

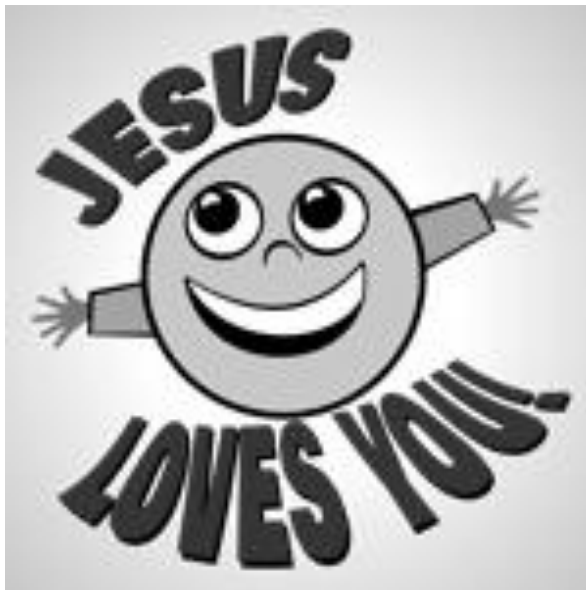


Christ Church

United Reformed Church

Minister: Rev David Atkinson

February 2012



Lenten offering envelope attached
Please return it with your gift to our treasurer David Fisher

“Enter to worship, depart to serve”

www.ccurc.org.uk

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 11.00am Morning Worship
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
- 11.00am Adventurers
- 12.30pm Church Meeting *Bi-monthly - see diary*

MONDAY

- 2.15pm Friendship Club *Once monthly - see diary*
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm Anchor Boys (5-8 years)
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm Junior Section (8-11 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.30pm Company Section (11-15 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.30pm Seniors (15-18 years)

WEDNESDAY

- 9.45am - 11.30am Combined Bible Study
at Lancaster Road URC *Twice monthly - see diary*
- 12.30pm Friendship Club *Once monthly - see diary*
(lunch at the Crown and Horseshoes)

FRIDAY

- 5.00pm - 6.15pm Rainbows (5-7 years)
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm Brownies (7-10 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Guides (10-14 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Rangers (14-20 years)

VARIOUS DAYS

- 8.00pm Elders Meeting *Bi-monthly - see diary*

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

In my reading week last November I read John Pritchard's book, "Beginning Again on the Christian Journey". John Pritchard is an Anglican clergyman and published this book in 2000 when he was Bishop of Oxford.

The book is a very practical book about how to be a Christian through praying, reading the bible, worshipping in church and living the Christian life in the world. It recognises that people are different and makes a variety of suggestions to suit different personalities and lifestyles. It also recognises that sometimes the life of faith goes smoothly and sometimes we struggle with it.

He makes a wide variety of suggestions to help us with praying. For example, use the mnemonic, ACTS, to give a helpful pattern to your prayers. This means: start with the adoration of God, then confess your wrongs, go on to give thanks for all the good things in your life and finally make prayers of supplication for God's help for yourself, other people, the church and the world. Another example he gives are arrow prayers which are very short prayers of probably one sentence for people and situations we meet. So we can thank God for a beautiful sky or seek God's help for someone we meet who is ill.

He also makes a wide variety of suggestions to encourage us to read and understand the bible. One way is to read the bible with daily bible reading notes. He makes other suggestions to help us read the bible by ourselves and also suggestions for bible study in groups.

He writes about belonging to the church and worshipping. He deals with praying for the service, understanding the meaning of holy communion, understanding the purpose of the church and how to respond to boring sermons!

He also writes about how to live the Christian life. He says that the basis of the Christian life is our relationship with God in Christ. He has a very good section on the Christian approach to money, sex and power. He follows this with another very good section on how to make decisions and judgements and what actions we can take.

This is not a book to read like a novel, but rather needs reading slowly and thoughtfully, and taking out just one or maybe a few ideas which you feel will help your faith. It is an excellent practical book on how to be a Christian and I strongly recommend it to you. I think it is a book that I will read again.

May the love and peace of God be with you all, David.

ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE

There will be an Animal Blessing Service at Christ Church on Sunday, 15th April 2012 at 11am. This is also a Parade service for all ages. Please come along and bring your pets for a blessing.

The service will be led by the Reverend David Atkinson and there will be a guest speaker, Mr Barry Miles, from the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals. David.



CHRIST CHURCH AND LANCASTER ROAD JOINT BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

Wednesdays 9:45-11:30am

I will be leading 6 sessions at Lancaster Road URC on 11th and 25th Jan, 8th and 22nd Feb and 7th and 21st Mar. We will be looking at three of the lesser known letters in the New Testament: Philemon, Titus and Jude. All are welcome. David.

LENTEN OFFERING 2012

Lent begins Wednesday, **22 February**, and ends
Thursday, 5 April

Please use the attached envelope if you would like to make a Lenten gift. Place the envelope containing your gift in the collection bag (or return it to David Fisher).

Mission Statement

Christ Church URC aims to provide through its worship, work, witness and mission an effective contribution to the spiritual and social welfare of the Church family and the wider community.

The Friendship Club

We continue to meet twice a month.
Please note that Monday meetings are held in the church hall and Wednesday's are lunchtime meetings

Wednesday

15th February

14th March

Lunch at the Crown and Horseshoes at 12:30pm

Monday

27th February

26th March

Meetings in the Church hall at 2:15pm

Monday 27th February will be a talk on memorable moments of a missionary. Miss Sylvia Coombs

Everyone is welcome

Marion Wiley

020 8364 5652

HOLIDAY AT HOME
FRIDAY 27TH TO SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2012

Following the success of previous events we are holding another "Holiday at Home" event.

This is like a holiday club for adults and the programme will include craft activities; quizzes; Bible talks; musical items and entertainment. A cooked lunch and afternoon tea will be provided on the Friday and Saturday and the charge for each of these days is £5.

The times are 10.30am to 4.00pm on the Friday and Saturday. On Sunday there will be a closing service at 11.00am. You can come for the whole time or just one day.

For further information and to book a place please contact one of the following:

Rosemary Milns 020 8363 6571

Sylvia Coombs 020 8363 3543

Pamela Fisher 07775 505 999

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment

BE SAFE AND SOUND

Make an appointment with London Fire Brigade for a free home safety visit

The London Fire Brigade offers personal fire safety advice in you home and will also fit a free smoke alarm where needed. If you or someone you know wants a home safety visit, call us free on:

08000 28 44 28

Christ Church Christmas Bazaar



Our surprise guest.....

David Stogden accompanies friends entertaining us with seasonal songs





Two of our Guides Anna & Katherine raise money for the RNLI

Our cherry kitchen staff worked hard to keep us well supplied with hot drinks and delicious lunch





One of our new stalls, selling hand crafted gifts



The bazaar was a good time of fellowship for our members, friends and community.

Lunchtime
@
Christ Church
Saturday 25th February
11:00am until 2:00pm
in the Church

You are warmly invited to join us for lunch, refreshments, musical entertainment and a time of fellowship together



Family Parade Service

Sunday 26th February at 11:00am

Guides Thinking Day Service

Led by Rev David Atkinson

We invite you to join us for our morning worship service in the main Church building. We also welcome you to any of our other services which take place at 11:00am each week

For more information please visit us online at www.ccurc.org.uk or contact our Minister, Rev David Atkinson, on 020 8363 4571

Christ Church Nativity Service

Gifts of Non perishable goods for Crisis along with £110 from loose offering was donated from Christ Church.

Well done Rosemary for encouraging the youngsters to participate in our very enjoyable nativity service and for being the main organiser.



Crisis



There were some old faces to.....



A week later Lessons and Carols led by Ron Smith was enjoyed by all. We were fortunate to have new readers keeping the story as fresh as ever

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

- It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which all people are welcome.
- It is a movement which brings together women of various races, cultures, and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding, and action throughout the year.

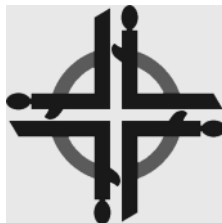
Through **World Day of Prayer**, women around the world

- affirm their faith in Jesus Christ
- share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs

Through **World Day of Prayer**, women are encouraged

- to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation
- to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures
- to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them
- to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.





'Let Justice Prevail'



Friday
2nd March
Women's
World Day
of Prayer

www.wwdp-natcomm.org

Registered Charity Number 233242



Praying for Malaysia

10.30am Trinity Church, Church Street,
Enfield, EN2 6AN

Speaker: Mrs Ailsa Bulger

Choir: Members of the Enfield Choral Society

ALL WELCOME

7.30pm ST John the Baptist, Clay Hill,
Enfield EN2

Speaker Mrs Jill Patient

ALL WELCOME

9th Enfield Girl Guides



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

9th Enfield Guides had a fun and busy programme of activities to celebrate the end of the Christmas term.

Starting off with a Quiz night on Friday 2nd December, which was well supported and fiercely contested to the end, going to the last questions to decide the winners.

4th December trip to London which started with ice skating at Somerset House, with great fun and much laughter, Crispy wintery fun getting the girls ready for Christmas Then on to Selfridges for Christmas shopping many of the girls buying their parents surprise presents for Christmas Day

A new theme for decorating the church for Christmas carols, of lighting the pillars with fairy lights, was very atmospheric and set us in the right mood for mulled wine after singing of some favourite carols and Christmas readings.

2011 truly rounded off in grand style

3rd Enfield Boys Brigade



On 3rd December, a team from the 3rd Enfield entered the Enfield Battalion Company Section 5-a-side Football competition.

The competition, which was held in the sports hall at Trinity-at-Bowes Methodist Church (home of the 18th Enfield), included a Junior competition (boys up to and including school year 9) and a Senior competition (school years 10 to 13).

The 3rd Enfield entered the younger age group. Despite having a team made up entirely of final year Junior Section boys in a Company Section competition (and also being the youngest team), the boys did extremely well to come second in their age group, winning two games and drawing one in the group stage and then narrowly losing to the 10th/12th Enfield in the final. The Senior competition was won by the 11th Enfield.

A massive well done to the boys who took part for an excellent performance!



Prayer Diary for February

1st	Give thanks to God for a new month
2nd	Pray for successful completion of the building work which continues at our premises
3rd	Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening
4th	Pray for those who are considering coming to faith in Christ
5th	Pray for our Church Elders as their induction takes place at our Holy Communion service this morning
6th	Pray for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section, meeting in the hall this evening
7th	Pray for David, our Minister
8th	Pray for the Joint Bible Study Group with Lancaster Road URC, meeting at Lancaster Road this morning
9th	Pray for those who are forced to live in poverty
10th	Pray for the Brownies, who are meeting in the hall today
11th	Give thanks to God for His Word to us through the Bible
12th	Pray for the Worship Group as they lead our service this morning
13th	Pray for young people who are starting their half term break today
14th	Valentine's Day: give thanks to God for His love for all people
15th	Pray for the Friendship Club as they join together for lunch today
16th	Pray for those who are travelling during this week
17th	Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith
18th	Pray for all those who lead our youth organisations
19th	Pray for the meeting of the Adventurers this morning
20th	Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet today
21st	Pray for the outside groups who use our Church premises
22nd	Today is the start of Lent: use the day to begin your personal preparations for Easter
23rd	Pray for those who are struggling due to the economic uncertainty

24th	Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening
25th	Pray for our Lunchtime @ Christ Church, taking place in the Church today
26th	Pray for our Family Parade Service this morning, which celebrates Guides Thinking Day
27th	Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet in the hall this afternoon
28th	Pray for those who are unable to join us in worship due to illness
29th	Leap day: use the extra day this year to seek God's will

NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE URC CALENDAR FOR 2012

General Assembly

6th to 9th July (Scarborough)

Thames North Synod meetings

10th March

15th September

3rd November

National events

Christian Aid Week - 15th to 21st May

Refugee Week - 14th to 20th June

One World Week - 16th to 23rd October

Christ Church AGM

Sunday 1st April

12.30pm after Morning worship

Listen online...

Missed a service, or just want to hear a talk again? Recordings from our Sunday services are being made available on the Christ Church website

Check out the “Downloads” page to find recordings of the all age talks and sermons - simply find the one you want, click the link and you can then listen to the whole talk!

Visit our website to find out more

www.ccurc.org.uk

Church contacts

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February Church Diary

- Sun 5th** **11am** **Rev David Atkinson**
Holy Communion - offering for
Shanthigramam
Induction of Elders
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs
- 12.30pm Church Meeting
- Weds** **9.45 -** **Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at**
8th **11.30am** **Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 12th** **11am** **The Worship Group**
Duty Elder - Steven Gilbert
- Wed 15th** **12.30pm** **Friendship Club**
Lunch at the Crown and Horseshoes
- Sun 19th** **11am** **John Stynes**
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher
- Weds** **9.45 -** **Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at**
22nd **11.30am** **Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 26th** **11am** **Rev David Atkinson**
Family Parade Service
Guide Thinking Day
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns
- Mon 27th** **2.15pm** **Friendship Club—Church Hall**
Talk from Sylvia Coombs
- Sun 29th** **11am** **Rev David Atkinson**
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

March Church Diary

Fri 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer
2nd 7.30pm See advert for venues in Enfield

Sun 11am **Rev David Atkinson**
4th **Holy Communion - offering for**
The communion fund
Duty Elder - Steven Gilbert

Weds 9.45 - Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at
7th 11.30am Lancaster Road URC

Sun 11am **No church service at Christ Church**
11th **Joint service at Lancaster Road URC**

Mon 12.30pm Friendship Club
14th Lunch at the Crown and Horseshoes

Advance dates for 2012

Church Meetings

12.30pm

5th February

1st April (AGM)

3rd June

Elders Meetings

8pm

5th March

30th April

2nd July

**Non conformist Churches in Enfield Open Day in
conjunction with the Enfield Society
Saturday 30th June 2012**

**** Adventurers ****

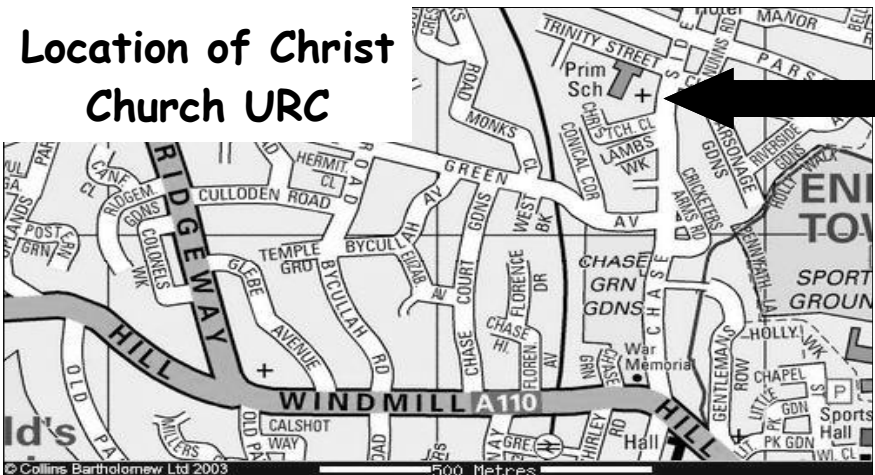
WHAT: Adventurers are a group for boys and girls aged three upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a Bible theme

WHEN: Sunday mornings from 11am to 12 noon

WHERE: Adventurers meet in the Church hall

If you are interested in coming or would like further details please contact Rosemary Milns (020 8363 6571)

Location of Christ Church URC



Articles intended for inclusion in the **March** issue should reach the Editor by the **second Sunday of February**

Please contact Pamela Fisher with any items to be included in future issues. Items can be received either in paper form at Sunday worship or by email.

Phone 020 8482 4610 A/M please leave a message