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Pastoral Letter **February 2018**

This year Shrove Tuesday is on 13th February, a day of preparation for Lent, the day before Ash Wednesday.

We think of it as “Pancake Day”, but to many Christian communities across the world Lent is known as a time of fasting or at least abstaining from our favourite foods. It a time to reflect on our past sins. The word “Shrove” comes from the verb “to shrive”, to hear someone’s confession of sins. In the past it would have been the priest, or spiritual advisor that gave you absolution but in our tradition we receive prayer directly for forgiveness from our Lord God. Over 1000 years ago a monk wrote in the Anglo-Saxon Ecclesiastical Institutes:

“In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him”.

Looking for the meaning of the words , I found that the expression “short shrift” derives from the word “shrove”. To give someone “short shrift” is to pay little or no attention to his problems or excuses.

Traditionally we use up all our old fat (by making pancakes) on Shrove Tuesday, which also has other names I was surprised to find. “Carnival” meaning without meat, “Mardi Gras” (in French, Mardi = Tuesday & Gras = fat as in “pate de foie gras”).

As well as praying for forgiveness (I hope we don't do this just during Lent!), Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration. It's the last chance to indulge yourself and to use the foods not allowed in Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up, perhaps to remember our blessings or have more time with God by eating more simply. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent, foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs and milky

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foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shroving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off.

So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

But please, during this time of Lent remember the "Two P's"
Penitence & Prayer.

Lynda Cook
Bush Hill Park URC

News of the **fellowship**

We are sorry to learn that Ena Little died on Tuesday 12th December. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. Her funeral took place on Thursday 4th January in King's Lynn.

We remember Pam Mansley in our prayers on the sad news of her mother's passing on Sunday 17th December.

Friends will be sad to learn that Peter Over passed away on Saturday 30th December, just seven months after his wife Betty. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and especially his children Maureen and Michael at this time. Peter and Betty were both very active in the life of Christ Church for over 60 years until they moved to Poynton in Cheshire in 2004 to be nearer Maureen and her family. A more detailed appreciation of Peter's life will be in a later newsletter.

News of the **fellowship** continued...

The interment of the ashes of Betty Winter took place at Christ Church on Saturday 13th January. A number of family members and friends from the church were present. A plaque to commemorate Betty, located by the children's corner in the church, was dedicated on the same day.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Don Hart on Sunday 14th January. Don had a very long standing association with Christ Church, particularly through the choir and as our organist for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

Margaret Hume is continuing to improve after her operation.

Sylvia Coombs is continuing to improve recent treatment.

Phyllis Bullock has been unwell recently. Our prayers and good wishes are with her and her family at this time.

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

Christmas **greetings**

Christmas messages were received from a number of friends of Christ Church who have moved away from Enfield including Rev David Atkinson, Rev Roy and Joy Martin, Rev Chris and Rob Willis, Ron and Betty Andrews, Susan Jenkinson, Trevor and Sandra Blackmore, Norman and Jean Griggs, Geoff and Evelyn Bailey, Ron and Lily Smith, Ken and Mary Basham and John Badger.

Stephen Gilbert

Friendship Club **Spring 2018**

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!

Forthcoming meetings are as follows:

Monday 19th February
Walking and photography with
Holiday Fellowship Holidays - Brenda Brown

Monday 19th March
Tea Towel Tales - bring your favourite tea towel and tell us
all about it (including short AGM)

Further future dates will be announced in due course.
Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

Breakfast **Club**

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

Forthcoming meetings will be held on 3rd and 17th February. Our time together consists of a time looking at and discussing a part of the Bible, a time of prayer, followed by breakfast and a chance to have a chat!

We have just started a new series of studies on Romans, but everyone is very welcome to join us at any of the meetings.



Lunchtime @ Christ Church

**Saturday
24th February
11:00am to 2:00pm**

**Food, drink and a time
fellowship together**

**The church is open to all
to enjoy some lunch or
even just have a look around
- you're invited!**

**Find us at:
Christ Church URC, Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ
www.ccurc.org.uk**

Christmas at Christ Church

The last few weeks of 2017 were very busy at Christ Church, with a number of events taking place in the run up to Christmas.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November seems a long time ago now! Our Christmas Bazaar took place in the hall, and included various stalls selling items, games for children, cakes, hot lunches and refreshments, and even a visit from Santa, who took some time out of his busy schedule to come and see us!



The start of Advent

The following weekend, on Sunday 3rd December, Martin Wells was our visiting speaker. Martin led our Communion Service, which was also the first Sunday of Advent, and spoke on "The coming of the Son of Man" using Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37. This service, and most of our other services, can be listened to on our website.

A very wintry Nativity

Very heavy snowfall during the night and early morning of Sunday 10th December meant that travelling to church was quite treacherous for many, which meant some last minute changing of plans for a service which relies on a lot of audience participation!

Our Nativity Service went ahead nonetheless, and members of our congregation and youth groups acted out



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the story of the birth of Jesus Christ at that very first Christmas. Thanks to all those who took part - in some cases at quite short notice!

Service of Lessons and Carols

The following Sunday our Service of Lessons and Carols took place, which was led by another visiting speaker - this time Michaela Lawrence. It was a lovely service featuring some favourite Christmas carols and Bible readings to remind us of the events of Jesus's birth.

Following the service a special Christmas lunch took place in

the hall. The food was provided by Gillian's Catering, who once again gave us a fantastic meal which was enjoyed by all!

Celebrating the birth of Christ

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we joined together with our friends from Lancaster Road URC for united services at their church.

The Christmas Eve service began at 9:30pm, timed as such to coincide with midnight in Bethlehem. It also included Holy Communion. The service was led by Rev Lucy Berry from Palmers Green URC, who is a minister and poet.

The service on the morning of Christmas Day was led by our friend Rev Bert Baker. It was great to see members from both congregations come together for this all age service as we reflected on the central event in history just over 2000 years



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ago. It, of course, gave us another chance to sing some more favourite Christmas carols and also featured the traditional trip around the congregation to find out what people had got, or were hoping to get, for Christmas - always a lively affair!



Breakfast on New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve 2017 saw all three churches of the North Enfield Group of URCs come together in worship in the hall at Christ Church.

Traditionally we hold a Breakfast Service on the Sunday after Christmas, and this time was no exception! We had plenty of cereal, toast, bacon sandwiches and drinks to go around, and enjoyed a time of worship led by The Worship Group.

A message of thanks

The events that take place at our church and others throughout the year wouldn't be possible without the groups of volunteers that put in a lot of time and energy to make them happen. A big thank you to each and every one of them!

Looking ahead

At the time of writing we are already a month into 2018. It is a period of change at Christ Church as we are in the process of looking for a new minister along with Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs. Please pray for all those who are involved in the process and also for all those who run or help with activities and groups at our church. We're excited to find out what God has in store for us!

Enfield Christmas Parade of Light

On Sunday 3rd December, over 50 young people from across the BB in Enfield came together for a trip to KidzBiz in Palmers Green and to take part in the Enfield Christmas Parade of Light in Enfield Town.



KidzBiz is a soft play centre with slides, ball pits, rope swings and more. The young people had the opportunity to spend lots of time in the play area, try some craft activities and board games, and enjoy some lunch from McDonald's.

Following our time at KidzBiz, we headed to Enfield Town to take part in the Parade of Light. This event has taken place for the last few years on Advent Sunday and featured a procession of over 30 floats, including a number of local youth and community organisations.

The Enfield Battalion float was led by the 10th Enfield's minibus which had been decorated with lights, was playing Christmas music and was pulling their trailer, which was decorated as Santa's sleigh. The young people all had glowsticks and battery powered lights to light themselves up and we also had the BB's giant inflatable balloon and sail flags - our float certainly made an impression!

We had a great time at the parade and it was a good opportunity to publicise the BB name, with many spectators watching on. After the parade had finished there was a fireworks display to close the event.

Tom Boorman

Boys' Brigade **Christmas Party**

On Monday 11th December the 3rd Enfield BB held its final meeting of 2017, which was our Christmas Party!

Members of the Anchor Boys and Junior Section met together first for their party, enjoying an evening of party games, pizza, drinks and more.

Following that, the Company Section and Seniors held their party which included Xbox, table tennis, pool, pizza and drinks. A good evening was had by all!

Tom Boorman



Girlguiding **“Final Festive Friday”**

On Friday 15th December the 9th Enfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers held their “Final Festive Friday” as their last event of 2017.

The girls in each of the age groups put on a number of performances including singing, dancing, poems and even some audience participation with the Twelve Days of Christmas and a couple of traditional Christmas carols.

To close the evening some prizes were given out - well done to all those girls who received prizes!

Girlguiding “Final Festive Friday” continued...

It was a lovely evening with a packed church of family members there to watch and support the girls. Well done to everyone who took part and also to the leaders for organising a great event!

Tom Boorman



Rangers Winter Camp

Between 12th and 14th January the 9th Enfield Rangers decided to brave the cold to participate in Winter Camp at Gilwell Park!

We arrived Friday night and enjoyed dinner at the burger van before some evening activities. We spent all day on Saturday doing activities; one of our favourites was the 3G swing! We attended the disco in the evening and got to meet lots of new people! On Sunday we had a morning of activities before heading home. It may have been cold and very muddy but we all had an amazing time and would love to go again!



Vicki Stratton-Stubbs



The 5th Enfield Guide and Rangers

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 3rd February

7pm for a 7.30pm start

**At Armfield Road Hall
Armfield Road, Enfield EN2 0DH**

**Tickets only £10 each including quiz and hot food
(Sausages or Quiche and chips and vegetarian option)
Bring your own drinks.**

**Call Julie – 07962 669083 for
tickets and to book a table
(max team of 8 people)**

All profits will go towards the running of both units and related events. We thank you for your support.



Lancaster Road United Reformed Church



**Winter Night Shelter
for the Homeless.**

**Invites you to a
QUIZ DINNER**
at

The Church Hall, 9 Armfield Road, EN2 0DH

On

Saturday 3rd March 2018

7 for 7:30 pm

Tickets at £10 each including a Fish and Chip Dinner (or Home Made vegetarian Quiche and salad).

Tickets from Mrs Beryl Woolley on 07950592454

You can also make a donation for Winter Night Shelter at www.give.net/WNS

All proceeds raised from this event will go towards the running costs of the Winter Night Shelter, for which we thank you for your generosity.

Prayer diary **February 2018**

1st - Lift up your own personal prayers to God.

2nd - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening.

3rd - Pray for the Breakfast Club, our Bible study and prayer group, meeting in the church this morning.

4th - Pray for our service this morning and for the celebration of Holy Communion in it.

5th - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening.

6th - Pray for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

7th - Pray for the Elders in their leadership roles at Christ Church.

8th - Pray for all those around the world who suffer from the effects of poverty.

9th - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.

10th - Pray for the residents of Gordon Road.

11th - Pray for the worldwide Girlguiding family as we hold a Family Parade Service this morning for Guides Thinking Day.

12th - Pray for young people as they begin their half term week today.

13th - Pray for the continuing work of the Winter Night Shelter, particularly at Lancaster Road URC, and for all those who volunteer their time to help out.

14th - Pray for God's guidance in your life as the period of Lent begins today.

15th - Pray for those who work to spread the word of God around the world.

16th - Pray for the local community and our church's place within it.

17th - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.

18th - Pray for the members of The Worship Group as they lead our time of worship this morning.

19th - Pray for the Friendship Club and for Brenda Brown, who is coming to speak to the group this afternoon.

20th - Pray for all those who are involved in the process of

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looking for a new minister for the North Enfield Group.

21st - Pray for all those who work for the NHS.

22nd - Pray for all those who are unable to attend church events through sickness or ill health.

23rd - Pray for the Brownies as they meet in the hall this evening.

24th - Pray for today's Lunchtime @ Christ Church event.

25th - Pray for the Adventurers and that more children may be encouraged to join the group.

26th - Pray for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section as they meet in the hall this evening.

27th - Pray for the Property Committee and for the work they do in maintaining our church premises.

28th - Pray for the leaders of our church organisations and for the important work they do.

March newsletter

The **March 2018** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 25th February**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 11th February**. 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 **February 2018**

Saturday 3rd February 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 4th February 11:00am
Mrs Jill Nugent
Holy Communion (offering for Shanthigramam)
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Sunday 11th February 11:00am
9th Enfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers
Family Parade Service (Guides Thinking Day)
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Saturday 17th February 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 18th February 11:00am
The Worship Group
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Monday 19th February 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Walking and photography with Holiday Fellowship Holidays -
Brenda Brown

Saturday 24th February 11:00am to 2:00pm
Lunchtime @ Christ Church

Sunday 25th February 11:00am
Mr John Stynes
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Sunday 25th February 12:30pm
Elders Meeting

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Saturday 3rd March 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 4th March 11:00am
Speaker TBC
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Sunday 11th March 11:00am
The Worship Group
Family Parade Service (Mothering Sunday)
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Future **dates**

Holiday at Home
Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May

Christian Aid Week
Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May

Holiday Memories Evening
Saturday 6th October

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

Elders Meetings
Sundays 25th February, 6th May, 15th July, 21st October

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.



Christ Church
United Reformed Church



Christ Church URC is a part of the **North Enfield Group of URCs**
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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