

JUNE 2011

RUSH HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

FROME ROAD, BATH

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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
JUNE**

- 5th 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Edward Hulme

- 12th 10.30am Morning Worship
and Holy Communion led by
Rev Helen Pattie

- 19th 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev David Pattie

- 26th 10.30am Morning Worship
Led by Mr Peter Rouse

- 28th 7.30 pm Bible Study
'The Land'

The Wedding of
Mark Thurston
and



Sophie Gregory
takes place at Rush Hill on
Saturday 11th June 2011, at
1.30 pm.

Our best wishes to you both.

22 Packsaddle Way
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Dear Friends

I am certain that many of you will be doing some travelling during this summer. Whether you are going somewhere far away, or only a short distance, it is always refreshing to visit a new place and experience a different way or pace of life. I even enjoy waiting in the arrivals hall at Bristol Airport, or the railway concourse at St Pancreas Station, and reading the names of distant places on the electronic displays – how sad is that!

Occasionally I come across people who say that they never want to go away from their home, either because they have everything they want right there, or because they are concerned about leaving home or garden unattended. The majority of people however enjoy the experience of visiting somewhere different and return home refreshed and renewed.

Travel seems so much easier nowadays than it used to be, and yet we know that people also made the most amazing journeys in the past. It is as if there is something deep within us that is never fully satisfied, something that keeps us always seeking and moving on. The bible is full of stories of people on the move – Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the people of Israel in the wilderness and Paul, missionary to the Gentiles. The gospels depict Jesus as an itinerant preacher and healer, travelling about in the Galilee area, and down to Jerusalem. The whole of the Bible is about a journey, a journey of exploration of God and our relationship with God, and about what this means for us and for our lives. Perhaps the restlessness that we feel within is there to remind us that there is more waiting to be discovered!

If we get too rooted, too stuck in our ways, pray that God will move us on.

If we get too narrow, pray that God will broaden our outlook.

If we become too self-sufficient, pray that God will show us our need.

If we become too comfortable, pray that God will shake us up and re-energise us for the journey.

Blessings,

Rev Hazel

RUSH HILL PICNIC

Sunday 3rd July

We will be having a church picnic at Alexandra Park after the service on Sunday 3rd July and all are welcome to come along. All you need to bring is a plate of food to share, and something to sit on if you have it. If you need transport it will be available. We do hope you can join us.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Saturday June 18th

Enjoy a walk in local countryside and finish at a local pub for lunch. The walk will be an easy two hour walk. See Carol or Clair for more details

Sunday 3rd July

Church Picnic at Alexandra Park following the morning service. Transport will be available. Just bring a plate of food to share.

Saturday August 6th

Trip to Abergavenny Market, and Brecon Mountain Railway Tickets £14. See Carol or Clair for more details

Saturday 1st October

Harvest Supper

Sunday 23rd October

Church Anniversary—Sunday lunch to follow the morning service

Saturday 19th November

Craft Fair at Rush Hill. Jewellery, glass, pottery, and other crafts, refreshments and light lunches. 11am—2pm. See Carol for more details and to book a stall.

Friday 2nd December

Carols and Chips Getting the festive season underway, 6pm for chips, 7pm for Carols.

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE PRAYER FOR JUNE

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:8*

As we look at all we possess,
We see your words in the lives of the poor
'Do justly
Love mercy
Walk humbly with our God'
May we never be found wanting,
As we pass by on the other side,

We see your words in the lives of the poor
'Do justly
Love mercy
Walk humbly with our God'
May we never be found wanting
As we live by the faith we inherit

We hear your words in the lives of the poor
'Do justly
Love mercy
Walk humbly with our God'
May we never be found wanting

Amen.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

MAY 15TH—21ST

Most of the collectors reported that this year seemed even more frustrating and disheartening than previous years—so many refusals and in fact the envelopes were down on last year, but with the Frugal Lunch which raised £100 and one or two extra donations the final figure came to £838.92 as against £807 last year.

As a matter of interest, 14 of us delivered 720 envelopes between us to 14 streets. Only 272 envelopes were returned with money enclosed. 25 of which were Gift Aided. Amongst these envelopes were some very generous gifts—so whatever we felt on the way round the end result was very worthwhile. There were some people just waiting for someone to call so that they could give. The gifted envelopes will add another £50+ to our total.

I want to record my thanks on behalf of the Christian Aid Organisation to all the volunteer collectors and to those who gave so generously to the Sunday Lunch and last but not least to our loyal catering staff for providing us with a simple but nourishing lunch on Sunday.

Peter

NATIONAL QUIET DAY

You are invited to 'Silence in the City' on Saturday 2nd July 10.30am—2.30 pm at Central URC. You are welcome to spend the day or just drop in for a few quiet moments.

Refreshments will be available 12.30—1.30 pm.

ANAGRAMS OF TV PROGRAMMES

While you are sat in the garden enjoying the sunshine and your afternoon cup of tea, why not give this quiz a go? All the Anagrams are of popular TV programmes—answers in next issue

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| 1. STEAKEW KILN | 11. GOLF IT |
| 2. STANDERESE | 12. ANAPOMAR |
| 3. GOTCHAWD | 13. STEWINGNH |
| 4. SHAGEDGE | 14. HET POSSIMNS |
| 5. MERMELADE | 15. HOOSKALLY |
| 6. ROOTANNICO RETETS | 16. OPT RAGE |
| 7. DUNCOWONT | 17. WILES |
| 8. SATCO | 18. OSOLE MOWEN |
| 9. BLYHO TYIC | 19. DEMISTMARN |
| 10. ETH LIBL | 20. TROCOD HOW |

MEETING SCHEDULE: **ELDERS MEETINGS** 2nd September, 7th October
RUSH HILL **CHURCH MEETINGS** 3rd June, 4th November

NEXT NEWSLETTER : Items for the next issue to Sue Thurston by 26 June

FLOWERS

June	5th	June and Eunice
	12th	Sue and Richard
	19th	Eileen
	26th	Ivy
July	3rd	Spare date

CHURCH CLEANING

June	5th	Maintenance Team
	12th	Mrs C Rumble
	19th	Mrs E Rumble
	26th	Miss A Child
July	3rd	Maintenance Team
	10th	Mrs J Jones

CHILDRENS ROTA

June	5th	Carol
	12th	Jackie
	19th	Carol
	26th	Sue
July	3rd	Sue
	10th	Jackie