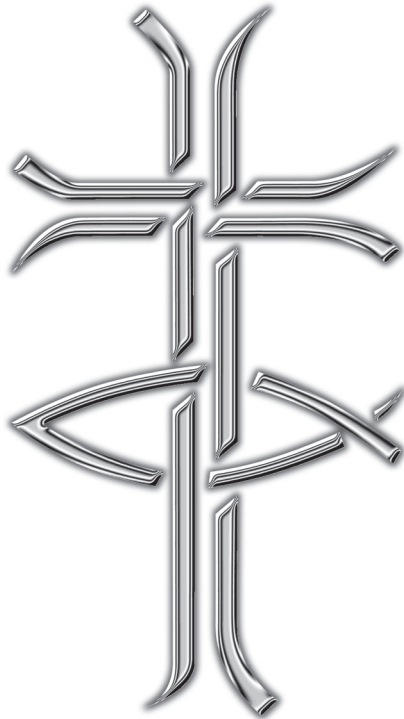


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# The Recorder

February 2011

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# New Brunswick | February Diary

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## Preachers for 11am Services 2010

Feb	6th	Rev. Tim Harrison
	13th	Angus Gregson
	20th	Rev. Douglas Burnett (This will include Communion and the induction of Lisa Waines as a church member)
	27th	Rev. Mary Piggott

## Speakers for Womens' Guild

Feb	2nd	Welcome back!
	9th	AGM
	16th	To be advised
	23rd	D.I.Y.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

After the service on 13th February we shall share in a Fellowship Lunch. Any monies raised will be donated to 'Commitment for Life'

Our next Church meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March at 7:30pm

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As mentioned above we look forward with great joy to receiving Lisa Waines into membership of the church on Sunday 20th February. Would be great to see as many as possible at this service to support Lisa as she takes this next step along her Christian journey.

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We continue to remember all those who are unwell at this time. We think of John Waines who has been attending hospital for tests. Ivy Pickett who has not been as well as she would wish. We remember in prayer Joyce Groves who has not been able to share with us as often as she would like due to illness. Our thoughts are with Sheila who continues to make slow progress after her stay in hospital. We hope it won't be too much longer before we see her worshipping with us once again. For any others who are not enjoying good health at present we pray that Gods healing hands will be laid upon you and that you will be restored to health in the coming days.

# Vestry Vibes by Douglas Burnett

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## Dear friends,

The excellent piece of news that came through at the end of January was that our Korean Church, which has been a URC since last year, is now able to call a minister on a full-time basis for the next 5 years. For the past few months, encouraged by our Synod Moderator and the National Secretary for Racial Justice and Multi—Cultural Ministry, we have been putting together an application for what is known as a Special Category Ministry. SCM's exist to allow new ventures and churches to be developed that are in some way exceptional and at the present moment could not support full costs by themselves. After several months of work, involving a very hard working group, all has come to fruition. We would hope to find the right minister for the Korean Church over the next few months.

Written into what the post will exist for we have made it clear that it is not simply to develop the Korean Church but to develop the relationship with Redland Park. When meeting with the two-person strong SCM assessment team from Church House in December Sally King, Mark Warne and I expressed the belief that we have much to gain from this growing friendship. The church in Korea is vibrant and confident. After the United States they are the second largest missionary-sending nation in the world! They have a passion for the bible, for prayer and for outreach. What can Redland Park bring to the Koreans?

Redland Park brings the friendship of the host congregation, a history of mission in Bristol and the practical resources that has allowed them to grow as a church. We both have things we can learn from each other. Together we make a much stronger Christian presence on Whiteladies Road. To enhance all of this all that remains is to get to know each much better as friends and pilgrims together. So maybe if you haven't been able to chat any of the Koreans thus far, maybe our next joint service would be the opportunity to do so? That, joint service is likely to be Easter. That is a bit far off, so why not come through the back after our service and just chat with them as they get their Sunday meal together.

Remember also that 2011 is our 150th anniversary. In 1861 Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries were yet to reach Korea. Yet they did so and achieved something remarkable. Something like 28% of the South Korean population is Christian! Now the missionary direction is reversed and we are now the receivers. In our 150th year, what better way to celebrate than to fully establish a further Redland Park Church at Redland Park. I'm sure that the founding members from Highbury Chapel, and the Reverend Urijah Thomas, would have been very happy with that!

*Dougie*



There has been a lot of illness over Christmas and New Year but we hope that everyone is now recovered.

It was good to see Viv Hayden back in church and hope she continues to feel better; Des Lane and Teame Mebrahtu have also been ill and we pray for their recovery.

Please pray for David and Christine Lloyd who are at home at present and keeping reasonably well; we hope that may continue.

Janet Sutton Webb, who married at Redland Park in September, was given away by her father who was seriously ill at the time; he sadly died just before Christmas and we send our condolences to Janet and her family.

Congratulations to Lucy (nee Pedlar) and Nik Pollard who had Thomas

Nicholas on December 1st in Wales after a 30 mile drive to the hospital in the snow and ice; we pray for them all.

Congratulations also to Charles and Juliette Pedlar on the birth of another baby boy, Barnaby George, on 31 December, a brother for Humphrey, and many congratulations to the grandparents Richard and Jane.

We think of our friends who cannot always come to church – Henry and Joyce Dickinson, Joyce Hamblin, and Norman Crick who is visiting his daughter in America; please keep them in your prayers.

Annie Manuel has been in touch from Oxford, where she and Sean now live. Annie works at Somerville College, and Sean is finishing an Open University degree.

To my friends at Redland Park.

Thank you for all your prayers, get well cards, visits and practical help that you have given me following my hip replacement.

I am now almost independent apart from driving and carrying heavy shopping. I have learnt to slow down and be more patient and have watched a lot of DVD's.

Linda Croft

*Thank You*

# Welcome to Christmas

A very special thank you to Laura Jones and Michael Kearley for all the hard work put into entertaining the First Thursday group on a cold winters afternoon. Over 20 braved the elements to have a good time. We sang Mary's Boy Child and Little Donkey – the latter reminding one of far off days with the Junior Church.

Ernest read poems from the animals- the sheep dog who was left behind to guard the sheep but really would like to have travelled as well – the stork and the donkey. We heard of the choir boys from Slad Church as they raced through the snow to all the big houses to sing and collect their bounty, only ever seeing one owner, everywhere else the servants opened the door, left it ajar for them to sing!

T.S.Eliot's Journey of the Magi said "A cold coming we had of it – just the worst time of year for a journey.." just like Britain

2010. Then after returning home were we led all that way for Birth or Death?"

We all enjoyed a day's shopping for "The Wife's Christmas Present" – of course the first was the best, but at the end of the day, guess what? – it had all been sold. Mal read us some words from "a Welsh Child's Christmas" by Dylan Thomas, probably reminding us of our own childhood Christmases – no T.V., music we made for ourselves, games played together as a family and lots of little surprises.

We ended with a round version of the Twelve Days of Christmas and We Wish you a Merry Christmas with our version- bring in the mince pies (and a good cup of tea)

Thank you both from us all.

Janet Stables

## New Year Party

It was a grey afternoon when we met for the New Year Party, sadly quite a few people could not come, but Linda joined us.

The group had a very enjoyable time puzzling over some very interesting games devised by David. We had to guess who the babies were, remember sayings from our childhood, to add up a sum in old money, our table was only 2d out. Then before tea, guess the smells in the bottles.

Peter had recorded some theme tunes from TV series, some of them were from a good while back, so we were amazed how many Dougie could identify. Afternoon viewing ?

The tea was delicious, Anna had made some lovely cakes and scones, and most of us took home ' doggy bags' for later.

A very happy and successful afternoon.  
Carole Atter

# Redland Park Church Calendar



## FEBRUARY 2011

Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Elders
Thurs 4th	2.30pm	1st Thursday Older and Wiser. John Neugebauer shares With us his experiences of age in the work place
Sun 6th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett – Communion
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
Sun 13th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
	7.30pm	Worship of Prayer and Praise
Sun 20th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Ken Marsh
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
Wed 23rd	7.00pm	Choir Practise for Spectrum event at Bristol Cathedral on 5th March
Sun 27th	10.30am	Family Worship Rev Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	<b>BRING AND SHARE LUNCH</b> Korean Worship upper Room

## MARCH

March 2nd	7.30pm	Elders
March 2nd	7.00pm	Choir Practice for Spectrum Event
March 3rd	2.30pm	1st Thursday Derek Jones Quiz
March 6th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett – Communion
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room

## FIRST THURSDAY PROGRAMME February to June 2011

**February 3 - Older and Wiser?**  
John Neugebauer shares with us his experiences of age in the work place

**March 3 - Team Quiz**  
Another of Derek Jones' brain teasing quizzes

**April 7 - The Fool on the Hill**  
Thought provoking Easter comments from Helena

**May 7 - Legal Twists & Turns**  
Andrew Sims will share with us experiences from his life as a solicitor

**June 2 - 5th Anniversary Tea**  
We celebrate 5 years of First Thursday with a special tea and a mystery guest speaker

**July 7 - Garden Party**  
Mal & Janet Owen invite us to share with them their tranquil garden at Abbots Leigh

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# Prayer Partners

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## JANUARY

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

**Genesis 2: 1-3**

God of grace, creator of a world of plenty, the heavens declare your glory and the earth your generosity. In love, you created us and in your likeness you made us to be partners in creation. In greed, we have turned away and have marred your image of us to fashion a fragmented world.

Renew us in your vision of wholeness, that the rich restore wealth to the poor and the poor share blessings with the rich. Revive us in our passion for justice, that the tyranny of profit be quelled and the whispers of freedom find voice. Refresh in us our sense of calling, that we follow Christ in serving others and live simply with those who simply live.

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Believe in the power of prayer. Use these prayers to pray for those supporting and supported through Commitment for Life. Why not get them published in your church magazine? For those of you with a window onto a street, enlarge the prayer and put beside the poster of your partner country. Use them in your orders of service, the ideas are endless.

## FEBRUARY

The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. **Luke 4: 18**

Pray for those who bring good news to those in poverty, through their words and their actions. Lord, grant them your justice.

Pray for those who bring good news to those in captivity, through their words and their actions. Lord, grant them your freedom.

Pray for those who bring good news to those who have lost their vision, through their words and their actions. Lord, grant them your healing.

Pray for those who bring good news to those who are oppressed through their words and their actions. Lord, grant them your compassion. Amen

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## MARCH

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God....  
But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.....  
**Luke 6: 20, 24**

Blessed are those who see no need for poverty in the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are those who grant no place to hunger and gluttony.  
Blessed are those who are moved with compassion at the plight of others.  
Blessed are those who are stirred into action out of our complacency.  
Blessed are those who give no heed to prejudice and hatred.  
Blessed are those who seek the way of peace and understanding.  
Blessed are those who look not to this life for reward and self-gratification.  
Blessed are those who work for fullness of life for all.  
Thanks be to God for those who hunger and thirst for the rights of others.

Amen.

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## APRIL

**Luke 16:19-31**

Lord, in a world of obscene wealth and scandalous poverty, remind us that the gap is not inevitable. Challenge our perception of the world with a holy discomfort; Forgive our failure to notice the starving people at our gates. Help us to break down barriers, to open doors, to heal divisions, to recognise all your people as loved and precious.

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## MAY

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?  
**James 2: 14**

Giving God,

Make my faith strong enough to take action.  
Make my faith strong enough to knock on doors and face rejection.  
Make my faith strong enough to keep on knocking.  
With campaigning,  
with lobbying  
with..... a heart yearning for an end of poverty and injustice.

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## 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 your 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 your 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 your God'  
May we never be found wanting  
Amen.

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## JULY

I know the Lord maintains the cause of the needy, and executes justice for the poor. **Psalms 140:12**

God of all mercy before the righteous change sides  
and fair play becomes a thing of the past,  
hear our prayer for those with conflicting loyalties,  
for whom speaking the truth means putting themselves and those they love at risk;

God of all mercy  
before the tables turn against justice  
and those falsely accused are sent to trial,  
hear our prayer for those who are governed by conscience  
and campaign against injustice and speak out against human rights abuses.

God of all mercy  
before the opportunity is missed  
and the moment is gone,  
hear us as we pray to You  
that we might use whatever influence we have  
for good  
through our giving and spending  
through our actions and the lives we lead  
through our prayers for all those in need.

Amen

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## AUGUST

Pray then in this way: our father in heaven... your Kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... forgive us or debts as we also forgive our debtors  
**Matthew 6: 9-14**

How can you bless the widow's mite  
when your children place value on coins and notes,  
and her orphans starve in want and need?  
How can you bless the widow's mite  
when your children wear respect as labels and tags,  
and her orphans earn next to nothing?  
How can you bless the widow's mite  
when your children are consumed by must-have debt,  
and her orphans are burdened by international greed?  
Forgive us the debts we owe to others,  
grant us to work for the good of all,  
save us from ourselves  
and lead us into your ways of righteousness.  
Amen

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## 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 you 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 clothe 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.

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## OCTOBER

May God bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half truths,  
and superficial relationships,  
so that you may live deep within your heart.  
May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression, and  
exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice,  
freedom and peace.  
May God bless you with tears to shed for those  
who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and  
to turn their pain into joy?  
May God bless you with enough foolishness  
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,  
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and  
sanctifies be upon you and all you love and pray for this day  
and forever more. Amen.

Modern Franciscan prayer, origin or author unknown

## NOVEMBER – World AIDs day 1st December

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.

**Galations 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 moved to action.

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## DECEMBER

Light of the world, we wait for your coming:  
Transform our darkness.  
We remember Mary, surrendered to your will,  
eagerly waiting for you.  
We think of a mother's hopes.  
We think of a mother's fears- conflict, danger, hunger, illness,  
poverty which traps and mars her child's future.  
We pray for the work of all those who bring light to children,  
and renew their mother's hopes.

God with us, be with them.  
Amen

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## EVANGELISM YEAR.

*"No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead he puts it on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house" Matthew 6 v.15.*

Sometimes Jesus says the most obvious and we can quickly overlook the depth of His practical words. When Jesus later states that He is the light of the world, I return to the Sermon on the Mount, which then becomes far more challenging:

*"In the same way, your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven" v 16.*

That commandment to share the Light of the world with all who we meet, is my understanding of "Evangelism" as we move into this Vision4life year.

Immediately before the Ascension, ie. in the final moments of His earthly ministry, Jesus challenges the disciples to;

*"Go to all people's everywhere, and make them my disciples, baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28 v. 19.*

and so often that international missionary requirement is at the core of our understanding of Evangelism. We must remember that this challenge is made to the disciples who have watched Jesus' ministry of preaching, teaching and healing for three years, and have had the opportunity to practise individually and in pairs around Galilee. They had the privilege of actually sharing their mission with Immanuel- God with us. But Jesus also assures us of His support and strength;

*"And I will be with you always, to the end of the age" Matthew 28 v 20.*

Evangelism is also sometimes tarnished in some eyes, with the values of the evangelical wing of the Christian Church. with its image of personal confession and of "happy/clappy" worship. That seems a highly unlikely outcome of this year! My vision for the Evangelism Year is that all worshippers at Redland Park, become more confident in our own faith and better able to express it to each other. Only then can we hope to share the love of Jesus with our friends and neighbours, let alone the whole wide world. Then by sharing examples from the New Testament, we can become more secure in being agents of the Holy Spirit, and evangelism, sharing the light of Jesus, then becomes a normal and practical activity for us all.

As such, I am convinced that Café style worship is the best model to get us talking about our faith- but please do speak to me about your own ideas in this development.

The URC published programme guides us through the following 5 stages:

1. Our own experiences of evangelism.
2. Witnessing to people outside the church family.
3. How Jesus was an evangelist to Peter.
4. Our personal gifts and commitment.
5. Getting on with it!

Please remember our Evangelism Year in your prayers, and share your challenges, your needs and the needs of others that you know on the Prayer Tree and at our Prayer Time sessions on the third Sunday of every month at 10am.

Les Fry

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# What's On?



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)



### Press Release



### 'HOW MANY LOAVES HAVE YOU?'

On Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 women from around the world will celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. The service has been written by the women of Chile. It is an appropriate theme for bread is eaten at every meal and is very much part of every day life. The women of Chile offer what it means to them as they share this service with us.

Jean Hackett, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer Movement, said:

'This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.'

Stretching from Peru to Antarctica, the Republic of Chile occupies a long, narrow strip of land 2,640 miles long and 110 miles wide. It is a land of incredible contrasts. It also has the highest incidence of domestic violence in Latin America and most women suffer from discrimination in some form or other. Equal opportunities are being pursued.

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody as we demonstrate our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in other countries and all are welcome to attend. Further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, can be found on the WWDP website at [www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org).

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## EVANGELISM YEAR.

### Worship and Praise Services.

As part of our commitment to outreach this year, sharing our own Christian stories and developing increasing confidence in sharing those stories outside the church, we are re-launching our Sunday evening worship.

From Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, between 6.00pm and 7.15pm, there will be a fortnightly Worship and Praise Service at Redland Park.

This will give us the opportunity to sing and learn contemporary Christian songs, to participate in a led Bible study and pray collectively and individually.

Everybody is welcome and we very much hope that you will come and join in.

Do discuss this with Les Brentley, Jane Rogers, Angus Gregson or Les Fry.

### FLOWERS

Just at the moment all we seem to be asking for is money. Every Sunday there are flowers in our church. Thanks to the team that arrange them every week, and give extra time for special occasions.



As the flower fund does not receive any direct funding from the church, therefore donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you very much to members of the congregation, who have been giving towards the flowers, some for many years. Best wishes, Sally

## Keeping up with the vicar Pt 12 Angus Gregson

Here are the Lectionary readings for February and the first Sunday in March. The last Sunday in January began a focus the Sermon on the Mount and this continues all the way through February. The accompanying readings remind us, week by week, that God wants to bless the world through people of faith, and how central his teachings, his grace and his fatherly love are for us to live as those people of faith.

Many preachers use the lectionary readings as a basis for their preaching. The suggestion is to read them sometime in the week before Sunday worship so that if they are the ones used, it might help you get a bit more from the sermon.

Feb	OT	Psalm	Gospel	NT
6th	Isaiah 58:1-12	112:1-9	Matthew 5:13-20	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
13th	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	119:1-8	Matthew 5:21-37	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
20th	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	119:33-40	Matthew :38-48	1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23
27th	Isaiah 49:8-16	131	Matthew 6:24-34	1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Mar				
6th	Exodus 24:12-18	2 (or maybe 99)	Matthew 17:1-9	2 Peter 1:16-21

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Everyone, is your neighbour, Everyone on earth. Love for all you're worth, everyone on earth! Everyone should love each other, Everyone on earth!	All the world, every nation All should hear this call, Be they large or small, let them hear this call. Everyone in every nation Let them hear this call!
Every child, man and woman, Make one family; All should try to be one big family. Everybody on the earth is One big family!	Every man, every woman, All of them should care. People everywhere all of them should care. Every man and every woman All of them should care!

## Secretary's Notes by Sally King



It is hard to believe we are at the end of the 1st month of 2011.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the purchase of the plasma screen which has been a great success. Thanks to Andrew Sims for his hard work in seeking all the pledges which enabled us to go ahead. We must now give our thoughts to the next stage.

2011 is a very important year in the life of Redland Park as it is the 150th anniversary of a church standing on the present site. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate the history of Redland Park and plan to the future of our church, especially as it is the year of Vision4Life Evangelism. It was good that the church meeting came up with some good ideas for ways of celebrating.

We hope to fund raise during the year for ourselves and our charities.

I have received a letter from Annie and Sean Manuel. They wished us all a Happy New. They are living in Faringdon at the moment while looking for a new house. They are very happy. Travis is now at Leeds University.

Some good news is that the application for a SCM for the Korean Church has been accepted so the URC will be advertising the post in the near future.

I am planning a Church Diary for the year. Please let me know if there are any dates you would like included.

I have made a list of members, friends and elders please ask me for a copy.

Best wishes

Sally

**Deadline for contributions for the March  
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