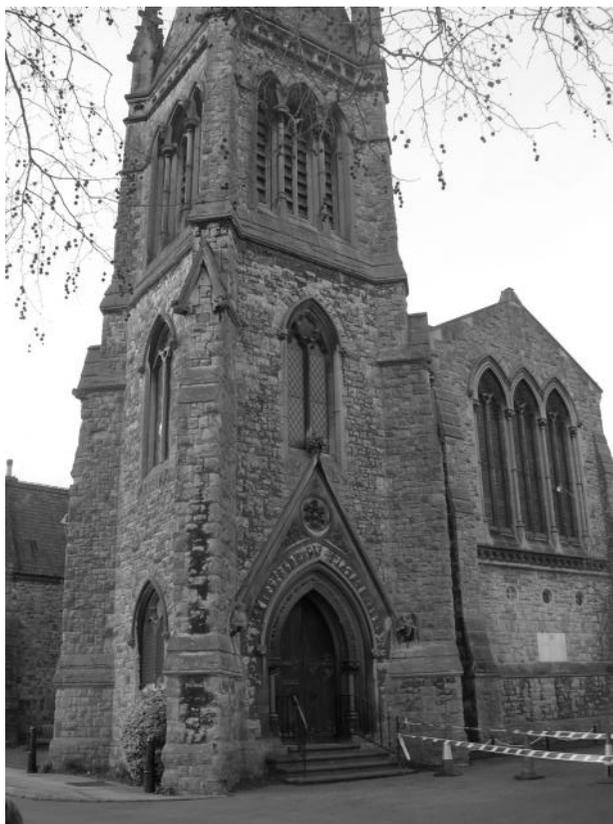




# CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



Property committee have been working hard to  
freshen up the Church

**February 2008**

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY

- 11.00 am Morning Worship  
11.00 am Pilots  
Holy Communion First Sunday  
Family Parade Service Third Sunday  
12.30pm Church Meeting *bi-monthly*

## MONDAY

- 6.30 pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5-8 years)  
6.30 pm Junior Section (8-11 years)  
7.30 pm Company Senior Section  
(11-18 years) (including band practice)

## WEDNESDAY

- 9.45-11.15 am Combined Bible Study  
at Lancaster Road URC Twice monthly  
2.15 pm Friendship Club *Twice monthly*

## THURSDAY

- 7.45-9.15 pm Bible Study Group *monthly*  
7.30 pm Elders Meeting *bi-monthly*

## FRIDAY

- 5.00 pm Rainbows (5-7 years)  
6.00 pm Brownies (7-10 years)  
7.30 pm Guides (10-14 years)  
Rangers (14-20 years)

# MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

In 1989 I did an exchange ministry for six weeks with an American pastor at The Church at Woodmoor, Monument, Colorado and still from time to time receive their church newsletter. On one occasion their pastor reported some research which said that the English language has a vocabulary of tens of thousands living words and a few thousand more in various stages of oblivion. But you and I have a usable vocabulary of 1000 words and another 500 words we know but seldom use. However, half of everything we say or read may be accounted for by only 43 words and a quarter of most spoken and written English requires only 9 words. The 9 words are: and, be, have, it, of, the, to, will and you.

The pastor then observed that there is nothing earth shattering about this research but it does give us something to think about as we communicate with one another. Thanksgiving means giving thanks and is an expression of gratitude but it is a word not included in the 9 or the 43 and not used nearly enough in the 1500 words.

I am sure that being thankful should be at the heart of our daily life. Most of us can be thankful for most of the following that we experience every day:

- plenty of fresh food and clean water,
- homes which give us shelter, warmth and security,
- clothes which keep us warm,

health and strength,  
the love of family and friends,  
God's eternal love for us through Jesus Christ.

I suspect that many of us take for granted many of the good things we experience every day. If this is the case let us make sure we stop and reflect every day and are thankful for all the good things in our lives. Let's make sure that our daily prayers include thanksgiving. Paul wrote to the Christians at Colossae, "Whatever you are doing, whether you speak or act, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

May the love and peace of God be with you all. David.

## **NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Mrs Maureen Hart has been in hospital and is now recuperating at home.

Mrs Irene Baker and Mrs Dorothy Barnes have both had successful cataract operations.

Ken Sharples who was at one time the Junior Church Warden at Christ Church, a member of Enfield Choral Society and later elder at Winchmore Hill URC died last year

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

# FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship club continues to meet on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 2.15pm in the church hall, and we give a very warm welcome to all our friends, men and women, to join with us

## Spring term

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Enfield in bloom (with slides) Karen Gurrey

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> AGM (with slides)

March 5<sup>th</sup> My year as Mayor of Enfield-Councillor Tony Dey

March 19<sup>th</sup> Towards Easter (A devotional meeting)

Mrs Parkhurst

April 2<sup>nd</sup> The work of the donkey sanctuary Mrs M Taylor

Easter holidays

## Summer term

April 30<sup>th</sup> A Garland of Flowers (with Slides) Mr F Bayford

As we move forward into the new year. We pray that each one of us may know the presence of Jesus with us through each day, to guide us and instruct us in our tastes and pleasures

**We warmly invite our friends to join us in the hall on alternate Wednesdays afternoons.**

Lily Smith

## **Children's favourite Bible stories**

The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kate's picture, which showed four people on an aeroplane. She asked her which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt" was her reply. Pointing to each figure, the teacher venuted "That must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh" explained Kate happily "that's Pontius—the pilot!"

# **Christmas Day Service**

We shared a lovely service with our friends from Enfield Evangelical Free Church when we celebrated the best present ever.

The loose collection of over £1,500.00 is being sent to The Leprosy mission.

## **Christ Church URC & Lancaster Road URC**

Invite you to come along on  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
To

### **Praise Day**

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Learn to sing some new songs  
And activities for children

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Tea - please bring your own food  
(drinks provided)

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Praise God as we sing new songs

Hope you will be able to join with  
us for this joint event

**TO BE HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH URC HALL**

# Nativity Service

Our pageant on the 2nd Sunday of December was a great success. Our thanks to Rosemary Milnes and the Worship group for organising the service.



# SHANTHIGRAMAM

(HOME FOR DISABLED AGED LEPROSY PATIENTS)



The communion offering on February 3rd and Easter day (March 23rd) will be sent to Shanthigramam. This is a home for disabled leprosy patients in Vellore district in South India.

These people have been deserted by their relatives and for them Shanthigramam is indeed a 'city of refuge'. The picture below shows one of the cottages in which the patients live, the picture on the right shows a member of staff looking at the plaque with the mane of the late Revd Joe Pratt our former minister, who was involved in the founding of Shanthigramam.

The residents care for the many fruit trees, also some poultry and milking cows, but Sahinivasan and even men with no fingers in the picture lower right manage to manipulate ropes and take the cows out to graze.

The staff at Shanthigramam still rely largely on voluntary donations like ours to continue their work

Their logo shows hands supporting a needy person. Let us show our generous support again this year on Feb 3rd and Easter day.





# At the Breakfast service we each suggested ways in wh

GOOD HEALTH. INCREASE IN  
MEMBERSHIP AND  
CONITINUING  
FELLOWSHIP

More people at  
pilots. Make the  
church out of  
Christmas Presents

To help us be more  
helpful to other pe  
that our Church w  
grow in strength a

Give me confidence to  
bring Gods message to  
others in my daily life. Help us  
to work together to build up  
the church here and in the  
wider world

To give me greater confidence to  
spread the word of God, to see  
where he is working and join  
him in that work. To ignite our  
enthusiasm as a church; to trust  
in Gods strength and power and  
to think what we can achieve

Make a bigger  
church. Please get  
me a rip stik and  
more people for  
friends

Lead me into retirement  
and show me what he  
wants me to do next for  
him. Renew His Church  
so that we may grow in  
numbers and in closeness

## Lamentation verses 24-2

The Lord is a  
so I put my ho  
The Lord is go  
Everyone who

To give me the strength  
to always help others. To  
help and encourage others  
to join the congregation

Give me my health through  
the church, which I believe  
mostly to give me strength

For me  
To help me lower my high  
blood pressure  
For the church  
For his holy spirit to guide  
and deepen the faith

Spenc  
time i  
garden  
people  
come

# Which we would like God's help with our lives, Christ Church and the wider World

be thoughtful,  
people. I pray  
will grow and  
and Love

Guidance  
from God to  
fill Christ  
Church every  
Sunday

More people  
to join the  
Church and  
Boys Brigade

Help me and my family  
to know him more  
and more  
Holy spirit take control  
of the church  
Help the church to  
bring more people  
to himself

To give me the strength,  
patience and health to cope  
with life as it is now  
As a church  
May we continue to flourish  
and hopefully multiply

To be more  
successful in my  
every day life  
To be more  
supportive as a  
church

as 3  
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all I have, and  
hope in him.  
God to  
trusts in him

Improving health and strength  
Growth in numbers and confi-  
dence that God will help us if we  
genuinely trust in him and ask  
him to do what is best for us as a  
congregation

and some  
in the  
en. More  
le to

To walk normally – with-  
out a Zimmer frame also  
that my brother may make  
a good recovery  
With Gods help,  
Through his son  
Jesus Christ

More Patience and  
determination and  
organisation  
Better and increased  
Fellowship

## FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night a man had a dream.  
He dreamed he was walking along the beach  
with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.

For each scene,  
he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.  
One belonged to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.

He noticed  
that many times along the path of his life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
He also noticed that it happened  
at the very lowest  
and saddest times in his life.  
This really bothered him  
and he questioned the Lord about it.:

Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you'd walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that during  
the most troublesome times in my life,  
there is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why when I needed you the most  
you would leave me."

The Lord replied,  
"My precious, precious child,  
I love you and would never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering,  
when you see only one set of footprints,  
it was then I carried you."

~Author Unknown~

# Christdingle service

Greatly enjoyed by all the youth groups and adults. Our thanks go to Tracey Rainbow for organising it



## Farewell and Good luck

To Gill Morris left who has been our Brownies leader for many years. Good luck from everyone at Christ Church in your new job and house move



## Tom Boorman representing 3rd Enfield in the New years Day Parade



## Boys' and Girls' Brigades' London Massed Bugle Band enter Piccadilly



## 3rd Enfield Boys Brigade

It has been a busy start to 2008 for the Boys' and Girls' Brigades' London Massed Bugle Band, having had two events in the first week of the New Year! The first of these saw us taking part in the annual New Year's Day Parade through the streets of Westminster, starting at Parliament Square and ending at Green Park. Despite it being an early start and New Year's Day, around sixty members of the Band took part and it was an enjoyable day for all. Around 8,000 people took part in all, and there were approximately 475,000 spectators. Loudspeakers were in place to inform spectators of who was who, and in our case it was mentioned that 2008 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Boys' Brigade, and that we are the oldest Christian uniformed youth organisation in the world. It was good publicity for both the BB and GB, and some very tired members after 2.2 miles of marching and playing!

The second event was a Band Training Day on January 6<sup>th</sup>, which was held at Uxbridge College. The Band always holds a day like this on the first Sunday of every year and is open to experienced members and new people that want to join. The day involved learning some new pieces of music, playing together as a band, time to socialise, games, and a worship session led by the Band's Chaplain, Rev Martin Legge. Over 100 people attended and it was another great day together.

If you would like to find out more about the London Massed Bugle Band, please visit the website at [www.londonmassedbugleband.org.uk](http://www.londonmassedbugleband.org.uk)

Tom Boorman

Thames North Synod  
United Reformed Church

## **Touching Creation ...**

**(Climate Change and Migration)**

to be held on

**Saturday 1 March 2008**

**Leytonstone United Free Church**

**10.00 Arrivals and Coffee**

**Start 10.30 through to 16.30**

### **Key Speakers:**

**Ann Pettifor**

Campaign Director – Operation Noah

**Revd Dr Nicholas Sagovsky**

Canon Theologian Westminster Abbey

Member of the Independent Asylum Commission

There will be a panel when questions and discussion can take place regarding climate change and migration.

### **Worship Leaders:**

The Revd June Colley

The Revd Maggie Hindley

**This is the annual Church and Society and World Church Day**

**Please reserve this date in your diaries.**

**The detailed programme will be sent to people who book for this event.**

**Meanwhile further information is available from:**

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# February Church Diary 2008

- Sun 3rd 11am**     **The Revd David Atkinson**  
**Holy Communion offering for**  
**Shanthigramam**  
**Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**  
12.30pm                     **Church Meeting**
- Wed 6th 2.15pm**     **Friendship Club Enfield in bloom**  
**(with slides) Karen Gurrey**
- Sun 10th 11am**     **The worship Group**  
**Duty Elder — Ron Smith**
- Wed 13th 9.45am-**     **Joint bible study with Lancaster**  
**11.15**                     **Road at Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 17th 11am**     **The Revd David Atkinson**  
**Family Parade Service**  
**Guides Thinking Day**  
**Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**  
3.30pm     **Praise Day at Christ Church`**
- Wed 20th 2.15pm**     **Friendship club AGM (with slides)**
- Thurs 21st 7.45pm**     **URC Lea Valley Forum Venue in**  
**Enfield confirm with Stephen Gilbert**
- Sun 24th 11am**     **Mr Terry Silvey**  
**Holy Communion offering for the**  
**Communion fund**  
**Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**
- Wed 27th 9.45am-**     **Joint bible study with Lancaster**  
**11.15**                     **Road at Lancaster Road URC**

# March Church diary 2008

Sat 1st	10am -4pm	Elders Day jointly with Lancaster Road URC at Broxbourne URC
Sun 2nd	11am	<b>The Revd David Atkinson</b> <b>Family Parade Service</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b> <b>Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley</b>
Wed 5th	2.15pm	Friendship Club My year as Mayor of Enfield Councillor Tony Dey Womens World Day of Prayer 'God's wisdom provides new understanding' Services at
Fri 7th	10.30am 7.30pm	Trinity Lancaster Road URC
Sun 9th	11am	<b>Combined Service with Lancaster Road URC at Lancaster Road Church to celebrate their Church Anniversary</b>

## Advance dates for 2008

### Elders meetings

6th March at Manse

8th May at Elders Vestry

### North West Enfield Group of

### Churches United Services

Sunday, 11th May at Lancaster Road URC at 6:30pm.

### Church meetings

3rd February 12.30pm

AGM 30th March 12.30pm

1st June 12.30pm

# \*\* PILOTS \*\*

**WHAT:** Pilots are a group for boys and girls aged five upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a bible theme.

## **WHERE:**

Pilots meet in  
the church hall

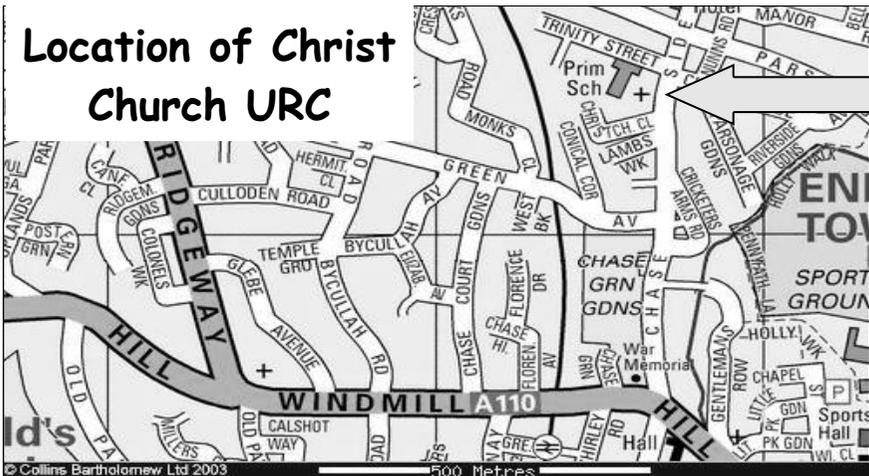


## **WHEN:**

Sunday  
mornings from  
11am to 12 noon

If you are interested in coming or would like further details please contact Rosemary Milns 8363-6571

## **Location of Christ Church URC**



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