

SEPTEMBER 2011

RUSH HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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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

CALENDAR

August

31st 3pm—5pm
SundayS-cool

September

2nd Elders Meeting

4th 10.30am Family Service:
Back to School Sunday
led by Rev Helen Pattie

10th 10 am Church Walk—
meet at the Globe

11th 10.30am Morning Worship
and Holy Communion led by
Rev David Pattie
'Planet Wise'

Children: The Miracle Maker
Episode 1

18th 10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Mary Piggott

25th 10.30am Morning Worship
Led by (tbc)

COFFEE SHOP



Visit our coffee shop
every Wednesday morning during
term time.

Dear Friends

A new treatment unit is being "commissioned" at the hospital. This involves many, many measurements and a vast sea of numbers. Not everything is done by computers! As I sat at work struggling to analyse one small part of the all measurements, I thought of Carol Voderman's appeal recently for mathematics to be a compulsory subject in schools up to the age of eighteen. Mathematics is so fundamental to everyday life that it is hard to imagine how anyone can get by without having a working knowledge. How else can we know when something really is a "bargain buy"!

It reminded me that we have long since become accustomed to schools not teaching children about the Christian faith or the bible. Generations of adults and children now have little idea of the religious significance of the major Christian festivals of Easter and Christmas. For many, religious language and the language of mathematics are incomprehensible and therefore irrelevant. Ethical choice and moral behaviour is no longer understood within a Christian framework. What does this mean for society now and in the future?

Teaching mathematics and fixing a broken society, both require people to engage with a vision that inspires them. However it seems that the Christian vision, as perceived by many, is not attractive to people in the twenty first century. So what is to be done? One of my lecturer's at Sarum College used to say that our role was "to be a bit of grit in the shoe of the world". He clearly did not want us to start out in ministry with an over-inflated vision of what we might achieve! It was practical advice, down-to-earth - as you would expect from a Yorkshire man. Everyone knows how a little bit of grit in our shoe prevents us being comfortable. It can be almost insignificant, yet it keeps on rubbing away until in the end we are forced to pay attention and deal with it. The lesson we can take from his words is not to give up and not to give in. We have a message and a vision and it is one the world desperately needs to hear afresh.

Revd Hazel

September Song

An Evening of Song
with

Matthew and Andrew Pattie

Thursday 8th September

Larkhall URC

7:30pm

Tickets £5

In support of the RUH scanner appeal

**COMMITMENT FOR LIFE
PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER**

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me' Matthew 25:45

I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink;
Lord forgive us, for we did not recognise you.
I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me;
Lord forgive us, for we did not recognise you.
I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me,
Lord forgive us, for we did not recognise you.
I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but would not give me a drink;
Lord forgive us, for we know what we do.
I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not cloth me;
Lord forgive us, for we know what we do.
I was sick and in prison, but you would not take care of me.
Lord forgive us, for we know what we do.

Songs of Praise turns 50

The very first ever BBC Songs Of Praise was recorded 50 years ago this month, and broadcast on 1 October 1961.

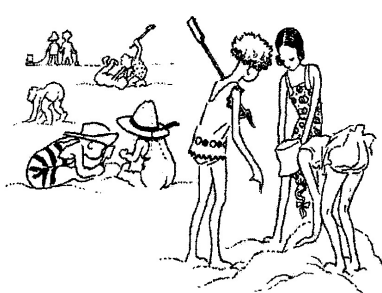
The first programme was recorded on 25 September at the Welsh Baptist Tabernacle Chapel in Cardiff city centre (Tabernacl, Capel y Bedyddwyr). This past summer all surviving members of the original congregation were invited to return for the recording of the anniversary edition, which was conducted by Tim Rhys-Evans, musical director of Only Men Aloud.

Songs of Praise has long been the most popular and beloved of all BBC worship programmes. During its 50 years it has visited more than 1,800 churches, cathedrals and chapels, singing over 12,500 hymns. Guest presenters over the years have included Sir Cliff Richard, Alan Titchmarsh and Toyah Willcox. At its peak, 12m viewers watched the programme, with audiences still 2.5m. Songs of Praise has featured in episodes of comedies Vicar of Dibley and The Brittas Empire

Cardiff's Millennium Stadium was the location for Songs of Praise's largest ever episode. The special edition saw 60,000 worshippers, a 6,000 piece choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber marking the first Sunday of the new

Hymns for people over 50

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car
Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One
Blessed Insurance
It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt



It was unfortunate that the Sunday School seaside outing forgot where they had buried the minister.

CHILDRENS ROTA

Sept	4th	Family Service
	11th	Jackie
	19th	Sue
	25th	Carol
Oct	2nd	Jackie
	9th	Sue

FLOWERS

Sept	4th	Spare
	11th	Beryl
	18th	Spare
	25th	Joy and Gordon
Oct	2nd	Spare
	9th	Jackie
	16th	Spare
	23rd	Harvest
	30th	Chris and Peter

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Saturday 10th September

Pub Walk—meet at Newton St Loe Church at 10am for a 2—3 hour walk followed by lunch at The Globe. See Carol or Clair for more information

Sunday 23rd October

Church Anniversary and Harvest Lunch—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.

Tuesday 20th December

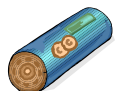
Fish and Chip Supper and Social at Central URC

Don't sniff at 'man flu'

When a woman sneezes, she has a cold. When a man sneezes, he has flu. This long-running debate over why women usually carry on with life, while men often take to their beds, may at last have been solved. A recent study in Australia has found that women do indeed have a 'much stronger immune response' to rhinoviruses – the bugs that cause the common cold – than men. As one scientist commented: "It makes sense from a biological point of view because women are more likely to ensure the survival of the species."

Tear Here

A biscuit pack can bring great cheer,
But therein lies a trap –
You pull just where it says 'tear here'
And they all land in your lap.....



ELDERS MEETINGS

2nd September, 7th October

CHURCH MEETINGS

4th November

CHURCH CLEANING

Sept	4th	Maintenance Team
	11th	Miss A Child
	18th	Mrs J Jones
	25th	Mrs C Rumble
Oct	2nd	Maintenance Team
	9th	Mrs E Rumble

NEWSLETTER

Items for the next issue to Sue Thurston by 25th September.