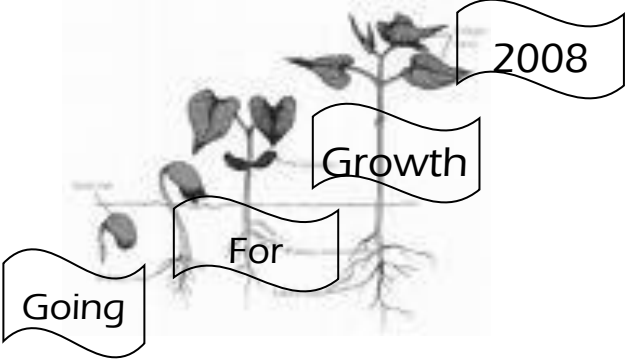




CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



Christ Church URC
Every Person Challenge
Sunday 4th May 2008
11.00 a.m.
Come and join us on Challenge Sunday
All Welcome

May 2008

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 11.00 am Morning Worship
11.00 am Pilots
Holy Communion *First Sunday*
Family Parade Service *Third Sunday*
12.30pm Church Meeting *Bi-monthly*

MONDAY

- 6.30 pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5-8 years)
6.30 pm Junior Section (8-11 years)
7.30 pm Company Senior Section
(11-18 years) (including band practice)

WEDNESDAY

- 9.45-11.15 am Combined Bible Study
at Lancaster Road URC *Twice monthly*
2.15 pm Friendship Club *Twice monthly*

THURSDAY

- 7.45-9.15 pm Bible Study Group *Monthly*
7.30 pm Elders Meeting *Bi-monthly*

FRIDAY

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

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I begin my annual report by thanking everyone who has supported and worked for Christ Church in the last year. I particularly thank Stephen Gilbert our Church Secretary, David Fisher our Church Treasurer and the Elders Meeting for all their hard work and service. I also thank all the leaders of the youth organisations for their continuing dedication. Several other people have given a lot of service in various ways and I thank them too.

In 2007 we held our first Every Person Challenge, "Going for Growth". It was through this Challenge that we raised £850 to buy a power loom for a poorly paid silk weaver in India. This cheque was personally delivered to the Church of South India in February by Maureen Prior of Lancaster Road U.R.C.

The Challenge also led us to have a Church Day on 20th October 2007 entitled "Faith and Action". On this day we looked at our faith, the bible, our church history and life, and prayer.

Through the Challenge several people offered to lead prayer in worship and I have taken these people up on their offers. I want to encourage more people to participate in worship.

At present we are very conscious that our church membership and congregations are continuing to fall and we have very large buildings to maintain. This is putting a lot of responsibility and work on increasingly fewer people. So there is an urgent need to attract more people to the worship and fellowship at Christ Church.

So at our February 2008 Church Meeting we passed a proposal which challenges us to focus on evangelism, growth and bringing people into regular worship at Christ Church during the next year. We also agreed to put this into practice through Every Person Challenge. So we are organising a new Challenge called "Going for Growth 2008". We will then review the situation in our June 2009 Church Meeting and be glad to build on any noticeable growth or failing such growth seriously consider Christ Church's future viability as an independent congregation.

So I urge you to pray for and work for a growing Christ Church. This involves us growing spiritually by deepening our faith in Christ, growing in love for one another in our fellowship, and growing in our service and witness to the local community and wider world. We need the shining faith and caring fellowship that will attract new people to Jesus and to the worship and life of Christ Church. So let's all work together in the name of Jesus to welcome new people to our weekly Sunday worship, to Junior Church and Pilots and to all our church activities.

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

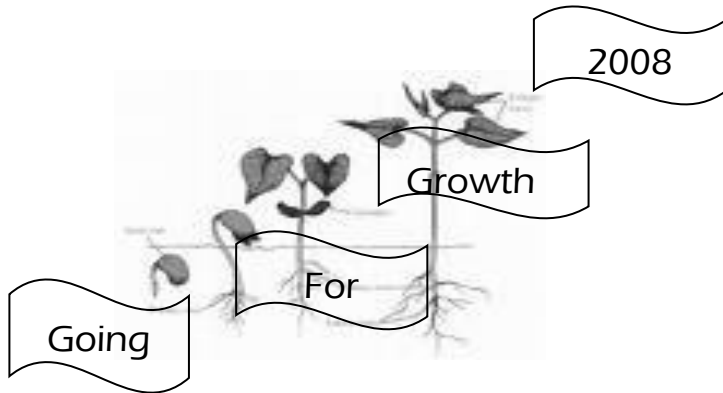
NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Ron Smith will be going to Chase Farm for a operation at the end of April

Wishing well to Tom Boorman who sits his final degree exams in May and June

Let us remember all our church family in our prayers and caring.
David.

Every Person Challenge 2008-9



This year we are continuing our theme 'Going for Growth'. In our February Church meeting we passed a resolution to focus on evangelism, growth and bringing people to regular worship at Christ Church during the next year.

Our Challenge Sunday is 4th May when we give out the Challenge forms, and Thanksgiving Sunday is 18th May when forms are returned completed

Please support our new Every Person Challenge by

- ♦ Praying for the Challenge
- ♦ Attending Challenge Sunday
- ♦ Returning your completed Challenge forms
- ♦ And fulfilling your commitment in your Challenge form

GLOBAL OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY FOR THE BEIJING 2008 GAMES



On Sunday 6th April I took part in the London leg of the Global Olympic torch relay for the Beijing 2008 games. I was one of the 80 Olympic Torchbearers. I carried the torch in Aldwych (The Strand). Despite the terrible weather and vast number of noisy protestors it was a wonderful experience.

Robert Wilson

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesdays and we warmly welcome new friends to join with us at 2.15pm in the church hall.

On Wednesday May 28th the club is planning to meet at Forty Hall cafeteria at 12 midday for lunch and later take a tour of the garden, followed by a cream tea. We warmly welcome our friends and especially those in the church who would like to join us. Please contact me in early May and I will send you a menu which must be returned by May 14th. Parking is available and free

Programmes for 30th April and May

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| <u>30th April</u> | Garland of Flowers (slides) Mr F Bayford |
| <u>May 14th</u> | 'The Mission to Seafarers' Mrs P Davies
(To which members contribute at each meeting) |
| <u>28th May</u> | Lunch and Tea at Forty Hall |
| <u>11th June</u> | My work as a writer. Graham Dalling |

Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage and He will
strengthen your heart Psalm 27.14.

Lily Smith



London Massed Bugle Band at the London Marathon Sunday 13th April 2008

One of the events that the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade's London Massed Bugle Band regularly performs at is the London Marathon. A number of bands line the 26 mile route to provide some entertainment for the crowds in the area and also to give the runners some encouragement as well, although that probably applies more to the fun runners than the elite athletes!

Despite the very early start (we had to meet near Billingsgate Fish Market in the Docklands at 7:45am because the roads closed at 8am), it was a good event to take part in. Because there is not a lot of marching involved, learner members are encouraged to come along to get more experience playing as part of a band, although it is a long day of playing for the older members as well! The band was about 60-strong for this event, which was a good number considering the early start, and we even had people from as far afield as Hampshire and Worcestershire.

It is nice to get out and about at events like this to show people that the BB and GB is still around, and that a lot of the runners are encouraged by the support they get. There were even some BB members running the Marathon – one Captain of a Company in Nottingham ran in aid of Palm in Palm, which is the BB's current global youth work project with the BB in Cameroon, and to date she has raised around £1,600 for it, which is a fantastic achievement.

The London Massed Bugle Band has a few more events coming up this year, one of which is the Lord Mayor's Show. It will be good to be a part of the event again, and should be special as it will include some celebrations of the 125th Anniversary of the Boys' Brigade.

Tom Boorman



REPORT FOR PILOTS/JUNIOR CHURCH **2007/08**

Pilots/Junior Church have continued to enjoy a wide range of activities during the past year. These have included painting, a project on chocolate, model making, cooking, drama, quizzes, and bible stories. Sessions have been based around the Pilot programme and the Roots' Children and Young People material.

In September we had a very enjoyable day at Legoland in Windsor. In May of this year we are going to attend the national Pilot Safari Day at Longleat.

In January I went to a Pilot training day at Watford and got to know the leaders from the groups at Barnet and Borehamwood. As a result it is hoped to run a Pilot Fun Day for the three groups in the Summer.

Earlier this month we held a Pilot Taster Session to recruit additional members. Eight new faces attended this and we look forward to seeing them again. New members are always welcome.

Rosemary Milns
Captain

The Friendship Club Annual Report 2007

Twenty meetings were held on alternate Wednesday afternoons and we welcome an average of 15 members. We have 20 members on the roll. Lower than in 2006, as 5 members are physically unable to come, but we keep in touch by visiting these friends and sending a birthday card to each one.

There are now 14 associate members, including 2 who have moved away from Enfield.

Obituaries

Two older members sadly died during the year.

Mrs Olive Sellick aged 92 years who joined in 1996 and attended regularly until 2004

Mrs Doris Cook died last autumn also over 90 years of age. She joined the club in 2001 and enjoyed the club.

Club Outing

Although we did not have an outing this year, yet we arranged a lunchtime meal at Forty Hall's newly refurbished cafeteria. It was a wet day but about 20 members enjoyed a lunchtime meal followed later by a cream tea. We all appreciated the excellent service and the hot meal. During the afternoon members were escorted around Forty Hall by one of the staff who gave a very interesting historical tour.

The committee members were warmly thanked for their help during the year

Miss Wiley continues to send attractive birthday cards to all the members with helpful texts and comments to cheer us.

Mrs Smart opens her home for committee meetings and also takes the subscriptions at each meeting.

Mrs Abbey is still treasurer and keeps us solvent. We thank her especially as she is busier this year, caring for her husband.

Mrs Baker who sold Birthday cards collected by Miss M Anderson

Mrs Day-Barker arranges the tea rota. A difficult task.

At the close of the Annual General Meeting Mrs Day - Barker asked to be relieved of this important duty because of failing eyesight. We accepted the resignation with deep thanks for all the years that she has performed this task and with our love and best wishes for the future.

We warmly welcome new members to join us at some or all of the meetings

Lilly Smith

REPORT FOR WORSHIP GROUP 2007/08

The Worship Group has had nine meetings over the past year and organized twelve services, including Easter Sunday, two Breakfast Services, Remembrance Sunday, and the Christmas Nativity.

We have arranged for leaflets to be published to advertise the Easter and Christmas services and these have been distributed in the area.

The Group continues to prepare the weekly prayer requests. Mission spots have been reintroduced but these are not necessarily included in every Worship Group service.

We have switched to the Roots material as the basis for a number of our services.

The Group has also continued to organise musicians to play at the weekly services.

I would like to thank all the members of the Group for their enthusiasm and hard work and also everyone who has assisted with and taken part in services over the year.

Rosemary Milns



3RD ENFIELD BOYS' BRIGADE (T R PLOWMAN'S COMPANY) ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Looking back at 2007, it was a year that provided the 3rd Enfield with a number of new and different challenges. As you will know, the year started off with the departure of our Captain, Chris Sanders, who the Company still continue to wish well and keep in contact with. Adrian Bullock has agreed to take on role as Company secretary Also on the staffing front, one of our helpers, Steven Peck, began an Economics Degree in September 2007 at the University of Plymouth. Steven had spent many years in the Company as a Boy, and as a helper in our Anchor Boys and Company Section in recent years he was always willing to assist the rest of the staff wherever possible. Steven still helps at the 3rd when he is not in Plymouth, and the Company also wishes him well for his studies.

At the end of 2007, the Company had just over 20 Boys in total on its books: around 5 Anchor Boys, 10 Junior Section Boys and 7 in the Company Section. While this might be seen as down on previous years, membership has been building up gradually during 2007 and we hope this will prove to be a foundation to continue building up in the future.

The Anchor Boys continue to have a number of activities to do on their meeting nights, including arts and crafts, cooking and games. Enfield Battalion runs a colouring competition for Anchor Boys, which we're pleased to say the 3rd Enfield won in 2007! The Junior Section also had fun working for awards in their badgework scheme, as well as playing a lot of games and doing other activities such as figure marching. The Company Section had something new to look forward to as we returned from the summer break, as the new Company Section award scheme (called Discover) was released – this allows us now to do such activities as video making, song writing and podcasting, among many others! The Company Section still

tries to enter as many competitions as possible, and in 2007 was able to enter various football competitions, a couple of drill competitions, bowling, the Battalion Quiz, and the London District Band competitions in our joint band with the 1st Enfield BB/Amicus.

The Company Display in 2007 was held on April 30th, and was a good opportunity for parents and friends of the Company to see some of the activities we get up to. The usual Company awards were presented and some Boys were promoted between sections. Although the number of people there was slightly down on what it usually is, we thank everyone that was able to come along and support us.

Turning to the summer itself, the 3rd Enfield was once again invited to join the 10th Enfield BB and 1st Winchmore Hill GB on their Summer Camp, which was held in Beeston Regis, near Sheringham in Norfolk. Three members of the 3rd were present, and a great week of activities was had by all, and we even had good weather for most of the week... very unusual for a BB camp!

Due to exceptional circumstances the Enrolment service was held later than usual, in fact being held right at the start of 2008. We are pleased that the service was still able to be held, and also we were pleased to be able to award badges to Boys in all sections, including the new badges from the Discover programme to the Company Section.

3rd Enfield members also continued to be represented at most levels of the BB during 2007 – as well as the competitions mentioned previously, the Company also has members in the London Massed Bugle Band (which celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2007), and was even represented at national events such as Firm Foundations, New Horizons, an England Region Young People's Weekend, and Brigade Council which was held in Bradford in 2007. Tom Boorman also completed his KGV1 Officer training in summer 2007, which is a national course specifically designed for young leaders in the 17 to 20 year old age range.

In 2008 we hope to keep building the strength of the Company, and that we can continue to provide an environment which the Boys enjoy being in, and one which meets the aims of the organisation set out in the BB Object, especially the first few words – the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys. 2008 is also the 125th Anniversary year of the Boys' Brigade as a whole, which the BB want to be a successful and memorable year for the organisation, and we as a Company hope that when it comes to writing this report next year, we will again be able to say the same about our Company.

There are two events coming up in particular that we would like to draw everyone's attention to: this year's Company Display will be held on April 28th, and we hope that as many people as possible will be able to come along, and we ask for your prayers as we start to plan this important event in our year. The other event is Firm Foundations – this is a national event that is held at Boys' Brigade HQ, Felden Lodge from May 23rd to 26th, and takes the form of a festival event with a strong Christian theme. This year we have four Company Section Boys that will be attending for the first time, and we hope and pray that the Boys will have a very enjoyable time and that it will help to develop their faith in God as it does with so many people.

Tom Boorman (Officer in Charge Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section)

Adrian Bullock (Officer in Charge of Company Section)

Mark Bullock (Officer in Charge of Junior Section)

Sue Bullock (Officer in Charge of Anchor Boys)

Michael Harnett (helper in Company Section)

Steven Peck (helper in Anchor Boys and Company Section)

21st March 2008



Girlguiding

The 9th Enfield Company
Christchurch, Chaseside, Enfield.
Tracy Rainbow – Rainbows
Victoria Stratton – Guides
Tracy Rainbow - Rangers
Annual Report 2007

Rainbows

Had an enjoyable summer out in the garden, playing lots games and water activities through both June and July. September was the start of a new term and a new set of leaders as official I took over the first week September. Since then we have had an interesting term, getting used to each other, rainbow welcomes, badge work, craft and Christmas activities.

We had an interesting visit from one of Enfield's fire engines and had a chance to use the hose and play with the lights and sirens.

We had a large Rainbow promise part well attended by nearly 30 adults and a whole range of children, we have made a new flag and increased church parade attendance by ten fold. We are looking forward to Christmas and have a fun packed spring term program already organised. We will be sadly losing 4 rainbows up to Brownies in January so we still have a considerable amount of spaces, which we hope to advertise and fill.

Guides

Guides had an interesting year with lots of handicraft, art and cooking on a regular basis. Thinking day was special with an assortment of foods and a service from around the world, with a lot of Guide and Ranger participation.

May was mad with outdoor activities, Rounders, Archery and a session on "The Rock " (revolving climbing wall), which was really enjoyed by the Guides.

End of term BBQ and show for the parents was enjoyable, with a vast range of acting and performance skills displayed by all.

Summer camp is always an important time of year, the weeks running up fraught with preparation and the camping skills required. 16 Guides and 5 Rangers attended summer camp.

Lots of excitement and a huge range of activities were completed by all who attended, a lot being their first experience of both camping and the more adventurous activities such as Gladiators, Dutch run, Canoeing, Rafting, Rifles, Vertical wall and many more.

September we had a leader change and Victoria Stratton took over as Guide Captain while I moved on to Rainbows. Vicki has enjoyed the first term and has organised wide games at Tolmers, lots of craft, cooking and exploration activities over the term.

January also has a good programme planned full of a wide variety of activities

Rangers

Rangers have had a quite year we still have 10 members although a couple have moved on and a couple have joined.

May and Summer camp were well attended and their experience was essential with so many younger Guides.

September we started work on completing and finishing off a number of octants stages. Enjoying more of a focused weekly program. January I hope to advertise for more Rangers across the District as we have at least 10 spaces and with a full programme with evenings out I hope the older Guides will look forward to moving up to Rangers for the more adventurous activities.

Group activities

This year I have tried to encourage group activities for all the sections.

We had a very successful summer BBQ with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers all performing to a LARGE group of parents.

We have since had Firework evening at Tolmers, bag packing at Sainsbury's and to finish a Christingle service on the 20th December where all sections are encouraged to perform with in the service.

We now have a group garden, which we are supposed to fill with flowers - yet to be actioned, but the piece of land is there beside the church and come spring we hope to really get started, planting and growing.

Hopefully the better links between the sections will help the girls move through the sections with a familiar theme.

Mrs T J Rainbow

9th Enfield Brownies End of year report 2007

We have maintained good numbers again with between 20 and 25 girls in the pack throughout the year. We have 5 adult leaders who run the Pack on a regular basis, which has ensured adequate leadership throughout the year as well as a good ratio of adults to children on a Friday night , giving us the ability to give more support to those girls who need it.

Jan –We started the year by “getting active” and thinking about being healthy. We had a drama night and made junk models of our sixes; the rabbits, foxes, squirrels and hedgehogs.

Feb –We took part in the Thinking Day Parade Service. The Brownies decorated prints of their hands and we started to write our Mothering Sunday poems for the Christ Church competition.

March – Was a busy month with Jena Coleman winning the Mothering Sunday poem competition, Comic Relief night, a mini Olympics and an Easter Egg Hunt with handmade Easter chicks.

April -The Brownies enjoyed taking part in St Georges Day Parade and a Badge Testing night where many of the Brownies worked hard to earn an interest badge.

May – We made our own Rainbows in an experiment and created our own Brownie Promise boxes in which to keep our Brownie treasures.

June – Having made special origami boxes for our Dads and filled them with sweets for Fathers Day, we went off to the Northern Heights Campsite in Elstree at the end of June to take part in an event called “Full Circle”. Despite the awful weather, the 1000 Brownies and Guides taking part had a great time and even got to meet Santa.... in June!

July – Before breaking up for the holidays we enjoyed making and decorating monkey masks which we used whilst singing monkey themed songs at the end of term BBQ, run by the 9th Enfield Guides.

September – We enjoyed planning for and decorating a church window for Harvest Festival and were pleased to gain 2nd place.....next year we are aiming for 1st place! We got to use our brand new parachute which we worked really hard collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for....it was worth the hard work collecting vouchers from family and friends.

October – We created our own spooky window decorations and enjoyed making badges and playing our favourite games.

November – We toasted marshmallows and ate edible fire-works. The girls also got to meet a Fire Officer to learn about firework safety and to try on a heavy uniform!

December – We will be looking forward to our Christmas crafts and activities, the Christmas Nativity and the annual Christingle Service. We might even finish the term with a small Christmas party.

Gill Morris – 9th Brownies



Spring Harvest 2009

Skegness

Tues 14 April - Sat. 19 April

Theme - The Apprentice

Walking in the way of Christ

Have you ever thought 'You know I would like to experience Spring Harvest for myself one year'!! Well don't put it off any longer, it just gets better and better every year, and guess what, Spring Harvest is for everyone not just Christians! If you would like to find out more about this fantastic event and what you can look forward to, come along to a short presentation next month. It will be on

Tuesday 13 May 7.30 until 8.00pm

Small Hall, Armfield Road

Details of accommodation, costs and discounts etc. will be available, as well as a cuppa and a biscuit.

Look forward to seeing you.

Clare

Tel: 8367 0296



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**11th-17th May
2008**

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May Church Diary 2008

- Thurs 1st 8pm Ascension Service
May Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 4th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Challenge Sunday
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed 9.45am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road
7th -11.15 at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 11th 11am The Worship Group
Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
Duty Elder Ron Smith
6.30pm N.W. Enfield Churches combined
service at Lancaster Road URC**
- Wed 14th 2.15pm Friendship Club
Mrs Pamela Davies will give a talk on
'The Mission to Seafarers'
- Sun 18th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Thanksgiving Sunday for Every
Person Challenge.
Family Parade Service
Junior Church + Youth Sunday
Duty Elder— Ron Smith**
- Wed 21st 9.45am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road
 -11.15 at Lancaster Road URC
- Thurs 7.45- Bible study at Christ Church in the
22nd 9.15 hall—beginners room

Sun 11am Mr L Moody
25th Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert

Wed Friendship Club
 28th Lunch and Tea at Forty Hall

June Church diary 2008

Sun 1st 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for the
Cheviots Children's centre
Duty Elder— Ron Smith

Wed 9.45am- Joint bible study with Lancaster
 4th 11.15 Road at Lancaster Road URC

Sun 8th 11am The Worship Group
Duty Elder Pamela Fisher

Advance dates for 2008

Elders Meetings 8pm

8th May
 26th June
 2nd October
 4th December

Church Meetings 12.30pm

1st June
 7th September
 2nd November
 (elders election)



North West Enfield Group of Churches United Services

Sunday, 11th May at Lancaster Road URC at 6:30pm.

Thames North Synod 10am

20th September
 8th November

**** PILOTS ****

WHAT: Pilots are a group for boys and girls aged five upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a bible theme.

WHERE:

Pilots meet in the church hall

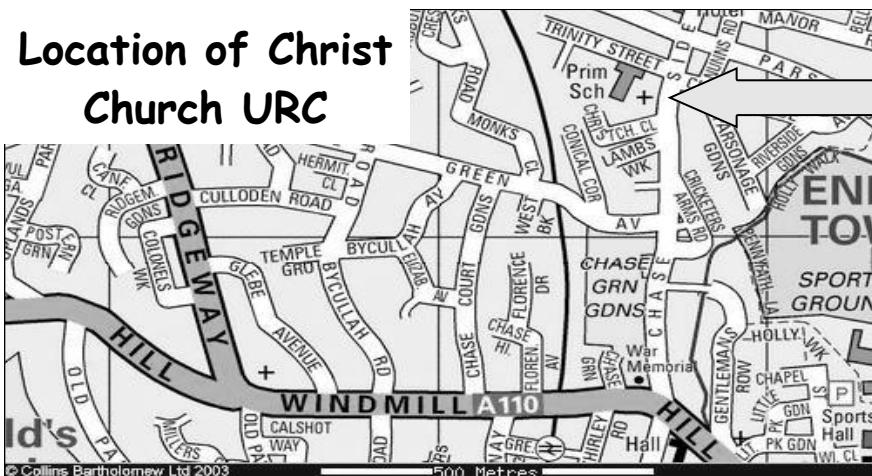


WHEN:

Sunday mornings from 11am to 12 noon

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

Location of Christ Church URC



Articles intended for inclusion in the **June 08** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday in May 08.**

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