

JANUARY 2011

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ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

10.30 am Morning Worship

HOLY COMMUNION

Every 2nd Sunday morning

TUESDAYS

5.00 pm Rainbows

6.00 pm Brownies

THURSDAYS

9.30 am Ramblers

7.00 pm Guides

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

2nd 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mr Peter Rouse

9th 10.30am Morning Worship
and Holy Communion led by
Rev Dr Hazel Starritt

16th 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Helen Pattie

23rd 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev David Pattie

30th 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Mr Matthew Pattie

6.30pm Joint Evening
Service with Larkhall and
Central

February

6th 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Mary Piggott

13th 10.30am Morning Worship
and Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Pattie

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Items for the next issue to
Sue Thurston by
30th JANUARY

RUSH HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

FROME ROAD, BATH

Dear Friends

New Year has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. So we make New Year's Resolutions.

According to one poll the Top Ten Resolutions 'State-Side' are:

- Spend more time with family and friends – work should not always come first.
- Fit in fitness – exercise keeps you healthy and make you look and feel better.
- Tame the bulge – set reasonable goals and stay focussed.
- Quit smoking – even if you have tried before and failed don't let it get you down.
- Enjoy life more – get out and try something new.
- Quit drinking – drastic lifestyle change needs a support group.
- Get out of debt – money often is the biggest source of stress in life.
- Learn something new – a new language, or how to fix your computer.
- Help others – volunteering, a popular, non-selfish resolution.
- Get organised – Home & office organisation can be a very reasonable goal.

According to Wikipedia recent research shows that while 52% of participants in a resolution study were confident of success with their goals, only 12% actually achieved them. Men achieved their goal 22% more often when they engaged in a system of setting small measurable goals, while women succeeded 10% more when they made their goals public and got support from their friends.

So dare I make any resolutions? Well after much thought I have decided to keep it simple. Read the Scriptures – no not all of them in a year – but rather will go for bite-sized, public action, with the support of friends (that's you I hope).

Initially, I am going to re-read and hopefully rediscover Ruth, sticking with a Bethlehem setting a while longer. Why not read it too? Send in your thoughts and insights to the Editor of Contact for it would be interesting to see them published and shared. Scripture Study from your armchair.

So, New Year Resolution – Read Ruth. After that I am open to suggestions.

Happy New Year,

Helen

COMBINED EVENING SERVICE on Sunday 30th January at Larkhall URC

Whilst the service will start at 6.30 pm tea will be provided by the Social Events Committee from 5 o'clock.

The service will be led by Revd David Pattie and Revd Hazel Starritt
Theme: "Windows into the 21st Century"

Looking back on December 2010

December has always been our busiest month and this year has proved to be so again—busy yet rewarding. It has also been our worst month for ages— for heavy snow and icy conditions making getting about very difficult, especially for the elderly, consequently it has affected the attendances somewhat, nevertheless....

We started off with what is now our traditional Carol and Chips evening on **Friday 3rd**— 28 of us sat down with fish and chips (out of the paper) at 6pm—after a quick tidy up we all went into church, sat in groups, drank tea and sang carols on request for about an hour. It was good to see many friends as well as our own folk enjoying a very pleasant evening indeed.

Wednesday 8th—The Sunshine Pre-School held their Nativity Service in the Church. The stable already in place the Rev Helen Pattie led the proceedings, also narrating the Christmas story as the little ones came in on cue, all attired in some wonderful and imaginative costumes. They sang their little songs well, as did the boys from Culverhay School, about 20 of them trudged up Rush Hill to Church and entertained us during the service by singing some Christmas songs. This is one occasion when the church is full with parents, grandparents and church friends. We were pleased so many adults stopped behind enjoying coffee and biscuits, etc. I am sure that many will remember this special service for a long time.

Friday 17th— The Rush Hill Ramblers met together for their annual Christmas lunch at the Rose and Crown, (Hinton Charterhouse). 21 of us, including some old friends (ex walkers) enjoyed an excellent meal with all the trimmings and of course, the fellowship. The invitation is always here fore anyone else to join with us on our Thursday walks.

Saturday 18th – We went Carol Singing. 16 of us met at the church at 10.30am for coffee and then out into the cold and the snow! First we sang a couple of carols outside the Bakery and then on to the Co-op. We managed to work our way through the carol sheet then returned to the church for another hot cup of coffee. The money collected amounted to £79 which will be given to the Peggy Dodd Centre on Combe Down, All this would not have been so successful without the support of our good friend Mike Priscott who played his cornet throughout. We thank him and Jenny and the rest of the group for us being able to witness is this way.

Sunday 19th — The morning service was led by Rev Helen Pattie illustrating her message with an overhead projector. The evening service as of course, our Carols by Candlelight Service. The church had been beautifully decorated—enhanced by the candles. We were grateful to Rev Hazel Starritt for coming to lead our worship all the way from Frome despite the hazardous road conditions. Although not so many were able to come on this occasion the service was enjoyed by all and was followed by welcome coffee and mince pies.

Christmas Day— The weather hadn't improved much, but a goodly number turned up and enjoyed a short service led bow our own Rev David, this time assisted by his son Andrew by doing some readings. It was good to be able to welcome Andrew to Rush Hill for the first time.

This really has been a busy month, busy that is for all those responsible for planning, preparing the activities and services, and we do thank everyone who has helped in anyway, not only during December, but throughout the past year.

It has also been a great joy to us that Helen, David and Hazel have been so supportive and encouraging at Rush Hill and we thank them most sincerely.

It just remains for me to express thanks on behalf of everyone and to everyone for the exchange of cards and the messages of good will that they contain.

Sincere wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year

Peter

IN LOVING MEMORY

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to a dear old friend—Gwen Reakes, aged 98 years on Tuesday 14th December at Rush Hill.

Gwen and husband Basil became members back in 1971 and were regular worshippers at our evening service. Basil passed away a few years ago and Gwen has been happily content in a Nursing Home in Ston Easton for the last four years. Her heart has always been at Rush Hill and has always kept in touch. Not many Rush Hill folk will remember her, but some of us that do, attended her memorial service, led by Rev David Pattie and afterwards were able to meet with daughter Christine and the rest of the family.

Peter

FLOWERS

Jan	2nd	
	9th	Sue and Richard Thurston
	16th	
	23rd	Miss Audrey Child
	30th	
Feb	6th	Peggie and Ernie
	13th	
	20th	Joy and Gordon
	27th	

CHURCH CLEANING

Jan	2nd	Maintenance Team
	9th	Mrs C Rumble
	16th	Mrs Jones
	23rd	Mrs E Rumble
	30th	Miss A Child
Feb	6th	Maintenance Team
	13th	Mrs C Rumble
	20th	Mrs J Jones
	27th	Mrs E Rumble

CHILDRENS ROTA

Jan	2nd	Sue
	9th	Sue
	16th	Jackie
	23rd	Carol
	30th	Sue
Feb	6th	Jackie
	13th	Carol
	20th	Sue
	27th	Jackie