



Christ Church United Reformed Church

Minister: Rev David Atkinson

October 2011



Wednesday 21st September: over 200 people in attendance, £460 raised and a fantastic concert - big thanks to North London Brass, North London Big Band and everyone who came along to watch!

“Enter to worship, depart to serve”

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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,

Are you someone whose glass is half empty or someone whose glass is half full?

On August Bank Holiday Saturday on my recent holiday in Cornwall I went on a six miles walk near Padstow. I enjoyed the lovely views over Little Petherick Creek and the River Camel and seeing various sea and river birds. Then I suddenly had the impression that something was not quite right with my spectacles. So I took them off and saw a screw had dropped out and one of the lenses was slightly loose.

I was in the middle of my walk so I decide to complete it as quickly as possible and try not to jolt my spectacles and loosen the lens further. I reckoned I could get back to my car by 3:00 p.m. at the latest, drive to Padstow, park and look for an opticians. However, when I inquired at Padstow I was told there wasn't an opticians and I would have to go to Newquay or Truro.

I hurried back to the car and decided I could probably drive to St Austell more quickly than to Newquay or Truro. This I did and arrived and parked at 4:00 p.m. Fortunately about the first shop I saw was Specsavers and it was still open. So I went in, explained what was wrong and within ten minutes my spectacles were repaired at no charge. I was very relieved and grateful. As it was Bank Holiday I had feared not being able to find an opticians open until the following Tuesday if I had failed that Saturday afternoon.

If you are someone whose glass is half empty I suppose you would dwell on the ill fortune of the screw coming out of the spectacles in the first place. Not only this why didn't it fall out at home in Enfield rather than in the middle of a six miles walk in the Cornish countryside? It certainly caused me considerable worry.

But if you are someone whose glass is half full I suppose you would argue that at least I only lost a screw and not a lens. Moreover, the loosened lens stayed in my spectacles until I found an opticians that same afternoon and they repaired my spectacles very quickly for no charge. I was really very fortunate!

It's not always what happens to us that is crucial but rather the attitude we take to whatever happens. Is our glass half empty or half full? Can we see the silver lining? Is there anything we can be grateful for?

I look upon Christianity as a faith that inspires a positive and thankful attitude to life. The apostle Paul knew great hardship and suffering but nevertheless could write, "For I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life... that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord". (Romans 8:38-39)

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Lily Smith had an operation on her knee on 25th August at University College Hospital.

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

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.



REDECORATION

AND REPAIRS

The interior of the hall and adjacent rooms were redecorated in August and we hope that all users will be encouraged to ensure that the bright and tidy appearance is maintained and that new groups are attracted to use our premises. The income we receive from lettings is important in helping to maintain our Church and hall.

We ask for your vigilance and understanding while essential repairs are undertaken to the Church and hall this autumn. This will mean that certain areas of the car park and gardens may not be available for use by organisations in October and November.

Stephen Gilbert



Enfield Battalion at the Enfield Town Show 3rd to 4th September

On Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September, The Boys' Brigade Enfield Battalion and The Girls' Brigade London North District had a combined stand at the Enfield Town Show in the Town Park.

The event is used by many local business, organisations, charities, Churches etc. to promote their work and put on things to do for people of all ages.

The BB/GB stand had a number of display stands to show some of the activities that we do, and there were a number of members of staff on hand to speak to people about the organisations. There was also an inflatable bungee run as part of the stand which was free for people to have a go on. On Saturday there was a tug of war competition in the main arena organised by YOU (Youth Organisations in Uniform), which was entered by teams from the BB, Scouts and Volunteer Police Cadets. A number of other displays were put on in the main arena throughout the weekend.

Saturday was a very busy day in terms of the number of people as the weather was very good. Unfortunately Sunday was quite a wet day but there were still a good number of people despite the conditions. A large number of people showed an interest in the BB and GB and hopefully the event will result in some new members for Companies across Enfield.

Check out some photos from the event on the following page...



Left and below:
the BB and GB
stand at the
show



Left: the BB team in
the YOU Enfield tug
of war competition

Right: fun on the
bungee run at
the BB/GB
stand!



Christ Church Harvest Festival 17th and 18th September 2011

The Harvest Festival at Christ Church took place on the weekend of 17th and 18th September, with our Lunchtime @ Christ Church event taking place on the Saturday and a Family Service, led by Rev David Atkinson, on the Sunday. The various youth groups were asked to decorate an area of the Church (either a window or table) so people could see these over the weekend.



Check out some photos of members of the Anchor Boys and Junior Section designing pictures for the Boys' Brigade display...





Above: Rainbows; Below: Brownies





Above: Guides; Below: Rangers





Above: Boys' Brigade

MATHS TUTOR - CHRIS D'LIMA

Having just graduated from Leeds University, where I studied Mathematics and Statistics, I am currently looking for new students to tutor in the Enfield area.

I have school and private teaching experience and can teach anything from Key Stage 1 to A-Level.

Rates are reasonable, and vary depending on the level being taught. I can also teach in your own home if desired.

For more information, please call Chris on 07713 116 073.

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the Church hall. We warmly welcome everyone to our friendly meetings.

The next meetings are on:

5th October

'Tales from school' - an entertaining talk by Mrs D Richards

19th October

'Bible lands' - an interesting talk by Mrs Felicity Young

2nd November

'Royal residences in England' (slides) with Stephen Gilbert

"May the Lord be your guide and strength"

For more information contact Lily Smith on 020 8363 3788

The Cross In My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be

This little cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

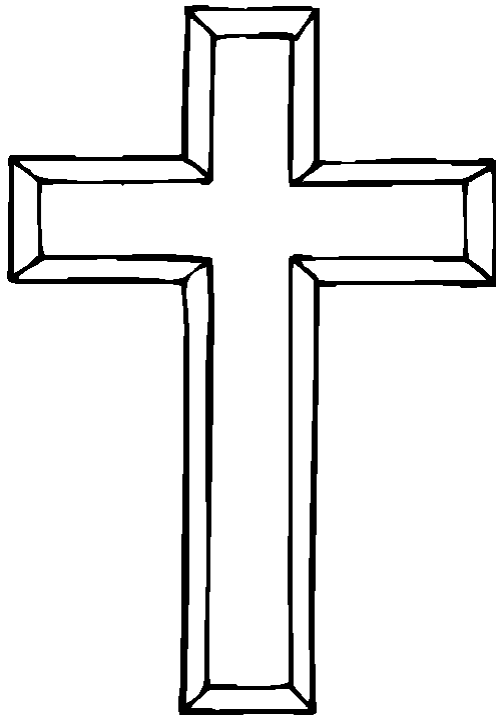
It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key
The Cross is there to remind me
Of the price he paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.



Verna Thomas

North London Brass and Live in concert at Wednesday 21st



North London Big Band

Christ Church URC

September 2011



Check out some photos from the concert at Christ Church on 21st September. Over 200 people came along to see a fantastic evening of brass band music from North London Brass and jazz/blues from the North London Big Band. Both bands put on a great performance which we hope everyone enjoyed - we were told that this was the biggest audience at an NLB or NLBB concert!

A retiring collection was taken at the end of the evening where £460 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the concert and massive thanks to the members of both bands for playing!

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN MAN AND GOD

Man: "What does a million years feel like to You?"

God: "Like one second."

Man: "What is a million pounds to You?"

God: "Like one penny."

Man: "Can I have a penny?"

God: "Just a second....."

MARK 17

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

GOD'S ARMY

A friend was in front of me coming out of Church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always was to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The preacher said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord." So the preacher questioned, "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the Secret Service."



Give a little time – Make a big Difference

Do you have a day or a weekend free once a month to support a disabled child?

No experience or qualification required as you will be trained and supported. You will receive all allowances to cover your costs.

Contact Details :

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Overnight Short Breaks Manager

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Prayer Diary for October

1st	Give thanks to God for the autumn season
2nd	Pray for the Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service which is taking place this morning
3rd	Pray for the Anchor Boys, meeting in the hall this evening
4th	Pray for the building and repair work that is taking place on the Church and hall
5th	Pray for the Friendship Club's meeting this afternoon
6th	Pray for peace in areas of the world where there is conflict
7th	Pray for the Brownies as they hold their meeting this evening
8th	Pray for those who are unable to come to Church due to sickness or ill health
9th	Pray for the Worship Group as they lead our service this morning
10th	Pray for the Seniors as they meet this evening
11th	Pray for the local community
12th	Give thanks for friends and family
13th	Pray for the residents of Bay Tree House
14th	Pray for the Rainbows as they meet today
15th	Give thanks to God for the provision of music in Church
16th	Pray for David, our Minister
17th	Pray for the Junior Section as they meet today
18th	St Luke's Day: give thanks for the Gospels in the Bible
19th	Pray for the leaders of the youth organisations in our Church
20th	Pray for the people in our emergency services who play a vital role
21st	Pray for the Guides and the Rangers
22nd	Pray for our friends at Lancaster Road as they hold their Church weekend
23rd	Pray for all those who lead us in worship at Christ Church
24th	Pray for all young people as they begin the half term break this week

25th	Pray for the Elders as they continue to lead our Church
26th	Pray for the Joint Bible Study Group at Lancaster Road URC this morning
27th	Pray that the politicians who run our country will do so in a fair and morally correct way
28th	Pray for all of those living in poverty in developing countries
29th	Pray for those who are considering coming to faith in Christ
30th	Pray for the Adventurers
31st	Pray for the Company Section meeting this evening

CHURCH NOTICES

Sometimes Church notice boards and newsletters can be an unintentionally excellent source for a little bit of humour...

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the Church basement every Friday.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

*At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?"
Come early and listen to our choir practice.*

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the Church. Children will be baptised at both ends.

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

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October Church Diary

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| Sun 2nd | 11am | Rev David Atkinson
Holy Communion - offering for Goldie College
Family Parade Service
BB Enrolment
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher |
| Weds
5th | 2.15pm | Friendship Club
'Tales from school' - Mrs D Richards |
| Sun 9th | 11am | The Worship Group
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs |
| Weds
12th | 9.45 -
11.30am | Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at
Lancaster Road URC |
| Sun 16th | 11am | Rev David Atkinson
Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley |
| Wed 19th | 2.15pm | Friendship Club
'Bible Lands' - Mrs Felicity Young |
| Sun 23rd | 11am | Mr Martin Wells
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert |
| Wed 26th | 9.45am -
11.30am | Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at
Lancaster Road URC |
| Sun 30th | 11am | Rev David Atkinson
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher |

November Church Diary

Weds 2.15pm Friendship Club
2nd 'Royal Residences in England" (with slides) - Stephen Gilbert

Sun 6th 11am Rev David Atkinson
Holy Communion - offering for the
Mission Aviation Fellowship
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Weds 9.45 - Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at
9th 11.30am Lancaster Road URC

Sun 13th 10.45am The Worship Group
Remembrance Sunday
Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley

Advance dates for 2011

Church Meetings

12.30pm

6th November

5th February

Elders Meetings

8pm

5th December (the Manse)

3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade

Quiz Night 2012

28th January (details to be confirmed)

**** Adventurers ****

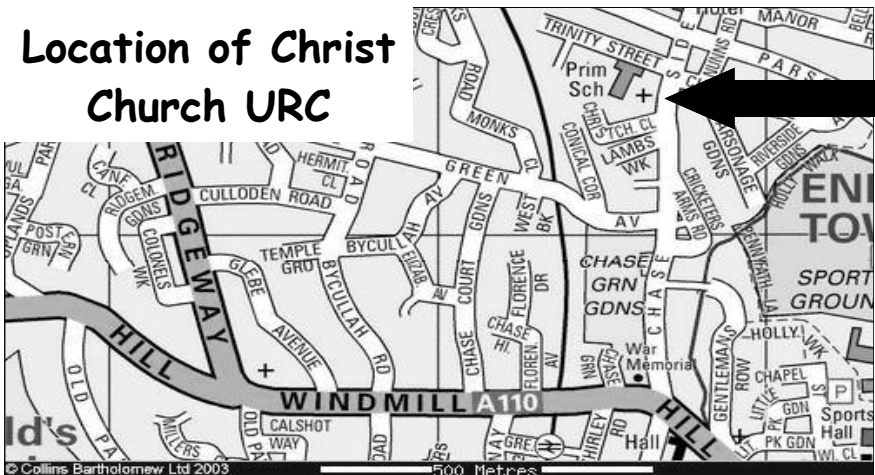
WHAT: Adventurers are a group for boys and girls aged three upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a Bible theme

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 **November** issue should reach the Editor by the **second Sunday of October**

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