

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



December 2019 & January 2020

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Pastoral Letter December 2019

Vision 2020

In 2010 the United Reformed Church launched Vision 2020, a programme to help us all look at our mission purpose. When it was first launched, it seemed that 2020 was a long way away; why we were thinking about that when we had more pressing concerns as a denomination?

But, guess what, 2020 is here! - well almost!

So how have we done on our Vision 2020 programme? What effect has it had on our churches?

Vision 2020 set out ten statements that we needed to look at in order to consider our mission as churches:

Spirituality and Prayer

We will grow in our practice of prayer and spirituality, nurturing strength for our witness to Jesus Christ, and developing our discernment of where God is and what God is calling us to do by reading and studying the Bible and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Identity

The URC will be a Church where every local congregation will be able to say who they are, what they do and why they do it.

Christian Ecumenical Partnerships

We will be more confident in our identity, valuing the treasures of our tradition, discerning when to seek ecumenical partnership, and when and how to seek the further unity of the Church.

Community partnerships

We will be a Church that is more active in the life of local neighbourhoods.

Hospitality and diversity

We will be a Church committed to becoming even more welcoming and hospitable, and embracing all people equally.

Evangelism

We will be more confident to engage in evangelism, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God with friends, families and strangers, through story and action.

Church growth

We will be a growing Church with an increasing membership.

Global partnerships

We will be a Church that is an active partner in God's global mission with other Churches around the world.

Justice and peace

We will be a Church committed to peacemaking and reconciliation that keeps faith with the poor and challenges injustice.

The integrity of creation

We will be a Church that has taken significant steps to safeguard the integrity of creation, to sustain and renew the life of the earth.

It wasn't expected that every church would develop in all these areas, but it was hoped that churches would take one or two of these statements and look at how it could apply them in the context in which it was working.

As we now enter 2020, we wonder how you feel the church that you're a part of is doing when considering these statements?

Rather than beating ourselves up because perhaps we haven't fulfilled some of these mission statements, we wonder if we could look at them a different way and ask one another which

of these mission statements actually excites us, makes us want to respond?

As we find out what excites us, what enthuses us, we may find out that this is one of the ways that God speaks to us, and how God might actually be leading the church we're a part of to respond.

Could you share with somebody else in the church how you feel, and why you are interested in one (or more) of these mission statements? Could you pray with that person and ask God to show you how you could perhaps help the church to respond better to this statement today? Could you let us know what enthuses you, what excites you about the mission of the church?

This might not quite be what you were expecting to read in a Christmas magazine (December & January edition) but, in the words of a well-used phrase "Jesus is for life, not just for Christmas" and the birth of the Christ-child set the world on course to be changed forever.

The church, now the hands and feet of Jesus in the world today, must work out how to be Christ's presence in the world and proclaim the story of Christmas, the story of Christ, to a world still waiting to hear the story told.

Our mission statements send us in the direction of doing just that.

May God be with you, your families and your friends this Christmas and evermore,

Your ministers,

Mark and Melanie

Breakfast Bible Study Group

On Saturday 7th December the Breakfast Bible Study Group will be having a special Christmas breakfast at 171 Retro (171 Chase Side). They will be there from 9:30am and the cost is £6 per person. For more details, or if you would like to come along, please speak to Rosemary Milns.

Christmas Nativity

At our Christmas Nativity on Sunday 8th December we invite people to bring a gift of food to the service. These will be sent to the North Enfield Foodbank, which helps to provide emergency food for local people in crisis. Items gratefully received include non-perishable, non-meat products, pasta, tins (beans/soups/vegetables/pulses), rice, tea, coffee, biscuits with a long shelf life.

We are also looking for people to take part in the Nativity - please speak to Rosemary Milns if you are interested!

Christmas lunch

Following our Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 22nd December we will be holding a special Christmas lunch in the hall.

The food will be provided by Gillian's Catering Services, who have provided us with delicious meals at previous events. The cost is £15 and you will definitely leave well fed!

If you would like to come along please let Pamela Fisher know by Sunday 15th December, either by phone on 020 8482 4610 (leave a message if no answer) or email mail@ccurc.org.uk.

Friendship Club 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 December
A Cracking Christmas
(A Christmas programme including a bring and share tea)

Monday 20th January
Adriatic Journey - David Toynbee

Monday 17th February
Iceland - John Wallington and Anne Johnson

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

An Indian Adventure

Saturday 11th January 2020 - 7:00pm in the hall

You are invited to come along and hear about some of our members' recent adventures in India and to see and learn more about the work of the Cathedral Relief Service in Kolkata, the KSN Hospital in Sarenga and the projects we are supporting there. Indian food will be provided and some other experiences of Indian life. For catering purposes please let Rosemary Milns know by Sunday 5th January if you would like to come.

Thank you Stephen

On Sunday 17th November our Church Anniversary Family Parade Service took place, at which we also welcomed our friends from Lancaster Road URC to worship together.



As part of the service Mark presented Stephen Gilburt with a gift and a card on behalf of Christ Church in recognition of the many years he served as Church Secretary before stepping down from the role earlier this year.

Stephen continues to serve as an elder and remains an active part of church life at Christ Church, but we thank him for all his hard work as Secretary. Thank you Stephen!

Advent Challenge

Starting on Advent Sunday, 1st December, why not challenge yourself to read one chapter of Luke's Gospel each day? On Christmas Eve you will finish the story, so you can wake up on Christmas morning knowing why Jesus is a gift to the whole world.

URC Prayer Diary 2020

If anyone would like a copy of the 2020 Prayer Diary please let Mark know. They are £4.99 each and are available now!

Stepwise

Stepwise is a new part of the Walking the Way: Living the Life of Jesus Today initiative which is designed to help us reflect on and develop our Christian faith.



In the Enfield area we are intending to start the course in the New Year and are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in signing up to join those who have already committed themselves to start the course.

So what exactly is Stepwise?

It's a discipleship development programme from the United Reformed Church for everyone: all ages, shapes and sizes. It is shaped around your strengths and needs, in the context of your own community and church and emphasises the importance of learning from your daily life and your own relationship with God.

It is delivered through online material and through the regular meeting together in a group setting to review what has been discovered through the online material.

If you think this might be something for you to join in with then please do get in touch with either Mark or Melanie.

If you want to know a little more please do look at the information about Stepwise on the URC website at urc.org.uk/stepwise or simply ask Mark, Melanie or Laura Marlow (who has been involved in a taster group following the course) about it!

ENFIELD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS

WINTER CONCERT

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER | 8:00PM

DOORS OPEN 7:30PM

Performing music from:

**Harry Potter, Phantom of the Opera,
Home Alone and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony**
plus Skaters Waltz, Anastasia and Festive Classics

Christ Church URC, Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ

£5 Suggested donation payable on the door

Free refreshments during the interval

Featuring a Festive Tombola

Win handmade crafts and other great prizes donated by locals



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QUIZ NIGHT

WHEN **Saturday 25th January 2020**
6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

WHERE **Christ Church URC Hall**
Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ

COST **£12 per person**
Tables of up to 8 people

INCLUDED **A ploughman's meal**
(bring your own drinks)

TICKETS
Contact Tom Boorman
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Supporting the work of the
3rd Enfield Company

City of Joy

Since we've come back from India, we've heard the words, 'We have people living under flyovers in our country!' on several occasions. And that is perfectly true. The prompt for that comment is my talking about the Hastings Community in Kolkata, supported by Cathedral Relief Services (CRS). It is a community of about 2,500 people, from tiny babes in arms, to elderly women and men. These are mainly illiterate Muslim families that have moved in from poor rural areas looking for work in the City of Joy, only to find themselves on a scrap of army land, with no water, sanitation or electricity. Drug addiction is a serious problem among men and children. The children are particularly vulnerable, and some are orphans. A lack of government schools in the area means that many older children are out of formal education. Some work as rag-pickers while others help to look after horses at the nearby racecourse.

Our friend, Rig David, who is the Director of CRS was out walking with his son one day and came across this very poor community living under the concrete flyovers. He met one of the community leaders and they agreed that CRS could provide some assistance. Work started in 2013 with a small school. Now CRS is running an education programme for 60 children aged 3 and 13 years who live in the streets and in the slums near and under the flyovers. By attending the school, the children can catch up with any education they have lost so that, in time, they may successfully join a government school and not be left behind.

The school itself, uses one wall of the concrete leg of the flyover, and the other three sides are boards. Although no roof is required, the area is prone to flooding in the monsoon season. During our brief visit, we were squeezed into the ramshackle small structure of the school, about 10ft x 18ft. We were presented with friendship bracelets as the children

danced for us and sang to us in a mixture of English and Bengali. Despite the best efforts of CRS, several of the children showed signs of poverty related disease including ringworm and malnutrition.



For the mothers of children attending the school, the women's empowerment programme offers training in tailoring. The community is also supported through a health programme; once a month, a mobile school health clinic visits. The service includes doctor's check-up and distribution of medicines. There is referral to government hospitals when required. Many of the school children receive iron supplements for anaemia.

There is no doubt that it is a hard place. It left several of our group in tears. Yet those tears were about our own sense of helplessness in the situation; the community itself, although frustrated, did not lack dignity. We acknowledge that, 'We have people living under flyovers in our country!' and they deserve our help through the local churches winter respite (night shelter), the Big Issue, Crisis and Shelter. But even though we have seen Hastings with our own eyes, we must admit that the issues are far larger and more acute than we can imagine. We need to work out creative ways of supporting organisations, such as CRS, who are working with these most disadvantaged of people, that they may have life, life in all its fulness.

Cathedral Relief Services' Mission Statement is: to provide education, healthcare and empowerment to women and children of all faiths and none and so motivate them to realise their full potential through individual and collective action and change. We bring together people with different challenges to be strong and work as one to secure their rights. Find out more at cathedralreliefservice.net

Mark and Melanie

Remembering Captain Plowman

Thomas Plowman: One Hundred Years On

Since the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Company was founded, there have been many dedicated people who have provided great leadership and support to the work of the Company. Captain Thomas Plowman was one such person. 1st January 2020 marks the centenary of his passing. This article aims to commemorate his remarkable life, work and legacy to the 3rd Enfield, wider Boys' Brigade movement and to the work of Christ Church.



Thomas Room Plowman was born at Tottenham on 8th June 1875. He was educated at Vermont College, Hackney, and the Grocers' school, afterwards finishing his education at Koningsfield, where he became an accomplished linguist in both French and German. In 1880 the family came to Enfield, and upon his return from education, he at once entered the business of his father and uncle as brickmakers, with the Plowman's Brickworks in Tottenham, Edmonton and Peterborough. In the course of time, through his business ability, he became Managing Director of the whole business, and also held responsible positions in connection with the brickmaking industry. Even today there is a road in Edmonton named after the family, namely Plowman Close.

In 1891, at the age of 16 he was persuaded by Mr Norris Storer Toms, founder of the 3rd Enfield in 1890, to take an active interest in the Company, and after a few months he became Captain; and



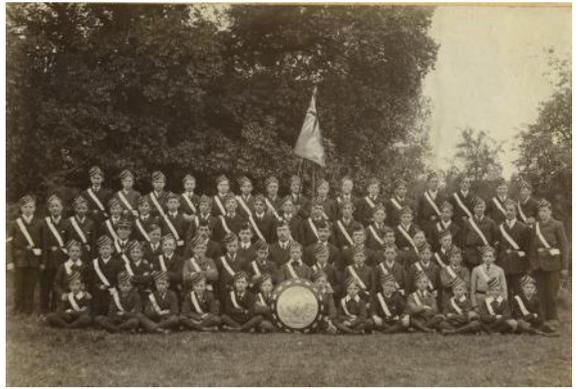
he lived to see the 3rd Enfield become famous among boys' organisations. This result must be totally attributed to his wonderful thoroughness and persistency, he reorganised the Company into a very well organised unit. He was responsible for the adoption of the colour red as the Company colour, including the famous red ties. He believed in the importance of setting very high standards in drill and was very good at teaching this to the boys, because of this hard work, in 1905 the Company won the London District Drill competition, which was called the Meares Colours.

In 1906 a competition was instituted by the Daily Telegraph Newspaper Company for the most efficient all-round Company of the Boys' Brigade. To the 3rd Enfield fell the honours of being the first winners of the famous Daily Telegraph Shield at the annual Royal Albert Hall Boys' Brigade Display, beating the 66th London in the final. Captain Thomas Plowman was the first person to receive the shield on behalf of the Company from the guest of honour, Sir Iain Hamilton. The following year the Company won the Daily Telegraph Shield again, this time it was in front of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who also presented the shield in person to Captain Plowman. This was only a few months before the historic experimental camp organised by Lord Baden-Powell on Brownsea Island, which was the genesis of the Scouting movement worldwide.

Over the years from 1906, with automatic regularity Captain Plowman marched his boys into the Royal Albert Hall arena for the final of the Daily Telegraph Shield, which at the time of his death in 1920 they had won on seven occasions, second four times and only once did they fail to achieve at least third place.

In 1911, on completion of 21 years' work with his boys, a presentation of a gold watch and roll-top desk was made to him. Thomas Plowman was a good friend to Sir William Alexander Smith, founder of the Boys' Brigade movement in

1883. The founder was personally invited to the 21st celebrations, in his reply to the Company, he was very sorry not to be able to attend, remarking "there is no man I would rather done this for than Mr Plowman".



In 1914 the 3rd Enfield was in the final of Daily Telegraph Shield with the 62nd London Company at the Royal Albert Hall Display, but a few days later the Boys' Brigade suffered a massive loss with the sudden death of Sir William Alexander Smith in London. At the memorial service on 15th May at St Paul's Cathedral, the 3rd Enfield and 62nd London Companies formed the guard of honour, with their rifle arms reversed and Captain Plowman in charge, as the founders' coffin was brought through.

Captain Plowman was notable for his devotion to his boys. He believed in deeds rather than words. His friends would recall his robust figure and vigorous manner as the very embodiment of sound common sense and thoroughness, coupled with remarkable ability in the management of boys and Officer affairs generally. A natural sympathy for boys, he was a very approachable and level-headed man.

Captain Thomas Plowman was in turn both Secretary and President of the Enfield Battalion of the Boys' Brigade, a Sunday School teacher, and Church Deacon. He was a representative on the London Committee of the Boys' Brigade, he also served for two years on the Executive of the Boys' Brigade, and regularly attended Brigade Council meetings. He also founded the Enfield Junior Football League and the original 4th Enfield Boys' Brigade Company.

He was also interested in summer camps for the boys; and

took a large share in making the arrangements up to 1914, but the war put an end to such ventures. He was always the most keen on being thoroughly efficient and consequently he joined the London Rifle Brigade in the days of the old volunteers and served seven years; it was probably out of regard for the efficiency of his Company that he remained a single man devoting practically all his spare time to it.

When the First World War came Thomas Plowman joined the Inns of Court OTC as a cadet, and afterwards received his commission in the 15th London Regiment, and proceeded to France. On 20th September 1917, he was wounded in his arm and leg, but recovered and was passed fit again for general service in January 1918. He was sent to take a musketry and Lewis gun course in Hythe and on returning to his regiment was made instructor to the Battalion at Wimbledon. He consequently did not go back to active service in France and was eventually demobilised. But like so many men who saw active service in the Great War, it had taken its toll on him and his health. He was never the same again after his active service, looking gaunt.

For many old boys of the 3rd Enfield, he secured their first start in life and helped them going forward in life. Many of these old boys corresponded with him from all parts of the world. He also founded an old boys club for them locally. On 30th December 1919 he was taken ill in the evening, and on New Year's Day morning 1920, he passed away from congestion of the lungs, leaving a home circle filled with sorrow which embraced his personal friends, and all members of the Boys' Brigade movement. But generations of Officers of the Boys' Brigade have been influenced by him and his legacy has been continued down the years. For many years the 3rd Enfield was known as T. R. Plowman's Company, after this great man.

Robert Wilson

Photos from the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade archives, with thanks to Robert Wilson

Boys' Brigade update

At the beginning of November our Company Section and Seniors got involved in UK Parliament Week. Our boys had the opportunity to learn a bit about Parliament, how it works and what it does, as well as thinking about and discussing/debating various issues that are important to them.



On Saturday 9th November members of the 1st and 3rd Enfield took part in the Lord Mayor's Show as part of the London Massed Bugle Band. Thousands of people lined the streets of the City of London to watch the show, which was also broadcast live on BBC One.



The following day we joined with BB and GB members from across Enfield and a number of other uniformed organisations for the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade. After parading to the War Memorial on Chase Green, a Service of Remembrance took place to remember those who gave their lives in war. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by a bugle team of BB members and wreaths were laid by local politicians and dignitaries, various organisations and members of the public. Following the service the parade moved through Enfield Town.



Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman (1, 3), RFCA (2)

Eco Tip

Join the Wild Christian Community - We are keen to help individuals and families to live more joyfully, sustainably and radically with the rest of God's Creation. Join the Wild Christian community and every month they'll send you practical actions that you can take to help you enjoy, nurture and protect nature. Please get in touch on Wild.Christian@arocha.org if you are willing to share ideas. Specifically, they would love to hear from those who can write knowledgeably about different species of plants and animals in Britain and from anyone with a passion for writing or researching nature-inspired or eco-themed biblical reflections.

Enfield Society talk

On Monday 20th January at 10:00am at Jubilee Hall on Parsonage Lane, Stephen Gilbert will give an illustrated talk on the story of the buildings and characters associated with Zion and Chase Side Chapels and Christ Church since 1780. The talk is free for Enfield Society members; non-members are asked to pay £1 each or join the Society for just £5 per year.

Helping the Homeless

It can be difficult to know how to respond when you see an apparently homeless person begging for money on the street. We don't want our money to go to alcohol or drugs, and so giving to homeless charities, especially our local churches winter respite (night shelter), can be a very sensible alternative. However, if we see a person begging and think it may be someone who is part of a gang, then please call the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 or visit modernslaveryhelpline.org for advice.

Girlguiding Christmas Camp

In early November the 9th Enfield Guides and Rangers were treated to a fantastic Christmas Camp by one of our amazing leaders, Sarah. We arrived on the Friday (Christmas Eve) and made our stockings and wrote our letters to Santa followed by an amazing spaghetti bolognese. The Grinch was our movie of choice to get us in the Christmas spirit before Christmas Day!

On the Saturday (Christmas Day) we received some goodies in our stockings we made the day before and completed lots of Christmas crafts such as Christmas mugs and mini Santa hats! We ended the day with an amazing Christmas dinner made by head chef Jen as well as Amy, Kim and Auntie Anne. We were also joined by Mark and Melanie, as well as Tom. The evening was filled with Christmas joy as well as a Christmas music quiz and silly games (of course)! The evening ended with an all time classic movie, Elf as well as hot chocolate or tea!

On the Sunday (Boxing Day) we packed up our bags but managed to squeeze in two more crafts (painted terracotta pots and reindeer masks) as well as yummy turkey and stuffing sandwiches! I would love to thank Sarah, Kim, Jen, Amy and Auntie Anne for such an amazing weekend - it really has got me in the Christmas spirit!

Ellie Muzzlewhite

The Christmas Camp meal was great! I was invited as a guest and only attended the meal and the after activities. The atmosphere was welcoming and kind, and the dinner was amazing, everyone put in amazing effort to make the meal absolutely delicious! We played games in teams after, including a Christmas quiz and it was so fun. I enjoyed it so much and I appreciate all the effort everyone put in.

Georgia Weston

Cards for Good Causes

The Cards for Good Causes Card Shop is open at Palmers Green URC until Wednesday 11th December. It is open each day from Monday to Saturday between 10:00am and 4:00pm. If you are buying Christmas cards this year, please do visit Palmers Green and look at the wonderful selection available.

Palmers Green Christmas lunch

Palmers Green URC warmly invites you to a Christmas lunch at 1:00pm on Sunday 1st December. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children under 12 or £25 for a family (two adults and two children under 12). To book please contact Mary Bysouth at Palmers Green URC on mj_bysouth@btinternet.com.

Lancaster Road Carol Service

Lancaster Road URC is holding an All Age Carol Service on Wednesday 4th December at 6:30pm in their church. It will be an opportunity to share the joy of the Christmas story with friends and family and may even include an appearance by Father Christmas!

Bush Hill Park Family Film Feast

Bush Hill Park URC will be holding a Family Film Feast on Saturday 21st December at 3:00pm with a showing of The Muppet Christmas Carol, where the Muppet characters tell their version of the classic tale of an old and bitter miser's redemption on Christmas Eve. The event is free but donations to go to Toilet Twinning will be gratefully received.

Prayer diary December 2019

- 1st** - Pray for God's guidance at the start of a new month.
2nd - Pray for the Boys' Brigade as they meet this evening.
3rd - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.
4th - Pray for Mark, our minister.
5th - Pray for Enfield Community Orchestra as they hold their Winter Concert this evening.
6th - Pray for the Girlguiding groups as they meet this evening.
7th - Pray for the Breakfast Bible Study Group.
8th - Pray for this morning's Christmas Nativity.
9th - Pray for the Boys' Brigade groups as they hold their Christmas Party this evening.
10th - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.
11th - Pray for the Property Committee and the work they do in maintaining our buildings.
12th - Pray for the General Election taking place today.
13th - Pray for the Girlguiding groups as they hold their "Final Festive Friday" today.
14th - Pray for those who suffer persecution for their faith.
15th - Pray for John Stynes as he leads our worship today.
16th - Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet today.
17th - Pray for anyone you know who is suffering from sickness or ill health.
18th - Pray that we all may stay safe from any bad weather this winter.
19th - Pray for this evening's Carols & Poems by Candlelight.
20th - Take some time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.
21st - Pray for those who have to spend Christmas alone.
22nd - Pray for this morning's Service of Lessons and Carols and the Christmas lunch afterwards.
23rd - Pray for this evening's Beer & Carols event at the Little Green Dragon.
24th - Christmas Eve: Pray for tonight's Midnight Communion Service.

- 25th** - Christmas Day: Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!
- 26th** - Pray for our friends and family.
- 27th** - Pray for all those in our church fellowship.
- 28th** - Pray for the work of the emergency services.
- 29th** - Pray for our friends from across the North Enfield Group as we come together in worship today.
- 30th** - Pray for the residents of Lambs Walk.
- 31st** - Give thanks for the past year.

Prayer diary January 2020

- 1st** - Pray for God's guidance at the start of this new year.
- 2nd** - Pray for peace in areas of the world where there is conflict.
- 3rd** - Pray for teachers as they prepare for a new school term.
- 4th** - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Bible Study Group meeting.
- 5th** - Pray for our service this morning and for our elders as they are inducted for the coming year.
- 6th** - Pray for the Anchors as they meet this evening.
- 7th** - Pray for our government, whichever form it has taken after the recent General Election.
- 8th** - Pray for those who are new to the Christian faith.
- 9th** - Pray for businesses in the local area.
- 10th** - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet today.
- 11th** - Pray for "An Indian Evening", taking place today.
- 12th** - Pray for the Adventurers as they meet today.
- 13th** - Pray for the Juniors as they meet today.
- 14th** - Pray for our friends from other churches in Enfield.
- 15th** - Pray for the leaders of our church organisations.
- 16th** - Pray for single parents and the struggles they may face.
- 17th** - Pray for the Brownies as they meet today.
- 18th** - Pray for the Breakfast Bible Study Group and Lunchtime @ Christ Church, both taking place today.

- 19th** - Pray for this morning's Family Parade Service.
20th - Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet today.
21st - Pray for Mark and Melanie.
22nd - Pray for the young people in our church fellowship.
23rd - Pray for the homeless.
24th - Pray for the Guides as they meet this evening.
25th - Pray for the Quiz Night being held today by the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade.
26th - Pray for this evening's Enfield Concert Band concert.
27th - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening.
28th - Pray for the wider United Reformed Church.
29th - Pray for the work of Cathedral Relief Services (CRS) in India.
30th - Pray for the residents of Riverside Gardens.
31st - Pray for the Rangers as they meet this evening.

February 2020 newsletter

The **February 2020** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 26th January**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by Sunday 19th January. 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**.

The newsletter is published monthly (except for combined issues in July & August and December & January). Back issues dating back to 2007 can be found on our website. Please note that views expressed are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship, nor are they representative of church policy.

Church diary December 2019

Sunday 1st December 11:00am
Jill Nugent
Advent Sunday and Holy Communion (offering for the Bible Society)
Duty Elder - Pam Mansley

Thursday 5th December 8:00pm
Enfield Community Orchestra Winter Concert (see page 10)

Saturday 7th December 9:30am
Breakfast Bible Study Group Christmas breakfast (see page 6)

Sunday 8th December 11:00am
The Worship Group
Family Service (Christmas Nativity)
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Friday 13th December 6:00pm
Girlguiding "Final Festive Friday"

Sunday 15th December 11:00am
John Stynes
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Monday 16th December 2:15pm
Friendship Club
A Cracking Christmas (A Christmas programme including a bring and share tea)

Thursday 19th December 7:30pm
Revd Mark Meatcher
Carols & Poems by Candlelight
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Sunday 22nd December 11:00am
Revd Mark Meatcher
Service of Lessons and Carols (followed by lunch, see page 6)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Monday 23rd December 7:30pm
Beer & Carols (at the Little Green Dragon)

Tuesday 24th December 11:30pm
Revd Mark Meatcher
Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Wednesday 25th December 10:30am
Revd Mark Meatcher
Christmas Day Service (United Service with Lancaster Road URC at Lancaster Road)

Sunday 29th December 10:30am
Revd Mark Meatcher
Breakfast Service and United Service for the North Enfield Group of URCs (at Christ Church)
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns
Please note the earlier start time for this service.

Church diary January 2020

From this point our Sunday services will begin at 11:15am.

Saturday 4th January 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Bible Study Group

Sunday 5th January 11:15am
Revd Mark Meatcher
Induction of Elders and Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Saturday 11th January An Indian Adventure (see page 7)	7:00pm
Sunday 12th January Martin Wells Duty Elder - Tom Boorman	11:15am
Saturday 18th January Breakfast Bible Study Group	9:00am to 10:30am
Saturday 18th January Lunchtime @ Christ Church	11:00am to 2:00pm
Sunday 19th January Revd Mark Meatcher Family Parade Service Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns	11:15am
Sunday 19th January Revd Mark Meatcher Churches Together United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (at Christ Church URC) Duty Elder - Tom Boorman	4:30pm
Monday 20th January Friendship Club Adriatic Journey - David Toynbee	2:15pm
Saturday 25th January 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Quiz Night (see page 11)	6:30pm for 7:00pm
Sunday 26th January Laura Marlow Duty Elder - TBC	11:15am
Sunday 26th January Enfield Concert Band Renaissance Concert	7:00pm

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)

Our Sunday activities will begin at 11:15am as of 5th January 2020.

MONDAY

2:15pm

Friendship Club (once monthly - see diary)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Anchors (boys aged 5 to 8)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Juniors (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 Bible Study Group
(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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