

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



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Easter morning

The market square in the garden city lies cold and empty in the first light of a new day. Some twenty men and women dressed in dark suits awkwardly shuffle around. They carry large cases of unusual shape.

A pigeon sitting on one of the ledges of the Guild Hall ruffles its feathers at the early disturbance. It watches keenly as others quietly join the group. A slow but steady stream of people trickles onto the square during the next half hour. Pressing closer together as the space fills up.

Waiting silently.

Here and there a whisper is heard; a child is reminded to stay quiet. Sheets of paper rustle in restless hands. The thin tones of a few dissonant notes are heard but dissolve. It is the sign for little ones to be lifted onto strong shoulders, to see what is happening.

Suddenly the sound of horns and trombones, of tubas, cornets and percussion instruments rolls backwards and forth, echoing from walls of surrounding buildings. The expectant silence is broken with such force that morning itself seems to be breaking open anew. Hearts and voices jubilantly join nature and instruments:

*'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.'*

My heart still stirs in me when I think back of Easter mornings as a child. My head knows that most years it was freezing at seven o'clock in the morning. The 'five minute talk' was always too long. There was never space left at the front to see. But my soul remembers the singing. The feeling of being alive. The hundreds of people gathered together. It was, I believe, my earliest experience of the Holy Spirit bringing together God's Church.

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Outside.
Beyond denominational boundaries.
Across divisions and schisms.
Together as Easter people.

What does it mean for us today, to be Easter people? Could it still be the same as on that first Easter morning? That we, like Jesus' followers back then, are called to run and share the message of an empty grave? Of death swallowed up by life? Of a Saviour who suffered and died in order to transform life forever? A message of such good news as had never been heard before?

It is a message which is still deeply relevant. For on that morning, when God's Spirit called Jesus from the grave, God declared through his Son that our life has meaning. That God is committed and faithful to the work of his hands. In Jesus, God became man; entering his own creation to be one of us. Jesus in his humanity was our brother. Through him we now belong to the family of God. Fully accepted and loved as children of the Most High. That is good news! The kind that transforms life. The kind that is worth sharing and living out.

This Easter, may God's Spirit guide you to an empty tomb. May you hear the words of the angel ringing in your ears and heart: *'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!'*

Yours in Christ,

Henriette

Minister's announcement

As many of you may know by now, I received a call from Trinity URC in Plymouth to serve the church there. I have accepted this call, which means that I will be moving away from Enfield sometime in June. Precise dates are still being looked at and discussed at the time of going to print.

The time with the three churches here in Enfield North has certainly played a role in shaping my ministry. May God bless you and give you strength as you travel into the future.

Yours in Christ,
Henriette

News of the fellowship

We are sorry to report that Betty Winter passed away peacefully on Tuesday 7th March, the day after her 109th birthday. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 12th April at 11:00am at Christ Church, followed by a lunch in the hall.

Chris Trawin is continuing on the road to recovery after being unwell recently. It has been lovely to see him back at church events recently and we continue to hold him in our prayers.

As some of you may know, Tracy Rainbow will be leaving her role in charge of the 9th Enfield Rainbows and Rangers at Easter. We thank Tracy for the countless hours of hard work she has put into the Girlguiding groups at Christ Church over many years, a legacy which has impacted the lives of so many girls and young women. We send our very best wishes for the future to Tracy and her family.

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

Friendship Club **Spring 2017**

The next meetings of the Friendship Club will take place as follows, at 2:15pm in the Christ Church Hall.

Monday 24th April
Samuel Pepys - Joe Studman

Monday 15th May
Film London - Storm Patterson

Further future dates will be announced in due course.

There will also be tea, cakes and a chance for a natter!
Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

***'The Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go.'***

For more information please contact
Sylvia Coombs on 020 8363 3543.

Christian Aid **Week**

Christian Aid Week this year will take place from Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th May.

Christ Church supports Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week each year by asking our church family to deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes in the local area. If you are able to help with our collecting this year, please speak to Philip Taylor in person or by phone on 07714 325 902.

On Sunday 14th May following the morning service, we will also be holding a fellowship lunch to raise money for Christian Aid Week, to which everyone is very welcome.

The **Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club is a Bible study and prayer group at Christ Church. It meets twice monthly on a Saturday morning between 9:00am and 10:30am in the Elders Vestry (enter the church through the side door on Christ Church Close). The next meetings are on 1st and 29th April. Do come and join us as we explore God's Word and enjoy breakfast together!

Open Doors **Lent Group**

There is a Lent group meeting at the Bush Hill Park URC Manse every Monday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

A simple meal will be provided each week. During our table fellowship we will be thinking about and connecting with our persecuted sisters and brothers in Christ. The group meets each Monday and finishes with an (early) breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. Please email Rev Henriette Wentink on henriettewentinknl@gmail.com or call 020 8366 1284 if you would like to attend. Places around the table are limited!

Good Friday at **Lancaster Road URC**

Lancaster Road URC will be showing a **well known film about the events of Good Friday**

On Friday 14th April 2017
Doors open at 1:45pm, screening at 2:00pm
Everyone is invited to attend

Tea and coffee will be available following the screening with a chance to talk. No need to book but should you require any further information please contact Jim Holliday on 07740 353 519 or email jim@lancaster-road-urc.org.uk.

One of the **crowd**

When He came in triumph,
We sang in praise to God.
When He came a captive,
We shouted for His death.

Why did I betray Him,
This man who came in peace?
Why did I forget Him,
The one who gave us life?

With the crowd I'd follow,
And take the easy way;
First I said "God bless Him",
But then cried "crucify!"

Metre 66 66

Stephen Gilbert

Jesus is **King**

Lord, it is easy to cheer when everyone is cheering,
Easy to boo when others condemn.
We are so easily influenced by the crowd.
We are afraid to stand out and be different even when
conscience tells us what is right.
We ask, Father, that You will strengthen us.
In Christ's strength may we stand for what is pure and good
and true.
Christ is the hero we would follow.
Pin Him, Father, in our hearts.

Prayers to use with 11 to 13s
National Christian Education Council

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

HOLIDAY AT HOME

5TH AND 6TH MAY 2017

10:30AM to 4:00PM EACH DAY

This event is a holiday club for adults which will be held in the hall at Christ Church URC (Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ).

The programme will include craft activities, quizzes, Bible talks, musical items and entertainment. A cooked lunch and afternoon tea will be provided and the charge for each day is £6.

For further information and to book a place please contact Rosemary Milns on 020 8363 6571 or email mail@ccurc.org.uk. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Christ Church **annual reports**

Over the next few pages you will find various annual reports for 2016 ahead of the Church AGM on Sunday 23rd April.

Minister's **report**

The year 2016 continued to be a time of discovering how three churches will share one minister and work together as a recently formed pastorate in Enfield North. In the Synodal movement of streamlining structures, the pastorate further became part of the Enfield and East Hertfordshire Local Area Group.

At Christ Church a Vision Day was held early in January. The desire emerged to have a regular Bible study and Prayer meeting and the Breakfast Club was born. We have enjoyed travelling with Paul and Luke (and many others) through the book of Acts this year.

The Natural Evangelism course ran throughout the second half of the year. People from across the pastorate were invited to attend. We were able to hear the writer of the course speak in person on evangelism one evening in November when we received Canon J. John at Christ Church on behalf of the pastorate. J. John led an evening of training on natural evangelism in preparation for the JustOne Emirates event in July 2017. People from congregations around Enfield were invited. Those who came to the evening left with a new sense of excitement on how to share the Gospel with others.

The pastorate's coordinating group made place for joint elders meetings. The elders of all three churches have found it helpful to meet together. The opportunity to share experiences and seek vision for the pastorate encourages working together.

Rev Henriette Wentink

Secretary's report

Christ Church has continued to benefit from the ministry of Rev Henriette Wentink, who we share with Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road United Reformed Churches in the North Enfield Group of URCs. We have appreciated her ideas and challenges as well as the services she has led and her pastoral care both to individuals and groups of adults, young people and children associated with Christ Church.

In 2016 there were five serving elders, who met regularly with the minister, and three non-serving elders. Members have served the church in a variety of ways including as Church Secretary, Treasurer, Freewill Offerings Organiser, Pulpit Supply and Church Bookings Secretary, Christian Aid Organiser, Wedding Registrar and Newsletter Editor. Members have also led youth and children's groups and the Friendship Club, served as members of the Property Committee and Worship Group and represented Christ Church at meetings of the Thames North Synod, Enfield and East Hertfordshire Area and North Enfield Group of the United Reformed Church. We thank all those who have served the church and supported its activities over the past year.

The membership of Christ Church had risen to 24 by the end of 2016. In May we were pleased to welcome Darcie Wilson at her baptism and in November to receive Sheila and Kingsley Acquaye into church membership. They and their children, Ian and Mercedes, have been regularly worshipping with us for some time.

We appreciate the church members, visiting ordained and lay preachers, our organist and our computer expert who have all helped in our services to spread the message of God's love. There were special Family Services for Guides Thinking Day, Mothering Sunday, Boys' Brigade Enfield Battalion and Girls' Brigade London North District, Junior Church and Youth

Secretary's report continued...

Sunday, Father's Day, Harvest Festival, Boys' Brigade Enrolment, Church Anniversary and the Christmas Nativity. There were also services celebrating Palm Sunday, Easter Day and the Queen's Birthday, which was followed by a party. We had a Christmas Lessons and Carols service followed by a lunch and two Breakfast Services. We have joined with our friends at Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs for joint services on the fifth Sundays and at Lancaster Road URC on Christmas Day. Members were also able to attend joint services arranged by the North West Enfield Group of Churches and the Enfield Town and Forty Hill Local Ecumenical Partnership, including Good Friday services in the Market Place and St Andrew's Church.

Average numbers attending Sunday morning services in 2016 were the same as for 2015, a fall in the number of adults being balanced by an increase in the number of under 16s. There were on average 25 adults and 10 young people and children under 16. The average for the ten Family Parade Services was 35 adults and 29 under 16s. The average for non-Parade Services was 22 adults and 4 under 16s.

Offerings have supported the work and helped to maintain the fabric of Christ Church. Special collections have been taken for various local, national and overseas charities. Members also collected for Christian Aid. The many organisations and individuals using church premises have provided a valuable source of income for the church, as well as providing opportunities for evangelism.

Church activities have included meetings of the Friendship Club, Holiday at Home in April (for those unable to have a holiday of their own), a Holiday Memories Evening and the Church Bazaar in November.

The Vision Day in January explored where God might be leading us as a church. On alternate Saturday mornings the Breakfast Club Bible study and prayer group has been examining the Acts of the Apostles under the guidance of our minister. The monthly Lunchtime @ Christ Church has provided opportunities for members and visitors to talk and enjoy a meal together, to listen to music and to explore our historic church. From June the minister led six sessions of a Natural Evangelism Course in preparation for an Evangelism Training event in November led by Canon J. John. This was designed to equip members for the JustOne Emirates event in July 2017.

Children and young people in Christ Church's youth organisations (Adventurers, Boys' Brigade, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers) meet weekly on church premises and have played a valuable part in services as well as helping with the bazaar.

Members of the Spirit and Life Baptist Church have continued to enliven our services with their songs and dances as well as having their own worship in Tamil on Sunday afternoons at Christ Church. They also organised a service of lessons and carols in December, to which members of Christ Church were invited to take part.

There have been enjoyable performances in the church by North London Brass and the Enfield Community Singers. The minister has welcomed classes from Chase Side Primary School and their annual Christmas carol concert at Christ Church was attended by many members of the children's families.

Stephen Gilbert

Friendship Club **report**

During this last year we have again enjoyed a varied programme once a month on a Monday afternoon at Friendship Club.

Our thanks go to Barbara for her regular assistance including the collection of money and the register and sending out birthday cards, to Margaret who organises the refreshments and has helped with the programme, and to Veronica who is our treasurer.

In addition we are also grateful to all the members who help with the many smaller tasks that enable our meetings to run smoothly - everything from stacking chairs to making tea and washing up.

This year we have been taken even further around the world than before with speakers who have introduced us to a variety of far flung places. These have included 'Round Morocco in a truck' with Anne Fereday, 'Bhutan - a mountain Kingdom' with John Wallington and Anne Johnson, a visit to China with Henriette and to Ghana with Ray Adams, plus a trip around the western Solomons by canoe and small boats with me.

We have also enjoyed hearing about the experiences and interests of two of our own members. Stephen gave us 'The confessions of a very civil servant' (nothing too scandalous of course!), and Christine shared her 'Tales of an organist', while Francis Bentley talked about organising international dance competitions.

In August we celebrated with a wonderful summer tea. We were pleased to welcome some of the folk who have helped us by taking leading parts in our meetings. Those unable to come sent us their best wishes instead. Our tea was organised, prepared and served by Pamela Fisher and we

Friendship Club **report** continued...

would like to say a very big 'thank you' to her for all the planning and hard work that she put into this event. To complete the variety during 2016 we enjoyed a sing-along with Anne Luciani, learning about Traidcraft from Poppy Pickard, and a very entertaining afternoon preparing for Christmas with Mandy James' presentation of the A to Z of Christmas followed by a bring and share Christmas tea.

Altogether it has been another exciting year for the Friendship Club.

Sylvia Coombs

Worship Group **report**

The Worship Group has had five meetings in 2016, and organized five services, including Mothering Sunday, a Songs of Praise, and the Christmas Nativity. We also assisted Henriette, our minister, with organising the Easter Day Service. Accordingly, a much quieter year than normal!

As always, if anyone would like to be involved in readings, drama, prayers etc. please let me know - you do not have to wait to be asked and I am sure there are lots of hidden talents in the congregation.

Thank you to all the members of the Group for their involvement and contributions and also to everyone who has assisted with and taken part in services over the year.

Rosemary Milns

Adventurers **report**

Adventurers' numbers have remained steady over the past year, though the challenge, as always is to get everyone there on the same week! As well as a weekly Bible story, we have craft activities and a colouring/puzzle sheet. From time to time we also do some more noisy and messy activities such as drama, painting and cooking.

The Adventurers have taken part in the Christmas Nativity and Easter service, the weekly Bible readings and helped me by making programmes for the Holiday at Home.

We continue to sponsor Elsa in Albania, through the charity World Vision. Elsa is now at High School and is learning English and German.

Rosemary Milns

Boys' Brigade **report**

2016 has been another busy year for the 3rd Enfield, with the boys taking part in a variety of events at Company, Battalion, District and national level. Towards the end of 2016 we had approximately 30 boys across all sections.

During the year we were delighted to welcome Steven Peck to the staff team as a helper. Steven was a boy in the Company for a number of years and predominantly assists with Junior Section, Company Section and Seniors. The staff team now consists of four Officers, two helpers and the Chaplain.

The Anchor Boys continues to run under the leadership of Sue Bullock, assisted by Tina George. The boys have had the opportunity to do a variety of arts and crafts, make things, do

Boys' Brigade **report** continued...

different forms of cooking and play lots of games! On a wider scale, boys had the chance to join others from around North London for a Jungle Fun Day in February, the Battalion Church Parade & Explore activity afternoon at Christ Church in April, a trip to Legoland Windsor in May, Athletics competition in June, an Activity Afternoon in October, a trip to Colchester Zoo also in October, and more. They also took part in an activity afternoon called Life 2 the Max, which was run by London District in June, as well as the Enfield Parade of Light in November.

A number of boys moved up from Anchor Boys to Junior Section at our Company Display in May, with Connor Mair receiving his Blue Badge - the top award in Anchor Boys.

The Junior Section is run by Tom Boorman, assisted by Ady Bullock and Steven Peck. The boys take part in various activities each week - usually consisting of an organised activity and a time for games - which count towards the Junior Section award scheme. The boys took part in the Jungle Fun Day, Battalion Church Parade & Explore activity afternoon, trip to Legoland Windsor, Life 2 the Max, the Activity Afternoon and trip to Colchester Zoo with the Anchor Boys, and had events of their own including a Skills Day in March (where they, along with the 1st Enfield, won competitions in hockey and handball), a Weekend Camp at Felden Lodge in July. They also took part in competitions including swimming, 6-a-side football, athletics, conkers, team games and bowling, and also took part in the Enfield Parade of Light. To finish the year, the Anchors and Juniors held a Christmas Party together where everyone enjoyed pizza and games!

Two of our boys - Stephen Bowden and Frankie George - gained their Gold badges, the highest award in Juniors, at our Company Display before moving up to Company Section.

Boys' Brigade **report** continued...

The Company Section and Seniors meet as one group, run by Tom Boorman, Tina George and Steven Peck. The boys have taken part in a wide range of competitions including swimming, table tennis, badminton, 6-a-side football, hare & hounds fun race, athletics, 5-a-side football and bowling, winning the Under 14 Badminton, Under 14 5-a-side Football and Open Bowling competitions. The group took part in the Battalion Church Parade & Explore activity afternoon, Life 2 the Max and the Enfield Parade of Light. In May the team of Ian Acquaye, Marcus Magona and Lewis Brown entered the Waltham Walk, a weekend expedition in the Essex countryside, becoming the first 3rd Enfield team to do so in a number of years. In the summer term, the boys got out and about a bit more by taking part in activities such as outdoor football and rounders, footgolf, Topgolf, raft building, and more. Some of these were on our own and some with our friends from the 10th Enfield.

At our Company Display, three boys - Alex Smith, Joseph Pidgeon and Marcus Magona - were awarded the President's Badge, the second highest award attainable in Boys' Brigade. Well done to them all on a fantastic achievement!

In January the Company held a fundraising Quiz Night, which around 70 people attended, raising over £400 for Company funds. The Junior Section got involved in fundraising for Sport Relief in March, by walking a mile as part of the BB's 5000 mile challenge.

Events that the whole Company took part in include the Battalion Church Parade & Explore activity afternoon at Christ Church (with Henriette leading the service), our Company Display, our Enrolment Service, the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade and the Enfield Parade of Light. The BB wreath on Remembrance Sunday was laid by Marcus Magona.

Boys' Brigade **report** continued...

We continue to run a combined bugle band with the 1st Enfield BB & Amicus, which rehearses at Armfield Road Hall on Tuesdays and is led by Tom Boorman from the 3rd and Catherine Goodwin and Kieran Fuller from the 1st. Members performed at events with the London Massed Bugle Band including the Sport Relief Games at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in March and the Lord Mayor's Show in November. Band members also performed with others from Enfield Battalion at the Enfield Town Show and the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade.

In June, a number of BB members - including Tom Boorman - had the opportunity to be a part of a group of 10,000 people who came together on The Mall for the Patron's Lunch, in celebration of HM The Queen's 90th birthday. A very wet, but memorable and enjoyable day was had by all in central London.

Towards the end of the year we launched BB News, a new quarterly update to keep people up to date with what we're up to in the Company. You can check it out on our website at www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk or pick up a printed copy in the church.

The Boys' Brigade is a fantastic opportunity to bring young people together in a safe and caring environment, and we aim to provide lots of memorable opportunities and experiences. We thank the families of the boys and leaders, friends of the Company and at Christ Church for their support throughout the year and as we look to the future. We are fortunate to have a fantastic group of boys and young men at the moment, many of whom have no other connection to church, and ask for your prayers and continued support as we continue the work we do with them.

Tom Boorman

Rainbows report

Rainbows have had a wonderful year with lots of exciting activities.

We started the year as always with looking at ourselves and friendship. We completed the Look, Love Learn and Laugh. This provided lots of entertainment and the girls completed a full booklet of work to earn their badges. We also did pancake making, cards and wonderful presents for Mother's Day and finishing the spring term with a giant Easter egg hunt.

The summer term we were out and about loads... keeping fit, scooter challenges, visiting the park and general enjoying being outside. We had a Rainbow sleepover at Tolmers on 24th June which was well attended. Sleeping inside in the Tolmers Training Centre but in tents, all set up with fairy lights for midnight feasts. We had an adventure walk and did lots of exciting activities. This was a new experience for some of our 5 year old Rainbows but greatly enjoyed and all parents were keen to collect Saturday morning. We also attend the activity evening at Tolmers which was great even more climbing, tunnels and trampolining.

The summer outing this year was an adventure to the seaside, Walton on the Naze again but it was great. We went with East Herts Scouts and were part of the 900 strong group that descended on Walton on Saturday 16th July. We had an excellent day, playing on the beach and in the sea. The day was lovely and sunny; we picnicked on the beach and finished with an ice cream before the long coach journey home.

The summer finished as always with an end of term BBQ, lots of entertainment, multiple costume changes, singing but so much fun.

Autumn term started with preparations for harvest, cooking

Rainbows **report** continued...

then after half term a mass of Christmas craft. A visit from Santa on one of the last evenings was probably the most enjoyed, but finished with our Final Festive Friday... The Rainbows participated in all aspects of the service but most enjoyed performing their songs.

We had some great Parties this year to say both "hello" to new members and sad farewells to some of our older Rainbows going up to Brownies, 17 Rainbows went up to Brownies in total with a large amount in September, this caused a drop in numbers, but with the number of new girls wanting to join the programme is working well and we were already back up to 15 by Christmas.

Overall a really good year and looking forward to another year with more special moments to remember.

Tracy Rainbow

Brownies **report**

We still have a very busy Brownie group with around 20 girls. During the last year we have enjoyed a range of activities including candle decorating, Easter craft and St George's Day craft. We have been completing some badge work which all the Brownies have really enjoyed.

We also enjoyed joining the Rainbows on a trip to the seaside where we spent the day playing on the beach, making sandcastles and paddling in the sea. It was very hot but we all had lots of fun eating ice cream to keep us cool.

We enjoyed decorating our window for Harvest and joining in

Brownies **report** continued...

with the Church Nativity for Christmas. We had a very busy Christmas with lots of Christmas craft, a trip to the cinema with the Guides and Rangers and we finished the term joining in with the 'Final Festive Friday'. The Brownies enjoyed learning their songs and being able to join in with the other units.

We have had a busy start to the term with a games evening, writing letters to the Queen and making Valentines cards. We have lots planned for the rest of the term including fundraising to buy new equipment for Brownies, a summer outing and some more badge work.

Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Guides **report**

The Guides have had a lovely year and tried lots of new activities.

We started the year with lots of activities at the hall; we made Mocktails did blindfold tasting and tie dye. We had an Easter egg hunt and ate lots of chocolate which the Guides all loved. We had a few weeks playing the Generation Game - each patrol played against each other and each leader bought a different skill to teach the Guides. At the end of the evening the leaders did a human conveyor belt which involved us running round the back hallway showing the Guides different items to remember. The Guides loved the challenge and we will definitely be doing it again one day.

We also a night of rounders on the Green and enjoyed playing against the Rangers and leaders. The Guides had a lovely summer trip to Chessington World of Adventures; it was a bit

of a cold day but that didn't stop the Guides from going on lots of rides.

We then had a lovely week at Tolmers for summer camp. We were lucky to have lovely weather and we enjoyed a wide variety of activities, we made lots of new friends and were all sad to leave at the end of the week.

We came back in September and enjoyed lots more activities including origami and anklet making. We then started to get ready for Christmas. We spent a lot of time practicing for the Final Festive Friday. We also had a trip with the Brownies and Rangers to the cinema to see Mauna which was really fun - we took up 4 rows in the cinema! We also had a shopping trip to Watford and all bought lots of Christmas presents!

We have lots planned for this year and are looking forward to more trips out and also completing some Guide badges.

Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Rangers **report**

Rangers started the year with competitive games... jelly carving, bubble bath Twister and pancake making. On 4th March we slept OUTSIDE, star Gazing in deckchairs and on sunbeds (no tents). The evening itself was run by Hertford Star Gazing Society and it was an amazing evening, looking at planets through a variety of huge telescopes, identifying stars and solar systems? Tolmers was a perfect venue as there is very little light pollution. The evening was cold, crisp and clear which was ideal for star gazing however at midnight settling down to sleep in survival bags in our deckchairs, it was cold,

Rangers report continued...

by 2am there was frost on all participants, 3am the first moved inside due to the -2°C temperature by 5am everyone had to move inside, ice had formed on hats and eyelashes and it was deemed too cold to remain outside. The temperature at the coldest point of the night was -4°C, too cold to not have a tent... we finished by sleeping beside radiators and a great hot breakfast inside.

Summer term was enjoyable being outside, and lots of evenings at Tolmers doing challenges, team building. The Hunger Games event in May was attended by everyone, a self-sufficient, competitive, survival 3 days. Everything, food and equipment for the weekend participants had to be sponsored for, if you didn't get £5 sponsorship for a tent, you didn't get a tent!!! All participants were in pairs and managed to get a raft of sponsorship for camping and cooking equipment as well as food, however a lot had underestimated food requirements and had sponsorship for a lot of pasta, tomato sauce, crisps and sweets. Luxuries were expensive and basic items cheap however a lot opted for junk food and sweets. Three days of junk food was really hard. All teams had to complete challenges every 4 hours throughout the day and night; they won a variety of prizes, the majority being food, meals. The challenges were physical, mental and skilled. The pressure started to show 24 hours in having only eaten junk food and up at 4am the challenge was an uphill tag challenge, some quit, some went back to bed but 2 hard teams continued on 79 times up a 40 foot hill and back again - to win ingredients for a fried breakfast. 48 hours in cold, tired and dirty again the pressure was on to burst balloons on the archery range to win a hot takeaway pizza. This was a hard weekend, challenging was an understatement, and everyone had a great time and the girls and James showed their true colours, pure endurance and determination. The final mud run on the Sunday was the final push for success or failure; some just didn't care by this

point. A great weekend, a lot of planning and preparation but definitely worth the outcome.

Another challenge this year has been training for Duke of Edinburgh award. Map reading, cooking skills on small tragia stoves, improving tent pitching and basic first aid. Five out of eight Rangers plus James started their DofE in April 2016, not quite sure we knew what to expect, however training went well and on 27th June 2016 we commenced on the practice Bronze expedition. This was around Hertfordshire, camping at Tolmers so familiar terrain, but still not quite as easy as they had expected.

The hike with full kit took its toll but they did succeed and pass the practice, progressing on to the assessment expedition on 22nd July 2016. This we completed in Derbyshire walking past Chatsworth House. The views were amazing, the girls were exceptional, well behaved, didn't moan and did so well. I was so proud of them. They finished Saturday 23rd back at Tolmers and went straight to summer camp... challenging to say the least.

Completed Bronze DofE awards were presented on Friday 10th February with a full slide presentation of all the pictures taken on both weekend. The girls did so well, they decided to immediately commence their Silver DofE award (as they are now addicted to pain), more Rangers were involved this time and we've built further on their camping and map reading skills.

All of these activities and challenges have proven the Rangers are a strong group, good friendship bonds, and they can really succeed if they work together. They have been so committed to each other and whatever activity I've proposed they have been up for the challenge. They've learnt fantastic life skills

Rangers report continued...

and hopefully this will put them in good stead for their future lives whatever paths they take.

We had some amazing evenings, some brilliant weekends, plenty of silly moments during the year. A fantastic year packed full of adventure and fun, lots of first time events, it's good to keep it fast and furious but it's a struggle to keep the ideas moving on, 2017 will hopefully be as good.

Tracy Rainbow



Top left: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group

Top right: Silver Duke of Edinburgh group

Bottom left: Summer outing to Walton on the Naze

Bottom right: Hunger Games teams

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BB Junior Section Skills Day

On Saturday 4th March, Junior Section members from Enfield and Inner North London Battalions came together for a Skills Day at Totteridge Road Baptist Church (11th Enfield HQ).



The day began with a figure marching demonstration, which was a good opportunity to give some basic movements a go as a number had never marched before.

Following that there were three competitions, where the young people were in teams competing against each other. The first was hockey, with each team playing each other twice in a league format. This was won by the 2nd Haringey/133rd London team, with the 1st/3rd Enfield team coming second and therefore the highest placed Enfield team.

Next up was a written quiz with a variety of questions on different subjects. This again was won by the 2nd Haringey/133rd London, with the 1st/3rd Enfield team coming third.

Lastly there was a handball competition, where the teams again played each other twice in a league format. A joint team of the 2nd/11th/12th/16th Enfield won, with the 1st/3rd Enfield team in second place.

Our thanks to all who organised the various parts of the day and to the 11th Enfield for hosting.



BB Company Section **Weekend Away**

From Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th March, Company Section and Senior boys from across Enfield Battalion came together for a Weekend Away at Felden Lodge (BB Headquarters).

5 boys from the 3rd Enfield were part of a group of 17 which also included the 1st Enfield, 2nd Enfield, 10th Enfield and 1st Edmonton.



The weekend began with some free time on Friday evening, as well as some icebreakers to give everyone the chance to get to know each other.

On Saturday there was a packed day which included a trip to Top Golf in Watford, archery, some time at the Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead, a quiz, a bonfire and devotions. On Sunday there was a trip to Phasels Wood Activity Centre where the boys had a go at rifle shooting.



A great weekend was had by all, our thanks to all those who were involved in planning and running it!



BB Multi Sports Day

On Saturday 11th March, the Enfield Battalion Multi Sports Day (Badminton, Table Tennis, Quiz competitions) took place at Oasis Academy Enfield.

The afternoon started with a written quiz consisting of rounds such as general knowledge, sports, BB knowledge and more. Following that, the Badminton competitions took place. Each team played each other once in a league format, with Junior (under 15) and Open teams competing in their respective age groups. The final competition was Table Tennis, again with Junior and Open teams playing each other in a league format. After a good afternoon of activities, the 3rd Enfield won the Quiz competition, with a joint 3rd Enfield/1st Edmonton team coming second.

Our Junior Badminton teams came third (A team) and sixth (B team), with a joint 3rd Enfield/1st Edmonton team coming fifth. The competition was won by the 133rd London (North London Zone) and 11th Enfield (Enfield Battalion). The 3rd Enfield's Open Badminton team won overall in their age group.

Our Junior Table Tennis team came second (and were the highest placed Enfield team), with a mixed 3rd Enfield/1st Edmonton/2nd Haringey team coming third. The 133rd London were the overall North London Zone winners in the Junior age group. The 3rd Enfield were the overall winners in the Open competition. Overall, a successful event for us with lots of medals to take home. A big well done to our boys - you are all amazing!



BB Drill competitions

On Wednesday 15th March, the Enfield Battalion Drill competitions (Small Squad Drill, Single Line Drill, Colours and Two Smart Recruits) took place at Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, 10th Enfield HQ.

The event was a landmark occasion for the 3rd Enfield, as it was our first time entering any kind of drill competition since 2008. Stephen Bowden and Frankie George formed our entry in the Two Smart Recruits competition, which is for young people in their first session in Company Section.



After a good evening which featured a high standard of drill all around, our boys came an excellent second in their competition - a tremendous performance considering they were taught drill almost from scratch to a competition standard in the space of just five weeks. We're proud of you both!

The Two Smart Recruits competition was won by the 10th Enfield, with the Small Squad Drill, Single Line Drill and Colours competitions all being won by the 2nd Enfield.



Prayer diary **April 2017**

- 1st** - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.
- 2nd** - Pray for the work of Shanthigramam in India as we support them with our Communion offering this morning.
- 3rd** - Pray for young people who are beginning their Easter holidays at this time.
- 4th** - Pray for all those who have been involved with the Winter Night Shelter at Lancaster Road URC.
- 5th** - Pray for anyone you know who is mourning the loss of a loved one.
- 6th** - Pray for our government as they deal with the issues facing our country.
- 7th** - Pray for the external groups that use our church premises.
- 8th** - Pray that God will help us to share our faith where possible.
- 9th** - Pray for our friend Michaela Lawrence, who is leading us in Palm Sunday worship this morning.
- 10th** - Pray for the vital work done by nurses, doctors and others in the medical profession.
- 11th** - Pray for the work of the Property Committee.
- 12th** - Pray for the residents of Halifax Road.
- 13th** - Pray for the work done by the ecumenical groups in Enfield to bring Christians of different backgrounds together.
- 14th** - Good Friday: Pray for the ecumenical events taking place in Enfield as we remember Christ's crucifixion.
- 15th** - Pray for your own personal faith on this most special of weekends.
- 16th** - Easter Sunday: Celebrate the risen King!
- 17th** - Pray for those who are unable to join us at church events through sickness or ill health.
- 18th** - Pray for the persecuted church.
- 19th** - Pray that Your will, and not our own, may be done in our lives at all times.
- 20th** - Pray for the local businesses on and around Chase Side.
- 21st** - Pray for the Rainbows and Brownies as they meet for

the start of a new term today.

22nd - Give thanks to God for the beauty of His creation.

23rd - Pray for God's guidance at our Church AGM today.

24th - Pray for the Friendship Club and all sections of the Boys' Brigade, all meeting in the hall today.

25th - Pray for the young people in our church fellowship.

26th - Pray for the work of Christian charities worldwide.

27th - Pray for Henriette, our minister.

28th - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet today.

29th - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.

30th - Pray for our friends from Lancaster Road and Bush Hill Park URCs as we hold a combined pastorate service at Lancaster Road this morning.

May 2017 newsletter

The **May 2017** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 23rd April** (as there is no service at Christ Church on 30th April).

Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 9th April**. Any late submissions may be held over to the following issue.

Please contact Tom with any items to be included in future issues. Items can be received either in paper form at Sunday worship, by email to **mail@ccurc.org.uk** or by phone on **07903 605 545**.

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Church diary **April 2017**

Saturday 1st April 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 2nd April 11:00am
Mr Terry Silvey
Holy Communion (offering for Shanthigramam)
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Sunday 9th April 11:00am
Mrs Michaela Lawrence
Palm Sunday
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Friday 14th April 10:30am & 11:00am
Act of Worship at Enfield Market Place and
United Service for Good Friday at St Andrew's Church

Sunday 16th April
Rev Henriette Wentink
Easter Sunday and Family Parade Service
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Sunday 23rd April 11:00am
Miss Evodian Fonyonga
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Sunday 23rd April 12:30pm
Church AGM

Monday 24th April 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Samuel Pepys - Joe Studman

Saturday 29th April 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Church diary **April 2017** continued...

Sunday 30th April **11:00am**
United Service for the North Enfield Group of URCs at Lancaster Road URC (no service at Christ Church)

Church diary **May 2017**

Friday 5th May **10:30am to 4:00pm**
Holiday at Home

Saturday 6th May **10:30am to 4:00pm**
Holiday at Home

Sunday 7th May **11:00am**
Mrs Jill Nugent
Holy Communion (offering for the Lancaster Road URC
Special Supper Ministry)
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Saturday 13th May **9:00am to 10:30am**
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Key future dates

Church Meetings

Sunday 23rd April (AGM - please note change of date),
Sunday 4th June (both 12:30pm)

Holiday at Home

Friday 5th and Saturday 6th May (10:30am to 4:00pm)

Regular activities at **Christ Church**

SUNDAY

11:00am

Morning worship
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
(regular service - other Sundays)

11:00am

Adventurers (children aged 3 upwards)

MONDAY

2:15pm

Friendship Club (once monthly - see diary)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (boys aged 5 to 8)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Junior Section (boys aged 8 to 11)

7:30pm to 9:00pm

Boys' Brigade Company Section (boys aged 11 to 15)

7:30pm to 9:00pm

Boys' Brigade Seniors (boys aged 15 to 18)

FRIDAY

5:00pm to 6:15pm

Rainbows (girls aged 5 to 7)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Brownies (girls aged 7 to 10)

7:30pm to 9:00pm

Guides (girls aged 10 to 14)

7:30pm to 9:00pm

Rangers (girls aged 14 to 20)

SATURDAY

9:00am to 10:30am

Breakfast Club (twice monthly - see diary)

For details of other special events and activities please see the diary.



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and the **North West Enfield Group of Churches.**

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.

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