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*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).*

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Dear Friends,

With St Valentine's Day taking place on 14th February, we will be hearing and seeing a lot about love this month and there will be displays of flowers, chocolates, and cards for sale in many shops.

Most people welcome a chance to celebrate love because, whether we are conscious of it or not, love resonates at the level of the

deepest reality within us because it is the fundamental nature of God. Love should be at the heart (excuse the pun) of the message the Church gives to the world because it is God's message to us and is a message the world so desperately needs to hear.

When Christians say 'God is love' we are asserting the truth that drives the forces of creation and binds up its wounds. We're talking about a power tough enough to take anything on. God's love is strong, dynamic, and resilient. When Jesus suffers on the cross, he is healing the wounds of sin and evil.

God shows his grace to us by taking on all the sin of the world and opening a way that we

might be redeemed and become recipients of his intended blessing. When we open our hearts to the presence of God then his compassion towards us is what our spirit senses and experiences. Matthew 11 v 28-29 tells us that Jesus said: *'Come to me, all you who are weary and heavily laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls'.*

So, as we approach the season of Lent, here are three connected words for us to remember – Love, Grace and Compassion. These three words characterise how God relates to us, and they also give us values to live out and to live up to in our own lives.

In my opinion, the whole concept of the love, grace and compassion of God is summed up well in one of my favourite hymns 'Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean', the end of which I will share with you:

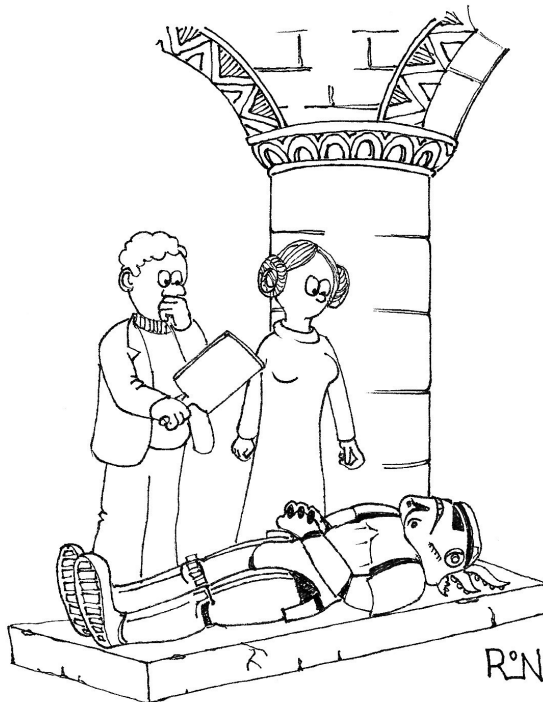
*'On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's  
mercy flowed a vast and  
gracious tide*

*Grace and love, like mighty  
rivers, poured incessant from  
above  
And Heaven's peace and perfect  
justice kissed a guilty world in  
love'*

Blessings and Love to you all,

Laura

On behalf of Lancaster Road URC



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

## Smile Lines

### **Report on the search for a new minister**

From a church council: We are still looking for a suitable candidate, and sadly the Bible doesn't provide any role models whom we would really want in our church. For example:

Noah: Former pastorate of 120 years, yet with no converts. Also, prone to unrealistic building projects.

Abraham: Twice offered to share his own wife with another man.

Joseph: Obsessed with the meaning of dreams, plus he had a prison record.

Moses: Modest, but a poor communicator, and even stuttered at times. Moreover, he had a temper, and there were rumours he left an earlier church over a murder charge.

David: Very promising leader, except that he wrote poetry, and then had an affair with his neighbour's wife.

Deborah: Played the tambourine, so not at all suitable for us.

Isaiah: Claimed to have seen angels flying in the church.

John: Said he was a Baptist, but he doesn't dress like any Baptists we know. Has slept outside, eats a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

Peter: Too blue collar, and too impetuous. Had also been known to curse.

Paul: Powerful message, and people responded to him, but he had been known to preach all night. That would never do for us.

Judas: Seems to have been a steady plodder, with excellent connections. Knew how to handle money. We're inviting someone like him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.

# Here is the News

## **Ivy Neate**

It was with shock and sadness that I received a call telling me of Ivy's sudden and unexpected death on the morning of Monday 20th December. One day before her birthday. Ivy, Arthur and some of the family had been at the usual afternoon Nativity Service at church on the Sunday afternoon. Ivy appeared to be her usual self. A warm smile and a cheery hello, but without her usual, 'come here and give me a hug.'

Ivy became a church member in 1982. She was a member of 'Homemakers' and when Rev David Hamblin arrived in 1985 she joined 'the Mission Pursuit Group' looking at growing and developing aspects of the churches mission. From this she started the baby and toddler group, which is still going today. Ivy was at the heart of many of the activities of the church, especially those with the children and young people.

Please remember Arthur and the family in your prayers at this sad time. I hope a more fitting tribute will appear in next months magazine.

Martin Legg

## **Christmas collection**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas services. We raised £176.68 for London Churches Refugee fund.

## **Christmas Jumper service**

We had a lovely service with Chris on Sunday 19h December where we all wore our Christmas Jumpers. It was lovely to see the variety, colour and joy each person was wearing. We raised £55.65 for Save the Children. Thank you to Chris for organising and for everyone who wore a jumper and those who made a donation.



Make 'enjoying nature' your priority in 2022. Whether you've already got (or broken) a New Year's resolution... be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this year. Here's some ideas to help: <https://arocha.org.uk/make-your-2022-a-year-of-nature>

## **Leprosy Mission**

On Sunday 9th January at our Leprosy Mission service we collected £139.91 for the work of the Mission. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Cheese wrappers**

890 wrappers weighing 3.56kg have been sent to Terracycle. Thanks or all your collecting this past year. For all the items you can recycle via the church boxes please [seebhpurc.org.uk/recycle](http://seebhpurc.org.uk/recycle) This shipment raised £3.56 for the church.

## **Want to see if you can find some romance?**

If you are lonely, that is understandable, and you might wish to consider doing something about it this month.

Why not pay at least one visit to Christian Connection, the multi-award-winning Christian dating site? [www.christianconnection.com](http://www.christianconnection.com)

Since it was founded in 2000, it has brought together thousands of single Christians across the world, in the UK, Ireland, Australia, United States, Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and South Africa.

The original reason was simple: there are very few opportunities outside local churches for single Christians to meet other single Christians.

As it is free to join, and there is no cost for a basic profile membership, it may be well worth visiting the site. You may find friendships, a special relationship, and even someone you'd like to marry!

## **Waste Warriors**

Vikkie and the Thompson family continue their food waste tips, picked up from participating on Channel 4's Cook Clever, Waste Less with Prue & Rupy which first aired on the 27th May.

Some of the tips you may already do, which is awesome, keep that up, but for others, this may all be new ideas for you. Continue to reduce your waste in as many ways as possible to help the planet and the environment for the younger generations that come after you. Good luck!

Vikkie and the Thompson Waste Warriors

### **Tip 15: Down the toilet**

It seems that 'fat bergs' are created not just from food waste, but also from other things put down the toilet.

The toilet is only designed for bodily toilet waste and toilet paper.

Toilet paper is designed in a way that ensures it breaks up during its journey through the sewers so no one should be putting nappies, earbuds or cotton wool down the toilet.

There has been a move towards using flushable toilet tissue wipes, but these should not be mistaken for baby wipes. The only flushable wipes that should be flushed down the toilet are ones that have the 'Fine to flush' Certification Mark on the packet. These wipes, like toilet paper, are designed to break up while on the journey to the water treatment plant and are 0% plastic.

### **Tip 16: Batch cook**

For our family, batch cooking was essential. As we both work full-time, one of whom works 12 hour day and night shifts, this was an important part of our waste plan. Also, one of us really doesn't like cooking! So, lots of meals were designed around staple ingredients



like breaded chicken, that could be used in a variety of different meals. The batch cooking relies on you planning your meals for the week which once you start doing will become your new routine and will in turn, make a massive difference on your food waste.

There are plenty of recipes online and in many recipe books, from a variety of different chefs that can provide you with batch designed meals.

For us the two main ones were minced Bolognese which could be used with spaghetti, in a lasagne or in a chili con carne rice dish and breaded chicken, which we used in chicken burgers, chicken curry and sliced into nugget type dips. As these were made at the beginning of the week and were ways of getting the kids involved in the cooking too, this made organisation and prep for dinner times throughout the week much easier.

Ed:

I hope you have enjoyed this series. These are the last tips.

If you have anything you would like to put in the newsletter do email [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) We like to share the views and experiences of the congregation.



## Loved nonetheless

Here is a thought on a verse of Scripture from the encounter of Jesus with a man described as a 'rich, young ruler'.

This man was keen to follow Jesus, but when told he must share his wealth with the poor decided it was too much to ask, and he went away sorrowful. In this context we read that, "Jesus, looking at him loved him (Mark 10:21)."

This is a remarkable statement about Jesus, and the nature of divine love, a love that doesn't alter despite the ups and downs of our behaviour. It is constant and unchanging, truly without condition, and unshaken by the unpredictability of human response.

We might have expected to hear Jesus say, 'You foolish man' or 'You stupid boy', but there is no such rebuke, only love. Jesus might have been annoyed, disappointed, exasperated, alarmed, shocked . . but all we feel is His love for someone who has missed a great opportunity.

What a joy it is to know that Jesus loves us exactly as we are. When He looks at us, nothing is hidden from His gaze. He sees through all our pretence, all our subterfuge, all our attempts to put on a brave front. He knows who I am, completely. And yet He loves me unreservedly and without reservation. Amazing.

Why walk away from a love like that?

The Rev Tony Horsfall



## Lectio for Families

Lectio for Families is a free app for families to do together. It features daily Bible readings, a weekly memory verse, engaging questions to pause and talk about, and prompts for reflection and prayer. Helping families to read the Bible and explore faith through conversation and prayer together.



The app can be downloaded by parents and carers onto a mobile device. Families can then choose to either listen to the audio content together, wherever and whenever they are together, or they can read it as they pass the device to each other.

### Daily Prayers

Like Lectio 365, Lectio for Families follows a simple P.R.A.Y. pattern each day:

P: pausing to be still

R: rejoicing with, and Reflecting on, verses from the Bible

A: asking for God's help

Y: saying YES to God's ways.

On Sundays there is a special Sabbath prayer, and occasional pauses of the regular pattern to celebrate heroes of the Christian faith.

### Who is it for?

The Lectio for Families app has been designed for families with children aged between 7-11 years old, but is likely to be suitable for those who are younger and slightly older too!

The Lectio for Families team includes adults and children who are part of the 24-7 Prayer movement around the world.

# Free\* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 19th February



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

On the Italian Riviera, an unlikely but strong friendship grows between a human being and a sea monster disguised as a human.



2021 1h 35 Minutes

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# Diary

## February

**See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities**

The diary is also online at [www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar)

|           |         |                                  |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Sun 6th   | 10:00am | Communion with Michaela Lawrence |
| Mon 7th   | 10:30am | Book club                        |
| Thur 10th | 10:30am | Friends group                    |
| Sun 13th  | 10:00am | Parade with Lynda Cook           |
| Sat 19th  | 3:00pm  | Family Film Feast                |
| Sun 20th  | 10:00am | Worship with Barrie Thompson     |
| Thur 24th | 11:00am | Friends group                    |
| Sun 27th  | 10:00am | Worship with Chris Hall          |

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**Next newsletter deadline:  
Sunday 13th February**

All material for inclusion should be emailed to  
[newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk)

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# Prayer Diary

FEBRUARY 2022

Follow God's example, therefore,  
as dearly loved children  
and walk in the way of love,  
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us  
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

## **Tuesday 1st**

Pray that God would save multitudes worldwide

## **Wednesday 2nd**

Landseer Road

## **Thursday 3rd**

Enfield charity – Mind in Enfield, mental health organisation

## **Friday 4th**

The work of Beyond Ourselves (we support them)

## **Saturday 5th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 6th**

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

## **Monday 7th**

Kath

## **Tuesday 8th**

That the gospel would go forth in power to every nation and people

## **Wednesday 9th**

Lathkill Close

## **Thursday 10th**

All People All Places, working with the homeless in Enfield and beyond

## **Friday 11th**

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

## **Saturday 12th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 13th**

Give thanks for God's love

## **Monday 14th**

Lisa

## **Tuesday 15th**

That God would save our leaders, give them wisdom and cause them to promote righteousness and life

## **Wednesday 16th**

Lincoln Crescent

## **Thursday 17th**

Enfield charity – The Enfield Society, conservation and enhancement of the civic and natural environments of the London Borough of Enfield

## **Friday 18th**

Those in pain, suffering without a diagnosis or cure

## **Saturday 19th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 20th**

Thanks for Sunshine and rain

## **Monday 21st**

Lynda

## **Tuesday 22nd**

That the gospel would spread and that we might worship God in peace and freedom

## **Wednesday 23rd**

Lincoln Road

## **Thursday 24th**

Enfield charity – The Chicken Shed Theatre Trust, for people of all abilities to develop through the arts

## **Friday 25th**

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

## **Saturday 26th**

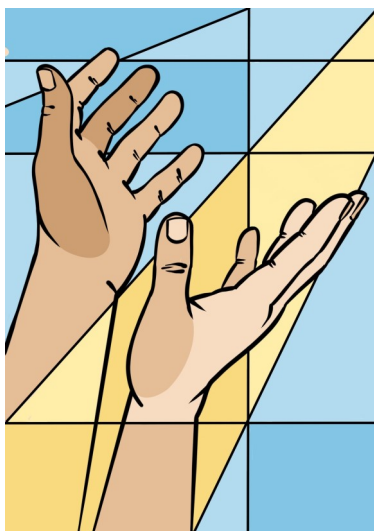
Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

## **Sunday 27th**

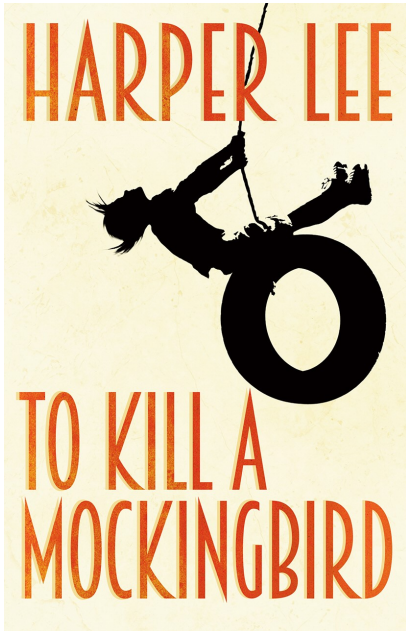
Thanks for those who love us and share our lives

## **Monday 28th**

Mabel



## Book Club



### To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

This classic had been reread by some. Set in the 1930s Deep South of the USA, the story is related by Scout, the youngest of the family of Atticus a lawyer. His current case is to defend a local black married man falsely accused of rape. The township is divided.

Atticus' wife had died and the family were cared for by Calpurnia, a woman of colour from the local township. We are introduced to other members of the family and the neighbours; so different from

our own experience in the 21st century UK.

There is so much in this novel revealed through its pages as Scout is growing up. It is a wonderful read with racial prejudice, misogyny, small town gossip and single-parenting. Atticus fought for all people and instilled into his children the basics of how to lead a good life.

A read enjoyed by us all.

We welcomed a new member, a recently retired local man.

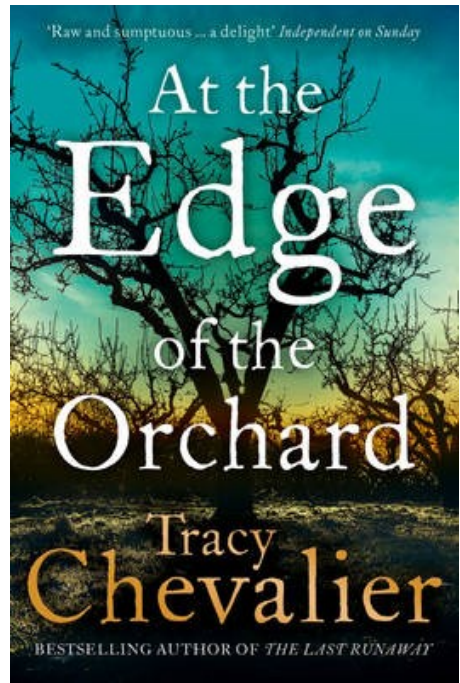
Yvonne

Ed: that was December's book, the January book club review continues on the next page.



At The Edge of the Orchard by  
Tracy Chevalier

This writer certainly does her research. Set in the USA in the 1800s it starts in Connecticut with the Goodenough family of apple growers originally from England. The son James, his wife and many children leave the family farm and travel west settling in Ohio in a swamp area where life is very hard. Sadie is an awful wife and mother with her own dislike of apple varieties so loved and protected by her husband. The first part of the book is rather slow.



We then follow the life of Robert the youngest son who travels as far west as he can until he reaches San Francisco. He tries various occupations on the way. He then meets William Lobb an arboriculturist working for English agents to collect cones, seedlings and saplings to ship for wealthy landowners wanting to 'show off' the latest sequoia and redwood trees growing in their pastoral land.

We learn about pine trees and their cones, apple varieties, lives of gold miners, pioneers and those early settlers.

A very good read.

The chosen book for our next meeting on 7th February is This Tender Land by William Kent Kreuber, another new author to us.

Sylvia

## **Christians in India face growing number of attacks**

In India, attacks against Christians have been rising, and more states are imposing anti-conversion laws. This comes as growing numbers of the Indian underclass, the Dalits, are turning to Christianity, and as right-wing Hindu nationalism is on the rise.

As yet another state, Karnataka, is poised to impose anti-conversion legislation, there have been challenges in the Supreme Court to the constitutionality of limiting freedom of religion in India.

Late last year, Hindu nationalists set upon a Christian community in Chhattisgarh state, to drive them out and make the area 'Christian free', according to International Christian Concern (ICC).

The mob of 50 attacked Christians in Metapal village with clubs, breaking their bones and leaving nine Christians seriously injured.

And following a similar attack on Christians in Uttar Pradesh, when 100 Hindu nationalists burst into a church meeting, beating the pastor and other Christians. The police turned up soon after and arrested the Christians, later charging them under the anti-conversion law.

The latest report from a coalition of NGOs listed more than 300 violent attacks against Christians in India, over a nine-month period. They included 288 accounts of mob violence, across 21 states.

The Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI) also recorded 145 incidents of religious persecution against Christians – including three murders – in the first six months of 2021.

According to one Christian in India: "The number of attacks has increased since the second wave of COVID-19 ended. This is a most challenging time for the Church in India. We need prayer and the intervention of God."

An Indian pastor said that extremists were resorting to violence because growing numbers of Hindus were putting their faith in Christ and attending church services.

Late last year three extremists on a motorcycle threw acid over a 14-year-old Christian boy. Nitish Kumar was burned across 65 per cent of his body, and later died.

His 17-year-old brother, Sanjeet, told Morning Star News: “Even after what my brother has gone through, we will not forsake Christ. We will continue to remain faithful until we die.”

The rising persecution is linked to Hindutva, a form of religious and cultural nationalism that binds Hindu identity to nationality. Hindutva (literally Hinduness) shapes the right-wing political ideology of India’s ruling BJP and other nationalist groups. At its most extreme, the notion behind Hindutva is that to be Indian is to be a Hindu – and nothing else will be tolerated.

The rising tide of intolerance has increased since the election of the nationalist BJP in 2014. It has resulted in attacks against religious minorities and the passing of anti-conversion laws in many states. These laws are targeted at both Muslims and Christians.

According to the 2021 Indian census there are around 960 million Hindus in India, which has a population of 1.3 billion. Estimates vary as to the number of Christians. The official figure is 29 million, but some observers put the number at almost 65 million, roughly 5 per cent of the population.

Release International is working to train pastors in India and to provide financial and medical help when they come under attack. If you would like to support them, please visit:  
<https://releaseinternational.org>

## Star Count 2022

Get together with family and friends for The Countryside Charity's annual Star Count which takes place between 26 February and 6 March.



The  
countryside  
charity

With your help, we'll be able to identify where light pollution is a problem and where the darkest skies across the country are.

The Countryside Charity will use this evidence to advocate for better-controlled lighting and offer advice about what we can all do to reduce local light pollution.

The best thing is that it's so easy to take part – you can do your Star Count from your garden, balcony, doorstep or even bedroom window!

It's also a great way to switch off from the distractions of daily life and give your mental health a boost by reconnecting with nature.

Sign up:

<https://takeaction.cpre.org.uk/page/95329/data/1>



## What's wrong with the world?

*'How can a God of love allow suffering?'* Many people struggle with such questions, however the Bible helps us to understand how sin affects both our own lives and the world.

Genesis provides us with a picture of how sin entered the world. In Genesis 2:16-17, God gave Adam and Eve both permission (*'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden'*) and a prohibition (*'But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil'*), alongside warning them of the consequences of disobedience (*'For when you eat of it you will surely die'*).

In Genesis 3, they broke God's law by eating fruit from the forbidden tree. As a result, their eyes were opened to the nature of sin (they knew *shame*) and their relationship with God was broken (they *hid* from Him). As a consequence, death entered their lives. This story reminds us that God gives us free will (an essential aspect of being human) to choose whether God will be at the centre of our lives or not.

The Bible offers different ways of describing sin:

**A spirit of independence:** we don't want God to interfere with our lives, preferring our own ideas, plans and ways of behaviour.

**Ignoring the Maker's instructions:** if you ignore user instructions, you only have yourself to blame when things go wrong! God created us to function with Him at the centre of our lives.

**Missing the mark:** we fail an exam even when we miss the pass mark by one mark: *'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'* (Romans 3:23).

In a famous correspondence in The Times under the title 'What's wrong with the world?' GK Chesterton's letter simply said: *'Dear Sir, I am.'*

Paul Hardingham

## Five famous quotes from Desmond Tutu

The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world. Here are five of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa.

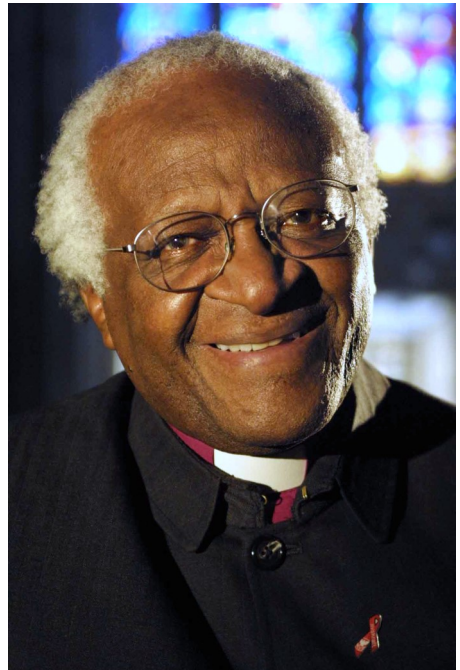
“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”

“Don’t raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right.”

“Forgiving is not forgetting; it’s actually remembering – remembering and not using your right to hit back. It’s a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don’t want to repeat what happened.”

“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another.”



# Prayer

## Earth and Seasons

Lord of the elements and changing seasons, keep me in the hollow of Your hand. When I am tossed to and fro with the winds of adversity and the blasts of sickness and misunderstanding, still my racing heart, quieten my troubled mind.

Bring me at last through the storms and tribulations of this mortal life into the calm evening of Your unchanging love; and grant that in the midst of my present perplexities and confusion I may experience Your peace, which passes human understanding.

Brother Ramon,  
member of the Anglican Society of St Francis



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](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk).

If you would like prayer for yourself or family and friends please email [prayer@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:prayer@bhpurc.org.uk)

## Boys' Brigade News

Before the Christmas break, we did four nights of carol collecting around the streets, roads and avenues of Bush Hill Park and raised around £2,400! Do you know how many letters are in the Christmas alphabet? 25, there's no L!

We've begun the new year with a new set of projects. The boys in year 7 are doing beginner drill before a matchstick model. For this they are using a net, which, when assembled, will form a windmill. Each week they will work their way up the windmill model cutting the match sticks to size before gluing them to the net.

The middle age group will be planning storyboards and then bringing them to life. These will either be for a comic which they will star in or a mini stop motion video. They will have access to green screens and be able to edit to put no limit on the imagination and creativity. The boys in this group will be making their directorial debut to come up with a trilling or comical story or something a bit more musical. Could this be the beginning of another spoof BB production?

The top age group are tackling gourmet cooking with everything from Thai Green Curry to Chicken Burgers being made. They'll be under the tutelage of renowned chef Gavin also known as the Bush Hill Park Blumenthal.

Those boys in year 9 and above will be working towards their duke of Edinburgh with an upcoming expedition over the Easter break. More on this to follow in a future edition...

The brass band will be up and running with the year 7s welcome to join in, they had been learning brass instruments



before the Christmas break. I'm sure they'll be taught that the best way to fix a brass instrument is with a tuba glue!

As well as brass band, they'll be a new colour party taking practice on Monday nights. The practices will consist of past years colour party papers from drill competitions.

There will be some up coming trips too including the company section weekend away. More to follow on these later on.

Joseph

## **All in the month of February**

It was:

75 years ago, on 7th Feb 1947 that the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in caves in Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine).

70 years ago, on 6th Feb 1952 that Princess Elizabeth ascended the throne following the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.

50 years ago, on 9th Feb 1972 that the British Government declared a state of emergency over the miners' strike which began in January. From 16th February, electricity supplies to homes and businesses were cut off for up to nine hours a day. The strike ended on 25th February.

30 years ago, on 20th Feb 1992 that the English Premier League was founded, superseding the first division.

25 years ago, on 22nd Feb 1997 that scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh announced that they had successfully cloned a mammal for the first time: a sheep named Dolly.

## Wordsearch

February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate, and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present Him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through His death for us on the cross, and His resurrection, His love can now transform anyone's life. Romance can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

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## Other local church activities

### Weekly

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Location</b> |
|------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| 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     |
| Tues       | 10am        | Tots and Toys  | Gospel Hall     |
|            | 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   |

Other activities take place monthly or fortnightly. See the following websites for details::

Lancaster Road - [www.lancaster-road-urc.org.uk](http://www.lancaster-road-urc.org.uk)

Christ Church - [ccurc.org.uk](http://ccurc.org.uk)

BHP Methodist - [www.bhpmethodist.org.uk](http://www.bhpmethodist.org.uk)

BHP Community Church (Living Room and Gospel Hall)) - [www.bhpcc.org.uk](http://www.bhpcc.org.uk)

# 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** 10:00am    Toddler Group  
                         6.30pm    Girls' Brigade

**Thursday**    11.00am    Friends Group (2nd & 4th Thursday)  
                 7.30pm    Boys' Brigade Company Section circuit training (when advised)

**Friday**        6.00pm    Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys

**Sunday**        10.00am    Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)

Please check the church website to confirm if the activity you want to go to is going ahead. [www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar)

