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This month sees the start of Lent, the 40-day season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and taught His disciples to fast: *'when you fast.'* (Matthew 6:17).



The spiritual discipline of fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, refraining from TV, alcohol or social media, and identifying the things that get in the way of our focus on God. What are the benefits of fasting?

The act of giving something up expresses my desire to put God first in my life. It shows me the things that I depend on rather than God, so that I can surrender *'my idols'* to Him. It encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God. It gives me space to focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom resulting in a more intimate relationship with Christ: *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6).

Fasting enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual

condition, leading to brokenness and repentance, and a transformed life along with heart that is more attentive and dependent on God.

Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines, like joining a study group, doing 'random acts of kindness', giving more time to prayer and bible study or solitude, and reading a Lent book.

As a church we encourage you to join GEAR who are hosting a Lent series on Wednesday evenings - see page 11 for details. If Wednesday evenings doesn't work for you we are also encouraging you to join Enfield Town and Forty Hill churches with their Lent study on Mondays with three times to choose from throughout the day

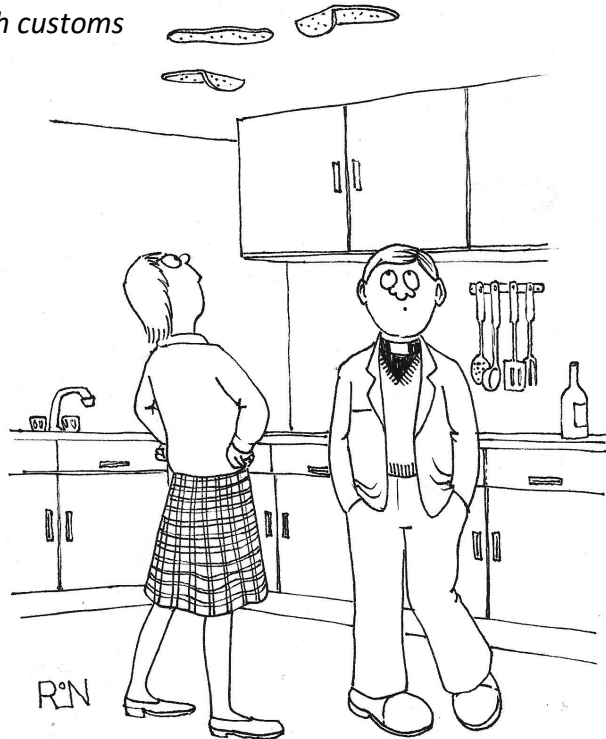
- see page 12 for details. (GEAR is a voluntary network of Christians who long to see evangelism and renewal become part of the heartbeat of our denomination, the United Reformed Church.)

have only one purpose – to make the disciples more ready and cheerful to accomplish those things which God would have done.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

Lisa

“Jesus takes it for granted that His disciples will observe the pious custom of fasting. Strict exercise of self-control is an essential feature of the Christian’s life. Such customs



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

Smile Lines

Why God made mums

These were the answers given by some seven- year-olds...

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
2. Mostly to clean the house, I think.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.
3. God made my mum just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and one part of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.
3. They have a lot more hair than dads, are softer to hug, and wear woolly jumpers.

If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. She'd be more relaxed about me not doing my homework.

Here is the News

BB Minibus stolen

We are very sad to report that the 2nd Enfield Boys Brigade Mini bus, registration number SH64 OFR was stolen from Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church car park in Main Avenue just after midnight on Friday 11th February. If you see it anywhere please notify the local police immediately.

Is God calling you to ministry?

If you feel passionate about making a difference in your local area, or would like to explore a new vocation, why not see if God is calling to towards Church Related Community Work (CRCW) ministry. CRCW in the URC is a vital part of the ministry of the whole people of God and is based on a vision of the Church as an agent of social change. If you would like to know more, please email Steve Summers (steve.summers@urc.org.uk) with the subject "CRCW query".

An easy way for fathers to feel closer to their children

When fathers work with their children on puzzles, it helps them grow closer, because their brains 'synchronise'. This leads them to being more 'psychologically in tune' with each other.

A study at the University of Essex said that "the synchronising of brain activity is interesting, because we knew it happened between mothers and children, but didn't know if the same was true with fathers.

"This is important for two reasons. It shows that men are biologically wired to provide off-spring care; and second, dads are increasingly being recognised as care-givers and attachment figures to their children."





Show the love with a green gift

Celebrate someone special with a gift that's meaningful and eco-friendly. From homemade biscuits, an upcycled project or an experience gift, our tokens of appreciation don't have to cost the earth.

Every Church of England region in the country signs up to become an Eco Diocese

Just as our church is working towards it's silver and ultimately, gold Eco Church award, the Church of England are working within every region of the country.

All 42 dioceses in the Church of England have signed up to become an 'eco diocese' as part of their commitment to reach net zero carbon by 2030.



The Eco Dioceses scheme, developed by the charity A Rocha UK, sees churches and dioceses awarded bronze, silver, or gold status depending on actions taken to improve their environmental footprint.

The Church of England is seeking to reach 'net zero' carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by General Synod in 2020.

Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and lead bishop for the environment, said:

"A Rocha UK's Eco Church and Diocese scheme is a great tool which enables local churches at every level of their climate justice journey to engage with environmental issues. As Christians, we must make real differences to our lives to care for God's creation and limit the impact of the climate emergency."

Remembering Ivy Neate

Mum was born on 21st December 1932 in Battersea, first child of Nellie and Harry Lawrence. Her early childhood was care-free, playing out with cousins and friends. Brother Lenny was born in 1936.

In 1939, Mum and Lenny were evacuated: Mum charged with looking after three year old Lenny. Evacuation was awful, culminating in being separated in a Childrens' Home. These memories cut deep and, as an adult, Mum's heart always went out to children in crisis.

Post war, Mum starting attending a local chapel, joining their Girls' Brigade and very active youth club. She loved the sense of community: something she found again later at the BHP URC.



Mum went to secretarial college, then worked at an engineering company becoming the mainstay of their Victoria office. "I was the only girl and there were fourteen men," she said, "so they all made a fuss of me." She loved it.

Mum and Dad – Arthur - met at seventeen in a Clapham Junction coffee bar. With friends, they drank espressos, listened to the jukebox, visited Richmond Park or the cinema or went jiving. They married a month after Dad's return from Egypt in 1955.

Bev came along in 1957, Bob three years later. Dad's sister having moved to Enfield, once they had the deposit for a house, Mum and Dad literally followed the van to Southbury Avenue: Mum perched behind Dad on his motorbike, Bev, Bob and budgie in the sidecar. Mum loved that period of her life, at home with young children – Jane was born in 1966 – forging lasting friendships with the other mums.

Mum had been looking for a faith community but not settling on any. When Bev joined Girls Brigade at the BHP URC, Mum came along on a Sunday and found like-minded people worshipping in a way she found comfortable. Mum became increasingly involved with church life. She helped Chris Hall with the Anchor Boys and the bread pudding she made for BB camp every year became legendary.

Over time, Mum temped for a secretarial agency then worked as a Home Help. When Ben, her eldest grandchild, was born Mum helped to look after him, then Katy, then Harriet. Eventually, when Bob and family moved back from Sheffield, she had all six of her grandchildren 'within feeding distance.' She doted on and was proud of all her grandchildren and more recently her two great grandchildren.

Mum had become a Church Member in 1982 and started going to the church meetings. It was at one of these that the then minister David Hamblin asked for ideas to bring people into the Church. Mum suggested a toddler group, like they had at St Marks. She was at the time minding Katy - just a toddler herself. As Dad tells it, David gave her twenty pounds and told her to set it up. The group she created is still going strong over 30 years later.

Mum was involved in so many aspects of the church: booking speakers for Meeting Point, helping with Sunday school and holiday clubs, taking her turn on the teas rota and being a keen member of the book club. Aside her family, the friends she made at Church were at the centre of her life.

During lockdown, she very much missed coming to the church but watched the services on YouTube and loved participating in the church WhatsApp group.



On Sunday 19th December, we had a jolly family gathering for Mum's impending birthday; then came to the Carol Service where she met friends, saw Ben doing the reading and Tom and Julia playing in the band. Mum died suddenly at home the following morning. We feel blessed to have had her in our lives for so long but it is very hard being without her.

We are immensely grateful for the love and support that has reached out to Dad and ourselves from the Church community. A particular thank you to those who made her Memorial Service run so smoothly.

Mum hated being the centre of attention but would have been delighted that the donations to her chosen charity – SmileTrain – exceeded £2,000 – enough to perform fifteen Cleft repair operations.

In loving friendship
Bev, Bob and Jane



LENT 2022

GEAR are hosting a Lent series that is open to any individuals and churches who wish to join them.

GEAR are a voluntary network of Christians who long to see evangelism and renewal become part of the heartbeat of our denomination, the United Reformed Church.

GEAR are convinced that effective ministry and fruitful mission can happen only under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Therefore they work and pray for personal and corporate renewal, looking to see individuals and churches move into a deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ

Each week there will be worship, Bible Study, discussion and prayer as we will unpack the aims of GEAR.

Wed 2 March - Growing Close to Jesus, led by Sally Willett

Wed 9 March - Enthusiastic about the Bible, led by Andy Twilley

Wed 16 March - Alive in the power of the Spirit, led by Paul Stokes

Wed 23 March - Reaching out with the good news, led by Ashley Evans

All from 7.30-9pm on Zoom.

Contact Matt Stone for the Zoom details: matt.stone@cantab.net.

The sessions (excluding discussion) will be recorded and made available the next day in case churches wish to use them.

ENFIELD TOWN AND FORTY
HILL CHURCHES

MONEY MAKES CHANGE LENT STUDY



Monday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March

**10:30am at Salvation Army, Churchbury
Lane, Enfield, EN1 3HQ**

**2pm at Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road,
Enfield, EN2 6TG**

7:30pm on Zoom (register for zoom link via
<http://jesuschurch.org.uk/contacts/>)

Diary

March

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Wed 2nd	7:30pm	GEAR Lent study starts - see page 11 for details
Sun 6th	10:00am	Communion with Anna Erikson
Mon 7th	Various	Enfield Town and Forty Hill churches Lent study starts - see page 12 for details
Sun 13th	10:00am	Worship with Christine Hall
Sun 20th	10:00am	Boys Brigade Battalion Parade with Revd Martin Legg
Sat 26th	3:00pm	Family Film Feast - film to be announced
Sun 27th	10:00am	Worship with Lisa Hamblin

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

All material for inclusion should be emailed to
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Prayer Diary

MARCH 2022

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

Tuesday 1st

Leadership & Congregation of
Enfield Baptist Church

Ash Wednesday 2nd

Leighton Road

Thursday 3rd

For those on duty or training in
the Paratroopers

Friday 4th

The work of Pam's Pantry (we
support them)

Saturday 5th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the
service tomorrow

Sunday 6th

Thanks for all those who give
their time and support to our or-
ganisations and to help in our
community

Monday 7th

Margaret (both)

Tuesday 8th

Leadership & Congregation of St
Marks Parish Church

Wednesday 9th

Main Avenue

Thursday 10th

For those on duty or training in
the RAF

Friday 11th

Elijah, our sponsored child in
Zambia

Saturday 12th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 13th

Give thanks for good health

Monday 14th

Mark

Tuesday 15th

Leadership & Congregation of
Christ Church United Reformed
Church

Wednesday 16th

Melbourne Way

Thursday 17th

For those on duty or training in
the Army

Friday 18th

Those suffering from Alzheimer's
and the charities who seek to
find a cure

Saturday 19th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 20th

Thanks for the small things people
do to help us

Monday 21st

Martin

Tuesday 22nd

Leadership & Congregation of
Bush Hill Park Methodist Church

Wednesday 23rd

Millais Road

Thursday 24th

For those on duty or training in
the Special Forces

Friday 25th

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

Saturday 26th

Sunday's Worship Leader and
the service tomorrow

Sunday 27th

Give thanks for family and
friends

Monday 28th

Melanie

Tuesday 29th

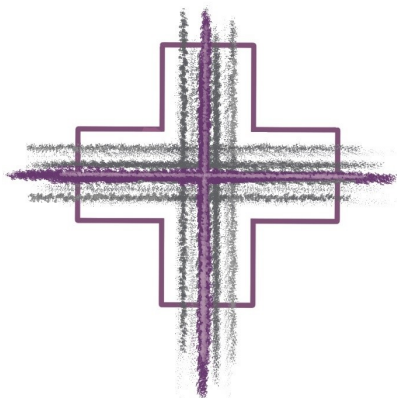
Leadership & Congregation of
Lancaster Road United Reformed
Church

Wednesday 30th

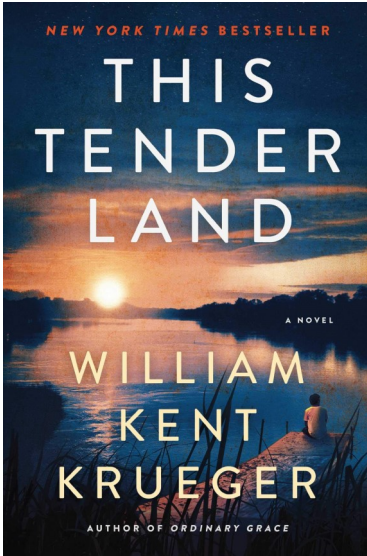
Percival Road

Thursday 31st

For those on recovering from
injury (physical or mental) on the
battlefield



Book Club



This Tender Land by William Kent Krueber

It is 1922 in the USA. We follow the early lives of orphaned Albert, his brother Odie and friends Mose and Emmy in a canoe along a tributary river towards the Mississippi. They intend to visit the only member of the family they know, an aunt.

But... there is so much more to the start of the story in a children's home where care and love were very much missing.

The characters they meet along the way are of interest, some likeable, others not. We learn about lives in a shanty town on the flood plain, how to become caught up in a travelling tent mission where love is shown to them.

His first real love is painful for Odie and oh, how it affects them all. Tensions rise. I'll not tell more.

This is as very good read; enjoyed by us all.

We will meet on the 7th March having read 'Motherwell' by Deborah Orr.

Sylvia

MOTHERWELL

A GIRLHOOD



Deborah Orr

Look at you

Lent encourages us to examine how we're getting on. It's especially useful for people who have been practising Christians for some time. We're used to saying prayers, going to church and trying to express our faith in action, but the routine may have become a bit jaded. We would like to beef it up, but the very busyness of living gets in the way.

Self-examination doesn't demand grovelling or self-abasement or flagellation. It means going into the open space of the wilderness with Jesus and trying to imagine what He was facing, as He prepared Himself "in the power of the Spirit" to embark on His life's work.

What might His temptations mean for us here and now? They offered Him short cuts. Turning stones into bread could solve the world's poverty gap in a stroke. It would relieve us of our responsibility to combine generosity with ingenuity and put right the world's grotesque inequalities. Jesus responded to that temptation by quoting scripture, "Human beings cannot live on bread alone". It speaks volumes for the 21st Century.

Then Jesus was tempted to do a deal with the devil, on the pretext that collaboration would deliver results. "God alone is due our homage", was His rebuff, quoting scripture again. Since everyone worships something or someone, it would be a valuable exercise to consider carefully what or who takes pride of place in our schedule. It's a tough one. What do we love most, and do we need to adjust our priorities?

Magic was the next option. Jump off the temple roof and you'll be OK. Jesus dismissed this offer with the words, "Don't put God to the test". While that stunt wouldn't appeal to many Christians, there's a breed of phoney preachers today who promise financial success and perfect health to their followers.

Others reduce the Gospel to the single word, 'love', as though acquiring a sunny disposition could solve humanity's problems. The definition of love in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, suggests something quite different. That Chapter could provide the whole agenda for Lent and beyond.

The Ven John Barton

World Day of Prayer 2022

Friday 4th March - I Know the Plans I Have for You

The WDP 2022 program is based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. The exiles were in a context of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond to the moment. Today, we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI). For Jeremiah, God's plan was clear, and we share this assurance by singing it.



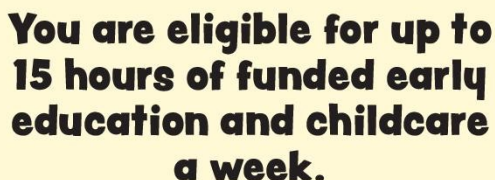
The artwork, created by Angie Fox using a combination of embroidery, appliqué and metalwork, depicts key words such as **Freedom**, represented as an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista; **Justice**, represented by broken chains; **God's Peace and Forgiveness**, represented by the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement.

Overall, a rainbow which has come to represent all these things from the story of Noah through to the modern day. It is a symbol of the overreaching love of God.

We are given a seed of hope to ponder where it needs to be planted in our lives and in our communities. Take this opportunity, to raise awareness on the needs of your community and offer the gifts of prayers and commitment. A seed, nourished by prayers of intercession and actions of love, bind us together around the world.

This year the service has been written by England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Services will go ahead all over the world. Our closest is at 2pm in St Edmunds Catholic church, 115 Hertford Road, Edmonton, N9 7EN. For the full UK list visit www.wwdp.org.uk/services/

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The moral turmoil of our times

Yes, Britain is in serious political and moral turmoil. So is the USA. Many other countries are heading towards totalitarian rule or are savagely divided along tribal, religious, or racial lines.

We shouldn't concentrate on cataloguing our complaints, though, before counting our blessings, which is a healthier activity for the human soul. Here's a start. The British National Health Service may not be the best in the world, but we're the envy of the many countries which have nothing. Arguably, we were the first with a mass vaccination programme. We have a comparatively good legal system which benefits from its independence from Parliament. The introduction of a Living Wage for workers was a step in the right direction.

There are still vestiges of Christian civilisation: we can appeal to an underlying sense of justice, and in this year when we mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we can be grateful for her exemplary life of Christian service.

Now for the downside. Many of the old moral signposts have been vandalised or destroyed. We don't trust our leaders. So many commercial companies have broken the law (Argos, BP, HSBC, NatWest, Royal Mail, Southeastern Trains, Tesco, Vodafone, Volkswagen, Wells Fargo, etc) that we wonder which others aren't on the list simply because they haven't yet been caught. Fines for breaches in data protection cost (in Euros) Amazon 746m, WhatsApp 225m, Google 50m, British Airways 22m.

Freedom of speech is threatened by those who claim to be liberal minded but would censor anyone who holds different convictions. Sex is now widely regarded as a recreational activity. Most people protest they are not racist, without recognising its insidious subtleties. Hypocrisy is No 1 on the moral hit list, though its origin in the New Testament and, consequently, its true meaning, go unrecognised. We are clinging on to our trust in the Police Force, despite grave breaches by officers.

The 18th Century American President Thomas Jefferson said, "The government you elect is the government you deserve." Jesus said, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." Both suggest that criticism should begin at home.

The Ven John Barton



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Making sure your mother is cared for

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. (John 19:25-27 NIV)

What would you do if you had an elderly mother for whom you would simply not be able to care much longer? We often think about providing for our children if something should happen to us, but what about when it is the other way around? It is not always the parents who die, or become incapacitated, first.

This story of Jesus on the cross is one of the most moving in the Bible. Our Lord, amidst His agony, remembers the effect His death will have on His mother. He tells Mary to go with the apostle John, and for John to look after her. Joseph must have died by then, and Mary herself would have been a middle-aged woman. Women had a low legal status in the society, and so it was vital that a man took care of a woman who was otherwise on her own. Jesus chose John to look after His mother. He must have trusted John completely. According to tradition, Mary lived with John for another 11 years, in either Jerusalem or Ephesus.

Today, if you need to provide for your mother (for example) when you will not be there, you can set up a trust. You need legal advice about this, because it is complex, and you must first find someone in whom you can have complete confidence. Some local and national charities have befrienders' schemes to visit and support frail or elderly people. These charities would welcome a legacy from you. Perhaps you can build up a support network while you still can.

David Pickup, a solicitor

Prayer

The Vernal Equinox

In the season of the Spring
The day is equal to the night;
Summer's song we soon shall sing!
Evenings filled with summer light!

Winter's cares seem long ago
Mornings spiked by bitter frost
But we shall bask in summer glow
For the seasons have now crossed.

Thank you, Lord God, for the Spring
And for all the seasons, too,
Of life's rhythms we shall sing
Giving all the praise to You.

By Nigel Beeton

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a prayer you
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Boys' Brigade News

A Windmill, a Coal Plant and a Geothermal Station formed a band called "Earth, Wind, and Fire". Their songs start off slow but eventually build in Energy. They were trying to work out which genre to go for when the windmill said I'm a huge metal fan! Luckily for them they saw the Potential in the Current market. The Year 7s have continued to build their matchstick windmills alongside doing some first aid. They are halfway through their project and have been making good progress. Most have now completed the base and the main walls. After half term they will be tackling the more intricate parts of the matchstick model and will be carefully measuring each stick to make sure everything fits together.

The middle age group have most of their short film filmed and will be finishing that off over the next half term. They will be finishing this off before their focus shifts to putting on a puppet show for the Battalion Church Parade which will be on Sunday 20th March. I recently got some old broken puppets off a friend of mine. He said I could have them, no strings attached. I was going to make a joke about a traditional seaside puppet show but I couldn't remember the punch line! Puppetry is an ancient form of theatre which is thought to have originated over five-thousand years ago. Each Monday the boys will be practicing the hand puppet set in preparation. That's certainly something to be looking forward to. I'm sure it'll be great!

The Seniors cooking went down a treat, although some of the food did seem quite complex it was executed superbly! As I'm sure most of you are aware by now, our minibus was

stolen from the church car park. Therefore, the Seniors will be planning a future fund-raising event to raise funds to go towards the new minibus as well as increased security to prevent another theft. At time of writing, the planning for this has not begun so there is not too much information for me to report. However, keep an eye out in next month's edition for a more detailed update and maybe even an exciting poster of sorts!

We returned to our annual company supper this year after a gap due to Covid restrictions. It was well attended and the whole night was greatly received. The main course included roast beef, gravy, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, and cauliflower cheese. The dessert, of course, was plumduff with custard and it was enjoyed by all. After we'd all eaten, the official retiring of the old yellow duster took place before some light entertainment ended the night.

There is a Battalion weekend away which some of the boys from our company will be attending. Leaving on a Friday evening and returning the following Sunday evening. The last weekend away we attended involved some on-site games including frisbee golf as well as some off-site activities; a trip to the local water park, a Jacob's ladder and zip line to name a few activities. More to follow on this in next month's edition.

There's lots to look forward to in March and lots to keep your eyes peeled for in the April report. Until then that's all from me!

Joseph

Wordsearch

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

lent
 spiritual
 easter
 preparation
 fasting
 prayer
 desert
 selfdenial
 repentance
 seeking
 finding
 growing
 mothers
 love
 care
 nurture
 learning
 teaching
 disciples
 worldwide
 flowers
 thankyou
 nursing
 family



Other local church activities

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
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

Christ Church - ccurc.org.uk

BHP Methodist - www.bhpmethodist.org.uk

BHP Community Church (Living Room and Gospel Hall) - 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 10.30am Friends Group (2nd & 4th Thursday)
 7.30pm Boys' Brigade Company Section circuit training (when advised)

Friday 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

