

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



**Easter Sunday all age worship
(including Holy Communion)
Sunday 1st April at 11:00am**

April 2018

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Pastoral Letter **April 2018**

This year is an unusual one in that we have two 'double dates'. Both Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day fell on 14th February and Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day are both on 1st April. I read an article in a magazine recently which pointed out these facts and the writer, who obviously had a very wry sense of humour, made a suggestion for parents to celebrate the latter date. The suggestion was to invite your children into the garden for an Easter Egg Hunt without having first hidden any eggs, thus celebrating Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day in one fell swoop! I don't think any parent could be that mean.

The reason for this dating issue is that Easter is a moveable feast. The dating of Easter is tied in with the phases of the moon. Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (21st March), which means that Easter has a 24 day period in which it can happen.

The Easter Act 1928 suggested that Easter Sunday should always be the Sunday after the second Saturday in April, thus reducing the period it could take place from 9th-15th April. Although this law was passed through Parliament it has still to be implemented ninety years later. There was some proviso about it being with the agreement of the Churches, so maybe that is where the stumbling block lies. Whoever said that religion and politics don't mix was not wrong!

I have noticed in recent years that it has become increasingly difficult to buy Christian themed Easter cards. There are lots with chicks, eggs, bunnies and spring flowers but very few with crosses and Christian messages on them.

Another tradition that was special to Easter, that of hot cross buns, seems to have spread into the rest of the year too. I've yet to see simnel cake at other times of the year though.

Whenever and however we celebrate Easter each year, one

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thing will never change. The real meaning of Easter, which can be summed up in two of the most famous Bible verses, John 3:16 & 17:

'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.'

Easter joy and blessings to you all,

Laura Marlow
Lancaster Road URC

Christian Aid **Week**

Christian Aid Week this year will take place from Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th 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 20th 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.

Future ministry in **Enfield**

At Special Church Meetings held on Sunday 18th March, the churches in the North Enfield Pastorate (Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs) and the South and East Enfield Pastorate (Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs) all voted overwhelmingly in favour of issuing a call to their respective ministerial candidates.

We are delighted to report that the candidates have accepted the call to the churches.

At this stage we cannot make public their names until they have informed their current churches, but further details will be made available in due course.

We thank all those who have been, and continue to be involved in this process and particularly Rev David Bradburn, Rev Martin Legg and Chris Hall for their tireless work across the six churches. We also ask for your prayers as we prepare to welcome our new minister in the coming months.

Breakfast **Club**

The Breakfast Club, our Bible study and prayer group, continues to meet twice monthly on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Elders Vestry.

Forthcoming meetings will be held on 7th and 21st April. Our time together consists of a time looking at and discussing a part of the Bible, a time of prayer, followed by breakfast and a chance to have a chat!

We are part way through a series of studies on Romans, but everyone is very welcome to join us at any of the meetings.

Friendship Club **2018** programme

The Friendship Club meets in the Christ Church Hall usually on the third Monday of each month at 2:15pm for friendship, fellowship and cups of tea!

The next meetings are as follows:

Monday 16th April

Enfield's markets and fairs (Remembering the 400th anniversary of Enfield Market this year) - Joe Studman

Monday 21st May

The Antarctic - Anne Fereday

Monday 18th June

**Seaside holidays (A nostalgic look at seaside holidays including traditional activities, travel and entertainment)
- Roger Elkin**

Monday 16th July

The Last Night of the Proms - Ann Luciani

Monday 20th August

Summer tea - Pamela Fisher

Monday 17th September

Speaker - Rev Mandy James

Monday 15th October

Albania - John Wallington and Anne Johnson

Further future dates will be announced in due course.

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

Enfield Community Orchestra **concert**

On Thursday 15th March Enfield Community Orchestra held its debut concert at Christ Church.

ECO was formed in November 2017 to support, encourage and enhance orchestral music in Enfield and the surrounding areas.



It was lovely to see so many people in the church as the orchestra treated us to an evening of classical pieces including selections from the Swan Lake and Nutcracker Suites, and film/TV compositions including Time from Inception, Prelude from 49th Parallel and the theme from Midsomer Murders.



We thank all those who were involved in organising the concert and the musicians for performing so well. ECO plans to hold more concerts at the church in the future - watch this space for more details! For more information about ECO visit www.enfieldcommunityorchestra.co.uk or find them on Facebook at @enfieldcommunityorchestra.



Christ Church **Annual General Meeting**

All members are urged to attend the AGM which will be held at 12:30pm on Sunday 8th April. The annual accounts and reports from organisations will be presented. Elections will take place for the Church Secretary, Treasurer, members of the Property Committee and representatives for the Thames North Synod, Enfield and East Herts Local Area Group, North Enfield Group of URCs and North West Enfield Group of Churches.

Stephen Gilbert

Over the next few pages you will find the various reports that will be presented at the AGM.

Church Secretary's **report**

In June 2017 we said goodbye to Rev Henriette Wentink after two years as minister of Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs. We will miss her ideas and challenges as well as the services she has led and her pastoral care. Several of us were able to go to her induction as minister of Trinity URC Plymouth in July.

We are grateful for the support and guidance from Rev David Bradburn and Rev Martin Legg as the three churches in the North Enfield Pastorate seek to call a new minister. Profiles of the churches have been prepared and made available to interested URC stipendiary ministers.

In 2017 there were 4 serving elders and 4 non-serving elders (following the elders election in November there are now 6 serving elders and 3 non-serving elders). At the end of 2017 there were 20 members and 13 adult regular attenders who were not church members. During the year we were sorry to

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lose several older members and friends of Christ Church including Mary Bysh, Betty Winter, Ena Little and Betty and Peter Over. There were on average 22 adults and 6 children and young people under 16 attending Sunday morning services in 2017. The average for the 10 Family Parade Services was 32 adults and 16 under 16s. The average for the non-parade services was 19 adults and 3 under 16s.

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 and served on the Property Committee and Worship Group. They have represented Christ Church in meetings of the Thames North Synod, Enfield and East Hertfordshire Local Area Group and the North Enfield Group of United Reformed Churches. We thank all those who have served the church and supported its activities over the past year.

As we seek to spread the message of God's love, we appreciate those church members, visiting ordained ministers and lay preachers, our organist and our computer expert who have been involved in our services. There were special Family Services for Guides Thinking Day, Mothering Sunday, Junior Church and Youth Sunday, Father's Day, Harvest Festival, Boys' Brigade Enrolment, Church Anniversary and the Christmas Nativity. There were also services to celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter Day. We had a Christmas Lessons and Carols service followed by a lunch and two Breakfast Services.

In January members went to Rev Ray Adams' final service at Palmers Green URC. 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 Eve

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and 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 at The Town and St Andrew's Church.

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 and had a Christian Aid lunch. The many organisations and individuals using church premises have provided a valuable source of income for the church as well as giving opportunities for evangelism.

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

Meeting usually on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month, the Breakfast Club Bible study and prayer group has now completed its examination of the Acts of the Apostles and will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans in 2018. 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.

In July a group from Christ Church joined over 23,000 others from over 200 churches at the Emirates Stadium for the JustOne event organised by the evangelist J. John. This encouraged us to go out and share the Gospel with others.

There are 113 children and young people with 15 volunteer leaders and helpers in Christ Church's youth organisations (Adventurers, Boys' Brigade, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and

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Rangers). They meet weekly on church premises and some have taken part in services and helped with the Bazaar.

A new orchestral group, Enfield Community Orchestra, is meeting weekly in the church and plans to give concerts at Christ Church.

Members of the Spirit and Life Baptist Church have continued to join our services as well as having their own worship in Tamil on Sunday afternoons at Christ Church.

Children from Chase Side Primary School have visited Christ Church with their teachers to learn more about Christianity. The school's annual Christmas carol concert at Christ Church was enjoyed by many members of the children's families.

Stephen Gilbert

Worship Group **report**

The Worship Group has had a very busy year in 2017, with 10 planning meetings and organising 15 services, including three Breakfast Services, a Songs of Praise, and the Christmas Nativity. The Nativity was on the weekend of the first snow of the winter, so there had to be a lot of last minute reorganisation to cover for those people who were unable to get to the church. Well done to everyone who stepped up to fill the gaps!

For the latter part of the year we were without Sylvia, a key member of the team, while she was undergoing operations and treatment. This was, though, an opportunity for other members of the Group to develop their skills. Nevertheless, it is great to have Sylvia back for 2018!

Worship Group **report** continued...

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, as I have said before, I am sure that there are lots of hidden talents in the congregation!

Thank you to Sylvia, Pamela Fisher and Philip for their involvement and contributions and also to everyone who has assisted with and taken part in services over the year.

Rosemary Milns

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 to Veronica who is our treasurer.

We are also indebted to Barbara, Stephen and Brenda Brown who have helped with all the organisation at times when Margaret and I were not able to be there because of health problems.

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

This year we have again been taken around the world by speakers who have introduced us to a variety of far flung

places. These have included 'The jungles of Borneo' with Anne Fereday, Namibia with beautiful photos of African wild life with John Wallington and Anne Johnson, and a weekend in Paris with Brenda Brown, plus some stories of accidents and medical emergencies in the Solomons with me.

Nearer home Stephen quizzed us about places in Enfield, Film London showed us short films of past local events in our area, and Joe Studman told us all about the life and writings of Samuel Pepyes. We learnt more about two charities that we have supported when Brenda gave us information about Water Aid and Jean told us about the work of the Salvation Army. Then we heard from Keith Cunningham about the work of the RNLI and were able to donate towards this too. Fortunately despite his vivid film nobody was actually seasick!

In August we once again 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 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 2017 we enjoyed an entertaining afternoon with Mandy James in October and an afternoon preparing for Christmas led by our friends Brenda, Peter Williams and Joan Emery from Lancaster Road, in December. They organised a picture quiz on Christmas carols, poems, carol singing, a game of pass the parcel and a reminder of the Christmas story from the gospels followed by a bring and share Christmas tea.

It has been another exciting and interesting year for the Friendship Club.

Sylvia Coombs

Adventurers **report**

Adventurers' numbers have slightly increased over the year, ages now ranging from 3 to 16 - quite a challenge to prepare a programme to cover that! As well as a weekly Bible story, we have games, 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. I am very pleased that Grace George has agreed to help me with the Group each week, which has enabled us to do a wider range of activities.

The Adventurers have taken part in the Christmas Nativity and Easter services, the weekly Bible readings and helped make programmes for the Holiday at Home.

We continue to sponsor Elsa in Albania, through the charity World Vision. Elsa has now left school, but we are encouraging her to continue with her education. I receive regular prayer requests from Albania. I shall be asking Tom to include these in the magazine, as it would be great if others could also pray for this country and the work of World Vision.

Rosemary Milns

Girlguiding **report**

What an amazing and busy year we have had!

We currently have over 80 girls across our four units who have enjoyed an action packed year in Guiding.

Rainbows

Rainbows were very sad to see Tracy leave at Easter but we have crammed in lots of fun new activities since then. We have worked towards a Rainbow Roundabout badge where we did four different challenges learning all about different festivals

from around the world. We have also done lots of crafts, cooking and games evenings. We enjoyed joining up with the brownies for a teddy bears picnic in the church garden. We got to eat lots of food and played lots of games. We also had a trip out to the Green and enjoyed running round playing games in such a big space. We joined the other groups in the end of term BBQ and enjoyed performing a song to our parents.



After the summer holidays we returned to Rainbows ready for more fun. We all painted our own pumpkins and make fireworks paintings. Lots of us enjoyed joining the other groups for our first ever Rainbow trip to the cinema, we watched Paddington 2 in 4D!

We finished the year with our Final Festive Friday. We are all very excited about this year with two Rainbow sleepovers already planned and another Rainbow Roundabout badge.

Brownies

The 9th Enfield Brownies have had a busy year. We have enjoyed doing lots of new activities last year. We tried lots of new crafts, cooking and badges. We enjoyed doing joint activities with the other groups and have made new friends in Guides and Rainbows. We enjoyed a teddy bears picnic with the Rainbows, we all got a picnic box full of tasty treats. We also got to do teddy bear colouring and play games and sing songs with our teddy bears.

When the weather started to warm up we started to play more games outside and enjoyed using the garden. We enjoyed being part of the end of term BBQ, enjoying singing and dancing for our parents.

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After the summer holidays we all had lots of ideas about what we wanted to do at Brownies. We spent a whole evening programme planning and sharing ideas. We are lucky to have two young leaders who bring lots of skills to our group. They taught us how to do origami and also showed us lots of new games.

On the run up to Christmas we enjoyed making Christmas decorations and attending the festive film night to help raise money for some camping equipment. We had our first Brownie camp in February 2018 and have another one organised with the Rainbows.

Guides

Guides have crammed so much into one year. We have enjoyed lots of new activities. We have made bows out of duct tape, lip scrub and decoupage photo frames. We have also done lots of different cooking. We have had a Ready Steady Cook evening where we had to ask questions to win ingredients. We have had a pancake night with over 10 toppings to choose from and also a pizza making evening. We also enjoyed completing our film lover's badge.

In June we enjoyed our annual rounders on the Green evening and played lots of games of rounders against the leaders and Rangers. This then led us to our end of term BBQ which was attended by lots of parents and friends.

We enjoyed camping at the end of July and helped Vicki to achieve her camping permit which meant we could start thinking about lots of other camps we wanted to do.



When we returned to Guides in September we planned all the way up to Christmas. We enjoyed lots more activities. We had a Zumba fitness night in the dark with hundreds of glow sticks. We also enjoyed making some decorations for Christmas and attending our annual cinema trip to watch Paddington 2. The Final Festive Friday came around quickly but we were all really excited as we had an indoor weekend away booked for January!



Rangers

Rangers were also very sad to see Tracy leave at Easter. We have worked together to plan an exciting program that interests them all. We completed some activities using the skills of our leaders. Auntie Anne taught us all how to arm knit and we made our own scarves. We have also joined up with 5th Enfield Rangers to do some evenings together. We joined them at jump in Trampoline Park for an evening of bouncing which was great fun.



We had an amazing Christmas themed weekend away to Northern Heights, we invited all the older Guides who were due to move up to Rangers in January. We got the opportunity to go out and do some Christmas shopping, relax watching Christmas films, play board games and have a brilliant Christmas dinner made by Jen. We invited Rangers who had recently left to join us and it was great to catch up with them.

We joined up with the other units for the Final Festive Friday

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and enjoyed being able to help with the younger groups. We were all really excited for our first ever winter camp in January!

The 9th Enfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers have had an amazing year. We have managed to raise lots of money to rehouse our camping equipment. We are continuing to raise money to replace old equipment and also buy new tents for Brownies so that they can experience camping like the Guides and Rangers. We have lots of camps planned for this year and are really enjoying being able to offer more camps to all of our groups now that Vicki holds the licences to take all groups away.



Please support us in any fundraisers we have planned and we look forward to sharing with you our camping experiences of 2018!

Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Boys' Brigade **report**

2017 was another busy year for the 3rd Enfield, with the boys taking part in a variety of events at all levels of BB. Towards the end of the year we had around 30 boys across all sections.

During 2017 we were delighted to welcome Sam Rowsell and Grace George to the staff team as helpers, and said goodbye to our Chaplain, Rev Henriette Wentink. The staff team now consists of four Officers and three helpers.

The Anchor Boys continues to run under the leadership of Sue Bullock, assisted by Tina George and Grace George. On Mondays the boys have had the opportunity to do a variety of

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arts and crafts, make things, do different forms of cooking and play lots of games! They also had the chance to join others from around North London for a Pirates Adventure Fun Day in February, an Enfield Battalion Church Parade and "Big Beach Party" activity afternoon at 11th Enfield HQ in March, a trip to Chessington World of Adventures in April, the Athletics competition in June, a trip to Woburn Safari Park in September, an Activity Afternoon in October, a trip to KidzBiz soft play centre and taking part in the Enfield Parade of Light in December, and more.



A number of boys moved up from Anchor Boys to Junior Section at our Company Display with Kai Chevereau, Lennon Street and Joseph Bowden each receiving the Blue Badge - the top award in Anchor Boys.

The Junior Section is run by Tom Boorman, assisted by Ady Bullock, Sam Rowsell and Steven Peck. 2017 was a special year for Juniors as the section nationally celebrated its 100th anniversary, having been founded in 1917. 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 also took part in the Pirates Adventure Fun Day, Battalion Church Parade & "Big Beach Party" activity afternoon, trips to Chessington and Woburn, and the Activity Afternoon with the Anchor Boys, and had events of their own including a Skills Day in March (figure marching, hockey, handball and quiz), and a Juniors 100 Weekend Camp at Haringey Scout Park in July. They also took part in



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competitions including 6-a-side football, athletics, conkers, team games, Top Golf, 5-a-side football and basketball, and also took part in the trip to KidzBiz and the Parade of Light.

Two boys - Michael Bowden and Raphael Stavrinides Niering - gained their Gold badges, the highest award in Juniors, at our Company Display before moving up to Company Section.

The Company Section and Seniors meet as one group, run by Tom Boorman, Tina George and Steven Peck. They usually take part in an organised activity (including discussions, practical activities, team challenges, devotions, drill, etc.) and have a time for sport and games. The boys have taken part in a range of competitions including swimming, table tennis, badminton, Quasar, drill, 6-a-side football, hare & hounds fun race, athletics, Top Golf, hockey, 5-a-side football and basketball. The group took part in the Battalion Church Parade & "Big Beach Party" activity afternoon and the Enfield Parade of Light and had a Weekend Away at Felden Lodge, a trip to Thorpe Park and a Paintball Day with others from around London. In the summer term, the boys got out and about a bit more by taking part in activities such as outdoor football, a games evening, and trips to Jungle Falls Adventure Golf and Jump In Trampoline Park with the other age groups.

For the first time, a group from the 3rd Enfield went to the national Unite camp at Felden Lodge in June, which was a great opportunity to meet other BB members from around the country, enjoy a range of activities together and to explore their faith. In July we joined with our friends from the 10th Enfield for our Summer Camp, which took place in Beeston Regis, near Sheringham in Norfolk.



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The boys enjoyed a packed week of activities including trips to the beach, cinema, pitch and putt, football, a trip to Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park, an 'around the town' challenge, a treasure hunt, go karting, going on a seal trip, swimming and lots more!

In January we held a fundraising Quiz Night, which around 80 people attended and which raised around £400 for Company funds. In May, Tom Boorman and Steven Peck entered the Waltham Walk, a 26 mile expedition in the Essex countryside, to raise money for Company funds. Members of all age groups also took part in more 'formal' events including our Company Display in May, our Enrolment Service in October, the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade in November and the Enfield Parade of Light in December.

We continue to run a combined bugle band with the 1st Enfield, 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. Some of the band members took part in the individual bugle and drum competitions at the London District Band competitions in March. In November, members of the band were part of the London Massed Bugle Band which took part in the Lord Mayor's Show, and the Battalion Band which paraded for the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade.



We hope that what we do at BB allows the members to have lots of memorable experiences, make friends and enjoy themselves. We thank boys, their families, the leaders, friends of the Company and all at Christ Church for their support throughout the year and as we look to the future and ask for your continued support and prayers as we work with a fantastic group of boys and young men. Tom Boorman

BB Mad Scientist Activity Afternoon

On Saturday 24th February members of Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions came together for a Mad Scientist Activity Afternoon at Bush Hill Park URC (2nd Enfield HQ).



The event was open to members of Anchors and Juniors, with around 80 boys and girls from across the three Battalions taking part - including 9 from the 3rd Enfield.

The young people were split into age groups and took part in a variety of activities including crafts, making their own ice cream, making green slime, trying out some science experiments and watching the Science Boffins show!

To finish the afternoon everyone came together for a closing show with the Science Boffins, as well as some devotions.

A great afternoon was had by all and we especially thank the 2nd Enfield for all their work in making the event happen.

Tom Boorman



Boys' Brigade Drill competitions

On Wednesday 14th March the Enfield Battalion Drill competitions took place at Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, 10th Enfield HQ.



Four competitions were held as part of the event - Colours, Single Line Drill, Squad Drill and Two Smart Recruits - with entries from the 2nd, 3rd, 10th and 11th Enfield.

The 3rd Enfield took part in the Two Smart Recruits competition, and although we were the only entry in the competition the boys had to reach a minimum standard to be declared the winners. They performed their routine extremely well despite only a few weeks of practice, and we are delighted to say that they did more than enough to win!

This is the first time the 3rd Enfield has won the Two Smart Recruits competition since 2001, and the first time winning any drill competition since 2006. Well done to Michael and Raphael, our winning squad!



The evening featured a high standard of drill all around, with the other three competitions all being won by the 2nd Enfield. Well done to them and also to the 10th and 11th Enfield for putting on very good performances.

Tom Boorman

Boys' Brigade Swimming Gala

On Saturday 17th March the North London Zone Swimming Gala was held at Edmonton Leisure Centre.

The competition was open to members of Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions. As well as an overall competition, there were competitions for Junior Section (9 to 11), Company (12 to 13), Intermediate (14 to 15) and Senior (16 to 18) age groups, as well as certificates and medals awarded to individual winners of races.



After a fun and competitive afternoon of swimming, the 1st Barnet completed a clean sweep, winning each of the individual age groups as well as the overall event. Well done to them all! The 3rd Enfield had just one boy taking part in the Company age group, in which we came sixth.

Well done to all who took part and our thanks to those who organised and helped to run the event.

Tom Boorman

Lancaster Road URC Messy Church

A chance to learn about Easter, in a fun and creative way. Lots of crafts, a story and a hot meal too.

Sunday 1st April,
4:00pm to 6:00pm at
Lancaster Road URC.
For the whole family!



QUIZ NIGHT

In support of

**9th Enfield Rainbows, Brownies,
Guides and Rangers!**

Saturday 21st April 2018

7:30pm – 10:00pm *(approx...)*

Venue: Hall, Christ Church URC, Chase Side, EN2 6NJ

Tickets: £12 to include Ploughman's Platter

please bring own drink

A raffle will be held during the evening

Tables will hold a maximum of eight - on arrival we will combine groups of less than 8 if space is at a minimum

Tickets have to be purchased in advance!!

Tickets and additional information available from:

Vicki 07968 483 609 or Sarah 07960 932 477

Historical Association **lecture**

The distinctiveness of British socialism? The Free Churches and the Labour Party

Historical Association lecture by Professor Peter Catterall,
University of Westminster

Tuesday 10th April at 8:00pm at Jubilee Hall, Parsonage Lane

Admission charge for non-HA members: £1

An Evening Looking for the Bible

URC Thames North Preachers Plus presents:

An Evening Looking for the Bible in the British Museum

Friday 20th April 2018, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

followed by a shared meal in a local restaurant

The British Museum is a vast hoard of stuff left behind by previous generations, including many items which help to give more depth and background to our understanding of the Bible.

Share a guided wander through parts of the BM collection that show us something of the arrogant empires that surrounded and shaped the faith communities which gave us our Bible. We'll look at items relevant to both Testaments then head for a local restaurant for food and relaxed conversation. This tour will be led by John Campbell, minister of High Cross URC, Tottenham.

Might there be a chance here to find a fresh stimulus for your grappling with the Scriptures?

Cost: Just the cost of what you order in the restaurant.

Booking: Phone John Campbell on 07429 627 156 or email john.campbell@urcthamesnorth.org.uk (up to 11 places).

Holiday at Home

This year's Holiday at Home will take place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May from 10:30am to 4:00pm each day in the Church Hall. Come to both days or just one.

Activities to include:

- A variety of craft and other activities for all abilities - learn some new skills.
- Keep fit for the mature person.
- Cooked lunch on Friday and Saturday.
- Mid morning and afternoon refreshments.

Cost:

- Donation towards cost at your discretion.
- Suggested amount - £6 per activity day.

Places must be booked beforehand. Please contact one of the following:

Rosemary Milns on 020 8363 6571 or 07751 560 686

Sylvia Coombs on 020 8363 3543

Pamela Fisher on 07775 505 999

These numbers may be on an answer phone, but if you leave your name and telephone number, we will ring you back.

We hope you can join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

Future meeting dates

Church Meetings

Sundays 8th April (AGM), 3rd June, 23rd September, 4th November

Elders Meetings

Sundays 6th May, 15th July, 21st October

Prayer diary **April 2018**

1st - Easter Sunday: Praise the risen King!

2nd - Pray for your own personal faith in the knowledge that Jesus died and rose again for us all!

3rd - Pray for the work of ecumenical groups in Enfield.

4th - Pray for all those who are travelling during the Easter period.

5th - Pray for Elsa, who lives in Albania and is sponsored by the Adventurers through World Vision.

6th - Pray for the work of our emergency services.

7th - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.

8th - Pray for God's guidance at our Church AGM today.

9th - Pray for the preparations that will be taking place over the coming weeks as we prepare to welcome new ministers to the six URCs in Enfield.

10th - Pray for peace around the world.

11th - Pray for the work of Christian charities around the world.

12th - Pray for the external groups that use our church premises.

13th - Pray for all those around the world who suffer from the effects of poverty.

14th - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.

15th - Pray for our time of worship this morning and for Pamela Mansley, who is leading it.

16th - Pray for this afternoon's Friendship Club meeting.

17th - Pray for the residents of Monastery Gardens.

18th - Pray for the important work done by our Property Committee in maintaining our wonderful church buildings.

19th - Pray for all those who are unable to attend church events because of sickness or ill health.

20th - Pray for the Rainbows and Brownies as they meet in the hall this evening.

21st - Pray for today's Breakfast Club meeting, Lunchtime @ Christ Church and Girlguiding Quiz Night.

22nd - Pray for the Adventurers and that more children may be encouraged to join the group.

23rd - Pray for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section as they meet in the hall this evening.

24th - Pray for our elders.

25th - Pray that the campaigning for next month's local elections will be done in a civilised and respectful fashion.

26th - Pray that God will help us to share our faith with others.

27th - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet today.

28th - Pray for the younger Boys' Brigade members from across North London who are enjoying a trip to Legoland Windsor today.

29th - Pray for the North Enfield Group of URCs as we come together in worship at Lancaster Road URC this morning.

30th - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet in the hall this evening.

May newsletter

The **May 2018** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 22nd April** (a week earlier than normal due to there being no service at Christ Church on Sunday 29th April). Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 8th 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 2018**

Sunday 1st April **11:00am**
The Worship Group
Easter Sunday and Holy Communion
(offering for Shanthigramam)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Saturday 7th April 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 8th April **11:00am**
Tom Boorman
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Sunday 8th April 12:30pm
Church Annual General Meeting

Sunday 15th April **11:00am**
Pamela Mansley
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Monday 16th April 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Enfield's markets and fairs (Remembering the 400th anniversary of Enfield Market this year) - Joe Studman

Saturday 21st April 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Saturday 21st April 11:00am to 2:00pm
Lunchtime @ Christ Church

Saturday 21st April 7:30pm
9th Enfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers
Quiz Night (see page 25)

Church diary **April 2018** continued...

Sunday 22nd April 11:00am
John Stynes
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Sunday 29th April 11:00am
United Service for the North Enfield Group of URCs at Lancaster Road URC (no service at Christ Church)

Church diary **May 2018**

Saturday 5th May 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 6th May 11:00am
Terry Silvey
Holy Communion (offering for the Lancaster Road URC)
Special Supper Ministry)
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Sunday 6th May 12:30pm
Elders Meeting

Friday 11th May 10:30am to 4:00pm
Holiday at Home

Saturday 12th May 10:30am to 4:00pm
Holiday at Home

Sunday 13th May 11:00am
The Worship Group
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

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 9:15pm

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

7:30pm to 9:15pm

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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