

**AUGUST -
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2010**

RUSH HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

FROME ROAD, BATH

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<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SUNDAYS 10.30 am Morning Worship</p> <p>HOLY COMMUNION Every 2nd Sunday morning</p> <p>TUESDAYS 5.00 pm Rainbows 6.00 pm Brownies</p> <p>THURSDAYS 9.30 am Ramblers 7.00 pm Guides</p>	<p>I've always been a bit cynical about treadmills, why walk on a machine if you could walk outside? But my opinion has changed, because I find if I'm out walking, the brisk pace I set myself all too soon becomes a leisurely stroll. Whereas on the treadmill you set a pace and a time, and off you go. You can of course alter the pace or even stop the machine, but I endeavour to keep going until the exercise is completed and that's when I sing <i>"one more step, to myself"</i>.</p> <p>It's a hymn associated with turning points in life, greeting the new year, the start of a new academic year and often the beginning of a new ministry. Soon you will all be welcoming your two new ministers to Bath, and perhaps you will sing 'one more step'. It reminds us that all of life is a journey. It's not that you have been at a standstill for a while, you are all continuing on the journey you embarked on some time ago, but now you will be joined by two new travelling companions. The temptation might be there to slow the pace a bit, to take a more leisurely stroll, to let others dictate the pace and even the path.</p>
<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Aug</p> <p>1st 10.30am Morning Service led by Rev Brian Bowyer</p> <p>8th 10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Hazel Starritt</p> <p>15th 10.30am Morning Service led by Mr Peter Rouse</p> <p>22nd 10.30am Morning Service led by Rev Peter Pittaway</p> <p>29th 10.30am Morning Service led by <i>to be confirmed</i></p> <p>Sept</p> <p>5th 10.30am Morning Service led by Mr Peter Rouse</p> <p>12th 10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Hazel Starritt</p> <p>19th 10.30am Morning Service led by Mr David Pendle</p> <p>26th 10.30am Morning Service led by Rev Mary Piggott</p>	<p>But that's not what being a Christian community is all about. The Christian journey is one that is shared, and you all do that very well in Bath, sometimes it might seem you are going up hill, sometimes it feels like walking along the prom at the sea side with a force eight gale, but at others it is a more leisurely stroll, but you have to keep moving, putting one more step in front of the other. The refrain to 'one more step' reminds us that our true travelling companion is Christ, 'And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you'.</p> <p>There's are several hymns about journeying, but let me finish by quoting another one</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>March on, my soul, with strength, march forward void of fear; he who has led will lead while year succeeds to year; and as you travel on your way, his hand shall hold you day by day.</i> (William Wright)</p> <p>He, who has led, will lead as year succeeds to year.</p> <p>May God bless you all as you take <i>'one more step'</i></p> <p>Mary Piggott</p>
<p>Induction Service</p> <p>The induction service for Revds David & Helen Pattie will take place at Central at 6.30pm on Saturday 30th October</p>	<p>Heritage Open Days</p> <p>Here is something to plan for September: make time to take advantage of a Heritage Open Day. During September a range of properties across the country are open for viewing – free of charge – to the public. The 'open' buildings range from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns, parish churches to Buddhist temples. It is a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours that bring local history to life.</p> <p>Visit: http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk</p>

Could you donate furniture and food for those in need?

The **Genesis Furniture Project** sells donated furniture at affordable prices to those on benefits. It also supplies food parcels to those who are desperate for food - around 120 parcels a month. Jamie, the Genesis Furniture Project manager, is having to turn people away when they come looking for white goods and for food parcels. Demand is more than we can supply and our food cupboards are empty.

Could you help those in need by donating any of the following items?

- * Cooker, washing machine, fridge, freezer, fridge/freezer combo, tumble dryer.
- * Dried, tinned or packaged food and drinks (please check use-by dates are OK).

Please give Jamie a call on 01225 421111 or email furniture@genesistrust.org.uk. He can arrange collection if needed.

The Furniture Project team would be very grateful to hear from you, as they really hate to turn away people in need.

SHOEBOX FUN DAY

To launch Operation Christmas Child 2010 there will be a SHOEBOX FUN DAY at **St Michael's Church, Broad Street, Bath on Saturday, 11 September 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** We do hope you will be able to drop in sometime during the day. St Michael's Cafe will be open, so perhaps you would invite friends or neighbours who have not done shoeboxes before to come along with you. It will be an ideal opportunity for them to see what fun it is to take part in the world's largest children's Christmas project. We will have leaflets and empty shoeboxes to give away, plus lots of displays and gift ideas to make shoeboxes special and exciting – including new knitting patterns and fabulous fabric cut and ready to sew for pencil cases and treasure bags. We will also have fun activities for children. The new DVD will be shown throughout the day. **If you are keen to volunteer at the Bath Processing Centre in November, but are unable to come to Shoebox Fun Day, please would you telephone Alison Long (T: 01225 314201) who will be organising the rota.**

We do hope to see you having fun at St Michael's on 11 September.

Pat & David Dawson

Bath District Coordinators Operation Christmas Child

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AT RUSH HILL

Christmas is coming! A bit early maybe!!

We have made a start on preparing to fill Christmas shoe boxes for 'Operation Christmas Child'. Eileen, Pete and myself have already purchased items such as soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush etc and invite anyone who would like to purchase items for the boxes to do so. If you can't manage to shop and would like to participate we will be pleased to receive any donation.

We are fortunate to have Betty and Edna who have been busy knitting hats and mittens for the boxes and to date they have managed about 20 sets, with more to come. We do thank them both—and know that they enjoy what they are doing. With this Newsletter is a list of items that can be purchased.

Thank you for caring and helping to fill these boxes

Chris

SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY

September 1st

- Bristol Harbour trip. Tickets available from Carol and Clair

Sunday 17th October

– Harvest Festival and Church Anniversary Lunch at Rush Hill

Friday 3rd December

– Carols and Chips at Rush Hill

The Apple Rhyme

Apples ripe and apples red,
Grow they high above my head.
Alack-a-day! For I am small
And apple-trees are mostly tall;
Dreary me! But what is sadder,
Nobody can find a ladder!

From a poem by Madeline Nightingale

FLOWERS

Aug	1st	Audrey Harvey
	8th	Spare
	15th	Carol
	22nd	Eileen
	29th	Chris and Pete
Sept	5th	Gwen Reakes
	12th	Beryl Sanders
	19th	Joy and Gordon
	26th	Spare

CHURCH CLEANING

Aug	1st	Maintenance Team
	8th	Mrs J Jones
	15th	Mrs C Rumble
	22nd	Mrs E Rumble
	29th	Miss A Child
Sept	5th	Maintenance Team
	12th	Mrs J Jones
	19th	Mrs C Rumble
	26th	Mrs E Rumble

CHILDRENS ROTA

Aug	1st	Sue
	8th	Carol
	15th	Carol
	22nd	Carol
	29th	Carol
Sept	5th	Jackie
	12th	Carol
	19th	Sue
	26th	Sue

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Items for the October issue to Sue Thurston by 26th September 2010