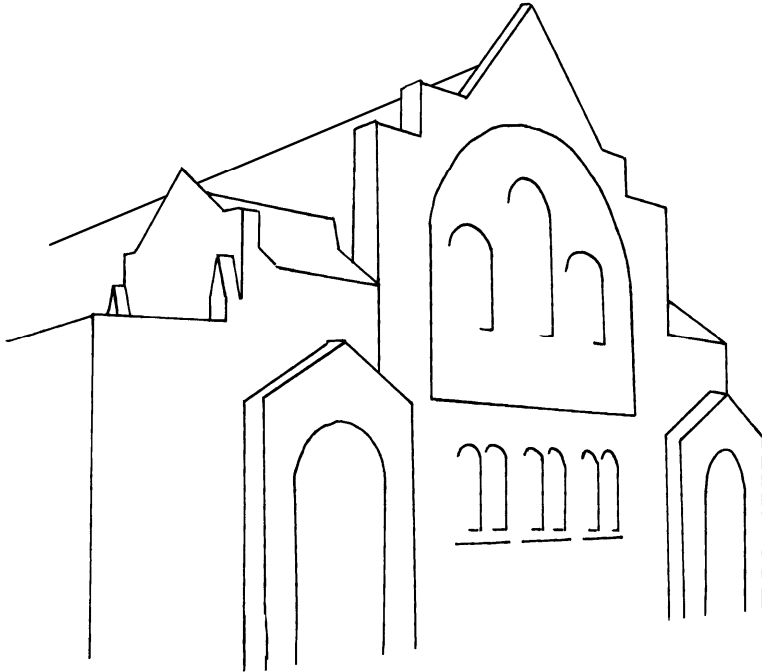




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Newsletter



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The Bush Hill Park URC Newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please note that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship or representative of church policy.

Have you seen the news on the Church Internet site? Check it out at www.bhpurc.org.uk/news.htm

Next Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on Sunday 26th February. All material for inclusion should be placed in the folder in the church lounge (or e-mailed to newsletter@bhpurc.org.uk) by **Sunday 12th February**

Please note that late contributions may be held over.

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Wise Men seeking Jesus.....



I don't know about you, but Christmas for me was particularly special this year. It began with Messy Church creating decorations and decorating the church earlier than usual. Why? Because we welcomed Bush Hill Park school for their Nativity Service. The church was full to bursting on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The choir stalls were full with the school choir and the balcony was full of

parents. The school had prepared a traditional Nativity Service with children reading the story and acting the parts and including many traditional Christmas songs which many of the children had clearly practiced and enjoyed singing. I hope that we can continue this link with the school and the community.

Our Carol Service on the afternoon of the 18th was particularly special. We had the young people reading the story and the nearly all adult cast acting the parts to form the tableaux and the boys and guests who made up the brass band to play traditional carols. A big thank you to everyone who took part and particularly the young people for reading so well.

Christmas Eve communion and Christmas Day saw some regular visitors. It was good to welcome them again. Many of those that visited us over Christmas commented on how warm and welcoming and friendly the church is. How do we encourage them to come more regularly?

The boys distributed hundreds of

leaflets around the area as they played carols and collected funds for the company. The leaflets had information about BB and GB and other church activities. What can we do to follow this up and encourage more people to visit us? Perhaps we need to visit them and find out more about our community. Perhaps we need publicise our activities on a more regular basis. Not just at Christmas. Perhaps it just needs a personal invitation.

A final thank you to Andrew, Chris and the boys for leading our worship on 8th January. Their message was simple yet challenging. Forgive and forget. Leave the past behind and look to the future

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let

the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:13-16

God Bless

M. J. ...



"It's either an appeal to youth culture or the heating's playing up again"

Smile Lines

Pastoral Search Report

We do not have a happy report to give. We've not been able to find a suitable candidate for this church, though we have one promising prospect still. We do appreciate all the suggestions from the church members, and we've followed up each one with interviews or calling at least three references. The following is our confidential report on the present candidates.

Adam: Good man but problems with his wife. Also one reference told of how his wife and he enjoy walking nude in the woods.

Noah: Former pastorate of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

Joseph: A big thinker but a braggart, believes in dream-interpreting and has a prison record.

Moses: A modest and meek man, but poor communicator, even stuttering at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.

David: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbour's wife.

Jonah: Refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.

John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

Jesus: Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and this church dwindled down to twelve people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And, of course, he's single.

Judas: His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.

Here is the News

Terry

It is good to have Terry Blowfield back worshipping with us. After a short time in Chase Farm Hospital following a fall.

Congratulations to Terry who will be 90th on 21st February!

Matthew

Matthew Witter also had a few days in Chase Farm. He is back home now and we wish him well.

Arthur

Arthur Neate is progressing well following a corneal transplant operation to his right eye in Moorfields Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery. He is extremely grateful to the anonymous donor and for the skill of the surgeons.

Mavis

Mavis Seligmann has broken her ankle. We pray for healing.

Building Fund

Following a generous donation we have been able to repay our loan and our building works are now paid for.

Thank you to everyone who gave and to those who organised and attended various events.

Over the coming months we will be working to get a plan of works for replacing the hall roof and floor which we would like to start in a couple of years - so we still need your help raising funds!

Christmas Appeal

£120.12 has been sent to North London Hospice towards their Enfield Appeal following our offerings taken on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you for your generosity.



Do Lent generously this year: take part in the 40acts challenge!

What if you could give up chocolate and give the money to your favourite charity? What if you could turn the TV off, and spend more time helping your neighbour? What if Lent was a preparation for a lifetime of big-heartedness?

Christian charity Stewardship invites you to take part in the 40acts challenge and help create a movement of generosity this Lent. Over 40 days you will be invited to take part in 40 simple acts of generosity which will challenge you to 'do Lent generously' this year.

Sign up at www.40acts.org.uk or visit www.facebook.com/40acts.

A message from **Beyond Ourselves**, through whom we sponsor Ruth, a child in Zambia:

Thank you so much for your continued support for Beyond Ourselves.

Home Insurance. One more way you can get involved with Beyond Ourselves is through your home insurance. One of our supporters is offering a way to renew your home insurance and support Beyond Ourselves. When you renew your home insurance he will aim to beat any UK quote including comparison websites and offer five star home insurance policies which will either be the same or better than the policy you currently hold. In addition to this, he will donate £20 from every policy sold. Please contact Ashley Marsh on 020 8529 9339 if you are interested.

Warm regards,
The Beyond Ourselves Team

Quiz Night

7:30 pm Saturday

25th February 2012

James Hall
Bush Hill Park
United Reformed Church

Tickets £5.00 Each
See the D of E boys for
tickets



To raise funds towards
Seniors undertaking their
Duke of Edinburgh Awards

2nd Enfield
Company Section
Boys Brigade

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Diary

February

See also Prayer pages, back cover for regular activities
The diary is also online at www.bhpurc.org.uk/calendar

Sun 5th	10:30am	Communion with Rev Martin Legg
Tues 7th	7:45pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 12th	10:30am 5:30pm	Parade with Rev Martin Legg with London City Mission – John Hamilton Second Sunday Supper
Mon 13th	8:00pm	Book Club - Ruth Rendell's "Harm Done"
Sun 19th	10:30am	Morning Worship with Martin Wells
Wed 22nd		Lent begins (see page 7 for a lent challenge)
Sat 25th	7:30pm	Quiz Night (see page 8 for details)
Sun 26th	10:30am 12:20pm	Morning Worship with Martin & Lisa Hamblin Messy Church

Next newsletter deadline
Sunday 12th February

PRAYER PLAN

FEBRUARY 2012

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

Galatians 5:16 NIV

Wednesday 1st

Leighton Road

Thursday 2nd

Persecuted church in North Korea

Friday 3rd

For the families of those affected by the cruise ship sinking

Saturday 4th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 5th

Thanks for our building fund being paid off

Monday 6th

Lynda & John Cook

Tuesday 7th

Staff and pupils at Raglan Primary School

Wednesday 8th

Main Avenue

Thursday 9th

Persecuted church in Iran

Friday 10th

That young girls in all countries will be allowed access to an education

Saturday 11th

Sunday's Worship Leader and the service tomorrow

Sunday 12th

Thanks for the first signs of spring

Monday 13th

Phyl Cox

Tuesday 14th

Staff and pupils at George Spicer Primary School

Wednesday 15th

Melbourne Way

Thursday 16th

Persecuted church in
Afghanistan

Friday 17th

For the health of our
congregation

Saturday 18th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 19th

Thanks for the days getting
longer bringing lighter
mornings & evenings

Monday 20th

Derek, Janet & James Cutts

Tuesday 21st

Staff and pupils at Grafton
Nursery School

Wednesday 22nd

Millais Road

Thursday 23rd

Persecuted church in Saudi
Arabia

Friday 24th

That fathers will be
encouraged to take a greater
part in their children's
upbringing and for role
models for those who do not
have a father

Saturday 25th

Sunday's Worship Leader
and the service tomorrow

Sunday 26th

Thanks for the repairs that
are being done around the
building

Monday 27th

Jill Garrett

Tuesday 28th

Staff and pupils at Bush Hill
Park Primary School

Wednesday 29th

Percival Road

Thursday 30th

Persecuted church in
Somalia

Do you have a special
occasion or a person you
would like prayed for - see
Lisa Hamblin



Book Club

This month we're introducing a regular monthly church activity which I should have featured in the newsletter earlier, hopefully it will make a more regular appearance now. Lisa Hamblin

We meet in the church lounge on the 2nd Monday of each month; our last book for review was discussed Monday evening, 9th January 2012.

The Postmistress by Sarah Blake

Set during WWII the story is of two countries torn apart by war and two extraordinary women; an American radio gal who one night during the blitz vows to deliver a letter written by a doctor from Cape Cod, and the postmistress in America who ultimately decides not to deliver the letter. It is a tale of love and loss, partings and secrets.

The Book Club's sentiments were that it was not a popular read, had no continuity and was poorly written. We did, however, have an interesting discussion on the essence of the story.

Our next Book Club will meet on Monday 13th February at 8pm and we will be discussing Ruth Rendell's book "Harm Done". Feel free to come and join us.

Sue Paraskeva



Women's world day of prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia

“Let Justice Prevail”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Federation of Malaysia comprises Peninsular Malaysia and the states of Sabah and Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

Malaysia is perceived to be a model of racial integration with its multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious communities living in harmony with one another. Malaysia's long-term goal is to become a developed nation and to achieve a balanced growth and a high standard of living by 2020.

Let us pray that this country continues to live in peace and harmony and that justice, stability and religious freedom will always prevail.

If you would like to attend the Enfield women's world day of prayer events on 2nd March, the details are as follows:

10:30am
Trinity Church,
Church Street, EN2 6AN

Speaker: Mrs Ailsa Bulger
Choir: Members of Enfield
Choral Society



7:30pm
St. John the Baptist,
Clay Hill, EN2

Speaker: Mrs Jill
Patient

Al-Shurooq Child Sponsorship

In January we started supporting a child in Bethlehem studying at Al-Shurooq School. We have received this message from them:

Thank you very much for your Email which we received a few days ago. I was delighted to learn that your Church at Bush Hill Park have taken a decision to sponsor one of our children. I have chosen for you a very bright six-year-old boy called Karam.

Date of birth: 9/11/2005

Place of birth: Hebron

Karam is a lovely boy who was born on November 9 2005 to a young couple living in Ithna, a Palestinian town in the south of Hebron. His father is a taxi driver, and the mother is a house wife called Yasmeen. He has an older sister Called Wi'am, born in 2004, and two younger sisters, Ayat born in 2008, and Sadeel who was born about three weeks ago. Karam was born with normal vision, until he was two years old. Tragically, one day, as the child was most probably following his father, outside the house, the father quite unaware of his child's presence, and as he was turning his Taxi to leave for work, He hit his own child, which resulted in fractures in the head, and he became totally Blind. Karam was admitted into Al-Shurooq School in September 2010, and at present he is attending class one. He is a lovely bright child, of course very much loved and doted on by his parents, his father in particular, who feels guilty for being the cause of his son's tragedy. He is a happy child, and goes home every weekend. He loves his school, and enjoys playing with his classmates. On the whole, Karam is a very happy child, polite, and well-behaved.

Please include Karam as well as Ruth in Zambia in your prayers.

Girls' Brigade News

Welcome back after a lovely break. Well, what a year we have lined up for 2012.

From Young Leaders training to the Olympics to Camp in the Summer we have quite a busy year ahead.

In March we have our Young Leaders Training where Eleanor Wadden will be doing her Intermediate (second year) training. In April we have our District Parade, in May we have our annual display, in June we have our District Camp and annual Sports Day, in July we (hopefully, Olympics permitting) have our Swimming Gala (which was moved from November) and in August we go to Company Camp. Phew!

More information on each of these events will be announced nearer the time but please look out for dates so that you can come and support us.

I know that Camp may seem like it is a long way away but it is actually only 28 weeks and we have a lot of planning to do especially organising travel arrangements to and from camp. We have booked the flights to and from camp and we have transport to the airport but we have a problem with getting home from the airport on Tuesday 7th August because of the Olympics in London and are looking for volunteers to come and help with transport. If you are able to offer any help, please can you contact either Lynda or myself and we will give you more details.

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New year and are looking forward to the events that are to come.

Charlotte McBride

Boys' Brigade News

We started back on Monday 9th January with a full turn out of boys. We currently have 22 lads on roll in the company section which is really encouraging.

This half term our first year boys are working on producing a newspaper / magazine. The lads have decided what will feature in the magazine from sections like film reviews to maybe a sports section. Each of the boys will write and design a section.

Our 2nd & 3rd year boys are learning all about crime prevention. So far they have learnt about identifying someone and also identifying a vehicle. They have also started looking at how we could improve security within the church and its buildings.

Our 4th year boys are doing the craft element of their skills badge. Over the next few weeks they will be making their own golf clubs. They will have to prepare the shaft to the correct length, shape the head of the club (for what type of iron they are making), put a grip on the shaft and they put the club together. Hopefully there will be time for them to make an iron and a wood. At the end of the session they will get to test out their clubs on a driving range.

Our four silver D of E boys are busy preparing a quiz night to raise funds to support the D of E scheme. The expedition assessments are quite expensive and it's our aim to raise some funds to help towards the costs. Putting on a quiz also counts towards their Boys' Brigade badge work as the seniors badge work is project based. I hope that every group of D of E participants will do some kind of fund raising activity every year.

They are working very hard and it would be great to support them.

If you are free and would like to have an evening out seeing if you are more intelligent than Mr Legg then please come and buy a ticket.

The boys will be around before church on Sunday mornings. You can get individual tickets or make up a table of 8. The date of this amazing quiz is Saturday 25th February.

Mr Collicott is also doing drumming lessons for two of the bronze D of E boys early on a Monday evening. I have also started up the Thursday evening circuit training once again. Quite a few of the boys attend the session.

That's what is happening regularly on Monday & Thursday nights; however there are lots of forth coming events.

In a few weeks' time we have the London Cross Country competition, which we are going to enter a team in. This is held in Greenwich Park. The football league will continue. We have a swimming Gala & we will be holding the Battalion PR Games here. We have been very successful at this competition in past years, and training is already underway for this year.

During the February half term we have the Company Supper. The company supper is a great event where all the staff and company section boys, along with some past members sit down and have a meal together. The eight first years will then be entertaining us all with their drama / sketch, which you all saw a very small snippet of at church parade last month.

Andrew Caddies

Wordsearch

February brings us the beginning of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Valentine's Day, and Lent. All three are about celebrating commitment and love and giving. What relationships in your life need your commitment, love, and generosity? Lent is a good time to reflect on the love in our lives: God's love for us, our love for him, and our love for each other. Our wordsearch this month reflects these themes.

king	country	coronation	diamond	jubilee
queen	princess	death	mourning	love
romance	flowers	commitment	hearts	wilderness
prayer	fasting	temptation	jesus	stones
bread	kingdom	devil	angels	foot
kindness				

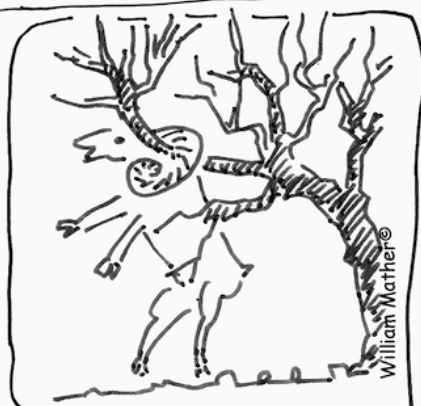


Bible Sketchbook

God provides!

To get rid of sin
A sacrifice was needed.
Abraham was willing
To sacrifice
His only Son.
But God substituted
Another life instead.
In the same way
God substituted
Jesus - his only son -
As a sacrifice
For our sins.
The key: obedience;
The result: countless
Blessings in the
Holy Spirit!

Read more in Gen 22:1-18;
Mk 10:45; Heb 6:13-14



Abraham obeyed God and God provided a ram!

BHP DAY BY DAY URC

Sunday 10:30am Worship with groups for children and young people (Communion 1st Sunday in the month)
12:20pm Messy Church (4th Sunday in the month)
5:30pm Second Sunday Supper (2nd Sunday in the month)

Monday 7:30pm Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
8:00pm Book Club (2nd Monday in the month)

Wednesday 6:15pm Girls' Brigade

Friday 9:30am Prayers in the Junior Room
10:15am Baby & Toddler Group
6:00pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys)
7.15pm Junior Section)

