrap, the Government's food waste watchdog. The aim is to stop households throwing so much food away.

And so Wrap.org.uk offers advice on storing everything from aubergines to onions, bananas to cheese, fizzy drinks to wine. It could be a good refresher course for many of us, and a lifeline for younger people trying to get the most out of their weekly shop.



Why should you bother to pray?

The great preacher C.H. Spurgeon once said this of prayer: 'God says to His own son: "Ask of Me and I will give you the nation for your inheritance." [Psalm 2:7-8] If the royal and divine Son cannot be exempt from the rule of asking, that He may have; you and I cannot expect that rule to be relaxed in our favour. God will bless Elijah and send rain – but Elijah must pray for it.' And God promises us that if we really seek Him, He will make sure that we find Him.

Enfield Churches Debt Centre

Earlier in the year I wrote to many leaders of churches in Enfield, and others who are involved with the local church network, to update you on progress made in setting up an Enfield Churches Debt Centre in the borough.

I am pleased to confirm that we have now gained charitable status and will be holding a **Promotional Evening on Zoom on Monday 16th November at 7.30 pm**. The event is expected to last one hour and will be an opportunity for you to find out more about what is planned and when.

If you, or any of your church would like to join us to find out more then please do contact me on the email address below and I will forward the Zoom joining instructions.

We are working with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) on this project and hope to be up and running fully in the Spring of 2021 subject to training provision being available early in the new year from CAP.

13 churches in the Borough have so far committed to making a regular financial contribution to the Enfield Churches Debt Centre and these are now able to be made at <https://www.give.net/ecdc>

We will provide an update on other ways that gifts can be made at the Promotional Evening.

We will also be looking for people, seeking prayer support and encouraging you and your churches to get involved in this project in whatever way they may feel able to over the coming months and I look forward to meeting you either in person or virtually at our Promotional evening.

In Christ Jesus, Rev Mark Meatcher
Chair of Enfield Churches Debt Centre
Minister of North Enfield Group of the United Reformed Church
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Poppy Appeal 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

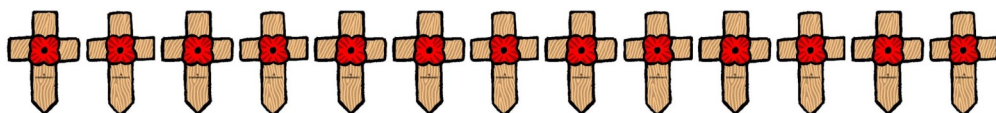
One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.



A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."



Reflection on Climate Change

Scripture: Numbers 27:1-8

Coming from Kiribati, a country that is boom throughout the world as suffering the worst effects of climate change, I am always concerned for the future of my people and my country.

My land is my identity, my dignity and my wellbeing. So, if my land is washed away, my nation is at the same time wiped out. My nation cannot survive without the land I stand on.

We are the victims of injustice and ignorance inflicted by the rich and powerful nations; our lives represent the profits that they are reaping. As I look into my future, I fear that one day we will lose the right to live as indigenous citizens on our own lands. If you have no land, what kind of person are you in society?

The reading is also about a land issue argument 'it involves a loss of land. Four sisters were ignored by their cultural norm to cram the land of their father due to their gender. Who can challenge the injustice of the cultural norm of the society?

But the four sisters took action and challenged Moses for their right to hold their father's land, and Moses yielded to their challenge. They gained an identity in their society because they did not fear to stand against what is not right.

The worst impact of climate change is taking the right of the poor and vulnerable to live as indigenous citizens in their home country. It is forcing millions to become refugees and slaves somewhere in the future. Who will stand in solidarity with the poor?

The scenario that the world is facing is a challenge to all God's people to take action to uproot injustice and selfishness which makes the poor and the vulnerable suffer oppression and marginalisation. Our identity is in our land; we have the right to keep it.

Tioti Timon, Kiribati Uniting Church

(From Sundays with CWM 2020 – Permission sought to re-publish)

Diary

November

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

Sun 1st	10:00am	Communion with Revd Barrie Thompson
Sun 8th	10:30am	Remembrance parade with Christine Hall (note the different time)
Sun 15th	10:00am	Worship with Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 22nd	10:00am	Worship with Martin Wells
Sun 29th	10:00am 3:30pm	Worship with Evodian Fonyonga Advent Forest Church

Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 15th November

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

Prayer Diary

NOVEMBER 2020

This is how God showed his love among us:
He sent his one and only Son into the world
that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

Sunday 1st

Thanks for all those who give their time and support to our organisations and to help in our community

Monday 2nd

Sue

Tuesday 3rd

For awareness of sanitation need globally

Wednesday 4th

Falmer Road

Thursday 5th

Local "Safer Neighbourhoods" police and PCSOs

Friday 6th

Children and staff at Al-Shurooq

School in Bethlehem who we support as a church

Saturday 7th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 8th

Thanks for our service men & women

Monday 9th

Sylvia

Tuesday 10th

For the work of Toilet Twinning

Wednesday 11th

First Avenue

Thursday 12th

Gun and knife crime, for safety

Friday 13th

The work of Beyond Ourselves
(we support them)

Saturday 14th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 15th

Give thanks for our homes and
the shelter we have

Monday 16th

Tom

Tuesday 17th

For education around hygiene,
here and across the world

Wednesday 18th

Firs Park Avenue

Thursday 19th

A reduction in burglaries and
peace for those affected

Friday 20th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 21st

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 22nd

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

Monday 23rd

Tony

Tuesday 24th

Thanks for lives saved through
Toilet Twinning and improved
sanitation

Wednesday 25th

Fotheringham Road

Thursday 26th

A reduction in dangerous driving
and for safety when travelling

Friday 27th

The elderly and the charities
seeking to provide information
and help on health, money
matters, friendships and more

Saturday 28th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 29th

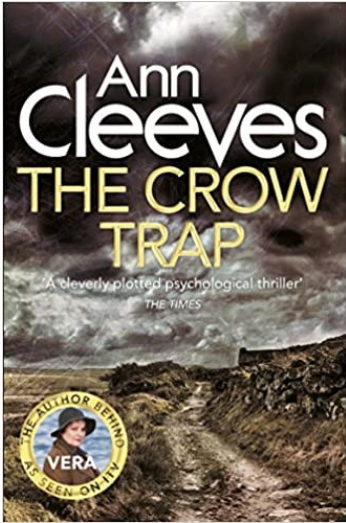
Thanks for Sunshine and rain

Monday 30th

Vikie



Book Club



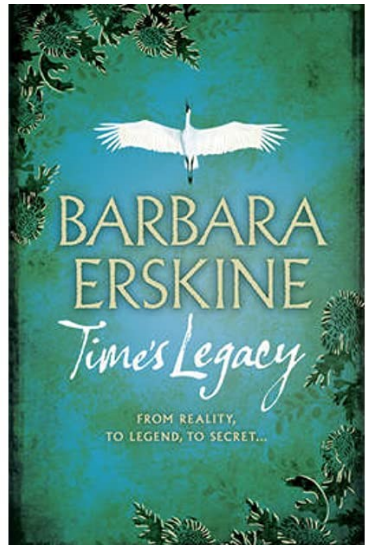
The Crow Trap by Ann Cleeves

This first Vera book is a very interesting read, especially if you have seen the TV series. It is hard not to compare the Brenda Blethyn character with that conceived by this very clever writer. There are differences yet so many traits have been treated sensitively by the screen writers, but you learn more from the reading when your imagination is tickled at a slower pace. It was interesting to learn more about Vera's upbringing - which made you better understand her character and personality.

Set in Northumberland, a disused mine in wonderful natural habitat is about to be developed and a small group of scientists live in a cottage near a farm to appraise the potential harm if building goes ahead. Of course, there are the bodies for the police to investigate but are they all from the hands of a murderer? It is a small community in the local town but who knows what?

Much enjoyed and it did create an interesting discussion with much laughter too.

Although we are unsure how we will meet, our next book is 'Times Legacy' by Barbara Erskine – another author this book club members have not tackled before.



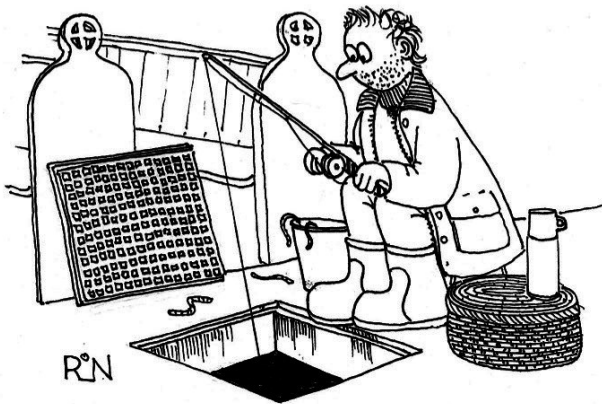
Sylvia & Yvonne

Lord, prop us up!

There is a story of an old farmer who always prayed the same prayer at his church meeting. 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side'. After hearing this many times, his minister asked him one day quite what he meant.

The farmer replied: "Well, it's like this... I've got an old barn out in one of my fields. It's been there a long time, and gone through a lot of storms. One day a few years ago I noticed that it was leaning to one side a bit. So, I went and got some poles and propped it up on its leaning side, so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time, and seen plenty of storms in life. I was still standing, but I was also leaning a bit. So, I decided to ask the Lord to prop me up, too, on my leaning side.

Our 'leaning side' is where we are weakest in ourselves. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, bitterness, bleakness in life. Then we too need to pray for God to prop us up, especially on that leaning side. He wants us to stand tall and free, in Him.



Quarantining in church had its drawbacks. Two days in, the biscuits were gone, and Rupert was hungry.

Rotas

	Door welcome	Reader	Tea and Coffee	Flowers	Sound room
1st	Evelyn	Robin H	N/A	N/A	Martin
8th	Robin H	Anne	N/A	N/A	Martin
15th	Evelyn	Sue	N/A	N/A	Martin
22nd	Sue	Sylvia	N/A	N/A	Martin
29th	Robin H	Lynda	N/A	N/A	Martin

If you are marked down for one of the items above but cannot make that day please contact someone else in the list to swop with.



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

When life goes wrong for us

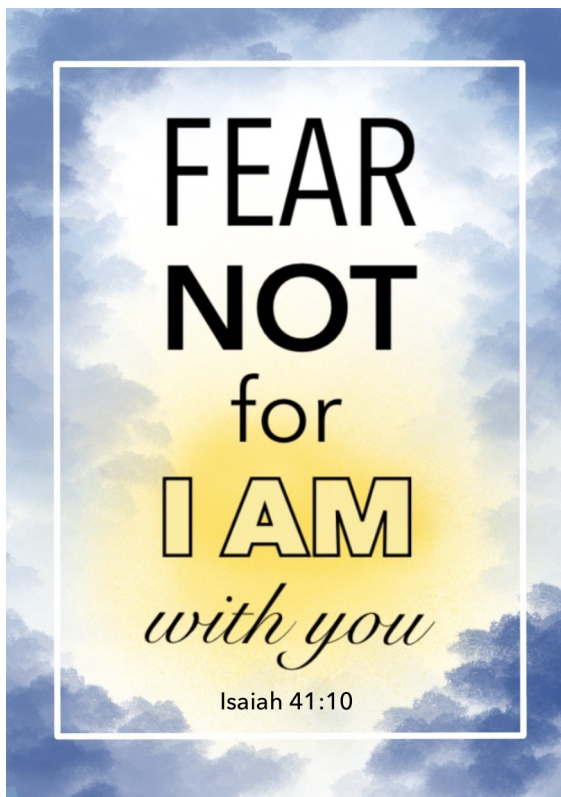
Where is God when we are hurting? When we are sick or a loved one is sick, why doesn't God always answer our prayer for healing? If He has not answered us, how do we know that He is even there at all?

The words of Alister McGrath* are helpful:

"Experience cannot be allowed to have the final word... the theology of the Cross draws our attention to the sheer unreliability of experience as a guide to the presence and activity of God. God is active and present in His world, quite independently of whether we experience Him as being so. Experience declared that God was absent from Calvary, only to have its verdict humiliatingly overturned on the third day.

"So – where does that leave us? As with the Cross, it may be that our personal darkest hour may be also God's finest moment for us. It may be there that He does His greatest work in and for us, albeit unseen by us at the time. Thus, instead of letting circumstances consume us, we are to be consumed with God. To that end, we should pray without ceasing, trust in His sovereignty, and find comfort in His love and hope."

* Mystery of the Cross
(Zondervan, 1990)



Interview

How long have you lived in this area?

I was born at Chase farm and lived in Bush Hill Park until I was three. My parents then moved to their current address near Enfield town, where I lived until I moved out. So I have lived in Enfield all my life.

What made you choose our church to come to?

I first came to the church because I joined the 2nd Enfield Boys Brigade and we attended church on monthly church parades. Then, when I got to the company section age, we were encouraged (the boys still are today also) to attend each Sunday for bible class. As bible class on a Sunday was designed for 12 to 18 year olds, I really enjoyed it, and came most weeks. My involvement in the church has just grown from there.

What makes you go to church at all?

I am not going to lie, the second Enfield Boys Brigade means a lot to me and I want to give the current generation the best possible experience they can get. It is also what brought me to the church in the first place.

However, I also have a great love for our church. It is also very important and the more I have grown in the church, the more it feels a part of me. I now come to church because it is a big part of my life. Us all being together (well as close as we are allowed at the moment 😊) is great.

Do you have a favourite hymn? What is it, and why?

This is a hard question - I have many favourite hymns, most of them traditional "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" "At the Name of Jesus" "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" to name a few. I like these because we used to sing them a lot when I was growing up and we still sing them at camp today. They also sound great played by a brass band.

However, the two hymns that I really like to hear and are special to me, are "Underneath the Banner" and "Will Your Anchor Hold". These are obviously hymns that are connected to the Boys Brigade.

"Underneath the banner, of the cross arrayed, lord we ask thy blessing on the boys brigade" and 'will your anchor hold' connects to us as the Boys Brigades has an Anchor as its emblem. Both hymns also have some very powerful words and strong meanings if you listen to the lyrics.

Do you have a favourite Bible passage? What is it, and why?

Again, this is a difficult question. I have many favourite passages. I think the one that I will list is Luke 6:42 "How can you say to your brother, 'brother, let me take the speck out of your eye', when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? you hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brothers eye".

I think I like this because it was told to me as a boy and it is so simple but says so much. Growing up, I could really think about this verse in so many situations in life. Its really guided my thoughts. This verse is still used at camp with the current boys, and hopefully they will apply it to their own situations.

Has your faith in God helped you at different times in your life?

Yes, I would say so. Probably belonging to the church and growing into an elder and also my work with the Boy's Brigade has given me such a focus in life now. Who knows where I would have been without this direction.

What would you say to someone who is not a Christian, but would like to know more?

I would say that even the smallest involvement can have a big difference on you. Even just following one passage from the bible (like the log in your eye), even if you're not ready to believe more, can change your output on your entire life.

Andrew

Prayer

God of hope

God of hope,
we thank you for the promises you keep.
You promised Abraham that he would have children.
 He believed but doubt crept in.
Against all the odds, he is now the father of entire nations.
You promised an everlasting kingdom to David.
 He believed but doubt crept in.
Against all the odds, his descendant Jesus came into the world
 to establish his kingdom.

God of hope,
you promised us that Jesus will come again.
This Advent season,
 we prepare for celebrating his first coming,
 we believe your promise of his return.
But so much time has passed since you made that promise.
 Forgive our doubt.
 Forgive our attempts
 to re-interpret your promises
 to make believing easier.
Forgive our lack of trust in you.

God of hope,
guide us in your ways.
Help us to work with your purposes.
Bless all who put their trust in you.

Franziska Herring

From the URC prayer handbook 2015 for 29th November
looking at Jeremiah 33:14-16

If you would like prayer for yourself or family and friends please email
prayer@bhpurc.org.uk

Boys' Brigade News

What strange times we are living in. I'll start right back in July. we had been doing regular online BB meetings with all three section since May. Each week we would deliver a range of craft materials to the homes of every boy, ready from their online session. Some weeks we did cooking with the older boys, which worked very well. They would set up their device in their kitchens and cook away. Other weeks the craft would mean that they needed to set up in their gardens.

As we were unable to go to camp this year (sad face...) we decided to do three nights of online activities over the week that would have been camp. The nights involved challenges, games and tasks. We even managed to get everyone to pour a bucket of water over themselves (in true camp spirit).

In the end, going online got us through the tough period and kept us all connected.

From September we have been allowed to meet face to face, as long as we observe the many steps set out in our framework. Social distancing is being observed, regular hand sanitizing is built into our programme, and each section is its own bubble etc.

As we missed out on the summer, we decided to return to BB in September and try and do some of the activities we had missed. We also decided that we would not return in uniform for the first half of term. Our first meeting back saw us going over the park for a game of Danish Rounders. It was

brilliant to be back, and we met earlier than normal to make the most of the daylight. The Junior Section's first night back saw them meet at Whitewebbs with their bikes. Mr Cutts then took them on an epic bike ride around Whitewebbs park and forest. Anchor Boys also started back and made the most of the great weather by also going over the park.

For our second week back, we built an indoor assault course for both the Junior Section and Company Section. This involved a 20-metre ropes course! Week 3, we took the lads to the Enfield Quasar unit, for two games of laser tag. Week 4, we went to the trampoline park in Bush Hill Park, for an hour of bouncing all over the place, summersaults and back flips.

From week 5 to 7 we have been back at the hall. The daylight had gone now, so we moved our activities indoors. Each week we have set up the pool tables, table tennis tables and table football in the hall, for when the boys arrive. This created a relaxed start to each evening and also helped us to easily maintain distancing while everyone arrived. Each week we would then play a large game - either unihock or dodgeball (with zones to help the boys stay apart).

We would then split into three 'teams' and the boys would take on a number of challenges or tasks in their teams. For example, one week each team had to build the highest tower out of large Jenga blocks, get the highest score on the indoor archery and create the longest ball run, for a tennis ball, using a bucket of wooden dowels. The winning team each week were awarded a chocolate prize.

The Junior Section recently took on a superhero training session, where they had a number of tasks to undertake that were themed around being a super hero, including 'flying' (spoiler alert - they only flew a short distance, and a large crash mat was also involved).

Our Anchor Boys also meet regularly now in the parlour, undertaking loads of fun and exciting activities and craft. They recently set up a target range and used their Nerf archery set to try and knock over the targets.

Since coming back, we have managed to see all our members return across all sections - in fact, Anchor Boys have gained two brand new members, which is brilliant and have another two planning on joining after half term.

We have now reached half term and when we return after half term, we will be returning to wearing uniform and the weekly meetings will take on more of the traditional winter term feel, with us restarting our badge work.

It's great to be back and all the boys are very happy to be here. I can say that across all three sections, the boys have been great, fully understanding of what's required and have not questioned any of the new measures.

I think returning to BB was really needed for the youngsters. It is also great that despite new restrictions around the country, the government and youth council has deemed The Boys Brigade an essential service and needed, even when restrictions tighten.

Andrew

Wordsearch

This month Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.

Scotland	disciples	Jesus	Andrew	honoured
Peter	Nathanael	Messiah	Saviour	Bartholomew
Patras				
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Fife				
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Other local church activities

Please note that current circumstances mean that regular activities may not be taking place as they normally would. Please contact the relevant church to check on the current status of an activity.

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)

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)

Some activities are happening this month, please check the church website to confirm if the activity you want to go to is going ahead.
www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

