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**GOD**  
is our  
*refuge*  
and  
**STRENGTH**  
*a very present*  
**help in trouble**  
*therefore we will **not** fear.*

Psalm 46:1

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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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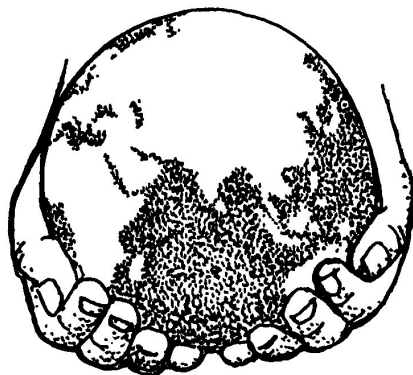
**We hope that you are safe and well**, and that you are getting used to the new-normal, despite the vast number of us who currently have got Covid!

Tragically, the war and suffering in Ukraine continues, and so again this month we have some stories on reactions to the war. Look out for John Rutter's new work based on a Ukrainian prayer on page 17 and the wordsearch on page 26.

We're raising money for Christian Aid Week between 15th and 21st May because it's unjust that drought is driving people into hunger. See page 18 for Jessica's story.

May also brings us Ascension, 40 days after Easter. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was



seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them – to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles –

persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: ‘While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.’ (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: ‘I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...’ (John 20:17)

No wonder the disciples praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! ‘I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.’ (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth. We continue that work.

Finally, we would encourage you to simply keep going in these troubled times. Your church and your community needs your continued commitment and enthusiasm!

We think that the following verses from the New Testament could be an inspiration for anyone with lots on their plate:

Galatians 6:9

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Colossians 4:5-6

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

Don’t become weary, make the most of every opportunity, let your writing be full of grace... remember your aim is to reap a harvest, to bear witness to the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ, our ascended Lord.

May God bless you and guide you this month.

Lisa

## Smile Lines

### **Not expecting this**

The young minister took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and was told it would be a long labour. So, he agreed to ring at lunchtime for news. But when he phoned, he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: "I brought my wife to your place early this morning. Is there any news?"

He was surprised to be told: "Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks."

### **New dog breeds**

With all the new crossbreeds appearing, would you fancy one of the following?

Pekingnese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso: an abstract dog

Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat Retriever: the choice of research scientists

Newfoundland + Basset Hound = Newfound Asset Hound: a dog for financial advisors

Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabador: a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute + Pointer = Moot Point: owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

Collie + Malamute = Commute: a dog that travels to work

Deerhound + Terrier = Derriere: a dog that's true to the end

# Here is the News

## Church Meeting

A Church meeting has been planned for 11am (after worship) on Sunday 15th May.

At the meeting we will hold re-election of elders for a further three year term for Robin, Diann and Andrew.

If you can not attend please let Robin know and he can add your apologies to the minutes.

## Christian Aid Week

We're raising money for Christian Aid Week because it's unjust that drought is driving people into hunger. Jessica fears her children won't eat tonight. Drought robs her of the power to provide for her family. But with your help we could make sure families like hers can grow drought-tolerant crops that flourish in the changing climate. Please join this Christian Aid Week by donating to our e-envelope using the QR code below or at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/bhpurc> or via envelopes available in the Church.





## **Go plastic free**

Even if you can't become totally plastic-free, make it your goal to at least reduce your use of plastic. Read Tom's month without plastic blog at <https://arocha.org.uk/meet-the-community-tom-g>

## **Charity urges people in energy crisis to seek free debt help**

The national debt help charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), is busy responding to people hit by the recent energy price cap rise, which will see households paying around 50% more for their energy bills

Low-income households, says CAP, "are already struggling to afford the basics they need to live with dignity."

In just the first two months of this year, the charity saw requests for emergency fuel vouchers double, compared to the first two months of 2021. The charity has also delivered over £23,000 worth of crisis support, which includes emergency fuel vouchers, food shops and essential items.

CAP is in regular contact with suppliers, Ofgem and the Government to help them understand the impact these increases are having on the people it supports.

It is also wants to hear from people in need: "With the expected increases in energy costs running into October and beyond, it's more important than ever that people who are struggling don't wait until their debts get out of hand."

If you are struggling with debt and need free help, get in contact with CAP today on 0800 328 0006 or visit [capuk.org](https://capuk.org).



Links to Khristiya Seva Niketan Hospital with UK churches trace right back to its founding in 1914 by Welsh Missionary doctor, Caleb Davis, who first held consultations under a banyan tree in the impoverished rural tribal community of Sarenga, West Bengal.

That tree still stands, and the links continue with Friends of KSN Hospital being established in 2021 as a UK registered charity 1193947.

The hospital still provides essential healthcare to a poverty-stricken local community of farmers and tribal communities, living amongst the surrounding teak forests.

Friends of KSN Hospital have enabled the transformation of a long-neglected operating theatre into a safe and modern facility, as well as supporting various projects such as eye camps and the purchase of vital respiratory equipment, a digital x-ray converter, fire safety equipment, and a phototherapy LED unit.

This year, our focus is on raising funds for an operating microscope and an electrolyte analyser, as well as continuing support for eye camps, undertaking necessary refurbishment of wards, and supporting the Marshal Duar Hostel.



Marshal Duar Hostel provides safe accommodation for local girls whose families are struggling to care for them. During lockdown, the hostel was closed and rapidly deteriorated.





We are trying to ensure it is fit, not just for habitation, but so that the girls might thrive. We administer a sponsorship scheme, which covers a child's food and accommodation, for just £300 a year.

The Bathsheba Fund was established so that staff would have a discretionary fund to support families who struggle to pay for treatments following the death of a child or a main wage earner, or for when care is not covered under the Indian Government's Health Card scheme.

KSN is home to a nurses training school, and students bring much light, life and laughter to the hospital. They are encouraged to stay on at the hospital after qualifying. Providing facilities to attract and retain good staff is difficult, given aging equipment, substandard accommodation and the rural location.

We also encourage giving direct to the hospital via Amazon India [amzn.in/60DmxyO](https://amzn.in/60DmxyO) Just order on your own Amazon account. 1 Penny is about 1 Rupee (£1 = 100 Rupees). It is fully secure.



We are particularly encouraging churches to hold a Gift Day to support KSN's life transforming work. Leaflets and a video can be supplied.

Find out more: <https://friendsofksn.org.uk> [facebook.com/FriendsofKSN](https://facebook.com/FriendsofKSN)

Contact us: [info@FriendsofKSN.org.uk](mailto:info@FriendsofKSN.org.uk)

**Thank you!**

## Christ's Legacy

There was no mourning when Christ's resurrection appearances came to an end. After the final occasion we are told the disciples 'worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy'.

They had already experienced the onset of grief caused by His death, intensified because of the dreadful manner of it and the consequent crushing of their hopes. Then, with feelings combining bewilderment with elation, they were confronted by Christ alive and had to rethink everything they had understood until then about the certainty of death.

They became convinced that the Crucifixion and Resurrection signposted a new beginning, not an ending, and that it gave fresh purpose to humanity, past, present and future.

Why was Christ's final departure met by joy rather than gloom? Here are some reasons, which we might think of as His legacies.

First, He had said that He was going to prepare a place for His followers. It's worth pondering John Chapter 14, to see why Jesus' disciples were so confident after His Ascension.

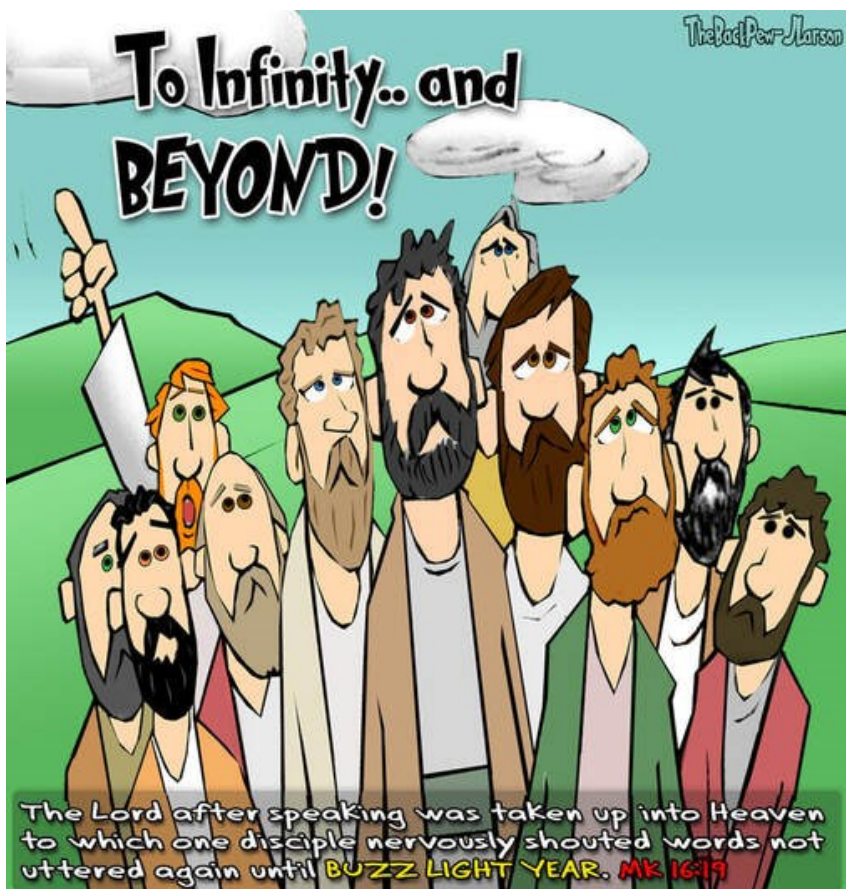
Second, He taught them His departure was, actually, for their benefit. Only in this way would the 'Advocate' come. 'Advocate' is one translation of a word meaning 'called alongside' and is a description of the Holy Spirit's work in and for humanity, then and now.

Third, Christ continues to campaign for the human cause, though now out of sight. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews puts it bluntly: "He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Paul writes something similar in his letter to the Romans. It means

that Jesus prays for us nonstop, so when we pray it's like treading on a moving walkway taking us in the right direction.

Fourth, He came to show us what the unseen God is like. When one of His trainees asked, "Lord, show us the Father", the reply was, "Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know Me? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father". So, the more we contemplate Jesus, the closer we get to the unseen God.

The Ven John Barton



<https://www.thebackpew.com/the-ascension8203.html>

# Free\* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 28th May



In a suburban fantasy world, two teenage elf brothers, go on a journey to discover if there is still a little magic left out there. Like any good quest, their journey is filled with magic spells, cryptic maps, impossible obstacles and unimaginable discoveries.



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# Diary

## May

**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 1st	10:00am	Communion with David Moir
Sun 8th	10:00am	Parade with Lynda Cook
Sun 15th	10:00am 11:00am	Worship with Ray Pettipher Church meeting with re-election of elders
Sun 22nd	10:00am	Fellowship worship with Lynda Cook - bring along a bible verse or something where you have seen God at work or a hymn / song. Let Lynda know by 15th May if you need something on the screen
Sat 28th	3:00pm	Family Film Feast
Sun 29th	10:00am	United worship and baptism with Christine Hall

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**Next newsletter deadline:  
Sunday 15th May**

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# Prayer Diary

MAY 2022

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions,  
prayers, intercession and thanksgiving  
be made for all people—  
for kings and all those in authority,  
that we may live peaceful and quiet lives  
in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

## **Sunday 1st**

Thanks for the stewards, those  
who project our services and  
everyone who helps our services  
happen week by week

## **Monday 2nd**

Tom

## **Tuesday 3rd**

Those who still don't know Jesus  
personally

## **Wednesday 4th**

Southbury Road

## **Thursday 5th**

For politics of wisdom, integrity,  
self-sacrifice and policymaking  
for the good of all

## **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 clean water, gas and  
electricity and sanitation for our  
homes

## **Monday 9th**

Tony

## **Tuesday 10th**

Opportunities to share our faith

## **Wednesday 11th**

Third Avenue

## **Thursday 12th**

For effective and gracious Chris-

tian presence and influence in political debate

### **Friday 13th**

The work of Tearfund (we support them through Toilet Twinning)

### **Saturday 14th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### **Sunday 15th**

Thanks for the Peacemakers

### **Monday 16th**

Vikkie

### **Tuesday 17th**

The courage to invite someone to church

### **Wednesday 18th**

Trinity Avenue

### **Thursday 19th**

For integrity, truth and compassion throughout Government

### **Friday 20th**

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

### **Saturday 21st**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### **Sunday 22nd**

Thanks for doctors and nurses who go to areas where the people have no access to health care

### **Monday 23rd**

Yvonne

### **Tuesday 24th**

New believers to grow in their faith

### **Wednesday 25th**

Tweedy Close

### **Thursday 26th**

For the positive influence of God's people for the good of all throughout all Government departments

### **Friday 27th**

Those suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and the charities who seek to find a cure

### **Saturday 28th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

### **Sunday 29th**

Thanks for those who entertain us, make us smile and show us other worlds

### **Monday 30th**

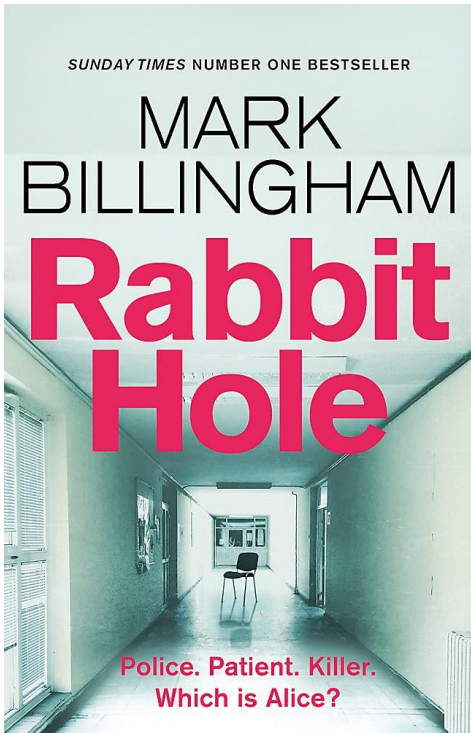
Valerie

### **Tuesday 31st**

That we will be effective in telling the Jesus story and giving people ways to find out more and to respond



## Book Club



Rabbit Hole by Mark Bellingham

This was a very different read and enjoyed.

Set in a Psychiatric Unit there is a death.

Why did it happen? Who could have come in when it is such a secure unit. What is the reason?

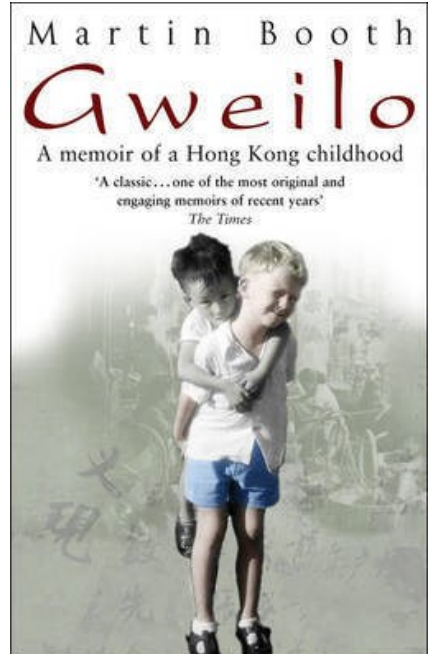
A tempter to open the book is Police, Patient, Killer. Which is Alice?

Alice takes us through the story. Her fellow residents are of interest.

The characters are well written.

Our next meeting is on Monday 9th May. The book is Gweilo by Mark Booth.

Sylvia





## **War in Ukraine: John Rutter pens new work after Ukraine invasion**

John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal.

Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days.

"The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text, on Thursday I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts."

The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen."

He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need."

The score is available for free by submitting this form <https://bit.ly/RequestAUkrainianPrayer> You are welcome to duplicate the score for the sole use of your own choir. You may like to make a donation to a Ukrainian relief charity, perhaps equivalent to the approximate cost of the copies had you purchased them. If you wish, you are free to make a recording of the piece without a special license to do so.

Listen to the new work at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bx4QFxfW2s>

## Christian Aid Week



**Every gift. Every action. Every prayer.  
Every one of us can change lives.**

Drought starves. It robs women of the power to farm and grow food for their families.

Now, for the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

Women and men in Zimbabwe are hungry to provide a more hopeful future. Mums often skip meals to share with their children what little food they have.

One of these mums is Jessica Mwedzi. Drought makes every day a struggle for survival. Jessica is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

**‘My children crave a good meal, but I can’t provide.’  
Jessica says. ‘It pains me to send them to bed hungry.’**

Your gift could help Jessica grow drought-resistant crops. You could help her set up a water tap on her farm and learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. She’ll turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.



Jessica Mwedzi carries maize grain to make porridge to feed her children.

Photo credit: Christian Aid / David Brazier

This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray – stepping out in love for our global neighbours. With you by our side, we won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community helping those living in poverty to transform their own lives.

This Christian Aid Week (15-21 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help women grow crops that survive in the drought.
- **Act** and raise your voice for justice. Join our Loss and Damage campaign.
- **Pray** that families will stay strong during tough times of drought.

**Together, we can turn hunger into hope.**

Join us at [caweek.org](https://caweek.org)

You can give to our e-envelope using the QR code below or at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/bhpurc> or via envelopes available in the Church.



Children play a game with their friends as the sun sets outside their home in Zimbabwe.

Photo credit: Christian Aid / David Brazier

## Humility

A few years ago I visited the Smithsonian Museum's Hall of Human Origins. Our guide, the curator of anthropology, was keen to help Christians understand his research. Whatever you make of the evidence for human evolution, the fact remains that other species a bit like us were around before we came on the scene – or in the case of Neanderthals, at the same time.

Part of the exhibit included lifelike reconstructions of the face and hair of several different hominins, displayed on pillars at the right height for each species. So I could crouch down to 'meet' *Homo floriensis* or stand tall to look into the eyes of *Homo heidelbergensis*. Most of these – beings? creatures? – were on other branches of the evolutionary tree to us, and we share a common ancestor much further back. I did, however, feel as if I was meeting my forebears.



As I walked between the statues I asked myself, "Why us?" There's evidence that Neanderthals used symbolism as we do, and also buried their dead. Did they have the potential to evolve to a point where

they could do similar things to us? The curator explained how, as the ice ages came and went, human beings moved around but other species appear to have stayed put and suffered the consequences – they just weren't ready yet for that big change. As I took in the displays about how we began to gather socially around a fire, make music or write, I felt humbled. We managed to adapt, but we could so easily have disappeared with the rest.

In his book *The Message of Creation*, theologian David Wilkinson shares his view that being made in the image of God has nothing to do with our own cleverness or abilities, but is a gift. God created us on purpose (I believe through the long slow process of evolution) and chose to enter into a relationship with us, making us His representatives on earth.

Thankfully I don't have to figure out how to interact with other human-like hominins today. I do, however, have an equal share in humankind's God-given commission to tend and keep creation. Am I ready to go further than ensuring my own species' survival – not necessarily because we have evolved further than our ice-age ancestors, but because I have one of the 'new hearts' promised in Ezekiel 11:19? Can I work together, in a true spirit of humility, with people from all over the world to ensure the full diversity of life can flourish?

\*For resources on this question, try the Faraday Institute <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk>, BioLogos <https://biologos.org>, and Christians in Science <https://www.cis.org.uk>

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge

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## **Julian of Norwich, a voice from a distant cell**

Many years ago, studying English literature at university, I was intrigued to be introduced to the work of Julian of Norwich. She was writing at the end of the 14th century, when our modern English language was slowly emerging from its origins in Anglo-Saxon and Middle English.

Our lecturer was mainly concerned with her importance in the history of the language (she was the first woman, and the first significant writer, to write in English). But I was more intrigued by the ideas she was expressing. She was an anchoress – someone who had committed herself to a life of solitude, giving herself to prayer and fasting. St Julian's, Norwich was the church where she had her 'cell'.

Her masterpiece, *Revelations of Divine Love*, reveals a mystic of such depth and insight that today up and down Britain there are hundreds, possibly thousands, of 'Julian Groups' who meet regularly to study her writings and try to put them into practise.

She is honoured this month in the Lutheran and Anglican Churches, but although she is held in high regard by many Roman Catholics, her own Church has never felt able to recognise her as a 'saint'. This is probably because she spoke of God as embracing both male and female qualities. *Revelations* is an account of the visions she received in her tiny room, which thousands of pilgrims visit every year.

Her most famous saying, quoted by T S Eliot in one of his poems, is 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' These words have brought comfort and strength to many a soul in distress.

Canon David Winter

## Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

As we thank you for May, this most beautiful of months, we are aware that not everything in your world is beautiful; not every attitude or action is beautiful, or kind, or just.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world that we can sometimes feel overwhelmed. Help us, Lord to remember that Jesus came to bring all this brokenness together, to bring reconciliation and wholeness. Thank you that by His life, death and resurrection Jesus overcame death for ever. Thank you that He ascended into heaven so that the Holy Spirit could come to live in believers, to give strength and power and resilience, so that Your work goes on.

Thank you that nothing in all creation – no evil attacks, no illness, no human powers, no circumstances at all – can ever separate us from Your love.

We will not be overwhelmed as we keep our eyes on You.

We may not always understand, but we acknowledge You to be the Lord, who reigns over all – and we are thankful.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

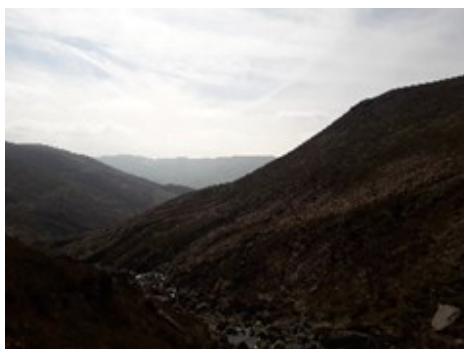
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If you would like prayer for yourself or family and friends please email [prayer@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:prayer@bhpurc.org.uk)

## Boys' Brigade News

This month's review is going to be a little less comprehensive than usual. Although there's not as much to report as normal here's the latest!

The Peak District National Park spreads over five counties: Cheshire, Staffordshire, Yorkshire and Greater Manchester - covering an area of 555 sq miles (1,440km<sup>2</sup>). It is home to 38,000 people and receives over twelve-million visitors each year

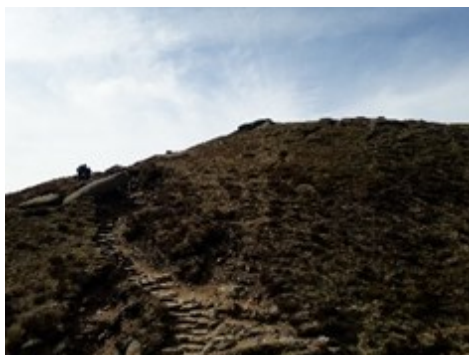


Like a Phoenix from the ashes the Second Enfield BB Easter Expedition returns. The boys in the Duke of Edinburgh group are heading off to the peak district during the Easter break for an expedition. Away from the city and into nature, swapping

memes for moors they'll be constructing tents, cooking on camp stoves and they'll have to be congruous when navigating their way around hills and valleys in order to stay on route.

America may have Niagara Falls but the Kinder Downfall offers a hydrating feel to those who pass it.

The Peak District is famous for its caves - with the deepest being over 400







meters below the ground. People still lived in the caves until 1910. With the "Peak District" name deriving from peac, an Old English word meaning hill. As famous as it is for it's caves the Peak District has also been the

filming location for many BBC Dramas and films as well as Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

This expedition will give the boys an idea of what it'll be like when they do their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and they'll be learning the skills they need. Although they have had some sessions on Monday nights and had some hands-on practice with tent craft and cooking, they'll be out in the open and getting practice in an area which will be unfamiliar to them. I recently brought a map off Bono but it's rubbish, the streets have no name and I still haven't found what I'm looking for.



Recently some of the boys have competed in the top team challenges. We have entered three teams to compete in a mixture of physical, mental and skill challenges. The competition is competed against other BB companies with the results yet to come through.

Joseph

# Wordsearch

## A prayer for Ukraine

Lord, we pray for Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

ukraine	war	cease	earth	break
bows	shatter	spears	burn	shields
fire	save	many	lives	crisis
lord	our	rock	fortress	deliverer
hope	in	you	be	still

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## 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](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.bhpmcc.org.uk](http://www.bhpmcc.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](http://www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar)

