



Christ Church United Reformed Church

Minister: Rev David Atkinson

September 2011

WORSHIP MUSIC

*Live brass and big band concert Christ Church
Weds 21st September 7.45pm Further details in newsletter*



“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,

I have followed cricket since 1958 and went to my first game in 1959 to see Lancashire at Stanley Park, Blackpool. Since then I have seen Lancashire nearly every season. However, this year I know I will miss out. But I did go with my friend, the Reverend Martin Camroux, to see Essex v. Leicestershire at Southend.

It's probably the most amazing game I've ever seen. Leicestershire began the third day with a slight advantage but Essex batted well to score 372 and become favourites. Then Essex bowled Leicestershire out for 34 with David Masters taking 8 wickets for 10 runs and Essex winning by 280 runs. I can't ever remember seeing such a devastating piece of bowling!

Some of you will remember Martin who preached at my Induction Service at Enfield in 2004 and spoke at the Church Weekend at High Leigh in 2009. Martin and I trained together for the ministry and have kept in touch ever since.

We had plenty to talk about at the cricket and I mentioned that I receive the United Reformed Church group, "Free to Believe" magazine "Briefings". Martin is a leading figure in this organisation which promotes a liberal understanding of the faith. I said I had recently read a sermon in the magazine in which I thought the preacher didn't really believe the Gospel and through his sermon was trying to convince himself and his congregation that he was a Christian believer. I said I was not convinced!

There seems to me to have to be a basic minimum that you need to believe before you can justifiably call yourself a Christian. But on the other hand I would not expect someone necessarily to believe in what we might call the secondary matters of the faith. Many years ago I read an article in "Reform" by the Reverend Colin Evans in which he shared a motto which I find helpful. It runs:

“In things essential, unity; in things doubtful, liberty; in all things, charity”. We need to remain firm on the essentials of the faith but allow liberty on secondary matters.

Many years ago I attended an ecumenical evangelical meeting in a park at which an eminent local dignitary and lay preacher told the large gathering that unless you believed literally in the creation story in Genesis chapter 1 in which God created the world in six days you were not a Christian. I groaned inwardly and thought what nonsense! On some matters we need to accept different understandings.

On another occasion when I was a hospital chaplain I got speaking to a patient who was a lay preacher in the Unitarian Church. Before leaving I offered to say a prayer with her. She refused my offer saying that as she did not believe in God there was no one to pray to. So I asked her how she could lead worship including prayers in church? We did not have a lengthy theological discussion because I did not think the situation was the right place for it. But I don't understand how anyone who does not believe in God can claim to be a Christian!

Some time ago I was speaking to the Reverend John Proctor who is Director of New Testament Studies at Westminster College, Cambridge where we train people for the United Reformed Church ministry. John suggested that a minimum Christian belief is belief in the Trinity, that is in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For me this is a good starting point. So let's think about what we believe, remain firm on the essentials and show liberty on secondary matters.

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

RIOTS IN AUGUST

I am sure that all of us will have been shocked by the terrible rioting in London, including Enfield, which spread to other parts of England during August. The scenes that we have seen, heard and read on our televisions, radios and newspapers have been horrendous.

I've heard them described as rioting, looting, criminality and sick. There is one word I would add which I have not heard and that is sinful. The rioting is not just civil disorder and criminality, it is also immoral and a rejection of God, his love and his will for his people.

I feel terribly sorry for those who have been killed, injured, bereaved, had their homes or businesses burnt out or damaged, lost their jobs or suffered in any way. We need to help and support these people. I also feel very sorry for the police who in their efforts to keep law and order have suffered badly. We need to support our police force and I hope the government will abandon its proposed cuts to the police budget.

We need to see that those responsible for the rioting, looting, arson and violence are brought before a court and, if found guilty, are given an appropriate punishment. The rioting has been sheer criminality and human sin and for the good of the whole of society it should not be tolerated. I hope there will be an inquiry into the rioting and as well as cracking down on the terrible crime we will try to see where we can help those who feel rejected and unfairly treated.

From a Christian perspective we have witnessed people's need of God. I think someone once said, "Love God and do what you want". We need spiritual values of love and respect. The riots have shown the need for and relevance of Christianity and other faiths in our society. David.

Lunchtime@christchurch

Saturday 17th September 2011
11am until 2pm

Lunch, refreshments,
musical entertainment and
a time of fellowship
All are very welcome

Harvest Festival **Sunday 18th September 11am** **Family Parade Service**

Loose offering for Sight Savers and
food donations to Christian Action
Housing Association.
(Pasta/rice and tinned food preferred)

All are very welcome

christ church urc and four hills music present...



north london brass

and

north london big band

live in concert at christ church urc

(in the main church building - located on chase side, enfield, en2 6nj)

date: wednesday 21st september 2011

start time: 7:45pm, admission: free

everyone is warmly invited to join us for a fantastic evening of brass band music from north london brass (enfield & muswell hill bands) and jazz from the north london big band

christ church urc: www.ccurc.org.uk four hills music: www.fourhillsmusic.co.uk

3rd and 10th Enfield Boys' Brigade Summer camp 2011 - St John, Jersey

From 23rd to 30th July, the 10th and 3rd Enfield once again joined together for our summer camp, which took place in Jersey at the Boys' Brigade Headquarters in the village of St John. In total there were 12 boys and 8 staff on the camp.

Throughout the week the boys got to take part in a number of off site activities including blo-karting (a go-kart style vehicle powered by a sail), coasteering, ringo rides, an around the town challenge in St Helier (the capital of Jersey), adventure golf, swimming at Aqua splash, go-karting, beach olympics and more. There was also time for some trips to various beaches around the island as well as shopping in St Helier.

On site activities included a quiz, devotions led by Sammy Bosworth (Youth Worker at Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, 10th Enfield HQ), football and other sports. Our now traditional talent show took place on the final evening, with items including a face painting contest, dancing, tricks, a Rolo eating contest, a visit from Mavis and Binny on their summer holidays and much more. The show ended with a singalong which started off with two people but ended with almost the whole camp joining in!

Another traditional part of the camp is the inter tent competition, where the tents compete in various areas such as the tent inspection, quiz, beach olympics, around the town challenge (and more) and an overall winner is decided. Bragging rights this year went to tent 1, which consisted of Owen (3rd Enfield), Charlie, James and Ben (10th Enfield).

Overall the camp was very successful and enjoyable, with loads of great activities and lots of wonderful weather as well!

Check out some photos from the various activities that took place during the week...



THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here

A WEDDING DAY

Rob and Sue Wilson's wedding was celebrated on Saturday 25th June, a beautiful sunny day for the happy couple.



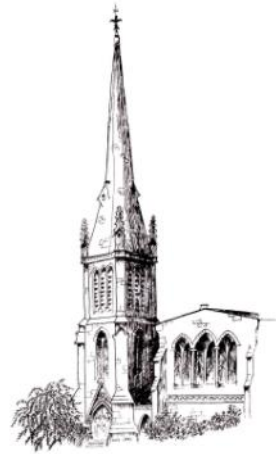
DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ron and Lily Smith celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on the 30th June with a family party and we all enjoyed sharing cake during our time of fellowship after Sunday worship.



A big 'Thank You'

to Nan Hutchings who kindly agreed to let us use her drawing of Christ Church literature. You can see it for the first time in the 21st century on the front cover of this month's newsletter.



The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will re-commence on
Wednesday 21st September at 2.15pm
When Miss Irene Williams of The Salvation Army will
be speaking to us.

2nd Autumn meeting is on **October 5th**
When Mrs D Richards will tell us of her
'Tales from school'
(A meeting NOT to be missed)

We welcome everyone to our friendly meetings.
Do come and enjoy an hour with us.
Followed by refreshments

Jesus said, I will be with you always even to
the end of the age. Matt 28 v.20

For more information contact Lily Smith on 020 8363 3788.

Holiday Bible Week – 1st to 5th August 2011 "Razzamatuzz Robots"



Holiday Bible Week is an annual event in the summer for children aged 5 to 11 years old in the Enfield area. The purpose of the event is to introduce children to Jesus in a relevant, contemporary way, in a safe and secure environment. Holiday Bible Week in Enfield first started in 2007 and a similar event has been running in Bishop's Stortford for over 20 years.

This year, HBW once again took place at the Cambridge Campus of Edmonton County School. The theme for 2011 was "Razzamatuzz Robots". The activities that take place during the week are based around the theme; children are divided into group tents based on age and get the opportunity to do crafts, play games, hear stories, make things, and much more. At the beginning and end of each day everyone joins together in the main tent, where we had visits from Bert and Lucy (puppets who tell stories each day), the Watt Family (a drama that continued through the week) and Super Sally (who kept everyone fit and active with dancing and aerobics!). There was also lots of singing, action songs, stories and time for prayer.

There is absolutely no cost for children to take part in Holiday Bible Week. It receives no funding and relies entirely on fundraising events and donations from individuals and Churches. All of the staff give up their own time to run the event. This year there were around 300 children that participated in HBW, some from Church families and others with little or no Church background. Young people between 12 and 17 years old can take part as young leaders, so the event is open to people of all ages.

If you have a child between 5 and 11 years old, or know someone who has, please do think about taking them to Holiday Bible Week next year. It is a fantastic event that receives very positive feedback and the children enjoy it and learn about God in an interesting and relevant way. People who are interested in helping at the event are also very welcome.

Planning for Holiday Bible Week 2012 will start in the near future. More information will be publicised in the newsletter nearer the time, or alternatively full details can be found at www.holidaybibleweek.com

My first Guide camp

Come to Tolmers/CTT

CTT is the best thing to do when you are starting Guides. I jumped over the toadstool (moved up from Brownies to Guides) about a month before guides stopped for the holiday and 2 weeks in to the holidays I went to guide camp.

Come To Tolmers/CTT involves canoeing, Kayaking, bungee run, bungee jumping, balloon making, face painting, climbing walls and much more.

I had the most amazing time at guide camp/CTT. We were sharing our campsite with 1st Orpington Guides/Rangers and dragon flies as well as 900 other guides and scouts from all over the country.

The maximum amount of activities we were allowed to do each day were four and the minimum was three.

Here is a plan of the day

6.30am— Get up

Have bed rolls done and be ready to have breakfast

Be finished breakfast and setting up for flag up at 9am

First activity e.g. session of pedal karts

Break

Second activity e.g. session of rope a phobia

Lunch

Third activity e.g. Abseiling or a session off

Break

Fourth activity e.g. session of ten pin bowling

Tea

Flag down

Activities for the evening e.g. Line dancing every other evening, cinema, scavenger hunts, Thursday a camp fire and Friday a disco

Campfire songs and marshmallows

Bed rolls and bed

I shared a tent with Iz, Jayne, Alisha, Tamsin and Billie-Jo.

I am already looking forward to attending Guide camp next year.



Katherine Fisher

Rainbows, Guides and Rangers end of term BBQ

was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We were entertained by all the girls and then had a lovely BBQ. The entertainment theme was 'Carnival' and all ages dressed up and either danced, sang or explained their reasons for their hat or mask.





Prayer Diary for September

1st	Pray for the continued rebuilding of communities in London that have been hit by the recent riots and unrest
2nd	Pray for our Discipleship Explored meetings as they continue this month
3rd	Pray for the Enfield Town Show, taking place in the Town Park this weekend
4th	Pray for our service this morning, being led by Les Moody and including Holy Communion
5th	Pray for the Boys' Brigade as they hold their first meeting of the new session this evening
6th	Pray for David, our Minister
7th	Pray for the building and maintenance work taking place on the Church starting this month
8th	Pray for peace in areas of the world where there is conflict
9th	Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening
10th	Give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit
11th	Pray for the Church Meeting taking place after the service today
12th	Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening
13th	Pray for those who are starting at university or college
14th	Pray for the Joint Bible Study Group with Lancaster Road URC
15th	Pray for the external groups that use our Church premises
16th	Pray for the Guides as they meet this evening
17th	Pray for the Lunchtime @ Christ Church event taking place today
18th	Pray for our Harvest Family Service which is taking place today
19th	Pray for the Junior Section, meeting in the hall this evening
20th	Pray for Christians around the world who suffer persecution for their faith
21st	Pray for the North London Brass and North London Big Band concert taking place in the Church this evening

22nd	Pray for the continued work of the Friendship Club
23rd	Pray for the Rainbows, meeting this evening
24th	Pray for the members of the BB's Enfield Battalion that are going on a trip to Legoland today
25th	Pray for all those attending services today as part of the Back to Church Sunday initiative
26th	Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening
27th	Praise God for the beauty of His creation
28th	Pray for those who are considering coming to faith in Christ
29th	Pray that our Elders may continue to lead and guide our Church
30th	Pray for the Rangers as they meet today

Summer quiz answers

39 B in the O T—39 books in the Old Testament

90 D in a R A - 90 degrees in a right angle

11 P in a F T - 11 players in a football team

13 in a B D - 13 in a bakers dozen

26 L of the A — 26 letters of the alphabet

1 W on a U—1 wheel on a unicycle

1 in a M — 1 in a million

2 of a K - 2 of a kind

2 P in a P — 2 peas in a pod

18 H on a G C - 18 holes on a golf course

12 D of J - 12 disciples of Jesus

27 B in the N T - 27 books in the New Testament

100 P in a P - 100 pence in a pound

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

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**** Adventurers ****

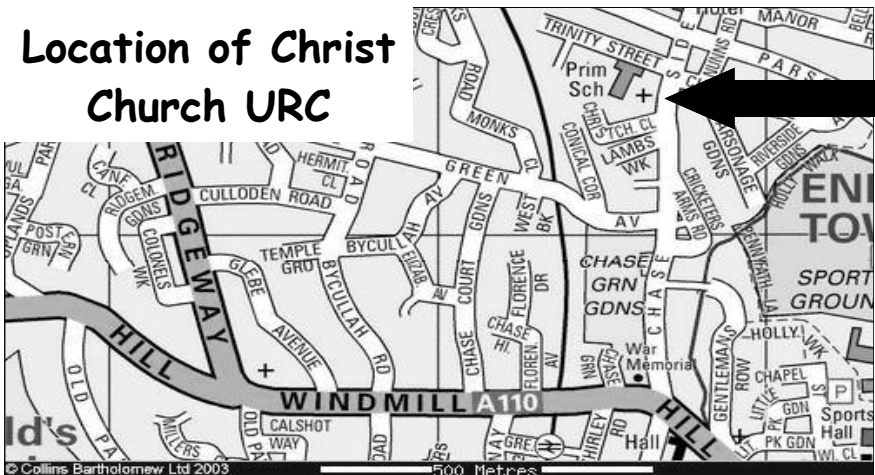
WHAT: Adventurers are a group for boys and girls aged three upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a Bible theme

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

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