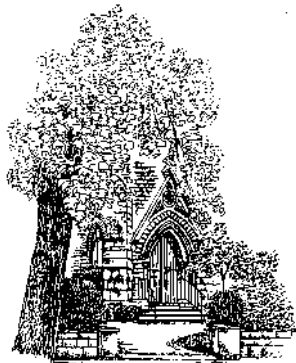


CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield



**“Enter to worship,
depart to serve”**

**Minister:
Rev David Atkinson**

May 2011



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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

- 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*
- 2.15pm Friendship Club *Twice monthly - see diary*

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,

Recently someone rang my door bell, said they had a parcel for me and asked me to sign for it. I was rather puzzled because I couldn't remember ordering anything which would need to be delivered. So I asked to look at the address and the man had the wrong house. The parcel was for 59 Churchbury Road, not my home 50 Churchbury Lane. So I directed the man to Churchbury Road. But the man insisted he had a parcel for me and brought me another from his van. Again I looked at the address and this one was for 50 Churchbury Road not 50 Churchbury Lane. Again the man asked me where Churchbury Road was, so I repeated my directions and the man went off.

Well, anyone can get a wrong address! However, what really did irritate me was that from the time I opened the door to the time he left he was holding a conversation on his mobile phone. Mobile phones are a mixed blessing. On one occasion I was travelling by train from Lancaster to London having just visited my parents. As usual I found a seat in the "Quiet Carriage" but this didn't stop someone holding a conversation for over half the journey on his phone! On another occasion I was travelling on a train to Enfield Town and a young woman treated the rest of the carriage to a barrage of swear words and shouting down her mobile phone to her boy friend.

Of course, it's not the phone's fault, rather what matters is the way we use them. Mobile phones can be very helpful and I have benefitted from using my own. But when we use them we need to be aware of other people. As far as I am concerned the man who tried to deliver me a parcel should have switched his mobile phone off before he rang my door bell and given his full attention to me, his customer. That would have shown respect for me.

Respect for other people is at the heart of living the Christian life. The last six of the Ten Commandments God gave the Israelites are about respect for other people. God says: honour your father and mother, and do not murder, commit adultery, steal, give false evidence against another person or desire someone else's possessions. (Exodus 20:12-17).

Jesus taught us what is commonly known as the Golden Rule. He said, "Always treat others as you would like them to treat you." (Matthew 7:12). At the heart of this simple and profound teaching is the idea of respecting other people.

It is important to remember other people's rights, their situations and their feelings. God made us all and loves us all and Christ died for us all. Showing respect for other people is a basic requirement in society and in living our Christian faith.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Betty Winter has had a fall and returned to Springview Residential Home.

We assure Lily and Ron Smith of our sympathy and prayers on the death of Lily's sister, Gladys Noble, on 16th March.

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

Mission Statement

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Christ Church United Reformed Church

Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ

Youth Weekend

Saturday 14th May 2011 - 1pm to 4pm

Youth Activity Day



A fun day for young people of all ages
run by the youth organisations at Christ Church

Join us for - food and drink - bouncy castle - music
face painting - raffle - things to make and buy
tombola - games - ...and much more!

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
-> the adventure begins here



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

www.ccurc.org.uk
mail@ccurc.org.uk

**Christ Church
ADVENTURERS**

Sunday 15th May 2011 - 11am
Family Parade Service
Led by The Worship Group

Holiday at Home

25th to 27th March 2011

On behalf of the 'Holiday at Homers' I would like to thank all those who organised the two day event and those who ran the various activities.

Special thanks are due to Rosemary Milns, Sylvia Coombs, Pam Mansley and Pamela Fisher who provided tasty meals and cakes etc. on both days.

A great deal of work made this a very happy occasion for us all.

Marion

Right: some social time including quiz questions!

Below: craft activities



Our thanks to Tom and Christine for the photos that you see on these pages



Right and below: more craft activities



Below: a devotional time with Terry Silvey

Bottom: songs with the 9th Enfield Guides



**FUNDRAISING
FOR RED NOSE DAY**

Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England/Wales) SC039730 (Scotland)

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**THE BOYS'
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3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade raise money for Comic Relief

On Monday 21st March, the Anchor Boys and Junior Section took part in a sponsored silence to raise money for Comic Relief.

The boys were given the task of getting people to sponsor them, and then had the even more difficult task of being silent for a whole hour!

On the evening there were a number of activities to take part in, including board games, puzzles, things to make, and more. All of the boys did very well and completed the challenge. The money raised is still being collected, but we will publicise the final total when it has been calculated.



Above left: Marcus and John
play Connect Four
Left: Hiten and Archie play
puzzle games
Above: Lego board games

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club meets on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the Church hall, and we warmly welcome everyone to our friendly meetings.

We are about to begin our summer programme with the following talks and activities:

4th May

Opening Devotional Meeting
Mr Terry Silvey

18th May

Slides of North Wales
Brenda Brown

1st June

Slides of Austria and Bavaria
Mary Soulsby

15th June

Outing - lunch at The Plough, Crews Hill

29th June

Latest developments at the North London Hospice
Pauline Treen

13th July

Devotional Meeting
Rev Amanda James

“God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” - Psalm 46:1

For more information about the Friendship Club
please contact the Secretary:
Mrs Lily Smith (tel 020 8363 3788)

Spring Harvest 14th to 19th April 2011 - Butlins, Skegness

Spring Harvest is an interdenominational event that takes place each year at the Butlins sites in Skegness, Lincolnshire and Minehead, Somerset. People from all over the country come in a group with their Churches, with their friends, or just on their own, and there are regularly thousands of people in attendance. Spring Harvest take over the whole Butlins site and put on a packed programme of worship, seminars, talks, bands, comedy and much more.

The theme for 2011 was "Route 66: Biblical direction for the road we travel". Sessions throughout the week focussed on the Bible being a collection of volumes - a mini-library - rather than just a book, and how it can give us excellent guidance on our journey of faith.

Worship in the big top was led by Geraldine Latty (a photo of one of the evening big top sessions is on the page to the right), and other events included performances from the Saltmine Theatre Company and the comedian Joe Fisher. All of the Butlins facilities remain open, so there is the opportunity to use the arcades or go swimming, bowling, etc. There was also time for the members of Christ Church, Lancaster Road and Ponders End URCs to get together for a time of fellowship, and happy birthday to Deborah who celebrated the day at Spring Harvest!

This article only scratches the surface of what is on offer at Spring Harvest as there is literally so much to do - it would take most of the magazine to cover everything! Although the dates that we are going to Spring Harvest in 2012 are yet to be decided, the theme is going to be "Church Actually: God's brilliant idea". More information about Spring Harvest can be found on the website - www.springharvest.org

Tom



Evening worship in the big top at Spring Harvest 2011



Easter weekend at



**Good Friday
22nd April 2011**

North London Brass
performed at the
Ecumenical Act of
Worship in Enfield
Market Place on Good
Friday morning.

Following the outdoor service, the crowds proceeded into St Andrew's Church (which is directly behind the Market Place) for a United Service for Good Friday.

Members of Churches from several different denominations attended the service, which takes place annually on this day

Christ Church URC

**Lunchtime @ Christ Church
23rd April 2011**

On the Saturday of Easter weekend, we held a Lunchtime event in the Church and the Church grounds. A good time of fellowship was had by all, and the day included some very tasty lunches - our thanks to Pamela, David and Katherine Fisher for all their hard work in preparing the lunches and the wide variety of cakes that were also on offer!

Our next Lunchtime @ Christ Church will be on Saturday 11th June between 11:00am and 2:00pm



**Easter Sunday Family Service
24th April 2011**

Our Easter Sunday Service was led by our Minister, Rev David Atkinson, and was a Family Service including Holy Communion. The photo above shows the youngest and oldest members of the congregation at the service!



Christian Aid Week 15th to 21st May

Christian Aid is an international organisation that operates in some of the most underprivileged areas of the world with the aim of eradicating poverty. Every year, Churches around the country take to the streets during Christian Aid Week with the aim of raising money towards this work.

Christ Church are involved in collecting money in the local area, and we need people who are willing to help out - no matter how big or small your contribution might seem, every penny counts! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Philip Taylor on 07714 325 902.

At our Church AGM on Sunday 3rd April, a new motto and an updated mission statement were agreed on by those present. These are as follows:

Motto

“Enter to worship, depart to serve”

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.

Minutes from the AGM will be published in due course which will include details of all matters discussed at the meeting

Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church - held on 12th March 2011 at Christchurch Hitchin

The opening worship was led by the Minister and members of Christchurch Methodist and URC.

A presentation on Vision2020 introduced ideas to support local Churches in their mission and growth over the next 10 years. It was stressed that the same plan would not fit all Churches, but that Church members would need to set priorities and make pledges. Further information on Vision2020 may be obtained from the Synod Office at www.urc.org.uk/vision2020.

Ministerial changes in the Synod were announced including the induction of Rev Carole Elphick to Special Category Transitional Ministry.

A number of Training for Learning and Service certificates were presented to students who had completed the Foundation Course and Gateways into Pastoral Care, Worship and Prayer.

There had been a tied vote in the election for the Lea Valley Area Committee vacancy which had not yet been resolved. Sue Chapman and David Lawrence were elected to the Synod Executive and Elizabeth Lawson and Edward Sanniez were elected to Mission Council after ballots at the Synod.

There was an update on the Local Mission and Ministry Review and Ministerial Accompanies Self-Appraisal. There would be Appraisal and Pastorate partners and training would be available.

The Finance Report showed that deficits for 2010 and 2011

would only be covered by windfall income from the sale of assets of three closed Churches.

Annual Committee Reports for 2010 were accepted. Details are available from the Synod representative (Stephen Gilbert).

Synod approved the establishment of the Heath and Havering Group of Churches in the Roding Area. Member Churches committed themselves to mission to serve Jesus Christ. Ministers would be called to the Group who would decide how ministry would be allocated. Each member Church retained its own unique character and individuality. The leadership team including CRC and Youth Workers, Evangelists and Local Church Leaders would work across the whole group. The Group would enable member Churches to work together and support each other as appropriate.

Notice was given of the Religious Education Fund and how to apply for funding as well as various forthcoming Synod events.

In the afternoon details were given of a URC zero intolerance advertising campaign being planned.

A presentation on Local Church Leadership suggested that the deployment crisis of the stipendiary ministry created opportunities for Churches to discover what they had in common and where they could work closer together. Gifts, skills and resources could be used more effectively if two or more Churches worked together in teams. There needed to be a greater development of local lay leadership. Synod members then discussed in small groups what excited and concerned them about local Church leadership.

This led on to the review of deployment of the stipendiary ministry, how it should be fairly shared and whether the Synod should take the initiative in setting up groups of local Churches.

It was decided that a Synod Development Group should be set up.

The closing worship was led by members of the Children's Synod which had been meeting at the same time.

The next Thames North Synod will be held on 17th September 2011.

Stephen Gilbert



3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Annual Company Display and Presentation Evening

**Monday 16th May 2011
6:30pm in the Church hall**

You are warmly invited to our Display, where the Anchor Boys, Junior Section, Company Section and Seniors will put on items showing some of what we get up to. There will also be promotions, trophies and awards given out for the 2010/2011 session

GIFT AID AND FREE WILL OFFERING

As we are now in a new tax year, this might be an ideal opportunity to review your level of giving to the Church. If you pay tax on your income or pension, or have it deducted at source from your savings, the best way to contribute is under the Gift Aid Scheme, as the Church can then claim back the tax you have suffered on the amount given. If you are not a taxpayer you can donate under the Free Will Offering Scheme.

Gift Aid

1. You need to obtain a Gift Aid declaration form from me and complete and return this. The declaration entitles the Church to reclaim from the Inland Revenue an amount equal to the basic rate of income tax on the donation(s) you make. The Church can reclaim 25p per £1 given. So, if you give £10 that becomes £12.50, or £100 becomes £125, at no extra cost to you.
2. To balance the Church's claim, you must be paying an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax *at least equal to the tax which the Church reclaims*. If your circumstances change so that you no longer pay tax of this amount, you must inform the Gift Aid Officer (i.e. me) and cancel your declaration.
3. The declaration can be cancelled at any time by notifying the Gift Aid Officer in writing.
4. A declaration can be made in advance of a donation, at the time of a donation, or at any time after a donation

(subject to the normal time limit within which you can reclaim tax - normally around four years). Accordingly if you are a tax payer and have made a donation to the Church recently, it is not too late to complete a Gift Aid declaration so that the Church can reclaim the tax.

5. In relation to future donations, you do not have to say in the declaration how much these will be, so you have total flexibility as to the level of your gift. However, from the Treasurer's budgeting point of view, it would be useful (but not essential), if you could give an indication of what your minimum contribution per year is likely to be on a Pledge Card (available from me).

6. If you pay tax at higher rates, i.e. 40%, or more, you can claim further tax relief in your self assessment tax return.

7. In order to satisfy the Inland Revenue's requirements, it is essential that if any gift is made under this scheme I can identify the person who made it, so that the Revenue can tie it up with the declaration that that person has made. Accordingly each person who makes a Gift Aid declaration will be allocated a number and that or the donor's name should be given when any gift is made under the Scheme. If you would like to make your contribution weekly, I can supply you with a set of envelopes to use. Lenten gifts also count, provided I can identify the donor.

Free Will Offering

You decide how much you would like to give each week, (or month, or year). You then contact me to let me know, in

confidence, how much this is. I let you have a set of weekly envelopes, and you place the envelope containing your gift in the collection bag (or give it to David Fisher), as and when convenient.

If people would like any further details, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Rosemary Milns
020 8363 6571

ADVENTURERS

Further to our report in last month's magazine, the Adventurers have now decided to sponsor a girl called Elsa who lives in Albania. Elsa is twelve years old and lives with her parents in a city called Shkodra, in the north of Albania. Elsa has the opportunity to attend a local school and sponsorship will help her continue to receive an education. When Elsa has the chance to play, her favourite pastime is playing with her dolls. However, she also has to help out at home by doing the housework.

The Adventurers will be writing to Elsa very shortly and will also receive an introductory letter from her.

Watch this space for further updates!

Rosemary Milns

For more information on the Adventurers or if you know someone who may be interested in joining, please contact Rosemary on 020 8363 6571.



The Enfield St
George's Day
Parade on
Sunday 17th
April 2011

Members of our
Rainbows, Brownies,
Guides and Rangers
took part in the parade
through Enfield Town



Prayer Diary for May

- 1st Pray for God's presence at our service of Holy Communion today
- 2nd Pray for those enjoying the long weekend
- 3rd Pray for those affected by the ongoing conflicts in Middle Eastern countries such as Libya
- 4th Pray for the Friendship Club as they return from their Easter break, and for Terry Silvey who is leading them today
- 5th Pray for the national referendum and local elections that are taking place in various parts of the country today
- 6th Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening
- 7th Give thanks to God for the presence of the Holy Spirit within us all
- 8th Pray that more children may join Adventurers and learn more about the Christian faith
- 9th Pray for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section as they meet this evening
- 10th Pray for those who are involved in preparations to bring the Olympic Games to London in 2012
- 11th Pray for North London Brass as they perform in concert today at Lancaster Road URC
- 12th Pray for David, our Minister
- 13th Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening
- 14th Pray for our Youth Activity Day, which takes place in the Church grounds this afternoon
- 15th Pray for the Worship Group as they lead our Family Parade Service this morning
- 16th Pray for the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade, who are holding their Annual Display today
- 17th Pray for all those who are helping to raise money for Christian Aid Week
- 18th Pray for our Church Elders as they provide leadership at Christ Church
- 19th Pray for young people who are preparing to take exams in the near future
- 20th Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening
- 21st Pray for Christians around the world who face persecution for their faith
- 22nd Pray for our service this morning, and for Martin Wells who is leading our worship

- 23rd Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening
- 24th Pray for all new parents who may be considering having their children baptised
- 25th Pray for the Joint Bible Study Group with Lancaster Road as they meet this morning
- 26th Pray for the leaders of the various organisations within our Church
- 27th Pray for those who are travelling today to Firm Foundations, an annual Christian festival run by The Boys' Brigade and The Girls' Brigade
- 28th Pray for those who are considering coming to faith in Christ
- 29th Pray for all those who are unable to join us for worship due to illness or other reasons
- 30th Pray for those who are enjoying the Bank Holiday today
- 31st Pray for schools across the country as they break for half term this week

On the previous page and above you will see a new feature to the Christ Church newsletter, a Prayer Diary. There is a different item for every day of the month - if you pray daily, please consider including these each time.

If you have anything that you would like included in a future prayer diary, or if there is something you would like us to pray for (for example during our services), then a new way of letting us know has been set up. Please email your prayer requests to prayer@ccurc.org.uk and these can be included.

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!**

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Lancaster Road United Reformed Church Enfield

LANCASTER ROAD CHURCH WEEKEND

Lancaster Road United Reformed Church is arranging a Church Weekend at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon 21st - 23rd October 2011. The price for en-suite accommodation including all meals from Friday dinner to Sunday afternoon tea is £140.00.

Our theme is "Prayer and Devotional Life". Our guest speaker is the Reverend Elizabeth Welch, minister of Clapton Park and Dalston URC Hackney. Elizabeth was previously Moderator of the URC West Midlands Province and Moderator of the URC General Assembly. The weekend will be a mixture of Christian teaching and worship and time to relax and socialise.

We invite Christ Church URC to this event and very much hope some people will join us. We have booked 40 places. Further information is available from me.

There are still some places remaining for the event. If you are interested in booking a place or would like any further information, please contact Rev David Atkinson on 020 8363 4571.

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May Church Diary

- Sun 1st** **11am** **Mr Les Moody**
Holy Communion - offering for
Lancaster Road URC Special Supper
Ministry
Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley
- Wed 4th 2.15pm Friendship Club
Opening Devotional Meeting - Mr Terry
Silvey
- Sun 8th** **11am** **Mr Les Moody**
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert
- Wed
11th 9.45 -
11.30am Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at
Lancaster Road URC
- Sat 14th 1 - 4pm Youth Activity Day
- Sun** **11am** **The Worship Group**
15th **Family Parade Service - Junior**
Church and Youth Sunday
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher
- Mon
16th 6.30pm 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade
Annual Display and Presentation
Evening
- Wed
18th 2.15pm Friendship Club
Slides of North Wales - Brenda Brown
- Sun** **11am** **Mr Martin Wells**
22nd **Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs**
- Wed
25th 9.45 -
11.30am Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at
Lancaster Road URC
- Sun** **11am** **Rev David Atkinson**
29th **Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert**

June Church Diary

Wed 1st	2.15pm	Friendship Club Slides of Austria and Bavaria - Mary Soulsby
Sun 5th	11am	Rev David Atkinson Holy Communion - offering for Cheviots Children's Centre Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley
	12.30pm	Church Meeting
Wed 8th	9.45 - 11.30am	Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
Sun 12th	11am	The Worship Group Pentecost Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher
	6.30pm	United Service for the North West Enfield Group of Churches for Pentecost at Lancaster Road URC

Advance dates for 2011

Church Meetings

12.30pm

5th June

11th September (please note
change of date from 4th)

6th November

Elders Meetings

8pm

29th June (Elders Vestry)

3rd October (the Manse)

5th December (the Manse)

Christ Church Youth Weekend

14th to 15th May

3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Annual Display

16th May

