

CHRIST CHURCH

United Reformed Church

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Revd David Atkinson



**July and August
2007**

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

11.00 am Morning Worship

11.00 am Pilots

Holy Communion First Sunday

Family Parade Service Third Sunday

MONDAY

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

6.30 pm Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.30 pm Company Section (11-18 years)
(including band practice)

TUESDAY

4.30 pm Rainbows (5-7 years)

WEDNESDAY

9.45-11.15 am Combined Bible Study
at Lancaster Road URC

2.15 pm Friendship Club *Twice monthly*

THURSDAY

7.45-9.20 pm Bible Study Group *monthly*

8.00 pm Elders Meeting *bi-monthly*

Church Meeting *bi-monthly*

FRIDAY

6.00 pm Brownies (7-10 years)

7.30 pm Guides (10-14 years)

Rangers (14-18 years)

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, 6th May we held our first Every Person Challenge which is entitled "Going for Growth". Our thanks to the twenty-one people who have completed and returned their Challenge forms. I still hope that a few more will be returned. The Every Person Challenge committee will be analysing the returned forms on 18th June and following up the offers of service you have made.

One of the Challenges is to raise money to buy a power loom for a silk weaver in the rural town of Doddaballapur near Bangalore in India. A new power loom costs about £850. At present the weavers rent their power looms and have to sell the silk sarees they make to the loom owners for about 50p each. The owner polishes, packages and sells the silk sarees for about £8:50p each. So the weaver who is a skilled worker receives very little for his hard work. But if the weaver owns his own power loom he can sell the sarees for about £2:00p each. This gives him more independence, a better income and more money to support his family.

The Church of South India are organising the project to buy new power looms. The silk weavers are poorly paid and their homes are very cramped. I have seen the people and the conditions for myself and do strongly recommend this project to you.

There are three opportunities coming soon for you to give your support. This newsletter and the September newsletter should have envelopes with them into which you can give a donation. You can also make a donation on Sunday, 5th August in the communion offering.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mary Bysh had an operation at Easter.

Several people have been unwell recently and they include Sylvia Coombs, Stephen Gilbert, Audrey Hayes and Tracy Rainbow.

The funeral of Bertie George Farrington took place on Wednesday, 6th June at Christ Church.

Our thoughts are with Lily Smith whose brother-in-law died after a long illness

Congratulations to Sheldon and Clare Knipe on the baptism of their son Sherall Ricardo Antonio Knipe on Sunday, 20th May at Christ Church.

Congratulations to Andrew Taylor and Toni Greenhow on their marriage on Saturday, 26th May at Christ Church.

David Atkinson's parents celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on June 3rd this year.

We would like to send them our congratulations and best wishes on what must have been a happy occasion.

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

Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to all who contributed in this week

Very many thanks to the collectors who enabled people to contribute.

The total raised was £670.72 the highest total yet.

We might have raised more had we been able to collect in one particular road and also had we been able to collect in all the streets we did last year.

I sensed a certain apathy this year. I feel the organisers of Christian Aid Week need to stress aid is given to people of every race or creed.

Don Hart

UNITED CHURCH IN SOLOMON ISLANDS



Goldie College

In the Solomon Islands a tsunami followed an earthquake in April of this year. Goldie College where our good friend Sylvia Coomb's worked for many years has been greatly affected and unable to function as a college since then. Christ Church has held a Special collection over 2 Sundays totalling £135.00. Any more donations are Welcome. Please forward them to our treasurer David Fisher

Model of Christ Church

During the second world war many architects based in Enfield were asked to make a model of a local church in case it was bombed and needed repair.

By a strange co-incidence my neighbour's relative had been an architect chosen to make the model of Christ Church, so when the relative died they asked me if I would like it as they knew I was a member.

The model lives on the mantelpiece in the Minister's vestry so very few members have ever seen it - hence the photograph on the front page of the newsletter

Mary Smart

Just a thought

Faithfulness in small things, and a sincere desire to please God in little matters, is a test of our real love of him.

Faithfulness in the little things which happen frequently can help our Christian growth as much as faithfulness on great occasions which occur rarely

Written by J.N.Grou

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Day Out

Members of the Friendship Club enjoyed a day out at Forty Hall on May 30th. As well as an excellent lunch and cream tea in the recently refurbished courtyard café, we were given a tour of the hall by one of the staff. She gave us a very entertaining history of the hall; for example Sir Nicolas Rainton, who built Forty Hall in 1630, was imprisoned in the Tower of London for 5 days by King Charles I for refusing to supply a list of citizens able to loan money to the king!

The café is open every day, and the hall (free entry) from Wednesday to Sunday. It is worth a visit.

Meetings

The Friendship Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesdays.

Our last meeting on **July 11th** will be led by Mrs Felicity Young. She will be speaking about the mission to bible lands. This will be followed by a summer tea to which all our members and friends are invited

We wish our members a happy break for the summer and hope that the weather is good for those on holiday.

We meet again on **September 5th** at 2.15pm when Rev Amanda James will be speaking to us.

'Lord teach us to pray'. He is listening and
His love is waiting with you

Christ Church

Past present and future

Part 1 18th and 19th Centuries

Matthias Peter Dupont, a retired innkeeper from Aldersgate in the City of London, opened his home in Chase Side for worship in 1778. At this time there were only two other places of worship in Enfield Town area - St Andrews Parish Church and Baker Street Chapel.

Zion Chapel was opened opposite Matthias Duponts house in 1780. Among the costs of the opening service were a bible, Watts 'Psalms and Hymns' and the expenses of a coach and lodgings at the George Inn for the preachers. Zion was a plain rectangular building with high backed pews, a curtained-off pew for the minister and a narrow gallery. It was originally lit by a chandelier which the attendant would pull down during evening service to snuff the candles. Later Zion was the first church in Enfield to adopt gas lighting. Account books showed that the most frequent entries for expenses were rum, brandy and wine 'for vestry use' - perhaps the ministers needed alcohol to sustain them through the long sermons! The congregation stood for the reading of the Church of England prayers but sat down to sing the hymns. Singing was accompanied by a small band led by a bass-viol player, before an organ, played by the ministers wife was installed and a choir started. At the back of the chapel was a small school room where the Sunday School superintendent ruled through the cane, and spelling books were used more than the bible as a few of the children learned to read.

In the days before cars many walked long distances to church, although the more wealthy would come by carriage and a horse drawn chaise was provided for the minister. The first minister Mr Whitefoot was ordained in 1781. His successor John Ryland had difficulty walking and one Sunday when his coach failed to

Memorial stained glass windows represent Christ the Saviour and the Good Shepherd, the four gospel writers, Peter and Paul, three first century Christian Deacons and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

The former Chase Side Chapel was converted to become the lecture hall and was used by the Sunday School and later the Boy's Brigade. In 1885 an extension was added to the church providing more toilets and a larger Deacons' vestry together with a church parlour, ladies' vestry and a kitchen. The minister and his family moved into a newly built manse behind the church in 1887.

Following population growth in the Lancaster Road area, open air meetings were started and in 1885 Christ Church Mission (Now Lancaster Road URC) was opened followed by Arnfield Road Halls in 1909. Dr J Ridge, a Deacon at Christ Church was active in the running of the mission, as well as working to improve public health in Enfield. In the 1970s George Coombs also a Deacon at Christ Church, served Lancaster Road URC as lay pastor and later non-stipendiary minister.

Non conformist's activity supported the British School (Now the Moon Under Water) which was established in 1838. The first headmaster was Henry Wakely, Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent at Christ Church. Between 1870 and 1894 Storer Toms and Deacon George Spicer campaigned, against Anglican opposition to establish the Enfield School board. In 1901 the school board opened a replacement school in Trinity Street for 1,100 children. Christ Church acquired the former school, which became known as the British Hall and it was used for children's and youth activities.

To be continued

For more information see History of Christ Church, Enfield by J Stribling 1917 and History of Christ Church Enfield by Fred J Gould and John R Day 1975

Stephen Gilbert

Christ Church Bazaar 2007

Our annual bazaar will be held this year on Saturday November 3rd from 11am until 3pm. This is slightly earlier in November than usual, so please make a note in your diaries. We will be having our usual stalls and fair trade section.

Our friends from the Pure Word Ministries (the church which uses our premises on Sunday afternoons) will again be supplying their jacket potato lunches which were so enjoyed last year, so book the date and come along to make this a happy time of fellowship together.

Marion

THAMES NORTH SYNOD
Of
THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Autumn Academy 2007

Living Words for Lively Worship

A weekend of learning opportunities for local preachers, worship leaders and others: focussing on writing worship resources and accessing those already available

12-14 October 2007,
at All Saints Pastoral centre, London Colney,
Residential cost from £50 for the weekend
(see Stephen Gilbert for further details)

Who's looking after us now in the URC?

This is a time of organisational change in the United Reformed Church. For most of us, most of the time, what 'they' do in their various committees is really boring - but sometimes it does affect us and we do need to know. So here's a simple guide to the bits that impact on us.

We are part of the Lea Valley District, comprising a couple of dozen churches from Hertford in the north to the Isle of Dogs in the south. Up to now each of these churches has been represented on our District Council. When District Council needs to make decisions on things like which churches may call a minister, it takes advice from its Pastoral Committee. This is a bit cumbersome - most matters have to be discussed first at District Pastoral Committee and then at District Council, and in a few cases the final decisions can only be take at Synod level.

All that is set to change. Although people from the churches of the Lea Valley District will continue to meet for fellowship from time to time (in the 'Lea Valley Forum') there will be no decision-Making at District level. In future there will be a single committee operating on the authority of Synod, called the Lea Valley Area Committee, which will do everything the old Pastoral Committee did but will have power to take final decisions (subject to the right of any church

which feels hard done by to appeal). For a transitional period, most members of the area committee will be the former members of the Pastoral Committee, but there will probably be some changes in March next year.

So for the time being the only changes we will notice are that we have to talk about our Area Committee instead of our Pastoral Committee and that any decisions needed will be made more quickly (because they no longer have to go through District Council). But despite the change of name it will basically be the same people who appoint Interim Moderators, discuss the deployment of ministers with the Synods Moderator, suggest changes in the way churches are grouped, and so on

Adrian West

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Bric a Brac

Nearly new clothes

Books

PURE WORD MINISTRIES

Together with Christ Church URC

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 21st July

10am—3pm

Christ Church Hall

Admission 20p

Tea & Cakes

Refreshments

Tom-

HYMNS AND THEIR ORIGINS

It was only comparatively recently I was able to accept "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord" as a true hymn. As a young lad, or tiddler as the captain called me due to my lack of height, I remember learning it as a rip-roaring chorus at an annual camp of the 3rd Enfield B.B. It was widely known as "John Brown's body" which was a-mouldering in its grave with no allegiance to the Christian faith at all. Seemingly, it's birth was due to a Philadelphian musician composing a marching song for a fire brigade company in South Carolina in 1850. The Methodist Sunday School took it up before it came to Britain. Interestingly, there was a John Brown, an enthusiastic anti-slave trade who was hanged for his campaigning. Elsewhere another John Brown, a Scotsman became part of a sad joke when his army pals started singing the abolitionist John Brown was dead in his grave but his soul was still marching on in the life of their fellow soldier.

On 20th November 1861 it was sung when President Lincoln reviewed a parade of Union Troops. Rev. James Clark whispered to Mrs Julia Ward Howe that she could probably write more meaningful words to the tune. As is often the case there is some difference between the beliefs where it was written but it finally agreed that it was written on the headed notepaper of the Washington Sanitary Commission; Her husband was either a banker or medical doctor. What is not disputed is both were noted writers and Julia a poet. They were passionate advocates for the abolition of slavery so it was no surprise that Mrs Ward Howe would have composed her verses with the deceased John Brown's anti-slavery beliefs in her mind.

Incidentally, the hymn was sung at Winston Churchill's memorial service even though it is seldom used in our churches

Mrs Julia Ward Howe died in Middletown, Rhode Island on 17th October 1910.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;
"As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My grace shall deal";
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with His heel,
Since God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Since God is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
[originally ...let us die to make men free]
While God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave,
Our God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

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July Church 2007

- Sun 1st 11am The Revd D Atkinson**
Holy Communion
Offering for Cheviots Children's centre
Duty Elder — Pamela Mansley
- Wed 4th 9.45am-11.15** Joint bible study with Lancaster road at Lancaster Road URC
- Thurs 5th 7.30pm** Elders meeting in Elders vestry
- Sat 7th 10am-5pm** 'Storm of Hope' Celebrating 25 years of Christian Ecology Link. Poster at back of church
All Hallows by the Tower EC3
- 7-10th** General Assembly—Manchester
- Sun 8th 11am The Worship Group**
Duty Elder — Pamela Mansley
- Wed 11th 2.15pm** Friendship club
Led by Mrs Felicity Young who will be speaking about the mission to the bible lands. Followed by a Summer tea
- Sun 15th 11am The Revd D Atkinson**
Duty Elder — Pamela Fisher
- Wed 18th 9.45am-11.15** Joint bible study with Lancaster road at Lancaster Road URC
- Thurs 19th 7.45pm** Bible study at Christ Church in the hall
beginners room
- Sun 22nd 11am Terry Silvey**
Duty Elder — Ron Smith
- Sun 29th 11am The Revd D Atkinson**
Duty Elder — Stephen Gilbert

August Church diary

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| Wed
1st | 9.45am-
11.15 | Joint bible study with Lancaster road
at Lancaster Road URC |
| Sun 5th | 11am | The Revd D Atkinson
Holy Communion
Offering for the 'Power Loom'
project
Duty Elder — Pamela Mansley |
| Wed 6th | 9.45am-
11.15 | Joint bible study with Lancaster road
at Lancaster Road URC |
| Sun 12th | 10.30am | The Worship Group
'Breakfast service'
Informal service
Duty Elder — Pamela Fisher |
| Wed
15th | 9.45am-
11.15 | Joint bible study with Lancaster road
at Lancaster Road URC |
| Sun 19th | 11am | The Revd D Atkinson
Duty Elder — Stephen Gilbert |
| Thurs
23rd | 7.45pm | Bible study at Christ Church in the hall
beginners room |
| Sun 26th | 11am | Mr T Silvey
Duty Elder - Ron Smith |
| Wed
29th | 9.45am-
11.15 | Joint bible study with Lancaster road
at Lancaster Road URC |

September Church Diary

Sun 2nd 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Holy Communion
Duty Elder—Ron Smith
12.30pm Church Meeting

Wed 5th 2.15pm Friendship club
Rev Amanda Jones will be talking

Sun 9th 11am The Worship Group
Duty Elder — Pamela Mansley

Advance dates for 2007

Events at church

Coffee morning Every Person
Challenge—15th September
Church Day 20th October

Elders meetings

7.30pm 5th July
7.30pm 4th October

Church meetings

12.30pm 2nd September
12.30pm 4th Nov.

Praise Day

30th September

Summer fete

PURE WORD MINISTRIES
Together with Christ Church URC
Saturday 21st July
10am - 3pm

Meetings of the Synod

10th November
Friends Meeting House, Euston

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 3rd November

** 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

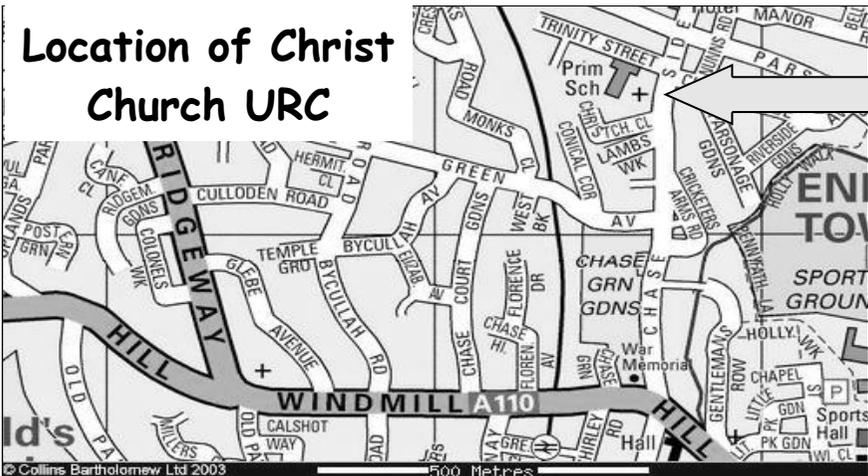


WHEN:

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



Articles intended for inclusion in the **September** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of August**.

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