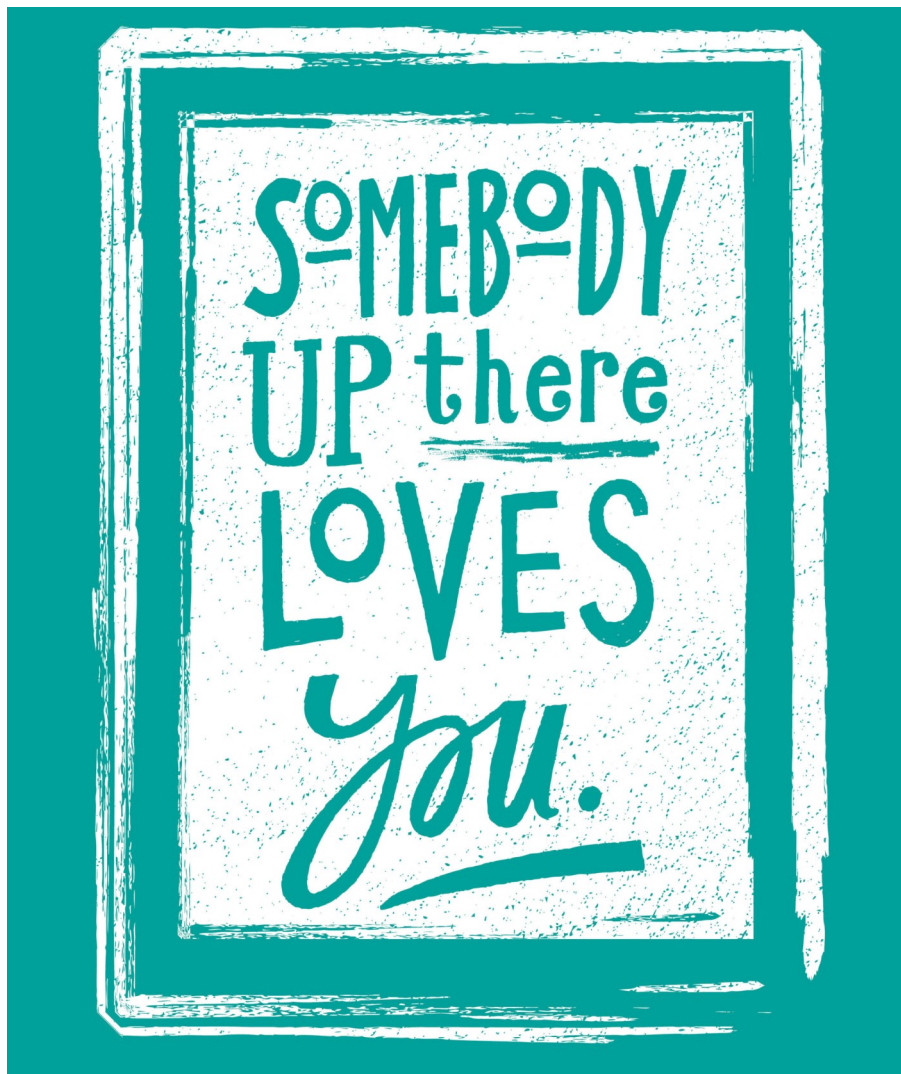




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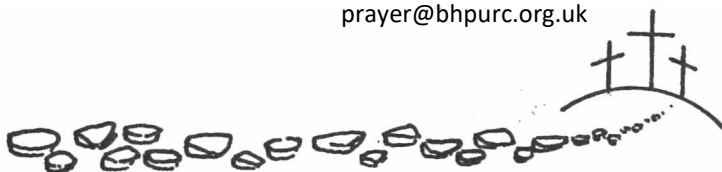
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The search... is on!

*"But the LORD said to Samuel,
'Do not consider his
appearance or his height, for I
have rejected him. The LORD
does not look at the things
people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks
at the heart.'"* (1 Samuel 16:7)



There had been a failure.

Somehow things hadn't quite worked out for the King that the people had chosen, the one who had stood head and shoulders above everybody else was no longer favoured by God...strangely this King had also been chosen by God, or so the text would suggest to us... even though God, to begin with, didn't want the people to have a King..

It's difficult, isn't it, for us to work out what God's plans and purposes are when we read through the various accounts of the journey of the people of Israel, the chosen people...so is it any wonder that we as a church, and we as individuals, often get things wrong as well?

We think we are following in Christ's footsteps; we're doing our best, we pray hard and long, we search the scriptures to find the life that Jesus wants to give us...and yet, time after time we still get things wrong.

Think for a moment or two about the errors that have been justified by reference to scripture over the centuries...slavery, making women and children of less value than men, exploiting the planet's resources... perhaps we're not so bad, after all? The prophet Samuel is told to stop whimpering and whingeing, over the replacement of Saul as King of Israel, to fill his horn with oil and set out... God is commissioning him again to anoint the new King, someone who will do the right thing, be God's worshipper and give God the honour that belongs to God alone. Someone who will be obedient.

And then the children of Jesse are called forward to be presented to the prophet Samuel.

What a choice.

So many people with so many gifts... so what exactly are we looking for?

What is it you are going to be looking for as a church when you seek to find a new minister?

How are you preparing to choose?

Take a quick look at 2 Peter 1 verses 3 – 11 as you prepare to answer that question...because Peter, writing here, **seems to suggest that we may not need anything** – and therefore, dare I suggest that you **may** not need to be thinking in ways that you probably already are... that you must have a certain type of person, a leader from a particular stable or background, someone with particular gifts and abilities?

The Apostle writes:

“God’s divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness...”

Wait a minute – if God has given us everything we need, what are we looking for? Should we be looking for something or someone else?

God has placed within our churches at this moment in time the people who are meant to be there/here. You have been given the gifts you need in the people you have in your fellowships.

You are a church of the living God, and the living God has given you gifts, talents, opportunities to do

God’s work, to carry on the Missio Dei, the mission of God here in this locality, in this city, in this nation.

Many churches seem to fail to recognise that God has gifted them, given them the resources they need to do what they need to do at any point in time. God has called **each and every one** of you to follow in the Jesus way, to walk the way of Christ through your lives and in your lifestyles.

So, as you begin to approach entering into a search for a new minister can I encourage you to begin by looking around at the resources you have already and to consider what **you** might do to encourage one another in your spiritual walk with Christ and focus on these words that Peter gives us as a guide.

Read through again 2 Peter 1: 3 – 10 and see what instructions are given to you.

We will be praying, as we prepare to leave you for a time, for you to have wisdom and discernment together as churches in all that you do.

May God richly bless you on your journeys.

Mark and Melanie

Smile Lines

Parking

A minister parked his car in a no parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned to his car, he found a parking ticket along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Fitting God in

A little girl said to her mother: "The minister's sermon this morning confused me." Her mother was surprised, so the little girl continued: "He said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?" Again, the mother agreed.

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

Here is the News

Toddlers

Toddlers is now starting back but only on Wednesdays from 6th October at 10am for now. If anyone is able to help and run the Friday one, it may be able to start up again but it cannot for now. If you are happy to be involved speak to Sylvia for more detail.

Garden

Our container garden at the front of the church achieved a Silver award from 'Enfield in Bloom'. Thanks to Sylvia and Yvonne for all the hard work they have put into the space.

Bible Sunday - 24th October

This special Sunday in the church's calendar is an opportunity to stop and consider the enormous blessing that the Bible has brought to people down the centuries. Without it, we would know nothing about God our Father, Jesus Christ, or the Holy Spirit. It is God-breathed – full of His love and guidance to us. World history would have been radically different without it.

Whether or not you are able to get to church on 24th October, Bible Society has some excellent resources on Bible Sunday at www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/bible-Sunday

Please help victims of Haiti's earthquake

The Methodist Church in Britain and All We Can have launched a joint appeal in response to the powerful earthquake that recently struck Haiti's Southern Peninsula.

More than 2,000 people were crushed to death in the terrible quake. Thousands more are destitute, their homes destroyed.

"As the Methodist Church in Britain and All We Can stand together to bring hope, we invite you to stand with those affected in Haiti," says the appeal. If you can help, please go to: www.allwecan.org.uk/haiti



Remember wildlife this Autumn.

Cooler temperatures, darker evenings, falling leaves, Autumn is fast approaching! There are a number of things that we can do to provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year.

Resist the temptation to clear up your garden; allow vegetation to die back naturally and leave seedheads, especially on plants such as teasels, thistles and sunflowers. This provides food and shelter for birds through the coldest months.

Don't totally cut back your perennial plants but trim them instead and leave plenty of foliage at or near ground level for insects and birds. Piling up leaves and other vegetation to create an open compost heap could provide the perfect hibernation spot too.

Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

For early spring 2022 flowers, plant Alliums, daffodils, tulips, grape hyacinth, crocus, snakes head fritillary, and bluebells this Autumn. Other wildflowers seeds which can all be sown now include: cowslip, chamomile, common knapweed, betony or meadow buttercup. Alternatively, you can buy a wildflower mix which includes all of these.



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 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 7: Bread

A shocking 36% of households regularly don't eat their crust. The second most throwaway item by UK households is bread. Every day in UK homes we throw away approximately 20 million whole slices of bread, equivalent to 1 million lives. (Source - BBC Studios' Science Unit).

Chop up the end slices going stale and pop them on an oven tray. Put them in a low/medium oven to dry them out for about 10 minutes. Then blitz the chunks in a food processor. The dried breadcrumbs can be stored in an airtight container and last about three months.

They store well in the freezer too, as does grated cheese. Have a tub of frozen grated cheese and frozen breadcrumbs ready mixed to sprinkle over a lasagne, cauliflower cheese, macaroni cheese, in meatballs - straight from the freezer! Maybe even add crisps to this mixture when they are near their 'best before' date, for added texture.

To save energy, when preparing to cook dinner, put the bread in the oven while you are waiting for the oven to heat up.

Persecution of Christians set to rise in Afghanistan

As the Taliban tighten their grip on Afghanistan, Release International has warned that attacks on Christians are likely to rise across the region.

One church leader in Afghanistan said Christians were living in great fear. Some who worked for the government now face reprisals, and any identified as Christians could be killed. Christians risk betrayal, even from their own family members.

A Christian contact of one Release International partner describes the situation as 'dire.' Says 'Micah': "Our brothers and sisters in Christ are telling us how afraid they are. In the areas that the Taliban now control girls are not allowed to go to school and women are not allowed to leave their homes without a male companion."

The church in Afghanistan already faced sharp persecution, even before the Taliban advance. That church is invisible and must operate underground in this land where Muslims who change their faith are breaking the law and considered to have betrayed their communities.

To be exposed as a Christian is to risk being charged with apostasy, which is punishable by death or imprisonment. There have also been honour killings of Christians by their families.

It was the Pakistan Taliban who shot 15-year-old Malala Yousafzai for going to school and telling the world about it in a blog.

Thousands of Afghans, including Christians, are now seeking refuge in neighbouring Pakistan. But the Taliban are growing in influence there, too. Before the Afghan president fled, he accused Pakistan of permitting thousands of jihadi fighters to cross its border to support the Taliban.

Through its international network of missions, Release International is active in some 25 countries around the world, supporting pastors, Christian prisoners and their families.

The Church Friends Group

are hosting a

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

We are hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 2nd October to raise funds for this worthy cause to fight this disease which affects many of our friends and families



We are hoping that by doing this it will raise our profile in the local area, very important that we do that, if we want to survive as a church in Bush Hill Park

We look forward to seeing you, your friends and neighbours between 10.30 and 12.00 on Saturday 2nd October

Time to reclaim the sabbath, says new report

Home working, zero hours contracts, the switch to home deliveries and online retailing, and an ‘always on’ culture – the world of work is changing fast and massively, and the Covid pandemic has accelerated the upheaval.

Now faith-based think tank Theos has come up with key proposals aimed at helping modern-day workers survive and thrive despite both the current changes – and the major challenges coming down the track. One proposal suggests ‘recovering the sabbath.’

In a new report, ‘Just Work: humanising the labour market in a changing world’, Theos identifies three ‘great disruptions’ facing the world of work. They highlight: the technological – Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, and automation; the ecological – climate change and loss of biodiversity; and human vulnerability, as seen through the pandemic, mass migration and declining birth rates.

Paul Bickley, one of the report’s authors, explains: “The issue is not work itself, but rather what happens when we make work, rather than the people who do it, our focus. We are disconnected from a healthy sense of work, and severing the needed boundaries between work and rest has set us adrift. The biblical idea of Sabbath is an ancient answer to modern anxieties. It’s time to rediscover it.”

During the pandemic, increasing numbers of people have shifted to working from home, from in-person shopping to ordering online, having take-aways delivered, and watching streaming services instead of going to the cinema.

But people working from home or in the ‘gig economy’ delivering food or online orders, have discovered they are being watched – and watched closely. Software fitted to home computers or installed in

vehicles is monitoring when and how people are working. The move to home working has meant an increased erosion of defined working hours, with ‘the boss’ able to make demands round-the-clock.

In response, Theos makes three key proposals:

First, a focus on a full work, rather than full employment economy.

Paid employment is the main – but not the only – form of work, and unpaid labour, such as caring responsibilities and volunteer work, need greater esteem and focus from a policy perspective.

Second, recognition of the human person as central to any healthy understanding of work.

Investors, and first and foremost church investors, have achieved tangible changes through activism in areas such as climate change and governance. They should add clear requirements on the fair handling of wages, benefits, agency work, outsourcing and employee surveillance to the social criteria they look at within environmental, social and governance investing.

Third, recovery of shared practices of rest to counter our culture of overwork.

Dissolving boundaries between our employment and our leisure – exacerbated during the pandemic – have negatively affected many workers. Overwork is literally killing people. For many, a combination of technology and the pandemic have broken the link between work and particular places and times – leading to an expectation, even if it is only an expectation of ourselves, that we will always be available.

Revd Peter Crumpler





Doxecology Tour

In September 2020 Resound Worship released their ground breaking Doxecology album, a collection of 13 congregational worship songs on themes of creation, ecology and Christian hope.

Due to restrictions they were unable to

take it on tour at the time, but they're putting that right this autumn. The COP26 Climate Summit in Glasgow in November provides a perfect context within which they can travel around churches, sharing songs, praying for the summit and inspiring our Christian brothers and sisters to care for the world.

They're partnering with A Rocha UK for the tour. A Rocha UK will be providing speakers as well as daily video updates from the summit in Glasgow. Come and worship and pray with us!

Mark and Melanie have used a lot of their resources over lockdown so you may be familiar with the songs.

The nearest event to us is on Wednesday 3rd November at St James church, Muswell Hill. Doors open at 7pm, start 7.30pm.

Visit <https://www.resoundworship.org/events/doxecology-concert-muswell-hill> for more information and a link to book. Tickets are £10 and concessions £8.

Diary

October

See also Prayer pages and back cover for regular activities

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

Sat 2nd	10:30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning, see page 13
Sun 3rd	10:00am	Worship with Revd Mark Meatcher
Mon 4th	10:30am	Book Club, see page18
Tues 5th	7:30pm	Church meeting
Sun 10th	10:00am	Enrolment Parade led by the Boys and Girls Brigades
Thurs 14th	11:00am	Social Group
Sun 17th	10:00am	Worship with Laura Marlow
Sun 24th	10:00am	Worship with Barrie Thompson
Sun 31st	11:15am	Joint worship at Christ Church URC, EN2 6NJ with Revd Mark Meatcher

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday 10th October**

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

Prayer Diary

OCTOBER 2021

In that day you will say:
“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations
what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:4

Friday 1st

For those who are fearful in their own home

Saturday 2nd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 3rd

Thanks for the preachers who come to our church each Sunday

Monday 4th

Arthur

Tuesday 5th

For awareness of sanitation need globally

Wednesday 6th

Downs Road

Thursday 7th

Staff and pupils at Edmonton County School

Friday 8th

Elijah, our sponsored child in Zambia

Saturday 9th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 10th

Give thanks for family and friends

Monday 11st

Bill

Tuesday 12th

For the work of Toilet Twinning

Wednesday 13th

East Crescent

Thursday 14th

Staff and pupils at Oasis Academy Hadley

Friday 15th

The work of Christian Aid (we support them)

Saturday 16th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 17th

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

Monday 18th

Caroline

Tuesday 19th

For education around hygiene, here and across the world

Wednesday 20th

Erminside

Thursday 21st

Staff and pupils at Bishops Stopford's School

Friday 22nd

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

Saturday 23rd

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 24th

Thanks for water, whether rain or from the turn of a tap

Monday 25th

Charlotte

Tuesday 26th

Thanks for lives saved through Toilet Twinning and improved sanitation

Wednesday 27th

Falmer Road

Thursday 28th

Staff and pupils at Enfield Grammar School

Friday 29th

Those seeking to free people from trafficking, the people who are being trafficked and the charities which help

Saturday 30th

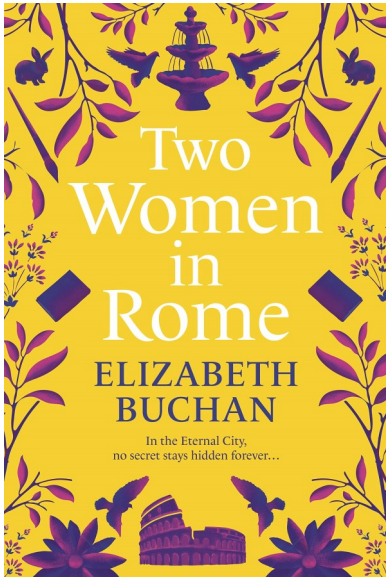
Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 31st

Thanks for the Peacemakers



Book Club



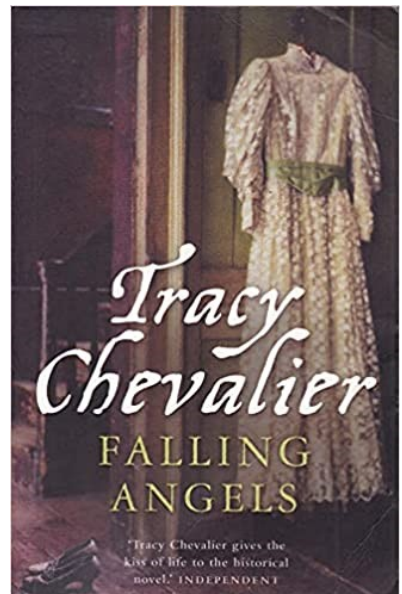
'Two Women in Rome' by Elizabeth Buchan

Lovely Eternal City. The setting was right but another of those books which flips between two eras. Nina is there in the 1970s and Lottie in modern times. Nina is an artist and Lottie an archivist working for the Archivio Espatriati who reads of the death of Nina and, going through her effects, wonders if her 'death' has been properly investigated. She then embarks on a quest to find out what actually happened to Nina, which brings her into areas of life she did not expect... but is she getting too close to the truth?

For those who have been to Rome the writing takes you back to those hot days wandering the piazza and viewing antiquities. The characters are well described. Tom, Lottie's husband has lived there for years and is not encouraging when her investigations become obsessive. Why? This is not a bad read, enjoyed more by some than others.

We meet next on Monday 4th October having read 'Falling Angels' by Tracy Chevalier. This has been suggested by Mark and we will miss him and his input to this small group of reading fanatics. We trust Fiji has wi-fi and he can update his Kindle frequently.

Yvonne



growing the church



in the power of the holy spirit

Exploring the connection between
the work of the Holy Spirit and
the life of the local Church

20 & 27 Oct, 10 & 17 Nov 2021
Wednesday evenings online (Zoom)
7.00 - 8.30pm UK time

Details and registration (this course is free of charge)
www.dunamis.org.uk/gtc

This is not a quick-fix, off-the-shelf programme to 'magically' make your church get bigger. Rather, it is an approach and ethos that permeates the breadth of a church's programmes and activities. How can your church grow in its practice of cooperating with the Holy Spirit?

an **APPROACH**
not a **PROGRAMME**

Fairtrade

It has been a terrible 18 months for farmers and workers in the global south.

In 2020 and 2021, on top of the pandemic, they had to deal with the growing impact of climate change: more droughts and crop disease, locusts, floods, fires, and heatwaves. No wonder their harvests were shrinking.

Yet with the help of Fairtrade, many of these producers of food, drinks and cottons can be equipped to meet more everyday needs, and to deal with the challenges facing them.

Why not visit www.fairtrade.org.uk to see what produce you can buy Fairtrade and what difference it can make in people's lives.



Safeguarding Statement

Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).

We expect all of our leaders, volunteers and those who use our premises to share this commitment and value the support of those who worship here in achieving this. Park United Reformed Church believes that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all those who are vulnerable (children, young people and adults at risk).

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

The Friend at Midnight

This month we are looking at the Parable of the Friend at Midnight (Luke 11:5-8). It is found in a passage where Jesus is teaching His disciples to pray.

Pray Shamelessly:

The parable concerns a man coming to his friend at midnight and asking *'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'* (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality would mean this was not an unreasonable request.

But the friend refuses to help because everyone in his house is asleep. Jesus adds, *'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs'*. Jesus uses this parable to encourage us to come in shameless boldness to our heavenly Father with our needs. In contrast to the parable, God is not slow in responding to us. It's not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

Pray Persistently:

Such confidence is the basis for persistent prayer: *'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'* All three verbs indicate a continual habit: *'Keep on asking... seeking... knocking'*. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

Pray Expectantly:

'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.' Do we pray expectantly, believing that God delights in answering your prayers? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!

Canon Paul Hardingham

Interview

How long have you lived in this area?

I've lived in Bush Hill Park all my life with just a three year stint in Southampton for university.

What made you choose our church to come to?

My gran made sure my brother and I were taken to Sunday School. I remember being taken to a few different Sunday Schools probably aged about five and we choose to go to the Methodist on Wellington Road.

At about age 13 all the other people my age had left and the nearest in age to me were seven year olds or 30 somethings which felt ancient to me at the time! I had been friends with Richard Barry my whole life and he suggested coming to Bush Hill Park, particularly for the Fury youth group. All in all I think I only missed one Sunday.

Once I started coming to Bush Hill Park I joined Girls Brigade, Fury and the music group, everyone was really friendly and it was great fun.

What makes you go to church at all?

I come to church now for a chance to be still and not need to worry about anything else in my life. I also enjoy hearing how different people interpret the bible and it's a good way to focus on God.

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

I enjoy a lot of the newer songs like Indescribable by Chris Tomlin, Build your kingdom here by Rend Collective and Beautiful one by Tim Hughes. Mostly I like the tunes and being able to sing a harmony but the words can also resonate like this from Indescribable, it makes you think of the power and wonder of God:

*Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet, conceals it to bring us the coolness of night*

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

I quite like the whole of James. It's only five chapters long and it has very practical ideas. However for some reason the verse that's coming to mind now is from 1 Peter chapter 3 verse 15:

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

If you don't know why you believe what you believe, why do you believe it? How do you know you're not just doing what you grew up doing? I like logic and reason and I like that the bible expects you to be able to explain yourself, I just need to always remember to do it with gentleness and respect!

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

Yes. Over the last few years I have found work and life getting more and more busy with very little downtime but I find the time I spend with God, giving thanks for what I have or what I see on walks or reflecting on a bible passage with Lectio365, gives me the space to breathe and refocus on the things that matter. I am not strong enough to do everything on my own, I need God's help and support.

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

There are so many things in this world which point to a God. Things that a creator put in place for our enjoyment. The main one which stands out to me now is that the sun is roughly 400 times further away from us than the moon but also roughly 400 times bigger which means we can experience a solar eclipse – that is by design, believing that happened all on its own is much more of a leap of faith than to believe in a creator.

Simply reading the bible can help. Don't try to read from the start of the bible, start in the New Testament or with the Psalms. Before you start reading, ask for the Holy Spirit to help you understand what is written, then read a bit and see what comes to you. You never know what could happen!



Talks on ‘Planning for Later Life’

Thursday 21st October 2021, 1-2.30pm

Wednesday 24th November 2021, 1-2.30pm

Tuesday 14th December 2021, 11am-12.30pm

Via Zoom online

Please contact Kate Reader on 0208 375 4120 or
kate.reader@ageukenfield.org.uk to book your place.

Zoom details will be emailed to you nearer the time. If you need support with Zoom we can help, let us know.

Planning for the future and putting certain things in place can provide peace of mind and security for both you and your loved ones. As part of Enfield Connections, Age UK Enfield are offering free Planning for Later Life sessions for people 50+ or carers of people aged 50+.

The session will cover the following ...

- Making a will
- Power of Attorney
- Advanced Decisions/Statements
- Bereavement Services

You will have opportunities to ask questions, and an information pack can be posted/emailed on request.

Prayer

A short chat with God about climate change

Heavenly Father, we're anxious about Climate Breakdown.
It's already causing wildfires, crop failures, killer heatwaves and
floods.

We're angry: it's so unfair, hitting the poorest hardest,
Adding to human conflict and compounding nature's struggles.

From youngsters to grandparents, we need some hope:
To see governments stopping the bad stuff and driving the good,
A fair transition to a low carbon economy, a nature-friendly way,
Acting boldly on the science; no more denial or delay!

And this year, Heavenly Father, the climate summit will be in the UK
too

It's exciting and daunting: what should your people do?

We will praise you for your creation; commit our churches to act;
Work together across neighbourhoods and nations;
And call all leaders to be bold, just, honest with the facts;
So, help us, Heavenly Father, to worship, act and speak up.

Yes, we will worship, act and speak up.

By Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK

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.

If you would like prayer for yourself or family and friends please email
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Boys' Brigade News continued from September...

This year the theme for camp was video games with everyone turning up as a range of characters from various video games. The day got off to a strong start with Mario's water assault course with points awarded for most water returned to the tent's buckets at the end of the round, fastest time to complete and fastest individual times. Once the course was finished the wobbly pole was competed. The water balloon game was played, and the usual water fights kicked off. We then had lunch before the costume and tent item competition took place followed by Pac-Man's Bush Tucker Trials and then the theme games began. There was a giant battleships board, in which boys had to use air darts to hit and sink the battleships, then there was a life size minesweeper which the boys had to make their way through the course without setting off the explosions. There was Agent Peely's Target practice, a Minecraft block builder, the target being to build the tallest tower. A Tetris puzzle that could only be completed in two possible ways. Only one tent managed this with a second tent completing it 12 seconds after their time was up. One of the faster paced games involved one at a time the boys getting in the swimming pool and searching for fish, whilst blind folded, team members could only say cold, hot or search when directing them to find the fish with many distractions also in the pool. Another quicker game was the sonic ring run where there was a rope on the field and boys had to balance along the rope course and untie rings along the way before going on to compete the Pokémon shopping list game and finding Pokémon around the upper field. In the evening we played a highly competitive game of Wollyball which had some very questionable decision being made by the umpire. There were some new rules to the game this year, such as points being awarded if the ball goes out of

the field of play which seemed to light the fire in Josiah's belly as his competitive side shone through.

Thursday started with a game of 2nd Enfield Telephone, where we put our own twist on the classic game. Each member of the tent has a leg to run around the surrounding area of the field. The first person is given a bible passage which they must remember and pass on to the second member for their leg to the third and so on. Once the last member of the tent completes the final leg, they must write down the bible passage with the most accurate winning and then bonus points being scored for fastest overall time. Tent 1 did very well with this getting the most accurate write down and the fastest time run. After this it was lunch time before we had a down pour of rain. In a quick change of events, we played some in marquee games such as the shopping list memory game. Ummm... Can we play umbrella? By the evening the weather had cleared up a bit as we headed off to head-hunters the outdoor sniper laser quasar which was enjoyed by all. We played a free for all round followed by a couple rounds of lower the flag before playing zombies to finish off with!

Before we knew it, Friday had arrived, and camp was almost at a close. We started the morning with coasteering which involved rock climbing, swimming and cliff jumping along the coastline. This was a nice way to end the week with lots of the boys jumping from the tallest point, those that didn't opted for an impromptu geography lesson on coastal erosion landforms. After we finished coasteering we headed for a packed lunch at the near by harbour before the boys got ready to go to town in the afternoon whilst most of the pack up was being done at the campsite, the lorry was packed and by the end of the pack up there was barely enough room for a mini photocopier. We played a final few games of Wollyball to end the week before

walking down to Lee Bay beach for hot dogs as the sun went down and the moon came up over the horizon. We closed the night with a few camp songs and hot drinks in the marquee before going off to bed for the final sleep of camp.

On waking Saturday morning, we were met by rain until we left the site, all the tents were packed down and the marquee, cook house and washrooms were cleaned and tidied as camp was packed away for the year and we journeyed back to Bush Hill Park.

A few other things there which we contested at camp were tent and table inspection. It was the year of the novice TCs but they learnt quickly and vastly improved as the week went on. By the end of the week the tents had almost perfect symmetry. As usual there was no dishwasher, so the boys washed their dishes and lined them up for table inspection which was narrowly won at the end of the week by Tent 2, who saw off Tent 1's fightback and over took Tent 3 who got off to a strong start.

Now on to the food. What can be said other than the abundance of meals we ate. From porridge, bacon, egg and beans for breakfast to, lasagnes, chilli potatoes, curry, chicken, roast pork, and of course not to forget, plumb duff. The food was exceptional the whole week and always gave that boost of energy after a high-octane session.

The boys and staff thoroughly enjoyed camp and it was one of the best camps in times gone by. Some of the boys flourished in the position of being TCs whilst others stepped up to the responsibility of second in command and shone through in their roles. Leading from the front and leading by example, whilst helping out the younger boys and first years throughout the whole of camp. Here's a few quotes from some of the boys.

"I enjoyed being a TC for the first time, it was very enjoyable and the whole of camp was very amusing. Head-hunters was my favourite out of the field activity. I'm looking forward to going next year!"

"My recent holiday took place on the 31st of August, when I travelled to Devon for the first time. I went there with the 2nd Enfield Boys Brigade. It was amazing, more than anyone could imagine.

We did some touristy things too. We walked through the town of Woolacombe as part of a game to see which tent could get back in the quickest time. The views from the town are amazing up there. We walked past a lot of kind people. The best thing about this whole thing is that I know camp 2022 will be even better."

As you can see the week was a huge success and many memories were made that will be kept for years to come. The tales of camp which have been told for years will now be continued with new stories created year on year, this goes to show with the Boys' Brigade and within the Second Enfield the adventure truly begins here!

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Harvest

October brings us Harvest Thanksgiving, when we thank God for all the bounty of Creation. If you ever doubt God's generosity towards us, just stroll down the aisles of your local supermarket: they are groaning with food of a vast variety, of every colour, texture and taste that you can imagine. Our God is a hedonist when it comes to food - He could have provided just a few basic edible things for us to eat; instead, the choice seems endless. But in the midst of all this bounty, take time to remember all the millions of people worldwide who are starving this month, desperate for any kind of food. Before God in prayer, decide how much you can give this month to one of the many charities who are trying to help people in need, and be generous.

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Other local church activities

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

Weekly

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Sun	6.30pm	Service (1st of the month is Café style, 4th of the month is Contemporary with the band)	Lancaster Road
Mon	10am	Ladies Bible Study	Living Room
	7.30pm	English Conversation Club	Living Room
	7.45pm	Prayer at Betty's (Fortnightly)	BHP Methodist
Tues	10am	Tots and Toys	Gospel Hall
	10.30am	United Prayer (1st and 3rd of the month)	Winchmore Hill Baptist
	1.30pm	Open House (Coffee and Chat)	Living Room
Wed	9.45am	Bible Study (Fortnightly)	Lancaster Road
	10am	Prayer (Fortnightly, alternates with above)	Lancaster Road
	2pm	Wednesday Fellowship (Talks from a variety of speakers, see Margaret Barbour for detail)	BHP Methodist
Thurs	1pm	Back to Life (Support Group / Board Games) starts with lunch	Living Room
Fri	10am	Shoppers Coffee Morning	Lancaster Road
	4pm	EPIC (Club for kids in years 3-6)	Gospel Hall
Sat	9am	Breakfast Club (1st and 3rd of the month)	Christ Church

Weekly Activities

Monday 6.15pm Boys' Brigade Junior Section
 7.30pm Boys' Brigade Company Section
 8.00pm Book Club (Once a month, see inside for date)

Wednesday 10:00am Baby & 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 9.30am Prayers (3rd Sunday)
 10.00am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)

