

A Quiet Time ...Saturday 12th November 2011

Bath United Reformed Churches invite you to ...

SILENCE IN THE CITY

“Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!

On this day ... on this weekend of Remembrance... Enjoy the Quietness of a Sacred Space and Visit Stations of ‘Peace-ful’ Interactive Spirituality

The Church is Open 10:30-12:30 - and you are welcome to Drop In for a few quiet moments at Bath Central United Reformed Church, Argyle Street Entrance. Bath - BA2 4BA

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CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

11AM – 2PM

Admission 50p (Children free)

POTTERY, FIRED GLASS, CARDS, JEWELLERY,
SOFT FURNISHINGS, COFFEE, TEA, LIGHT
LUNCHES

AND MUCH MORE

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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

Commitment for Life Prayer for November

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus Galatians 3:28

Come, you are created in God's image – you are welcome in this place.

Let us affirm the dignity of all people.

Let us reject all forms of discrimination and stigma.

Come, we are all God's people, many and diverse.

We are called to live out a gospel of love.

Let us enter into this worship with open minds and hearts

Let us be prepared and challenged and move into action.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

4 th	7.30 pm	Church Meeting
6 th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Edward Hulme
12 th	6.00 pm	Film Night
13 th	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev David Pattie
19 th	1am – 2pm	Craft Fair
20 th	10.30am	Morning Worship Led by Rev Hazel Starritt
27 th	10.30 am	1 st Sunday in Advent Morning Service Led by Mr Peter Rouse

Advance Notices**Friday 2nd December**

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

Wednesday Dec 7th

Sunshine Pre-School Nativity Serviced

Tuesday 20th December

Fish and Chip Supper and Social at Central URC

ROTAS

		Flowers	Cleaning	Children
Nov	6 th	Edna	Maintenance Team	Jackie
	13 th	Spare	Mrs E Rumble	Sue
	20 th	Eileen	Miss A Child	Carol
	27 th	Mary and Michael	Mrs J Jones	Jackie
Dec	4 th	Spare	Maintenance Team	Sue
	11 th	Eileen	Mrs C Rumble	Carol
	18 th	Rumble Family	Mrs E Rumble	Jackie

HEATING SYSTEM

The new boiler has now been installed (at great cost!). We have experienced some teething troubles which is to be expected, but now things are working well. It is unlikely that our fuel bills will be any less but we do, at least, have a modern boiler with state of the art controls and programmers, etc. It is still important that all those who use the Church and rooms will keep the doors closed as much as possible to keep the warmth in.

Peter

FILM SHOW

In aid of Christian Aid/Zimbabwe project

On Saturday October 15th, the evening went very well considering that this was our very first venture. About 15 came and watched the film 'Nanny McPhee' with an interval when we enjoyed tea and biscuits. The money raised (by donations) came to over £80 plus another £20 towards sale of some DVDs. This totaled £100, exactly one third of the amount we had pledged towards the (ZIMPRO) scheme.

So thanks to those who planned and organized the evening and of course to those who gave so generously. We look forward to the next film evening where we hope to see even more coming along to watch.

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**Saturday 12th November
at 6pm**

**In connection with the Christian Aid
Partnership Scheme to improve lives in Southern Zimbabwe.**

**A House, A Man, A Boy and lots of balloons
set off on an adventure**

**Donations Welcomed
Refreshments served in the interval**



VOTE for Guy Fawkes

**The only man to enter
Parliament with honest Intentions ...**

***"Remember, remember the fifth of November
Gunpowder, treason and plot."***

I was at the barbers last week having a haircut. The job was almost complete, the young barber poised with a cut throat razor at my neck, when, out of the blue he said something to the effect '*that there is no such thing as an honest, decent, or non-corrupt politician*'. Under the circumstances I just made a non-committal sound and listened as he unfolded his political analysis of our political masters.

It did bring to mind an Anarchist poster popular at election times, a homemade version of which, is reproduced for your edification at the top of this letter. I think it sums up my razor wielding-barbers 'philosophy'.

The poster does however address an important issue. The issue of probity. Patricia Cornwell in her 2008 novel, The Front, describes an imaginary American politician for us: "*...the governor is –a pure conservative Republican. White, early sixties, pleasant beatific face that belies the heartless hypocrite behind it*"

Our media has, again been 'abuzz' with the still unfolding tale of Dr Fox MP. There is nothing quite like a political scandal to spur the press on – something my young hair cutter had devoured avidly. I am sure he would subscribe fully to sentiment of the Anarchist poster.

But what a dreadful thing to be accused of as an individual or an institution ... "*a pleasant beatific face that belies the heartless hypocrite behind it*"

This – 'hypocrisy' – is a charge frequently levelled at the church and at Christians. Many perceive the church as a place of high minded words and sentiment but a place where real meaningful action is absent. A place of 'talking the talk, but not walking the walk' as our American cousins have put it.

An elder in one of my previous churches said that in his view many people today had lost their moral authority – he included politicians and a number of clergy in this number.

He argued that our challenge was to live up to the scriptural exhortation found in both Matthews Gospel and the Epistle of James ... *Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No' (Matthew 5:37)*
Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no, or you will be condemned. (James 5:12b)

And yes, if we are to persuade the young barber, and countless others like him in our community that the church matters and our faith is relevant, we have to be different to other public figures and institutions 'and live life with honest intentions'.

Happy Guy Fawkes Night!

Rev David

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday 16th October we celebrated our 120th Birthday jointly with our Harvest Festival. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and produce destined for the Genesis group.

It was great joy that we were blessed with members of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides with some of their leaders (like old times!). The service led by Rev David Pattie was very enjoyable with a lot of audience participation and singing by the girls.

After the service about 50 of us sat down to a Harvest Lunch, Shepherd's Pie followed by various crumbles. It was a truly magnificent meal enjoyed by everyone and we do want to say thank you to all who helped with the cooking, planning, washing up and clearing away.

The money raised of 120 will go towards Church Funds.

Peter

Some information from Haycombe

As a result of a recent survey, the time slots at Haycombe will change 30 minute slots to 45 minute slots from the 1st November 2011, allowing services of 30 minute duration.

It is also intended to leave two slots at the beginning of the day at 9am and 9.30am for a service duration of 20 minutes; these slots will be offered at a reduced cost. Costs will be adjusted on 1st January 2012 when the annual fee increase is due.

Invitations are also given to the annual Remembrance Day Service at Haycombe on 11th November. The service begins at 10.45am on the grass next to the Cross of Remembrance near to the War Graves.

HOLIDAY CLUB

This took place on Wednesday 26th October between 3pm and 5pm for youngsters aged between 6 and 10 years.

This was the second Holiday Club planned, sadly not quite as many came this time, despite much advertising, but nevertheless, the children who did turn up were well entertained and challenged during the short time they were here.

Both Helen and David had put a lot of work in planning this 'One World' theme. I am sure the youngsters learnt a lot about the world we live in. Perhaps as time goes on, other children might be persuaded to come along.

We do thank our ministers for their enthusiasm in all that they are doing for us.

Peter