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### Cover Photo

The St George's Day dance at St Mark's proved very popular. Organised by the Residents' Association and St Mark's, there was a real buzz, with the Ravensbourne Morris Men leading the way. The music was provided by Hoi Polloi.



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## Services at St. Mark's

First Sunday in the month

8.00am Communion -  
Book of Common Prayer

10.30am All Age Worship

Other Sundays  
10.30am Parish Communion

Wednesdays  
10.00am Holy Communion Service

# Retirement

- Why don't drummers come out of retirement? Too many repercussions.
- I know lots of jokes about retirement, but none of them work.
- What do retirees call a long lunch? Normal.

I shall be retiring at the end of June and this has prompted me to ask several people their views on retirement. The majority have told me – 'I'm so busy now I don't know how I found the time to work!' Also how much they enjoy the freedom retirement brings.

Our society does tend to be ageist though – actresses complain they can't get parts when their looks fade or newsreaders being sacked for being 'too old'.

However the oldest person to board a U.S. Space Shuttle was Senator John Glenn, who was 77 at the time. He emphasised the view that we shouldn't let age define us:

***'Too many people, when they get old, think that they have to live by the calendar.' John Glenn (1921- 2016)*** He certainly proved age was no barrier.

I rather like the words of the comedian George Burns (who lived to a 100) and wrote: ***'By the time you're eighty years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it.'*** ***George Burns (1896-1996)***

I'm sure we can all subscribe to that!

Roget had a rather obsessive personality and to keep calm he had made lists since he was a child. At 61 he retired from medicine, and he now had time to spend all day making one huge, all-encompassing list of words, and that's exactly what he did.

Twelve years later, when he was 73, Peter Roget published his giant list of words as a book, *Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases*, otherwise known as "the Thesaurus." You may have had one yourself; I did. In fact, he kept working on it until he died at 90

The bible is not ageist and has lots of examples of people living to a ripe old age and still being active. Abraham was 75 when

God called him to leave his home and go to an unknown destination. Moses was over 80 when God told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Anna and Simeon were elderly when they encountered the baby Jesus and his parents in the Temple. There are plenty of others who God used in their old age. The bible has a very positive view on being elderly and the value they add to society.

God has plans and purposes for us. No matter what our age, we're never too old for God to use us. Maybe as we get older we can't do so much physically, but we can still be a listening ear for other people and we can still be involved in helping in our local community.

Since Mark and I moved here nearly 10 years ago we have been so impressed by the number of people who help out in a variety of ways in the community and the number of community groups. It really does feel as if we live in a village, where people look out and care for others.

There are many aspects of life we shall miss here, and certainly the people we have got to know. We want to thank you all for making us so welcome.

Now it's time for us to journey on and see what adventures God has in store for us!

Revd. Alison Newman



## Introducing Biggin Hill's best-known beekeeper and his wife



John and Margaret Williams came to Biggin Hill in 1962. At this time there were around 3,000 inhabitants.

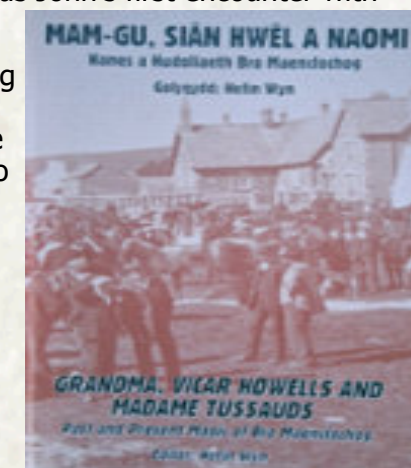
John was born in Pembrokeshire in 1934, living in the war years on a dairy farm near Llys-y-frân. There was no running water, electricity or tractors. The farm had

a deep well near the house and water had to be hand pumped. In addition to the dairy herd, his parents kept chickens, ducks, geese, pigs, and sometimes turkeys for Christmas. They owned two shire horses, a cob and a pony.

There were several similarities to Biggin Hill in the early 20th century: for a child, there were endless possibilities for all day exploration, tree climbing, and getting muddy. Unlike Biggin Hill, there was a river, the Syfnwy, which was his favourite play area: rocks, a waterfall and trout fishing. John and his brother Gwilym had a new playmate for a while: an evacuee from London, Peter. This was John's first encounter with anyone who did not have Welsh.

Methods used for the annual haymaking were traditional: John remembers driving a horse drawn rake and a horse drawn hay-turner. This harvest and also the digging of potatoes involved many neighbours, who were rewarded with food and home brew. At an early age, John was inducted into milking cows,

*John's early years feature in this book*





cleaning out the cow shed, skinning moles and feeding the 100 chickens, but not killing the pig!

One year, John and his brother were rewarded with a black pony straight off the Preseli Hills. After breaking her in, they took every opportunity to ride her: visiting grandmother at Newport, or riding to his weekly piano lesson in Maenclochog. Here, the lesson took place in the parlour of the Railway Hotel pub. John, Gwilym and Peter would travel by pony and trap to school and tether the pony there. No one questioned the fact that three boys under the age of 10 were allowed to ride in this way on a public road!

The local primary school comprised about 20 children, including several evacuees. One teacher took the 5-6 year olds, while the headmaster, Lloyd Richards, taught the 7-14 year olds. At Narberth Grammar School, John would stay in lodgings from Monday to Friday. During the 'Great Snow' of 1947, John stayed there for 5 weeks.

*The family on the beach  
at Newport*



On Sundays John and his family would attend chapel at Horeb, but the annual 'Pwnc' festival involved other local chapels where the children and adults had to recite scripture, then answer questions and give opinions. One event that had a great impact on him was his baptism on a cold day in April aged 15: full immersion in the river! Then there was the Maenclochog eisteddfod, where John would compete in the piano solo.

On leaving his family, John took a student apprenticeship with GEC based at Castle Bromwich Hall. One night, with no warning, he was tipped out of bed – an induction prank by the ex-public schoolboys on his course. In February 1952, the day after the return of the young Princess Elizabeth from Nairobi, the whole group were huddled round a small TV screen. The moment the national anthem began, the entire group rose to their feet. John followed their lead, not knowing of this strange custom!

Margaret was born the same year as John, but not in Wales! She grew up in Erdington and began work at the City of Birmingham Children's



*John (right) in a quartet competing at the  
National Urdd Eisteddfod held at Fishguard  
in the early 1950s*

Department. One evening in 1955, she was persuaded to attend a square dance in Birmingham. Partners changed frequently during the evening, but when everyone was told to take a seat, Margaret happened to be partnered with... John! So the two sat down together to talk. John ended up walking her home, right out to the suburbs ... and they married in Sutton Coldfield two years later.

Meanwhile, for his National Service in 1955, John was posted to West Germany, looking after transport for the garrison. John undertook a 'winter warfare course', which meant learning to ski. He also led a group of 12 soldiers on a 120 mile walk over 4 days: the International Four Days Marches at Nijmegen, Holland, which still attracts thousands from all over the world. While in the Army, John finished his Advanced Mathematics professional exams – the papers were sent out specially for him to the army base. He was now qualified as a Chartered Engineer.

John began work with GEC and his work on Green Archer involved building part of the control mechanism to track mortar bombs. He also worked on HMS Hermes, developing systems to demagnetise ships. GEC then brought him to Magnet House, Kingsway – he used to drive up to central London! This is what brought them and their three children to Biggin Hill: Allenby Road, then Sutherland Avenue. One further area was project engineering with the Reed Paper Group in Aylesford.

In the 1970s he went to the Electricity Council, based in Trafalgar Square, with the brief of developing alternatives to fossil fuels. He even used an electric car in the late 1980s. With a 50 mile battery limit, John could reach central London and get back home. Margaret

*The family in 1963*





had to use the car sometimes, dreading the return trip from Westerham.

Margaret loved Biggin Hill from the start. She recalls a conversation with Jim Huckle of Biggin Hill Primary, who congratulated her on being the first person to have interviewed him on his suitability to be her children's headteacher!

The rural nature of her new village reminded her of her 9 months of evacuation to Lindale, Cumbria, her mother's home village. Margaret's grandmother had heard of the serious bombing in Birmingham in 1940 and called her there. On returning to Birmingham, Margaret was not



prepared for the surprise awaiting her: as she got off the train at New Street Station, she recalls the shock of finding streets devastated by bombs.

After the children had left school, Margaret's dream of becoming a primary teacher came true: she attended Coloma College, later teaching one-to-one. What was the best part of coming to Biggin Hill for her? Margaret felt at home, not least the welcome from the local

Baptist church.

John started beekeeping in 1980 and until Covid kept about 20 colonies. He is a Master Beekeeper and examiner. Many local people have enjoyed the fruit of his bees' labour, and his! In addition, John has been organist at St Mark's church for the last 15 years.

Last year John and Margaret both turned 90. What an achievement!



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## Biggin Hill Health and Wellbeing Cafe

Join us at our cafe for a health and wellbeing session as well as other activities.

The cafe takes place between 10am - 12pm on the second Friday of each month at  
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*Up coming dates!*

### EVENING TALK

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18TH - 8pm

"How to grow and care for Fuchsias"

*Speaker Carol Gubler*

## SUMMER FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY JULY 12TH

Doors open to the public 3pm

*(If entering and displaying in the show please set up between  
8.30 am - 11.30 am Saturday morning)*

### EVENING TALK

WEDNESDAY JULY 16TH - 8pm

"Riverhill Himalayan Gardens & Ferns"

*Speaker: Misako Kasahara*

*For any information regarding entering into the shows, shows or  
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## Wednesday Lunch Club

### The Friendly Club!

Enjoy a warm welcome at our **Lunch Club** which is open from 12.15pm until 2pm. A three course meal is provided which is cooked on the premises. Afterwards hot drinks are served. Transport within Biggin Hill can be provided at a small cost.

## Biggin Hill Day Centre

Our Day Centre provides a friendly and sociable environment where you will be supported by our professional care staff.

Start the day with a cuppa and a chat!

Morning and afternoon activities. Three course lunch cooked on the premises. The Centre is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Centre provides respite for carers

## Do you have difficulty doing your grocery shopping?

## Assisted Shopping

Our Assisted Shopping takes place on Thursday mornings and is for Biggin Hill residents who live independently but need help with their weekly grocery shop. Call Annette on 01959 700411.

## Art Group

Our Art Group meets on Wednesdays from 2pm. Everyone is welcome from novice to expert. Light refreshments are provided. A small donation is requested for each session.

All places must be booked in advance. For more information, please call us on 01959 577400 or email [bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com](mailto:bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com).

You can also visit our website: [bigginhillcommunitycare.org](http://bigginhillcommunitycare.org) or scan the QR code.

We hire St. Mark's Hall, Church Road for our Day Centre, Lunch Club and Art Group.



### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

BHCCA needs help with transport for our members for the Lunch Club (Wednesdays) and the Assisted Shopping (Thursday mornings). If you are able to use your own car to help and would like more details, please call Annette on 01959 700411 (for the shopping) or the Centre number 01959 577400 (for the Lunch Club.)





# Paul's Midsummer Madness

## 24 Hour Cycling Challenge 21 - 22 June 2025

Local resident Paul Clark is taking on an epic challenge cycling up and down Stock Hill, Biggin Hill, in 24 hours to raise £24,000 for The Chartwell Cancer Trust.

**The equivalent of cycling to the summit of Mount Everest!**

### EVERY PEDAL STROKE COUNTS!

Paul is raising funds towards the build of a new Cancer Information Centre for the Chartwell Cancer & Leukaemia Unit at The Princess Royal University Hospital, Farnborough. This vital resource will support patients and families in navigating the emotional and financial challenges of cancer.



Watch Paul take on this incredible challenge and cheer him on! Commences top of Stock Hill.

**Saturday 21st June, 9am.**

Main Sponsors: Ben-efit Bike Fit Studio, Biggin Hill Social & Sports Club, Design Your Hype, Elliott Construction & Landscaping Ltd, Inwood Properties Ltd, Jtech Controls Ltd, Kelsey Park Lodge 5701, Luminate, S T Brown (Electrical) Ltd, The Framing Centre Tunbridge Wells



Local resident and endurance enthusiast Paul Clark is preparing for an extraordinary test of stamina and determination to support cancer patients and their families for local cancer charity The Chartwell Cancer Trust. On 21st June 2025, Paul will be conquering Stock Hill, Biggin Hill's steepest climb, at least 240 times in 24 hours. That is a staggering fifty metres of vertical ascent per lap, adding up to a total climb of over 12,000 metres. Higher than the summit of Mount Everest.

This monumental challenge aims to raise £24,000 towards funding the planned creation of a new Cancer Information Centre at the Chartwell Unit in The Princess Royal University Hospital, Farnborough. The centre will provide crucial support and guidance to patients and families navigating the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

Paul's challenge will begin at 9am, where he will be cheered on by supporters and volunteers collecting donations. The local community is encouraged to come along, show their support, and help keep his spirits high as he battles every lap. Determined to see it through, Paul has committed to pedalling for the full 24 hours, even if he reaches his goal. "This is more than just a physical test; it is about making a real difference for those facing cancer," Paul said.

Local businesses and community members are rallying behind Paul's inspiring challenge, and there are still plenty of sponsorship opportunities available. Senior Trustee of The Chartwell Cancer Trust, Michael Douglas added that "We urgently need more spaces where people affected by cancer can turn for support. The new centre will be a place of comfort, advice, and care when people need it most. We hope Biggin Hill will come out in force to support Paul. Every cheer, every donation, will help build something truly meaningful for local families affected by cancer."

**To donate and support Paul's challenge, visit:**

**[www.justgiving.com/page/paul-clark-3](http://www.justgiving.com/page/paul-clark-3)**

For more information, interviews, or media enquiries, please contact:

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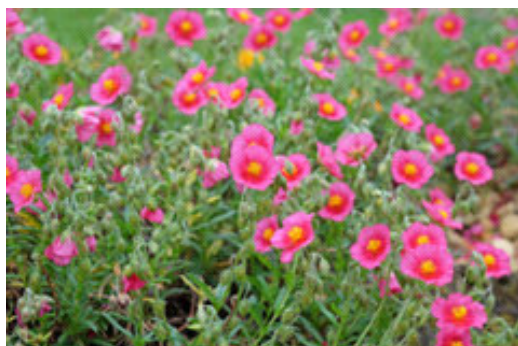
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# Maintaining our garden during the summer

With the current weather breaking records, there are already hosepipe bans on the horizon. We once again revisit how we can reduce plant stress at this time of year, due to the dry conditions we are dealing with. Some methods can be introduced now, while others can be dealt with in the autumn and winter.

Watering is time consuming and is done whenever we have the time or not at all. However, a cool evening is best, whether by watering can or hosepipe. Alternatives are bath and washing up water, both just as good as tap water. Consider, redirecting wastewater into your water butts is an alternative. Water during the cool of the evening, any evaporation is then vastly reduced and easier for the plant to



absorb the moisture. Watering larger plants will need substantial amounts of water. To help the plant absorb the moisture, mulch the plant heavily, soon after, with either home made recycled garden compost, bark chips or even grass mowings. This

will reduce the evaporation and allow the plant to take it up as and when required.

Every February, once the winter rains have replenished the ground, is the good time to mulch the borders, using a variety of materials on offer or make your own. A good thick mulch, 4" or 10cms, will also help with weeding in summer.

Currently, garden centres are awash with flowering plants, attracting customers to buy tender annuals, biennials and perennials, also known as bedding plants. Choosing plants can be difficult and with dry conditions to consider, the choice becomes more challenging. With little help from garden centres, here are a few fast rules to help you choose.

"Right Plant, Right Place", is often spoken and its true. Plants with silver or grey foliage are always a good choice for hot, dry conditions. The following are sound choices, such as Stachys Lanata or lambs' ears. Their light leaf colour reflects the harsh rays of the sun while others have a coating of fine hairs, helping to trap moisture around the plant and keeping dust and dirt out.

Plants for containers and hanging baskets can be difficult, for instant colour, Geraniums, Gazania, Lantana, Salvias and Petunia, are excellent plants for this purpose. Hanging over the edge of baskets, plants with silver leaf or petunia will also do well. To assist with watering, add water saving granules, they hold and release water slowly, they are generally available at all good garden centres.



Check the RHS website for more information

Ideally during springtime re-pot your containerised plants into a slightly bigger pot. There are several shrubs and perennials that enjoy hot dry conditions, whether in a container or in the border. Lavender is always a must, the more sun, the more scent they give off. Nepeta or cat mint, there are new varieties available these days, check them out. Pervoskia, the Russian sage, again silver leaf, wonderful, scented foliage, Artemisia, Agapanthus, Bearded Iris, Rosemary and Santolina or Cotton Lavender, all tolerate dry hot locations. Perhaps purchase seed packets of the



Californian poppy, Eschscholzia, cast your seed over any bare spaces in your border or in a container. They will flower all summer.

These are just a few that will thrive in these conditions. For further help, use the RHS

website or go to the Beth Chatto website, a wonderful, informative website and nursery in Essex.

### Dates for your diary.

The Biggin Hill & District Horticultural society holds many events throughout the year.

Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>: "How to Grow and Care for Fuchsias" by Carol Gubler

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>: Summer Flower Show; flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicraft, photographs and floral arrangements, plants for sale, raffle, refreshments and garden sundries. Doors open at 3pm, presentation of cups and raffle at 4.20 pm.

Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>: "Riverhill Himalayan Gardens and Ferns" by Misako Kasahara

Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>: "Gardening & The Five Ways to Well Being" by Alison Marsden.

Evenings from 8 to 10 pm (doors open at 7.30) refreshments, garden sundries, plants to purchase and raffle are available.

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Every Monday from 10.00 am in the Church Hall during school terms. Contact the Parish Office for details - 01959 577816 - or just come along.

### Home Groups

Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact Alison on 01959 540482

### Bell Ringing

Please contact the Parish Office on 01959 577816

### 1st Biggin Hill Guides

Please contact Rosemary Spurway on 01959 575717



### DAY TRIPS BIGGIN HILL AREA

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Monday 2 June - A Day at Eastbourne - £25pp  
 Thursday 12 June - Waddesdon Manor, Bucks Tea/biscuits on arrival - £55pp NT £31pp  
 Wednesday 18 June - Wey & Arun Canal Boat Trip, Sussex - £46pp  
 Tuesday 24 June - A Day in Margate or Broadstairs - £25pp FULL  
 Thursday 3 July - Chichester Boat Cruise with Fish & Chips £58pp  
 Friday 11 July - A Day at Deal £25pp FULL  
 Thursday 17 July - Birdworld, Farnham £39Ssn £41Ad  
 Wednesday 23 July - A trip to Worthing & The Martyrs Church, Goring - £26pp  
 Friday 25 July - A Day at Bognor or Littlehampton - £25pp  
 Tuesday 29 July - Capel Le Ferne Memorial Trust/Hawkinge Battle of Britain Museum - £44pp  
 Tuesday 5 August - A Day in Reading and museum tour to see the Bayeux Tapestry - £33pp  
 Friday 8 August - Blenheim Palace & Gardens, Oxfordshire - £55pp  
 Monday 11 August - A Day trip to Whitstable - £25pp  
 Wednesday 13 August - Marwell Zoo, Hampshire - £40pp Ssn, £47pp ad, £32pp child  
 Friday 15 August - A Day Trip to Brighton - £25pp  
 Tuesday 19 August - A trip to Tenterden to Inc. local museum tour - £30pp  
 Wednesday 27 August - Day Trip to Eastbourne - £25pp  
 Friday 29 August - Visit to Saville Gardens, Windsor, and River cruise with cream tea - £61pp

### SPECIALS

Wednesday 17 September Kent & East Sussex Steam Railway Trip - £48pp  
 Saturday 22 November - The Magic of Christmas, Bricklane Music Hall Matinee with afternoon tea - £80pp

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# Biggin Hill Councillors

The proverb “all things come to those who wait”, means that with patience and perseverance, one will eventually achieve the desired outcome or see their hopes fulfilled.

When Melanie was first elected in 2014, one of the very first “important” meetings she had, was up in the offices at Westminster with the then Orpington M.P. Jo Johnson and the Deputy Leader, now Leader of the London Borough of Bromley and senior representatives from Thames Water. This was driven after the previous 2 years of frequent pleas for a more permanent solution to the constant water leaks on the main arterial road in and out of the Village. The result of that meeting was the installation of pressure reducing valves which assisted with the issue for several years.

However, this temporary fix would only last for so long, before it too would fail. So 25 emergency bursts over the last 5 years resulting in crisis works and lengthy traffic delays have finally had our persistent pleas being heard, and a new water main pipe to be installed.


3.9 km of clean water pipe will be installed from Downe Road/A223 intersection all the way to the roundabout at the bottom of Churchill Way over a period of 28 months. The works will be carried out in short sections to try limit too much traffic disruption and be controlled by smart traffic lights and operatives.

The works will be starting on 27 May 2025 and the teams will be working on site 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday. The aim is to provide a continual water supply to all properties while the works are being completed.

We have attended many planning meetings not only with Thames Water but also the contractor who will be carrying out the work. We have built up some good working partnerships and have spent detailed time in the planning stages, which includes talking to TfL and how the works may affect the service timetables. Robust communication methods have been set up with the key stakeholders of the project including us and we will be in regular contact with everyone.

We have asked for public drop in sessions during the project to ensure that the community (should there be a need), can ask questions. The first session is already booked for the 28 June 2025 between 11.30am and 3pm at the Biggin Hill Carnival.

We of course will continue with other long term projects over the forthcoming months and hope to update you on, to mention only but a few, Jewells Hill resurfacing, the leasing of the Pavilion, the continued use of the Spitfire Youth Centre as a Community Hub while developing the Children and Family Centre in the Valley to provide a full and holistic service for our 0 – 25 year old residents and their families.

As you know the BH Independent Groups motto? “We  Biggin Hill and continue to prove it”.

Please feel free to call us or send us an email with any questions or queries, always happy to chat and help.

Cllr Melanie Stevens Email: [melanie.stevens@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:melanie.stevens@bromley.gov.uk)

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## Baptism

Cleo Giles was baptised  
on Sunday 13th April.  
Seen in the photo with  
Alison, dad Adam, mum  
Suzy and older brother  
Ronnie.

## What's On at The Arts Society Limpsfield

### Vermeer and Music – The Art of Love and Leisure by Lydia Bauman

Wednesday 25 June 2025 EVENING LECTURE ONLY, 7.30 pm at Limpsfield Church Hall, RH8 0DG Refreshments will be served BEFORE the lecture. Guests £10 on the door.

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Please contact the Church office. The times the office is open can be found on page four. A message can be left on the answer machine outside of these times - 01959 577816

If you prefer, you could send your prayer request to St. Mark's Church,  
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**A Sea Symphony**  
**The Lark Ascending**  
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**Tintagel Bax**

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### St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill - People's Prayer

Dear God in Heaven who loves us so much,  
Thank You for everything You do and provide for us.  
We pray for Your church and community here in  
Biggin Hill, that we may know Your plans for us  
in this special town.

Especially, we pray for help in bringing all Your  
children to You, so they may come to know You fully,  
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