

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



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Pastoral Letter **April 2019**

Minister's Musings

Sitting at my desk, looking out at the mix of sunshine and sleet, I realise how urban I've become. Or rather how urban I've always been. Yes, I've enjoyed long walks in the country, I've even camped, I've grown my own veggies in the back garden, and I still can recognise a good number of birds, flowers and bugs from my childhood. But effectively, I've never lived very far away from public transport, shops, hospitals (though I've never needed the latter) and all the modern conveniences of suburban life.

It is really difficult for me to transport myself back some 2,000 years to that 1st century outpost of the Roman Empire that was Judaea. Yes, I know something of the terrain from the TV and I know something about the dust and the heat from my own travels in India, including the blood running in the streets from the everyday slaughter of goats.

But what I can't do is to cut out the noise of the cars, telephones and amplified music; to just be there, to experience the fear of when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus, to know if I would really speak up or remain silent, to feel the heart-rending sorrow of seeing a friend tortured and hung up on a cross. To help take him down and hurry his body away, watching as guards sealed him in the tomb.

And I'm grateful, as too many people live in fear of arrest today, too many people face the decision as to whether they will speak up or stay silent, too many people watch friends and relatives tortured or killed - or even face the possibility themselves. I have been insulated from all of that, other than to watch on a television screen; but because of that, I can imagine.

What is all but impossible for me to imagine, with my educated, urban lifestyle, is the absolute shock of finding the tomb empty and then seeing Jesus, a dead man, walking and talking. How can any of us know what it was like for Mary, in that early morning encounter, as recorded by John?



“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).”

This Easter, my prayer is that we can strip away all the modern encumbrances that take away from the wonder and awe of that first Easter Sunday, that we can recognise Jesus in the most unexpected places, at the most unexpected times, ready to comfort, uplift and encourage us.

Lord Jesus, help us to meet you afresh and fill our lives with such wonder and love that we truly recognise you, as we declare: He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

Melanie and Mark

Holy Week

During Holy Week this year there will be some other opportunities for churches in the North Enfield Group of URCS to worship together.

On Maundy Thursday, 19th April, at 8:00pm there will be a Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion held at Christ Church URC.

On Easter Sunday at 8:00am Mark will lead an informal communion service at Lancaster Road URC.

Please do come along and join us for these services if you are able to... and don't forget that on Good Friday the Enfield churches will be gathering in the Town Centre!

Holiday at Home

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May 2019
10:30am to 4:00pm in the hall (come to both days or 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.

Donation towards cost at your discretion - suggested amount £6 per activity day. **Places must be booked beforehand.**

Please contact Rosemary Milns (020 8363 6571 or 07751 560 686), Sylvia Coombs (020 8363 3543) or Pamela Fisher (07775 505 999). These numbers may be on an answer phone, but if you leave your name and number we will ring you back. We do hope you can join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

Holy Week - Imago Dei

Made in God's image - what does that mean?

Our exhibition at Christ Church, entitled **Imago Dei**, will give all those who visit an opportunity to think about what it means to be made in the image of God, and also to think about what God is really like.

Imago Dei will include poetry, music and art around this theme and is a community event. There will also be a display about the history and architecture of the church. On the Wednesday and Saturday local poet Mary Duggan will run a workshop open to all "Where word meets art", which will provide a practical opportunity for other members of the local community to add their own work and thoughts to the exhibition (11:00am to 1:00pm on Wednesday 17th April and Saturday 20th April). Local poets will also be reading their poetry live on Saturday from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Imago Dei will focus on images of God, and also images of humanity e.g. refugees and others from various parts of the world, including our own.

Guided tours of the historic building will also be available during the week.

Local photographer Debbie Jay will have some of her photography on display and local poets led by Mary Duggan will be sharing some of their work during the week.

Local schools and youth organisations from the Enfield and Barnet area are contributing artwork and poetry as well, in what promises to be a fascinating exhibition.

"Artist, theologian, sewer, crafter, project manager, dancer, process designer and boringly more.." Elizabeth Gray-King has

supplied two of her paintings to also be displayed - pictures which are bound to provoke discussion.

And there will be lots more... the Friends of Bush Hill Park, for example, will be involved in the workshops on the Wednesday and Saturday.

The exhibition will be open from 10:00am to 4:00pm every day from Monday 15th April to Saturday 20th April (from 1:00pm to 4:00pm only on Good Friday, 19th April) and is FREE.

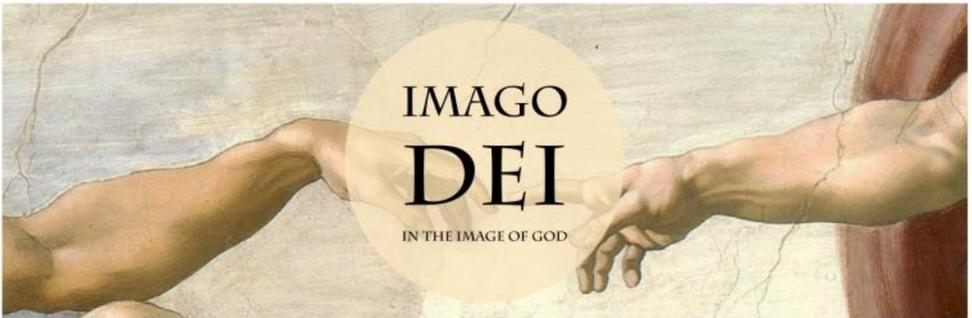
Refreshments will be available every day.

IMAGO DEI: POETRY, MUSIC, ART

In the Christian religion, the *imago dei* (Latin for the *image of God*) refers to the unique imprint God placed upon humanity, identifying people as a special creation. What the *image of God* precisely is, and what it implies, has been debated throughout history.

This exhibition, with contributions from across the community including schools and those of other faiths, will focus on images of God and images of humanity, made in the image of God, from various parts of the world including our own.

Guided tours of the building will also be available at various times during the week.



Monday 15th April to Saturday 20th April

10.00am to 4.00pm (1.00pm to 4.00pm on Good Friday, 19th April)

Free entry - refreshments available

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An Evening with **Garth Hewitt**

The page to the left contains information about purchasing tickets for the Garth Hewitt concert being held on Saturday 18th May at Christ Church URC.

If price is a little too much for you then please speak to Mark or Melanie as the planning team for the event are keen to ensure that price doesn't prevent anybody who wishes to attend from coming along and joining in on what is bound to be a thought provoking, challenging and incredible evening.

We are now also pleased to announce that Garth will be joined on the evening by Martin Wroe, a poet and writer. Martin Wroe has been a staff writer on The Independent and on The Observer, co-authored *The Rough Guide to a Better World* and, recently, *Lifelines, Notes on Life & Love, Faith & Doubt*. He is a volunteer vicar in his local parish, a contributor to Thought for the Day on Radio 4 when he can think of an idea and writes poems most days.

Garth has invited him along to chat about his writings and read us some of his poems. Garth will chat to him about some of the work with which Martin has been involved, including both Greenbelt Festival and the Amos Trust.

Do you need any more encouragement to come out for an evening in Enfield?

Boys' Brigade **Awards Evening**

The 3rd Enfield BB Annual Awards Evening will take place on Monday 20th May 2019 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the hall. All are welcome to come along to an evening of presentations to the boys in recognition of their achievements this session.

Friendship Club **2019 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 15th April

Favourite photos - bring your favourite photo to show us and tell us about it (including short AGM)

Monday 20th May

Speaker - Revd Melanie Smith

Monday 17th June

Patagonia - John Wallington and Anne Johnson

Monday 15th July

Speaker - Roy Pickering

Monday 19th August

Summer tea

Monday 16th September

Speaker and painter - Linda Clarke

Monday 21st October

Speaker TBC

Monday 18th November

Speaker - Revd Mandy James

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight took place from Monday 25th February to Sunday 10th March and with Mark's help our uniformed youth organisations were all able to get involved!

Mark visited each of the groups on their meeting evenings - the Boys' Brigade at the start of the fortnight and the Girlguiding groups at the end - where they were able to learn a bit about what Fairtrade is and how it works.

There were quizzes and discussions, a video and opportunities to do some Fairtrade vs non-Fairtrade food tasting with products such as chocolate, jam, bananas and cola.

The groups even got to sample a chocolate fountain which was particularly popular!

Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman



Eco Tip

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

After reduce and reuse, we now have the third of the three R's... Recycle.

When we say recycling, it means to break down an item and to make something new from the materials.

Processing these materials still requires time, energy and cost, therefore an item should ideally only be sent for recycling if there is no other way that it can be reused or repaired. It is the last term on the list because it is in fact the least useful of the three ways of reducing your impact on the planet, however it is still vastly better than sending waste to landfill.

Some examples of recycling are:

- Textiles such as clothing and bedding which are in such poor condition that they cannot be used or mended can be used to make cleaning rags, or for filling furniture.
- Waste paper can be pulped and used to make new pieces of paper.
- Plastics can be melted down and made into new plastic items.
- Electrical items can be broken down and the metal components melted down to make a new item (this is particularly important in the recycling of mobile phones as they contain small amounts of rare and valuable metals.) The plastic casings can also be recycled.
- Glass can be melted down and made into new glass items.

In the coming months, specific ideas of what you can recycle locally will be given, so watch this space! So if you want to minimise the impact that your lifestyle has on the planet, you can do this by considering all of the 'Three R's'. Reduce the

amount of materials that you consume, reuse items that can still be used and then ensure that any item that is recyclable is sent for recycling when its useful life is over.

Drop **Sierra Leone's debt**

Christian Aid are asking the Chancellor to write off Sierra Leone's debt.

When Ebola struck Sierra Leone, its government had little choice but to accept loans from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to help it cope with the crisis. Now Christian Aid's asking our Chancellor to push the IMF to drop Sierra Leone's debt.

The country lacks funds for proper health clinics, health training and enough ambulances. This makes it the most dangerous place in the world to become a mum. Debt repayments have left Sierra Leone with even less money to provide the healthcare so desperately needed to ensure mums and babies survive childbirth.

The UK Government has a lot of power within the IMF to do something about this.

If you'd like to join your voice, then visit www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week or ask Mark or Melanie for a hard copy of the petition, calling on the Chancellor to ensure the UK Government uses its power in the International Monetary Fund to:

- make sure all Sierra's Leone's debts on the loans it received for fighting the Ebola outbreak are written off.
- take urgent action to prevent new debt crises in developing countries and tackle them effectively when they arise.

Christ Church **AGM**

All members are reminded that the Christ Church Annual General Meeting will be held at the back of the church at 12:30pm on Sunday 7th April. The annual church accounts and the 2018 reports from the various groups in the church will be presented.

Elections will take place for Church Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Property Committee together with representatives on the Thames North Synod, the Enfield and East Herts Local Area Group, the North Enfield Group and the North West Enfield Group of Churches. If you are prepared to be nominated or wish to nominate someone for any of these positions please contact the Church Secretary.

Over the next few pages you can read the annual reports that will be presented at the AGM.

Minister's **report**

It was my pleasure and privilege to join Christ Church URC as its minister in July 2018 and to begin to get to know the church community.

Working in a pastorate of three churches means that I still feel that there are many things that I haven't been able to do yet, and many people that I haven't been able to have good conversations with, so please do let me know if you would like to have a chat sometime.

I have been delighted to have some involvement with the Guides and with the Boys' Brigade already and look forward to working out what plans God has for us as a Christian community in the years ahead.

The manse arrangements have proved stressful for many of us within the church and Melanie and I are hopeful that, once we have been able to re-settle after our manse move, we will be able to plan more effectively for the future ministry we can offer to the church, and also that the church can offer to the community of Enfield.

A start will be when we have the opportunity to host an exhibition in Holy Week, and as we welcome Garth Hewitt to perform at Christ Church in May 2019.

Please pray for the elders as they work together to lead the church in the months ahead.

Your minister,

Mark

Secretary's report

Following Revd Henriette Wentink's call to Trinity URC Plymouth in 2017, we appreciated the support and guidance we received from Revd David Bradburn and Revd Martin Legg as we set out to call a new minister.

On Saturday 14th July 2018 over 200 members and friends from United Reformed and other churches gathered at Christ Church to welcome Revd Mark Meatcher as minister to the three churches in the North Enfield Pastorate (Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs) and his wife Revd Melanie Smith as minister to the three churches in the South and East Enfield Pastorate (Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs). The service was led by the Thames North Synod moderator Revd Dr Andrew Prasad and the sermon was given by Revd Joe Egan and Revd Ruth Egan, assistant ministers at Enfield Baptist Church.

Members and friends have been able to attend, participate in and financially support a wide variety of events and activities at the Enfield United Reformed Churches (including Trinity Methodist/URC). Details have been made available through church newsletters and in the NewsShare email - <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH>. During the year there were visits to the British Museum Looking at the Bible, a Walking Through the Bible day, a Taste of India evening, fundraising events for uniformed organisations and a Homeless Respite Shelter, film afternoons, invitations to come and sing new songs and a hands on approach to Messy Church. Practical support was given by members to a children's Holiday Club and the winter Homeless Respite Shelter. In the autumn All Souls' Day was remembered and there was a day to explore what it means to be a dementia-friendly church. An Advent evening on Lebanon raised funds for a project in Syria and Beer and Carols took the Christian message to the Little Green Dragon and supported the Alzheimer's Society.

Mark and Melanie, who are now living in the Winchmore Hill URC manse, have brought many new ideas to their ministry in Enfield with sessions on Believing and Belonging and Questions for God planned for 2019. They have also challenged us on issues such as social and racial justice, fair trade and ecology. Their approachable manner and sense of humour are invaluable assets.

In 2018 there were 6 serving and 3 non-serving elders at Christ Church (following the elders election in November there are now 4 serving and 5 non-serving elders). At the end of 2018 there were 19 members and 8 regular adult attendees who were not church members. During the year we were sorry to lose several older members and friends of Christ Church and its organisations including Don Hart, Phyllis Swansborough, Maureen Cairns and Ron Andrews. There were on average 21 adults and 4 children and young people under 16 attending Sunday morning services in 2018. The average for the 10 Family Parade Services was 31 adults and 16 under 16s. The

average for the non-parade services was 19 adults and 2 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 Herts Local Area Group, the North Enfield Group of URCs Vacancy Committee and the ecumenical North West Enfield Group of 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 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.

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 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 have 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 studied Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome in 2018 and has been studying Paul's letter to the Christians in Colossae in 2019. 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.

There are 117 children and young people with 14 volunteer leaders and helpers in Christ Church's youth organisations (Adventurers, Boys' Brigade, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers). They meet weekly on church premises and some have taken part in services and helped with the Bazaar.

Concerts have been given in Christ Church by two new groups - Enfield Community Orchestra and Enfield Concert Band, who meet weekly in the church, and also by Enfield Brass Band who gave a War and Peace concert on Remembrance weekend.

Members of the Spirit and Life Baptist Church have continued to have their own worship in Tamil in Christ Church on Sunday afternoons.

Children from Chase Side Primary School have visited Christ Church with their teachers and the school's annual Christmas

Carol Concert in Christ Church was enjoyed by members of the children's families.

Stephen Gilbert

Friendship Club **report**

During this last year we have enjoyed another 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 and to Margaret who organises the refreshments. This year we want to say a very special THANK YOU to Veronica who has retired from being our treasurer after about thirty years of faithfully doing that job. We are very grateful indeed for her reliable and efficient service. We are also very pleased that Olive has kindly agreed to take over from her. Thank you Olive for offering to use your experience of working in finance to help us. 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 and to Tom and the BB for help with clearing up tables and other heavy jobs.

In 2018 we have again been taken around the world by speakers who have introduced us to a variety of far flung places. These have included Albania with John Wallington and Anne Johnson, and Holiday Fellowship walks with Brenda Brown, plus some stories of how the war affected, and continues to affect, life in the Solomons.

Nearer home Joe Studman told us all about the history of Enfield's markets and fairs marking the 400th anniversary of Enfield Market last year, we learnt about quilling from Judith and Christine, their experience of being Games Makers at the

Olympics in London from Carol and Derek Lindfield and Anne Luciani and had a fun afternoon counting our blessings with Mandy James.

We also enjoyed some very participatory sessions with one afternoon when we learnt more about each other as we shared stories of our favourite tea towels; sang along with our own version of the 'Last Night of the Proms' led by Anne, and made some very attractive Christmas table decorations in our preparation for Christmas session which included a bring and share tea.

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 and delighted that Mark and Melanie were both able to join us for that special afternoon. 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.

It has been another exciting and interesting year for the Friendship Club. We also had a good start to 2019 with beautiful pictures of sailing round the Greek Islands, which warmed us up on what was a rather cold, bleak afternoon outside.

Sylvia Coombs

Worship Group **report**

During 2018 the Worship Group has held 8 planning meetings and organised 8 services, 2 of which were jointly with our minister Mark Meatcher. These have included Mothering Sunday, Easter Sunday, the Christmas Nativity and a pre-Christmas service on the theme of Reflections on Christmas.

It has been good working with Mark and this is something which is continuing in 2019.

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

Adventurers **report**

Adventurers' numbers have remained more or less the same over the year, though still with a wide age range, currently 4 to 17. With the help of Grace George we have been able to do a greater selection of activities this year. These include games, drama, cooking, gardening and craft. Each session is based upon a Bible passage and activities tie in with this and there is a colouring/puzzle sheet to take home.

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

We continue to sponsor Elsa in Albania, through the charity World Vision. I am pleased to say that Elsa has managed to continue her education and we hope that the support and encouragement that we have given her has helped her in some way to do that. If anyone would be interested in sponsoring a child through World Vision, I would be happy to provide them with details.

Rosemary Milns

Girlguiding report

This year has been another great year for the 9th Enfield!

We have over 85 girls across our four groups with ages ranging from 5 to 18. We also have 7 leaders and 7 young leaders across our four groups.

Rainbows

The 9th Enfield Rainbows have had a busy year full of lots of new challenges. In April we had a brilliant Easter egg hunt around the hall. We all enjoyed cooking our own pizzas on muffins and choosing lots of different toppings to go on them. We also completed two Rainbow roundabout badges before the weather got nice and we were able to be outside more. We joined the Brownies on the Green on Chase Side to play games and we even tried to learn how to play rounders. We also had an ice cream party and enjoyed lots of different toppings. Just before the summer holidays we had a big BBQ and invited all our parents to watch some entertainment. When we came back from our summer break we enjoyed lots of crafts and games nights and made some lovely presents ready for Christmas. We had a Christmas movie night and joined with the rest of 9th to watch a Christmas film in our onesies. We started the new year with programme planning, a special trip to the cinema, slime making and Valentine biscuit baking. This year we also had a Rainbow sleepover and a trip to the zoo. We have lots more planned for the year and we are looking forward to a trip out with Brownies.

Brownies

The Brownies have also had a jam packed year. We also enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, we raced around the hall to collect as many pieces of paper as we could to trade them in for chocolate eggs. We also learnt about Brownies all across the world and did lots of cooking like Ready Steady Cook and cupcakes. The young leaders also taught us how to do card

tricks. We also had fun playing rounders on the Green, we had a huge water fight outside the church and then ended the term with a BBQ. We came back after the summer and did more food based activities like guess the ice cream flavour and baking brownies. We also had a few games and craft nights and practices for our Final Festive Friday where we performed songs to our parents. This year we also went on two camps and had a trip out to the zoo.

Guides

The Guides also had a tasting evening but they tried lots of different chocolates, some they liked more than others! We also had an evening making toasted sandwiches which was fun we even made sweet sandwiches. We completed our team player badge and also did some crafts including Hama beads and making smash books. We also had a big water fight outside the church and joined the Rangers for a very competitive evening of rounders on the Green. We participated in the end of term BBQ with the rest of 9th Enfield. We had a really chilled start to the year with a mindfulness evening, ice cream tasting and some badge work. We also had a whole evening discussing period poverty which was really informative. We joined the rest of 9th for a movie night in the church and also practiced for our end of term Final Festive Friday. We enjoyed lots of camps last year and are currently planning our trip to Disneyland Paris for next year.

Rangers

This year we have seen our Rangers continue to grow in number. We now have 21 members at the 9th and we are always having fun. The Rangers decided to have their own Come Dine With Me, they split in to groups and over 3 weeks took it in turns to cook for the other groups. The leaders were lucky enough to try all the dinners which were all great! They also had an evening of the cube game where they had lots of different challenges to win chocolate bars. We joined the Guides for a Hama bead evening and an evening over the

Green to play rounders. We also joined up with 5th Enfield Rangers to do some activities. After a fab week at summer camp the Rangers met back up in September to organise another jam packed programme which included crafts, leaflet drops, Ready Steady Cook and scavenger hunts. This year we are looking forward to more camps, day trips and having some more new members move up from Guides.

Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Boys' Brigade **report**

2018 was once again a 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. We run with a team of 6 leaders and were delighted to welcome Revd Mark Meatcher as our new Company Chaplain in the summer.

Anchor Boys

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 arts and crafts, make things, do some cooking and play games!

The boys have also had the chance to join others from around North London for events such as a Mad Scientist Activity Afternoon, a trip to Legoland Windsor, Hare & Hounds fun race and activity afternoon, Athletics, Life 2 the Max, a trip to Whipsnade Zoo and a trip to KidzBiz soft play centre followed by the Enfield Parade of Light.

At our Awards Evening in May three of our Anchors moved up to Junior Section, and it has been great to welcome a number of new members throughout the year.

Junior Section

The Junior Section is run by Tom Boorman, assisted by Ady Bullock and Steven Peck. Each week the boys take part in an activity which counts towards their award scheme as well as a time for some sports and games.

On a wider scale the boys also took part the same special activities as the Anchors did, as well as being a part of the Swimming Gala, Football Academy (training session and tournaments), a Weekend Camp at Felden Lodge, Bowling competition and a Multi Sports Day (indoor hockey, football and basketball).

At our Awards Evening we had one boy move up from Junior Section to Company Section. Isaac also received his Gold badge, the highest award a boy can receive in Junior Section.

Company Section and Seniors

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 sports and games such as football, hockey, dodgeball and much more.

During the year the boys took part in the Enfield Drill competitions (where we won the Two Smart Recruits competition for the first time since 2001), Swimming Gala, Football Academy, Laser Quest competition, Badminton, Hare & Hounds, a trip to Thorpe Park, Life 2 the Max, Bowling, a Paintball Day, Multi Sports Day and the Enfield Parade of Light.

There were also three opportunities for the boys to take part in residential: a Weekend Away with others from around North London, Unite (a national BB camp at Felden Lodge with opportunities to meet other BB members from around the country, enjoy a range of activities together and to explore the

Christian faith) and our Summer Camp in Beeston Regis, near Sheringham in Norfolk, with our friends from the 10th Enfield.

During the year five of our young people - Stephen, Josef, Sean, David and Jaiden - as well as Grace were nominated for Jack Petchey Achievement Awards - well done to them all!

In the second half of the year we were joined by our friends from the 1st Enfield on Monday evenings while they work to build their numbers back up, and thank their leaders - Kieran Fuller, Rory Fuller and William Tingey - for their support.

Bugle band

We continue to run a combined bugle band with the 1st Enfield, which rehearses at Armfield Road Hall on Tuesdays. Two of our buglers - Frankie and Josef - took part in the London District Individual Bugle competition. Members of the band were part of the London Massed Bugle Band which performed at the London Marathon in April, and in November took part in the Lord Mayor's Show and the Battalion Band which paraded for the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade.

The whole Company

In January we held a fundraising Quiz Night, which around 100 people attended and which raised around £800. Members of all age groups also took part in more 'formal' events including our Awards Evening, Enrolment Service, the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade and the Enfield Parade of Light.

Throughout the year there were loads of opportunities for the boys to have memorable experiences, make friends and enjoy themselves. We thank the 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

Boys' Brigade update

March at BB began with the Anchors and Juniors joining others from across North London for a Jungle Fun Afternoon at Lancaster Road URC (1st Enfield HQ), which included Bushtucker trials, Crystal Maze-style team challenges, jungle-themed crafts, an animal meet and greet including snakes, spiders and more, and a time of worship.



On Saturday 9th March Stephen, Josef, Sean and Grace travelled to Kensington Great Hall for a London District Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Event. They and other 2018 award winners from around the District received Jack Petchey medallions and there were also display items by the London Massed Bugle Band and the West London Gym Team.



From Friday 15th to Sunday 17th March we took part in a Company Section Weekend Away at Felden Lodge (BB Headquarters) with others from around North London. The boys enjoyed activities including a bonfire and marshmallow toasting, a trip to Coral Reef Waterworld in Bracknell, a 3G swing and climbing wall at Longridge Activity Centre, games, a quiz, devotions, archery, footgolf and frisbee golf! A great weekend was had by all.



The next Saturday Josef took part in the Individual Bugle competition at the London District Band & Drill competitions, coming tenth in a very close field of buglers. Well done Josef! Around 80 young people from across London District took part in the day, with the main Devonshire Cup band competition being won by the 2nd & 14th West Kent's band.

The following day the annual Enfield Battalion Church Parade and Explore activity afternoon took place at Ponders End URC (12th Enfield HQ). The service was led by Revd Melanie Smith on the theme of water as World Water Day was a couple of days prior. Following the service there was lunch and a variety of activities for the different age groups including laser tag, sumo suits, table tennis, pool, darts, soft archery, Human Hungry Hippos, crafts and more! Around 50 young people took part and all had a great time.



On Mondays the boys have once again taken part in a range of activities over the last month. For instance our Anchors have made pizzas and crafts for Mothering Sunday and Easter, our Juniors had a go at making 'blobs in a bottle' lava lamps during British Science Week and took part in the International Junior Section Team Games, while our Company Section & Seniors made pancakes just before the start of Lent, did an egg tower challenge, a quiz and learnt a bit more about the meaning behind Lent and Easter.

April will be quieter as most of it is taken up by the Easter holidays and then we'll be full speed into the summer term!

Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman

Prayer diary **April 2019**

1st - Pray for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section as they meet in the hall this evening.

2nd - Pray for our beautiful parks and open spaces in Enfield and for all those who maintain them.

3rd - Pray for all those who are suffering from the effects of Cyclone Idai in Africa.

4th - Pray for Enfield Community Orchestra as they hold their Spring Concert in the church this evening.

5th - Pray for the Rainbows and Brownies as they meet today.

6th - Pray for the Breakfast Club as it meets in the church this morning.

7th - Pray for God's guidance at our Annual General Meeting this afternoon.

8th - Pray for those who are considering coming to faith in Christ.

9th - Pray for those who are suffering from the effects of knife crime.

10th - Pray for our friends from the other URCs around Enfield.

11th - Pray for our country's politicians.

12th - Pray for Enfield Concert Band's Spring Concert in the church this evening.

13th - Pray for Mark and Melanie.

14th - Palm Sunday: Pray for our time of worship this morning and for Michaela Lawrence, who is leading.

15th - Pray for the Imago Dei exhibition, which begins today, and for the Friendship Club as they meet this afternoon.

16th - Pray for peace around the world.

17th - Pray for the external groups that use our premises.

18th - Maundy Thursday: Pray for this evening's service, which is being led by Revd Mark Meatcher.

19th - Good Friday: Give thanks for Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for each and every one of us.

20th - Pray for the final day of the Imago Dei exhibition today.

21st - Easter Sunday: Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

- 22nd** - Pray for our ability to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ.
- 23rd** - Pray for those who are returning to work or school after the Easter break.
- 24th** - Pray for Elsa, the Adventurers' sponsored child in Albania.
- 25th** - Pray for the residents of Chase Green Avenue.
- 26th** - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet in the hall this evening.
- 27th** - Pray for our elders.
- 28th** - Pray for our friend Terry Silvey as he leads our time of worship this morning.
- 29th** - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet in the hall this evening.
- 30th** - Pray for your own personal faith.

May 2019 newsletter

The **May 2019** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 28th April**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 21st 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 2019**

Thursday 4th April 8:00pm
Enfield Community Orchestra Spring Concert (see page 8)

Saturday 6th April 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 7th April 11:00am
The Worship Group
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Sunday 7th April 12:30pm
Church AGM

Friday 12th April 8:00pm
Enfield Concert Band Spring Concert (see page 9)

Sunday 14th April 11:00am
Michaela Lawrence
Palm Sunday
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Monday 15th April 10:00am to 4:00pm
Imago Dei (Holy Week Exhibition - see pages 6 and 7)

Monday 15th April 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Favourite photos - bring your favourite photo to show us and tell us about it (including short AGM)

Tuesday 16th April 10:00am to 4:00pm
Imago Dei (Holy Week Exhibition - see pages 6 and 7)

Wednesday 17th April 10:00am to 4:00pm
Imago Dei (Holy Week Exhibition - see pages 6 and 7)

Thursday 18th April 10:00am to 4:00pm
Imago Dei (Holy Week Exhibition - see pages 6 and 7)

Thursday 18th April 8:00pm
Revd Mark Meatcher
Maundy Thursday and Holy Communion
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Friday 19th April 10:30am & 11:00am
Act of Worship (at the Fountain, Enfield Town) and
United Service for Good Friday (at St Andrew's Church)

Friday 19th April 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Imago Dei (Holy Week Exhibition - see pages 6 and 7)

Saturday 20th April 10:00am to 4:00pm
Imago Dei (Holy Week Exhibition - see pages 6 and 7)

Sunday 21st April 11:00am
Revd Mark Meatcher
Easter Sunday and Holy Communion
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Sunday 28th April 11:00am
Terry Silvey
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Church diary **May 2019**

Saturday 4th May 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 5th May **11:00am**
Adrian West
Holy Communion (offering for the Lancaster Road URC
Special Supper Ministry)
Duty Elder - TBC)

Friday 10th May 10:30am to 4:00pm
Holiday at Home (see page 5)

Saturday 11th May 10:30am to 4:00pm
Holiday at Home (see page 5)

Sunday 12th May **11:00am**
Martin Wells
Duty Elder - TBC

Future dates

An Evening with Garth Hewitt (see pages 10 and 11)
Saturday 18th May (7:30pm)

3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Annual Awards Evening
Monday 20th May (6:30pm to 7:30pm)

Lunchtime @ Christ Church
Saturdays 8th June, 20th July (all 11:00am to 2:00pm)

Church Meetings
Sunday 2nd June (12:30pm)

Elders Meetings
Sunday 9th June (12:30pm)

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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