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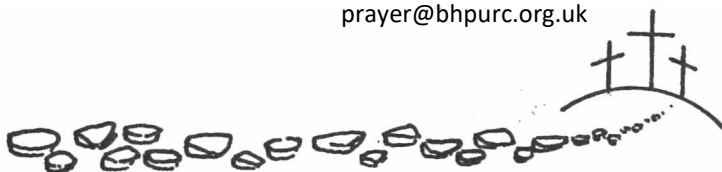
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## Moving On

For those of you who were not in church at the end of July to hear the announcement, Melanie and I have agreed, in principle, to accept a call to serve through the Council for World Mission (CWM) as Partners in Mission at the Pacific Theological College (PTC), based in Fiji. This was not a position we were looking for or applied for but it is one that has been offered to us, completely unexpectedly.

Over four years ago, before we had considered a move of pastorates, we had conversations about the possibility of serving in India, but that did not work out; our thoughts of serving overseas were effectively put out of our minds when we were called to Enfield. However, the outgoing General Secretary of CWM felt that a post had become available at the PTC that would suit us well. We disagreed(!), but felt that an outright refusal was inappropriate, so we sent our updated CVs through to the College. At that point, the Principal of the PTC realised that there were other posts that would be far more suitable for us and, on speaking with him, we agreed. Indeed, our sense of calling is very strong.

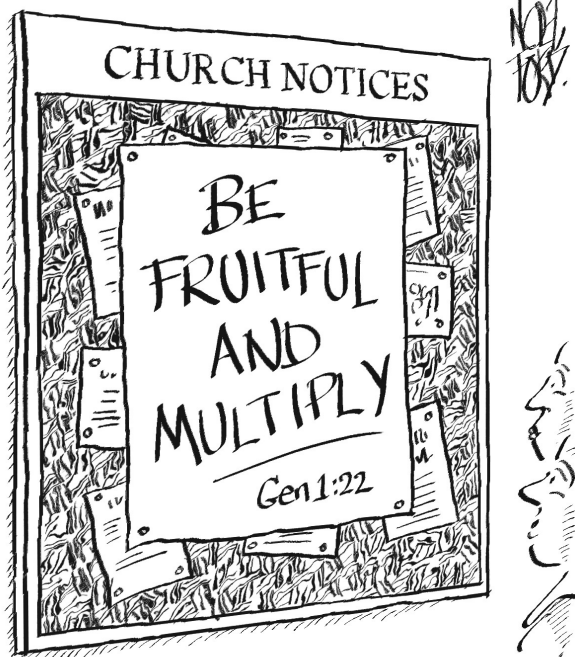
Although the URC, CWM, and the PTC have all agreed the move in principle, there is still the issue of visas to be sorted, as well as some formal paperwork so we are not clear at present exactly when we will be leaving you. We will keep the elders fully informed about developments as we continue through this process.

In case you want to find out a little more about the PTC, their website is here: <https://ptc.ac.fj> Melanie will become the Director of the Women's Centre, with a brief of transforming the Centre into an Institute and Mark will be involved in the work required for their plan to transform from a training college to a university. Both posts are for four years.

We appreciate that this news is somewhat out of the blue, it is for us, too! Please be assured that we had not expected or planned to leave so quickly. Given that half of our three years here has been during the global pandemic, it does not feel long enough. Yet, so often we are challenged by the words of Jesus who tells us to leave everything, travel lightly, and be ready to move on. That challenge has called our bluff this time!

Whether we are here or in Fiji, please be assured of our continued love and prayers. You have enriched our lives in the time we have been with you, and we hope that we have played a small part in enriching yours.

Yours in Christ,  
Mark and Melanie



The vicar's attempts to increase the number of children attending services were becoming less and less subtle...

## Smile Lines

### Listen

My three-year-old was saying his nightly prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you," I finally whispered.

He said firmly, "Wasn't talking to you."

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Overall, chickens have probably flown further as an airline meal than they have as a species.

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The sentence, 'Are you as bored as I am?', can be read backwards and still make sense.

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From a church report on renovations at a Youth Centre in Northants: 'The lift and the new windows are installed and the non-alcoholic bar is already plastered.'

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Online meetings: Not muting your mic is the new Reply To All.

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From a church notice sheet: PLEASE NOTE: 'From this Sunday the evening service will begin at 8pm. This will continue until October.'

# Here is the News

## Thank you

Thank you for your prayers, support and help during Judith's illness. They have been much appreciated. She has now come off Section 3 and has improved quite a lot.

Christine

## Friends' Group

Once Lockdown eased and we were able to mix more freely we started Friends' Group. This is just an informal gathering on the church lawn, if possible, to chat over tea/coffee and maybe cake!

The initial meeting decided a Thursday morning about 11 – 12 the best timing and this on the second and fourth of each month.

The first 'official' meeting had seven adults and two children playing happily with the new set of skittles, but we had to use the church lounge as the lawn was very wet and it was drizzling.

We will run a Macmillan Coffee morning on Saturday 2nd October at the same time having stalls for selling craft items etc. If possible, we will involve the parents of the BB and GB children.

Please consider coming along and joining us. It is so good to chat!

Sylvia

## More drug deaths in Scotland

The Church of Scotland has expressed sadness after recent new figures revealed that 1,339 people died of drug-related deaths in 2020. The rate is a 5% increase on the previous year and is the highest on record.

The Director of CrossReach, the operating name of the Church's Social Care Council, said: "These latest drug-related deaths statistics are shocking when we remember each of these deaths is a tragic loss to many families and friends across Scotland."



Not ready to go vegetarian?

Try committing to a meat-free diet one or two days a week to decrease the resources you use up. According to [worldwildlife.org](http://worldwildlife.org), it takes about 750 litres of water to produce 1 kilogram of wheat, and it takes 100,000 litres of water to produce 1 kilogram of beef. That's a huge difference.

## Update from Enfield Churches Debt Centre

Things to thank God for

My initial training is complete and I now have a CAP ID badge. All I need now is clients!!

**And God has answered that prayer already.** I will (God willing) be seeing my first client on 7th September . All I need now is a befriender - one who will be there for the client.

**And God has already (may be) answered that prayer too!!** Some one in the area has asked to be involved. All I need now is the time and materials to prepare my befriender for the task ahead.

**And God has answered that prayer too,** as this morning I was able to send out an initial training pack to all those who have expressed an interest so far.

If I have missed you out this time please forgive me and let me know where you feel God is prompting to help.

It has been difficult moving forward, not to mention nerve wracking about what will happen next.

But I am reminded of a song we sung in children's work "when I am afraid I will trust in You. In God whose name I trust".

Thank you for your prayers.

Jonathan Harris  
ECDC leader

## Waste Warriors

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

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

Vikkie and the Thompson Waste Warriors

### Tip 5: Don't scrap it!

People don't always think of every part of fruits and vegetables as edible e.g. carrot peels.

We tend to throw the bits we chopped off when cooking, like celery ends and onion skins.

Every day in UK homes we throw away a lot of edible fruit and veg:

- 1.2 million whole tomatoes
- 720,000 (0.7 million) whole oranges
- 2.7 million whole carrots
- 970,000 (1.0 million) whole onions
- 920,000 (0.9 million) whole bananas

(Source - BBC Studios' Science Unit).

Larger pieces of fruit and veg that aren't all used up should be put in a specially designated box in the fridge, so they won't be forgotten for the next meal.

Tomatoes are like bread, no one wants to eat the slice at the stalk end, and this usually goes in the bin. These can be chopped up and



frozen in the designated freezer bag, to eventually go in to making veg stock or tomato soup once enough is stored. A tomato is still safe to eat if the skin is slightly wrinkly.

Citrus peels shouldn't end up in the bin, they can be used in many ways. Try drying the peels, to give flavour to all manner of dishes in the future. Peel citrus fruits before reducing the ease and dehydrate the peels in a low oven.

### **Tip 6: Mash it**

Potatoes are by far the top UK household food item to be thrown away.

On average 421 g of fresh potatoes are consumed per person per week in UK households in 2017/18. However still every day in UK homes we throw away the equivalent to approximately 4.4 million whole potatoes. (Source - BBC Studios' Science Unit).

Use the whole potato in your mash, skins provide nutrients and flavour.

Leftover mashed potatoes can be re-purposed to make potato pancakes or scones, fishcakes, it can be frozen in scoops or a sheet for topping pies et cetera, made into potato soup topped with crispy bacon and chives or even gnocchi. Potatoes can be kept well past the best before date. They can last several months if stored correctly - keeping a cool, dark place with plenty of ventilation.

Before cooking, make sure to inspect each potato and use any with blemishes or sprouts first.

(Never eat green potatoes as they are poisonous.)

# Protest!

“In Germany they came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up for me.”  
— Martin Niemöller

Two years ago now, in September 2019, we joined a protest at the ExCel Centre about the Arms Fair that was being set up in there. We were part of a network called No Faith in War who joined together on one particular day to show our displeasure that the UK was hosting an event where people from all over the world could come and buy weapons of warfare.

Did our protest achieve anything?



It disrupted a few people for a few hours, it resulted in several arrests (although many of these charges have now been dropped), but the Arms Fair will still return to the ExCel Centre again this month and bombs and weapons of war are still being traded.

Did anybody really take any notice of our protest?

This month we will be participating together in Enfield Big Green Climate Festival trying to draw attention to the climate emergency that we find ourselves facing and where the UK is hosting a major world conference in Glasgow in November.

How will we try and “speak” to the people of Enfield about all that is going on in our world, and will they listen? Has anyone noticed the fires, the heatwaves, the flooding, the earthquakes that have been occurring of late?

How does this all fit in with our calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ in the 21st century?

We believe that God has given us a planet and people to look after, not to exploit and we believe that God calls us to speak to people to recognise the damage that we are doing to the planet and to the population...that exploitation is nothing new, it has been going on for years but might we be living in a special time, a little like Esther experienced:

“if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise...from another quarter..Perhaps you have come..for such a time as this.” (Esther 4:14)

What concerns will you voice to your family, your friends and your community in the weeks and months ahead? Will you speak up and speak out for the things that are on your heart...or will you keep silence. We pray that we will have the courage of our convictions and share what we believe God wants us to say.

Mark and Melanie

## **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 at between 10.30 and 12.00 on Saturday 2nd October

## Thanking God for our blessings

Our winter barley ripened quickly this year, and soon the combine harvesters were rolling here on the Northumberland / Scottish Border.

As the first trailer load of grain came into the shed, I ran my hands through the golden grains, offering a short prayer of thankfulness as I savoured the smell of fresh cut barley. It was a good harvest.

I've often reflected on the Old Testament festival of the first fruits, where the Israelites offered the very first sheaf of the spring harvest to God (Leviticus 23:9-14). I think this act required great faith, as they trusted God for a fruitful harvest to come, something that was far from certain, given their utter dependence on the weather.

I'm not sure about you, but I'm always up for giving thanks after the event. I'll sing 'Come ye thankful people come' and rejoice that "all is safely gathered in", but am I able to trust with anticipation for what is yet to come?

The festival of the first fruits reminded God's people that everything they had came from Him. I am reminded that I must learn (and relearn) to trust in God, who has proven His faithfulness to me, over and over again.

Perhaps right now as a church community or an individual you're waiting for a certain event, standing on the cusp of a new initiative, praying for a certain outcome or anticipating a long-held vision becoming reality. Let's all keep trusting that whatever the challenge, however things turn out, irrespective of what we anticipate, God is going before us and has secured the first fruits of an even greater harvest through Jesus, as He rose from the dead.

Just as the grain offering to God in the Old Testament anticipated a harvest to come, Paul reminds us that Jesus' victory anticipates an even greater bodily resurrection and eternal peace (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).

As we continue our journey with Jesus through the challenges of each day, let's do so with a deepening faith and trust. In the meantime, bring on the harvest – I'll see you on the other side!

Alistair Birkett

Director of Rural Ministries for Scotland and Northern England.  
<https://www.ruralministries.org.uk/blog/anticipatingtheharvest?>



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ENFIELD CLIMATE ACTION FORUM

# ENFIELD'S BIG GREEN CLIMATE FESTIVAL



## Forest Church



### 3PM SUNDAY 19th SEPT

A time to be CREATIVE  
contemplate the wonders of NATURE  
and consider how to  
TREAD MORE LIGHTLY on the earth

The Scout Field, Paulin Ground, Ford's Grove, Winchmore Hill N21 3ER  
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Forest Church is a contemporary movement, for those seeking to meet  
with God in and through their connection with the natural world.  
Please bring your own seats if required and weather appropriate clothing.

No toilets or bins on site.

**Suitable for all ages.**

Partially accessible for those with mobility difficulties,  
due to uneven ground and woodland setting.



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# Diary

## September

**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 5th	10.00am	Climate Sunday Communion with Anna Erikson
Sun 12th	10.00am	Parade with Revd Mark Meatcher
Sun 19th	10.00am 3.00pm	Worship with Revd Mark Meatcher Forest Church at the Scout Field, see page 14
Fri 24th	8.00pm	Fairtrade wine and chocolate evening, see page 19
Sat 25th	10 - 4pm	Big Green Fair at Christ Church, see page 24
Sun 26th	10.00am	Harvest Worship and Communion with Revd Mark Meatcher

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**Next newsletter deadline:  
Sunday 12th September**

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# Prayer Diary

SEPTEMBER 2021

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

## **Wednesday 1st**

Charles Street

## **Thursday 2nd**

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

## **Friday 3rd**

Children who care for a family  
member

## **Saturday 4th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the  
service tomorrow

## **Sunday 5th**

Give thanks for our Elders

## **Monday 6th**

Valerie

## **Tuesday 7th**

That parents will encourage their  
children to attend the Brigades

## **Wednesday 8th**

Chatsworth Drive

## **Thursday 9th**

For the work of the House of  
Commons and the House of  
Lords: that good and just deci-  
sions will be made and that the  
tone of debate is measured and  
constructive

## **Friday 10th**

Elijah, our sponsored child in  
Zambia

## **Saturday 11th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and  
the service tomorrow



**Sunday 12th**

Thanks for those who love us  
and share our lives

**Monday 13th**

Alison

**Tuesday 14th**

Baby and Toddlers

**Wednesday 15th**

Cross Road

**Thursday 16th**

For effective and gracious Christian presence and influence in political debate

**Friday 17th**

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

**Saturday 18th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 19th**

Thanks for clean water, gas and electricity and sanitation for our homes

**Monday 20th**

Andrew

**Tuesday 21st**

Friday morning prayer time

**Wednesday 22nd**

Delhi Road

**Thursday 23rd**

For integrity, truth and compassion throughout Government

**Friday 24th**

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

**Saturday 25th**

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

**Sunday 26th**

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

**Monday 27th**

Anne

**Tuesday 28th**

For the Staff of the Girls Brigade that God will give them vision and strength to fulfil their mission

**Wednesday 29th**

Dimsdale Drive

**Thursday 30th**

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

## Book Club

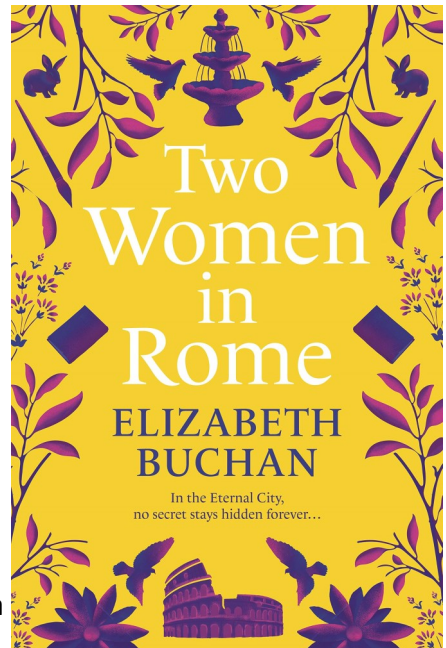
Our July read was 'The Tenderness of Wolves' by Stef Penney

This was an interesting read and did divide us a bit. It is set in snow-bound Canada somewhere near Toronto in about 1870. The main narration is by Mrs Ross (What is her first name?). She is a migrant from Scotland with a sad past. Her son befriends an older man, Laurent Jammet, a fur trapper/trader with a secret but finds him dead. The son Francis disappears. The rest of the book follows the experiences of various people to find him and the killer. It is a descriptive book and you feel yourself in that barren white land perhaps pleased we live in times with modern life support clothing! There are interesting characters some employees of the Hudson Bay Company who are well involved with the searches but are they what they seem? To be recommended.

Our August read was 'The Unusual Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce.

Harold struggled to walk from Devon to Berwick on Tweed to visit his dying old colleague and so did we to read it! Ok, some did progress with his endeavours better than others. The characters he met along the way were an interesting mix of life today. The question asked was, why didn't he get a train, or drive?

Our next meeting is on Monday 6 September at the church at 10:30. The chosen book Two Women in Rome by Elizabeth Buchan.



Sylvia



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ENFIELD CLIMATE ACTION FORUM

# ENFIELD'S BIG GREEN CLIMATE FESTIVAL

## FAIRTRADE WINE & CHOCOLATE EVENING

8 PM // FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021

The world's wealthiest people caused the climate crisis.

But it's the communities which the Fairtrade movement supports who are facing the worst realities of climate change right now.

Increasingly unpredictable and extreme weather is forcing farmers and workers, often already on scandalously low incomes due to deeply unfair global trade, into serious hardship.

Find at more about how Fairtrade supports sustainable livelihoods and how you can be part of the movement for change.



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**TICKETS £16** View full Climate Festival programme here:  
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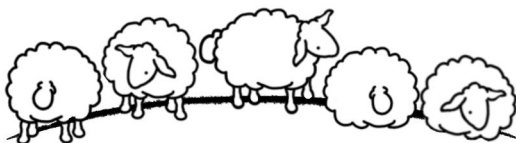
# Carbon Footprint

In the June newsletter I asked you to take a carbon footprint survey. A number of you took the WWF survey and the average of those who answered is 88% of the 2021 target of 10.5 tonnes per year. It's great that we're under the target and only hitting, on average, 9.24 tonnes per year. However, covid means that we are travelling less and potentially being more careful and aware of our environment. Do take the test again to read the tips for reducing your carbon footprint and hopefully we can stay under 100% next year.

The planet is in crisis - from climate change to the pollution in our oceans and devastation of our forests. It's up to all of us to fix it. Take your first step with WWF's environmental footprint calculator at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Challenge yourself to make a difference.  
Download the my footprint app and take the survey.

Lisa on behalf of the Eco Church group



## ***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.*

## **Climate Sunday is this month**

Sunday 5th September is being designated Climate Sunday, ahead of the UN's climate change conference, COP26, in Glasgow during November. How should we approach the challenge of climate change?

We have damaged God's creation: God delights in His creation: 'God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.' (Genesis 1:31). However, we have damaged this world and impacted people, created in His image. The burning of oil or gas and cutting down forests is increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere. The global average temperature could increase by 1.5°C in 2030, resulting in significant damage to our planet. Already, increasing temperatures are melting ice caps, raising sea-levels, changing rainfall patterns and creating extreme climate events. It's the 70% of the world's poorest population who are being impacted most!

Hope is found in Jesus: He has an intimate knowledge of the workings of creation. 'For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.' (Colossians 1:16,17). Our hope for the future lies in what Jesus has done and continues to do in the world. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion.

An invitation to respond: Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving and changes in our lifestyle and diet to help the planet. We can fix our eyes on Jesus, as we pray for our world for our world leaders, gathering in Glasgow, asking that they may reach a good agreement for the future of our world.

Canon Paul Hardingham

## Interview

### **How long have you lived in this area?**

I was born in my mum and dad's house in Southbury Avenue in 1959, apart from 18 months in Cheshunt. I have always lived in Enfield.

### **What made you choose our church to come to?**

This is a true story, which I have told the boys in the brigade. My mum's family used to run the Sunday school at Lancaster Road URC so I originally went there. I would have to go on church parade marches with the Sunday School behind the 1st Enfield bugle band, I hated it.

My aunt took us out for a walk, which went past BHP Congregational Church as it was then. I saw the notice board saying Junior Section Boys Friday nights, aged 8 – 11. When my mum got home I asked if I could join. I walked through the James Hall doors from Third Ave one week after my birthday in Sept '67 and I have been here ever since.

### **What makes you go to church at all?**

Going to church has always been part of my life and even when I find that I miss a few weeks I am really happy to get back to the church on a Sunday.

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

There are so many hymns I like but if I have to pick one it is the BB Vesper, Great God who knowest each boy's need. We sing this every evening at camp and at other BB events. It brings back so many memories from camp.

For something more rousing I would pick Onward Christian Soldiers, which we would sing at a Bush Hill Park School assembly, great tune and great lyrics.

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

Not sure if I have a favourite passage, even now I m hearing readings from the bible that I have not heard before, and these are just as important as the more repeated readings.

I do like the advice in the reading about trying to take out a speck of dust from your brothers eye when you have a log in your own.

<sup>1</sup>‘Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup> ‘Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Matthew 7:3-5

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

Like Robin in an earlier interview I do not think I have noticed any direct help but on the odd occasion I have been in a position where I have prayed directly above something and have felt much better after.

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

Would say to them to, come along with an open mind and join in with what ever is on offer. Talk to people and see how much it means to all the members. They will soon realise what it means to be a Christian.

Derek



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## ENFIELD'S BIG GREEN CLIMATE FESTIVAL



# BIG GREEN FAIR



**SATURDAY 25TH SEPT**  
**10.00AM - 4.00PM**  
**CHRIST CHURCH URC**  
**CHASE SIDE EN2 6NJ**

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Bring family and friends to Enfield's Big Green Fair.  
Join our mission to highlight the climate emergency.

### Activities & Performances include:

- 10AM Enfield Poets
- 11AM Media Debate
- 12PM SOUP Ukulele Band
- 1PM If Not Now Then When? Enfield People's Theatre
- 2PM Creative Writing Workshop
- 3PM 'For Hope' a cantata *excerpts*

Anokhi  
Cult Cake  
Grizzly Vegan &  
All Day  
  
**FAIRTRADE**  
Refreshments

**CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITIES**



### Stalls include:

- BLM Incinerator Campaign
- Book Swap
- EnCaf Waste Group
- Energyst Consulting
- Enfield Covid-19 Memorial
- Enfield Extinction Rebellion
- Enfield Help the Climate
- Enfield Society
- Ethical Consumer
- Field Dames (WI)
- Friends of Trent Country Park
- Tree House Friends
- Traidcraft Fairtrade
- Utility Warehouse
- Wildlife Trust
- Woodland Trust
- ...and much, much more ...



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# Prayer

Creator of all life,

We thank you for the precious Earth  
you so carefully crafted.

How grateful we are  
for the blessing it is  
to marvel at your wonderful creation.

We lament the ways  
in which humans have chosen to seek dominance  
instead of practising care.

We ask that you would humble us  
and help us to see ourselves  
not as separate from the rest of creation  
but as components of it.

Guide us as we seek to turn  
our gratitude for the Earth  
into action to care for it,

and let us never forget  
that to love and care for the Earth  
is an expression of our worship and love for you.

Amen.

Molly Pugmire of Climate Justice  
for All for the Season of Creation 2021

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(or indeed as well as...) do email it to [newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk).

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# Boys' Brigade News

## Camp 2021 A Review - part 1

Beep, beep beep, buzz buzz, beep beep beep! It's Saturday 31st July and 5:30am has arrived. Boys and staff alike are woken by the resounding chorus of alarms that filled Bush Hill Park and the surrounding areas. Camp is about to begin. The boys arrived at the church car park and were ready to set off by 07:00 as the journey to a new campsite began. The journey was mostly smooth with small blips of traffic as we headed down to Devon, passing by Stonehenge before stopping for a lunch stop at a picnic site. The boys were kept entertained on the minibus with music to sing along to, the biggest edition of 2nd Thoughts (the 2nd Enfield camp magazine) and a quiz on the train to complete with points awarded for their tents.

We arrived at the campsite, mid-afternoon, with the tents all set up by the advance party who set off the previous day. Once the marquee was decorated, and the boys had their suitcases and sleeping bags all in their tents, we headed on a slightly convoluted walk to the beach. We were a short walk away from Sandy Cove which has a steepish staircase down to the beach, but it was nice to have a relaxing session on the beach and swim in the sea after a long journey down. After this we walked along to Lee Bay, which only added an extra quarter back on the return walk to the campsite where we had the first meal of camp, more to follow on the food later! Once we'd eaten, we then had our annual opening camp game of Danish Rounders. It's always a good game to start the week off with as we play into the sunset and this year it was very closely competed.

After breakfast on Sunday, we headed down to the beach for a swim and beach session with frisbees, beach cricket and stone skipping. The weather was perfect for a morning on the beach

even if it made the sea feel a little chilly. Next up was feats of strength, a series of challenges in which the tents compete for points, this includes an over the bar relay, a car pull, a carry the items run and other fitness and strength activities. After all three tents had completed all the challenges, the tent commander of tent one boldly claimed that the senior boys in the company could run the car pull faster than a randomly selected five members of staff. Lunch was eaten. The washing up was done. The car was parked on the start line. The rope was in place. First up, the staff team. Heads in the game, fully focused. The countdown begun. 3... 2... 1... off the staff team went, powering up the course and across the finish line in thirty-one-seconds. Could the seniors beat this time, they lined up, determined, concentrated, the countdown begun. 3... 2... 1... off the senior's team went, powering up the course and across the finish line. A strong start from the boy's team had the staff holding their breath in fear that they time could be beaten, into the middle of the course their rhythm was still going strong, could they really do it? It came to the end of the course, and they crossed the line in thirty-four seconds. Just three-seconds slower but a victory for the staff team none the less! We then moved on to a series of games such as bulldog, spy and lemonade before a bible class in the marquee.

Some of the nicest moments of camp don't happen during games and activities but rather at night. The clear skies on Sunday night left us in awe and wonder at our view of the universe and the milky way that blanketed our camp site from 246,000 trillion km away. The tranquillity of night was a peaceful bliss from the madness of the days with Saturn and Jupiter also visible on some nights.

There may have been a lot of attention and camera crews parading the streets and stadia of Tokyo, but whilst they were

there the real action was happening on Woolacombe beach front. That's right it was the 2nd Enfield BB Camp 2021 Beach Olympics, with events such as the stretcher race, the backwards sprint, the 10-legged race and gob toss, not to forget Cad continuing his run of 29 years unbeaten in the Burpo drinking competition. There was a Juniors and Seniors herby toss, swimming race and a mummy competition before lunch and an afternoon chill on the beach. When we got back to the campsite the Seniors built their own giant kites, which were tested later in the week, whilst the Juniors built and designed kites from kite kits, all that sentence needs is Kit Kats and you've got yourself a tongue twister! When the kites were tested later in the week some of them took off a little with the Junior staff kite making looking the most like a kite in the air. Getting my kite stuck in a tree wasn't my favourite things but it was up there.

Soon came Tuesday and it was time for the inter-tent Croyde to Woolacombe Coastal Pole race. For this each tent is given a pole and must pass a series of check points along a course and finish with the pole at Putsbrough Beach. This was a time trial style activity with the fastest tent winning. After arriving back at the campsite and having lunch the boys then faced the init puzzles. These are games such as the web of doom, where boys must fit themselves and five items through a rope and frame made spiders web and return to the other side without using the same slot more than once and without touching the rope or risk the wrath of the spider. Another was the human tyre where boys move inside a giant tyre furthest distance travelled won, as well as this was the uneven pipe game, del's leaky pipes and the holey maze. The boys then headed down to the beach for a spot of crabbing which they found clawsome! Although it was a bit confusing when the boys came back from the beach walking sideways and pinching the air.

The story will continue in October's newsletter,

Here's a few quotes from some of the boys.

"Camp was one of my favourite experiences whilst being at Boys' Brigade. It's a whole week away with people that I consider my second family, there was never a dull moment, everyday there was something to look forward to even if the weather tried to ruin the day, we were still able to make the most of it honestly I can't wait till the day I'm able to go back again!

P.S. if you do come just be prepared to have a bucket of cold water thrown at you from anywhere"

"My experience of BB Camp 2021 was one of thrill, excitement, and fun. It has been a wonderful experience where both boy and staff bonded over the course of the week. From the competitive games to the dreaded tent inspection, I think it's clear to say that it was worth every second. The food, exceptional this year too, with an extra bit of love and affection from our Gordon Ramsey, Pete Rushbrook. Although my tent came last, we still had fun and enjoyed ourselves. Personally, if I could, I would restart the week to do it again."

"I really enjoyed the physical challenges and activities at camp like feats of strength as well as playing Danish Rounders and Wollyball in the evenings. Some of the moments I found funniest, though, came from Josiah during those games, especially Wollyball and when Mr Liversidge did his sound effects."

Joseph Nicolaides

Don't miss the conclusion next month!

# Wordsearch

## The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

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## Other local church activities

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

### Weekly

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

# Weekly Activities

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

**Wednesday** 9.30am    Baby & Toddler Group  
                  6.30pm    Girls' Brigade

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

**Friday**        10.00am Baby & Toddler Group  
                  6.00pm    Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys

**Sunday**        9.30am    Prayers (3rd Sunday)  
                  10.00am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday)

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