

CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson

*Jesus Christ
the same yesterday,
and to day, and for ever.
Hebrews 13:8*

February 2009

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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 see diary

MONDAY

7.00pm - Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

9.00pm Junior Section (8-11 years)

Company & Senior Section

(11-18 years)

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,

Last October I visited two long-standing Christian friends, Jim and Eileen, whom I first met at Newcastle University in the late 1960s. Jim and I met at Settle in North Yorkshire and went on a six miles walk. We began by climbing a nearby hill and then walked by the River Ribble. We saw two waterfalls and some beautiful autumn colours as the leaves began to turn brown, gold and yellow.

The highlight for me was sitting down for a bite to eat by one of the waterfalls and watching salmon trying to leap up the waterfall. We saw several large salmon flying through the air in their attempts to go up the waterfall. I've heard of leaping salmon but never before seen them. It was fascinating! There is so much to appreciate and enjoy in nature if only we will stop and look.

We then drove to Jim's home near Skipton and enjoyed one of Eileen's lovely meals. Whilst sitting in the lounge Jim noticed a fly. So he opened the patio door and ushered the fly out. I find it interesting that I do the same. If there is a fly or wasp in my house I open a window and guide it out.

This is a change from my days as a young person when I would probably have found a magazine or newspaper and swatted it. But now I try to put the occasional flies and wasps outside through a window and often just leave spiders and daddy longlegs to their own devices in the corners of rooms. I like to think I have developed a more caring attitude to other creatures. After all, God made the fly and the spider as well as making me.

A newish hymn which I like has this second verse:

O praise him! O praise him! O praise him!
O praise him! O praise him! O praise him!
His joy is in the eagle's flight,
The tiger's roar, the lion's might,
the lamb, the python and the whale,
the spider, ant and snail;
all things that leap and swim and fly
on land and sea and in the sky,
they praise him, they praise him, they praise him.

It's by Arthur Scholey with music by Donald Swann (remember Flanders and Swann) and you can find it in Rejoice and Sing no: 46. Unfortunately it is not in Complete Mission Praise.

Sometimes Christian thinking has been very dominated by the God-human relationship and sees the rest of creation simply there for the benefit of humans. But God created not only people but also animals, birds, insects, fish, plants and many other life forms. People are made in God's image and I believe have a duty of care for the rest of creation.

Proverbs 10:12 reads: "A righteous man cares for his beast, but a wicked man is cruel at heart." In Psalm 50:10-11 God says to his people, "All the beasts of the forest are mine and the cattle in thousands on my hills. I know every bird on these hills, the teeming life of the fields is in my care."

What is your attitude to the rest of creation? Do you feel a sense of responsibility and care for it? How does God want you to treat his creation?

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mrs Mary Smart is having treatment at Chase Farm Hospital.

Mr Don Hart has been in Chase Farm Hospital for an operation on his back.

Mr Doug Wilson is being cared for at Chase Farm hospital

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

Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning

**In support of the
11th Enfield Rainbows Unit
Venue Armfield Hall (Armfield Road)**

**Saturday 21st February
10am—1pm**

**Refreshments
Bacon Sandwiches + Sausage rolls**

Cake stall and a variety of other stalls

**If you would like a stall at the sale the charge is £8
per table Please contact Mavis Holiday 8245 1903**

The 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 and especially new friends to join with us.

Programme

February 11th

The re-building of Temple Bar in Paternoster Square. With slides by Mrs Brenda Brown

February 25th

The Annual General Meeting, followed by a showing of slides

March 11th

The work of Sightsavers with Ms Frances Johnson

As we move forward into the New Year, let us remember that God loves each one of us, more deeply than our closest friends, and He knows all the future, and, because He loves us, He will strengthen us through every day.

Lily Smith



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Absent Friends

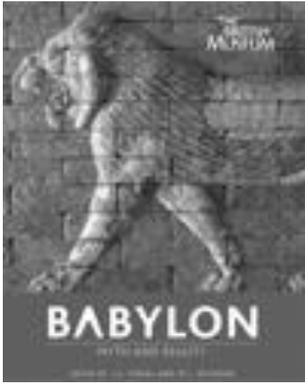
Rev. Vivian Buddle was a minister at Christ Church from 1960 to 1965. He and Mary live at Linton in Cambridgeshire, near Norman and Jean Griggs. As Vivian can no longer drive they all go together to worship at Emmanuel URC Cambridge where they have a fine fellowship and excellent sermons. Norman and Jean often look after Tim's daughter Rebecca as his wife Margaret has now returned to work.

Rev Roy Martin was minister at Christ Church from 1980 to 1987 and is now our minister emeritus living in 'retirement' at Milton Keynes. He and Joy send their best wishes to friends at Christ Church.

Rob and Chris Willis were elders at Christ Church where Chris was ordained and was associate minister from 1991 to 1993. She is now a stipendiary minister at Melbourne URC in Derbyshire where Rob serves as elder and treasurer. Their daughter Dawn, husband Douglas and family have now moved to Littleport and worship in Ely.

Rev Eglan Graham came to Britain from Jamaica in 1947 and served as interim minister at Christ Church from 1999 to 2001. He celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday 27th December 2008 with a service and social gathering. He still conducts occasional services but finds church and elders meetings too demanding! He sends his best wishes to friends at Christ Church where he particularly remembers the weddings.

Stephen Gilbert



THE BRITISH MUSEUM

BABYLON

The latest major exhibition on at the British Museum until 15th March 2009 looks at Babylon, the greatest city of Ancient Iraq. It concentrates on the reign of Nebuchadnezzar II 605-562 BC and his successors. This period includes the construction of Babylon's most famous buildings, sections of which, including glazed brick reliefs of a lion and a dragon as well as models, have been lent from museums in Paris and Berlin. Cuneiform tablets recording the sack of Jerusalem, the deportation of the Jews and the return of exiles after the Persian King Cyrus's conquest of Babylon in 539BC are also displayed.

Stories about the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Tower of Babel and Belshazzar's Feast are illustrated in the next section and the exhibition concludes with views of the archaeological remains at Babylon and a consideration of its turbulent recent history.

Tickets can be booked in advance from the British Museum Box Office on telephone no. 020 7323 8181

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The Secret Time

Our Every Person Challenge for this year includes a challenge to each and every one of us to set aside some time to spend with God whether in intercessory prayer or simply to sit quietly and think about Him.

Jesus himself set an example for us, not only in giving us 'The Lord's Prayer' but also actually spending time in prayer talking to His Father. Time and again He took time out of His busy day to pray to His Father, whether at the start of the day or at the end of a long one. He didn't intentionally set out to be an example. Jesus never did anything just as an example. To put it simply, He prayed because He needed to pray.

He needed to pray to be close to God, to maintain His close relationship with His Father (John 17:5). He needed to pray to know what God wanted Him to do (Luke 22:42), and He also needed to pray for others (John 17:9).

This is the secret to Jesus' ministry. He couldn't have done what He did without daily contact with His Father. Yes, even Jesus himself needed to spend time with God.

The central pages of this newsletter contain a prayer calendar which can be pulled out. It is a weekly calendar with the 24 hours of each day divided into 4 quarters. The idea is to commit yourself to spending time in intercessory prayer at a time that is convenient to you. Eg you may choose to spend the time between 9.00pm to 9.15pm (tick the top left hand square for the corresponding line) each day, or two or more 15 minute slots to pray for a friend (you will write his/her name at the side), your family or yourself, for the church or the wider world (write these down on the right side). You may choose to spend a longer time, say 30 minutes if you want or have a different time(s) each day.

What is important is that we are lifting up our prayers and petitions to God.

HE LONGS TO HEAR FROM US.

Every Person Challenge 2009

Going for Growth



PRAYER CALENDER FOR THE MONTH

Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you - Matthew 7:7

I commit myself to prayer for the following this week

Our own commitment to the promises we made on our Every Person Challenge form. Ask God to help us remain committed to them.

The areas of conflict around the world that God will guide the polical leaders to a peaceful resolution of the various conflicts

Families and individuals affected by the current adverse economic conditions.

Mission Aviation Fellowship and its work in bringing help and hope to people living in otherwise inaccessible areas of the world.

Our family in Christ Church who are unwell including Mary Smart, Don Hart and Doug Wilson.

Our minister Revd David Atkinson—that God will refresh and guide him as he leads His flock at Christ Church and Lancaster Road.

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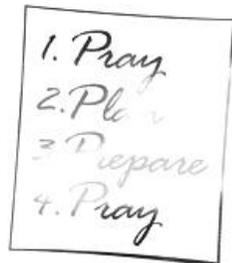


Thoughts on Prayer

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray

Prayer demands our best. God is not pleased with a few moments at the close of a weary day when strength is at lowest ebb. Equally, God forbid that our prayer should be a mere leaping out of bed and saying anything that comes first to mind

Ten minutes spent in prayer will make the whole day different



Photos of our Christmas Fayre in November, which we shared with our friends from the Pure Word Healing Ministry Church



**Christ Church celebrating
Revd David Atkinson's 60th Birthday
Early December**



Christingle Service on the 18th December



Our Nativity Service on the 21st December



Our Breakfast Service on the 28th December



Need some more humour?

I found these pretty funny... well, at least corny.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ??

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? ?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q.. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan...)

PS. Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

Yup, it's in the Bible. It says . . 'He-brews'

March Church Diary

- Sun 1st** **11am** **The Revd David Atkinson**
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley
- Wed 4th** **9.45-** **Joint bible study with Lancaster**
11.15am **Road at Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 8th** **11am** **Combined Service with Lancaster**
Road URC at Lancaster Road
URC. (Their Church Anniversary)
NO service at Christ Church
- Wed 11th** **2.15pm** **Friendship Club The work of**
Sightsavers with Ms F Johnson

Advance dates for 2009

Church Meetings

12.30pm

1st February

29th March

7th June

6th September

1st November

Elders Meetings 8pm

2nd March 8pm Manse

13th May 8pm Elders Vestry

6th July 8pm Elders Vestry

7th October 8pm Manse

2nd December 8pm Manse

Thames North Synod

10am

March

September

November



3rd Enfield
Boys Brigade

Annual Company Display
Monday 27th April

In the Church Hall — Time TBC

** 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.

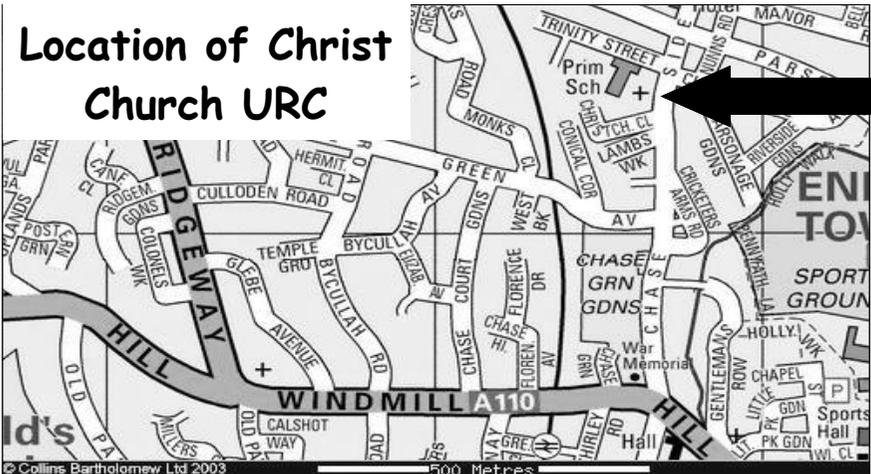
WHEN:
Sunday
mornings from
11am to 12 noon



WHERE:
Pilots meet in
the Church Hall

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

Location of Christ Church URC



Articles intended for inclusion in the **March 2009** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of February**.

Please contact me, Pamela Fisher, with any items to be included in future issues. I can receive them either in paper copy at Sunday worship or by email.

020 8482 4610 A/M please leave me a message