



CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



July / August 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,

About fifteen years ago I began to get interested in walking in the countryside. I enjoyed the exercise and the views but after a while I thought I could get more out of my walking. So I bought books on birds and trees and started to identify them from my books. Some time later I bought a book on wild flowers and used that to identify various flowers. Until then my knowledge of birds, trees and wild flowers was virtually non-existent. So the books have opened up to me whole new interests. The book on birds describes two hundred birds and since 1996 I have managed to identify about one hundred. I suspect my walks take longer but they have become more interesting. They show me some of the great beauty and wonder of creation.

Since coming to Enfield my favourite spot for walking is along the banks of the River Thames going west from Putney Bridge through Richmond and on to Hampton Court Palace and then inland to Teddington railway station. This provides me with two walks of about nine miles each. The first is from Putney Bridge to Richmond and the second from Richmond to Teddington. I have done these walks by myself and with my friend Neil, whom I met at Newcastle University, and now lives in Southgate. The walks are surprisingly quiet. There are a lot of attractive buildings especially from Putney to Mortlake where the Oxford and Cambridge University Boat race is held. I always find the River Thames interesting and its tidal flow enhances its attractiveness. I usually manage to spot several species of birds and have seen the predominantly green ring-necked parakeet and the black swan. On these walks I enjoy the

beauty and splendour of creation.

There is beauty and wonder all around us everyday in gardens, parks, trees, birds and the sky. But we need to open our eyes to see it. Jesus called the lilies in the fields more beautiful than King Solomon in all his grandeur (Matthew 6:28-29). The psalmist writes about how clearly the sky reveals God's glory (Psalm 19:1).

But sometimes we fail to see the wonder of the world around us and God's hand in creation. An old saying goes, "Two men looked out through prison bars; one saw mud, the other stars".

May God give us the eyes of faith which not only see the beauty and splendour of creation but also see God's hand behind it.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We are very sorry to record the death of Harry Borkett on 10th May and assure his wife Jean and all their family of our prayers and sympathy.

Doug Bullock has been badly bitten by a dog.

Phyllis Bullock has had a cataract operation.

Phyllis Swansborough has had an operation on her foot.

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesday at 2.15pm in the church hall

The last meeting of the summer will be on **July 9th** and will be led by **Revd. Jackie Fish**, who will tell us of her visit to Greece and of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The meeting will close with a Summer Tea

We wish all our friends a restful Summer Holiday and pray that they will know

“Jesus walking with them through every day”

The Autumn Session commences on **September 3rd**, when Mrs Jean Kellaway will be leading us.

Lily Smith

From other magazines

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The fasting & prayer conference includes meals

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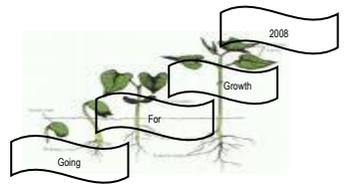
Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things around the house not worth keeping.

Bring your husbands

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Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at first Presbyterian church.
Please use large double doors at the side entrance

EVERY PERSON CHALLENGE



Our new Every Person Challenge is "Going for Growth 2008". Sixteen people have completed and returned their Challenge forms. The E.P.C. committee have looked at your responses and as a result agreed the following action.

There will be a monthly prayer meeting on the fourth Sunday each month at 10:30a.m. in the Elders Vestry. The first Prayer Meeting will be on 22nd June.

Four people agreed to be in a Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer request please contact someone in the Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain welcomes new members. The people are Glennis Boxer T. 8366 5753, Sylvia Coombs T. 8363 3543, Pam Mansley T. 8366 3397 and Rosemary Milns T. 8363 6571.

The monthly Social Group will have its first meeting on Friday, 18th July at 40b Chase Green Avenue from 7p.m. David and Pamela Fisher will host a bring and share barbeque. Everyone is welcome, please speak to them if you are attending.

The first Songs of Praise Service will be on Sunday, 13th July and will be organised by Rosemary Milns and the Worship Group.

We provisionally agreed a Sunday lunch on 21st September after the Harvest Thanksgiving and Parade Service. This will be a soup and sandwiches lunch for which you will be asked to donate a minimum of £5 and the profit will go to the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

We also agreed to give the November Communion offering to MAF.

The series of five publicity leaflets publicising Christ Church to local homes will be given out in November and December and the fifth leaflet will invite people to the Nativity Service on Sunday, 21st December.

Most people offered to pray for Christ Church and one of the ways you can do this is by using the E.P.C. prayer: "Lord, give us your guidance and strength to help us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people and help them to become Christian disciples and grow in their faith. Strengthen our commitment to you and to Christ Church and help us to encourage new people to come to Christ Church, its worship and fellowship. Amen."

Finally, my thanks to the E.P.C. committee for all their hard work to produce the Challenge and to everyone who completed and returned their Challenge form.

David

Firm Foundations 2008 – “A Living Hope” 23rd to 26th May, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead

Firm Foundations is an annual festival organised by The Boys' Brigade and The Girls' Brigade, and held at the BB's national headquarters at Felden Lodge. The theme this year was “A Living Hope”, which is taken from Acts 2:25-27: “Because of this, my heart will be glad, my words will be joyful, and I will live in hope”. On the Friday, around 1000 people descended on the site for the start of the event, which sees the fields at Felden turning into a mass of tents for the weekend. A group of five members of the 3rd Enfield were a part of this, four of whom were at Firm Foundations for the very first time. Once tents are set up there was a chance to explore the site, which included a big top, venues in marquees, some shops, a disco, games area and other smaller areas.

Over the weekend there are various opportunities for everyone on site to join in worship, with events being held each morning and evening in the big top. These included talks by different speakers, and music which was provided alternately by KJC, who are a group of young people between 16 and 25 in the BB, and Magnus, who consist of former members of KJC. One of the great things about events like FF is seeing such a large number of people coming together in praise, across ages, sexes and denominations.

Throughout the weekend there was also the opportunity to see a number of bands perform. The headliners of the festival this year (performing on Sunday evening) were yFriday, a popular Christian band in the UK, with

many other bands appearing each day. Everyone has the choice of a wide range of activities to take part in, including sports, contests, or simply just relaxing and catching up with old friends, or making new ones. Something that is fast becoming a tradition of Firm Foundations is the appearance of rain at some point during the weekend, and this year was certainly no exception! Unlike the last couple of years, the first two days saw extremely good weather until the rain arrived on Saturday night – however, it never got too bad and there was a lot less mud than in previous years!

While this article only scratches the surface of what Firm Foundations is all about, a thoroughly enjoyable weekend of fellowship was had by all. We now think of and pray for the FF planning team, who are already turning their attention to the 2009 event, which will be held from 22nd to 25th May. The theme has also been announced for next year, which is “Priceless”.

Tom



Update on Burma after the cyclone

The CWM General Secretary, Desvan der Water recently made a solidarity visit to Burma, following the devastation of cyclone Nargis earlier this year, and sent us the email at the bottom of the page and pictures. The man in the white shirt Rev Dr Lalengzuava he is standing beside a fallen tree in the photos below. He is the General Secretary of the Myanmar Presbyterian Church. At our last church meeting we decided to give some money from the communion Fund to the appeal.

Sylvia



Dear All

The Revd Dr Lalengzuava from the PCM sends her greetings and good wishes to all. Here is a small selection of photos I took—they are mainly from areas around Yangon where members (who have been affected by Nargis) of the PCM live.

Des





Thames North Synod

The Word in Focus Communicating Visually



*10-12 October 2008,
Guy Chester Centre,
North London*

**For Lay Preachers and Worship Shapers
Autumn Academy 2008**

In previous years the Autumn Academy has looked at ways of talking about God in a variety of contexts and settings. This year we will explore the expression of the Word in non-verbal ways. Contemporary preachers and shapers of worship are faced with people who are used to receiving messages through visual images. We are tasked with choosing images that speak the truth about God and give an account of Christian hope.

Yet, as inheritors of the Reformed Tradition, those who would lead and shape the worship of God within the United Reformed Church must come to terms with the contradictions created by the Reformation emphasis on the written word and suspicion of imagery in church.

Our guides for the weekend will be the artist and Minister, Revd Elizabeth Gray-King, and Revd Dr John Bradbury who is a church historian and tutor in theology at Westminster College, Cambridge. Both are active in developing the United Reformed Church as a learning church in which the whole people of God are nurtured and equipped for discipleship.

Participants may book for the whole residential weekend or for specific sessions as day visitors

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"FREETO BELIEVE"



National Conference 2008

Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th October 2008
with an option to book a further day to enjoy the Dales scenery.
Scargill House, Kettlewell, North Yorkshire.

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Total cost of the
conference per head
including accommodation **£120**
and all meals:
Sunday stop-over, including
all meals including Sunday
lunch is an additional: **£45**
Non-refundable booking
deposit per place: **£20**

Organised by 'Free to Believe', the URC's open and progressive network

Christian Aid week collection

We raised £594.14 this year, a little less than last year, but still a very worthwhile sum to help relieve world wide poverty.

Thanks are due to all who gave and those who collected "well done and many thanks". I know collecting is not easy and perhaps some people can be a little abrupt in their refusal to participate, but remember the folk who came to the door envelope in hand smiling or commenting "you collected last yearetc.....or perhaps even better, a number said. "Thank you for collecting."

"In as much as ye did it unto the least of thee"

Don

The logo for Christian Aid, featuring the words "christian" and "aid" in a stylized font. "christian" is in a smaller, lowercase font above "aid", which is in a larger, bold, lowercase font. The text is white on a dark background that is shaped like an arrow pointing to the right.

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We believe in life before death



News from the Bible Society

The Bible Society has given exciting news this month about their work in places as far apart as Nepal and the Netherlands Antilles (A small group of islands just north of Venezuela)

In Nepal Christianity is growing steadily. This year Christmas day will become a national holiday for the first time. Publication of the simple Nepali Bible has been of great value to the growing churches.

In the Netherlands Antilles members of the Bible Society drive a Bible Bus loaded with Bibles and films of Bible stories across the country. They play films of Bible stories in the open air and are inundated with questions and requests for Bibles. Bibles are distributed to children and each Bible distributed is an opportunity to introduce a family to its life changing message.

One way of helping the Bible Society is to become a 'Bible-a-month Partner' by giving a regular donation to the Bible Society and receiving 6 informative prayer letters about their work each year.

Ron Smith has further information about this.

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July Church Diary 2008

- Wed 2nd 9.45am-11.15 Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 6th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher**
- Wed 9th 2.15pm Friendship Club Our last devotional meeting before the holidays.
The Revd. Jackie Fish will talk about her recent visit to Greece and of the Greek Orthodox Church.
- Sun 13th 11am The Worship Group
Songs of Praise Service
Duty Elder—Ron Smith**
- Wed 16th 9.45am-11.15 Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 20th 11am Mrs J Nugent
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**
- Sun 27nd 11am Mr Terry Silvey
10.30am Prayer meeting Elders vestry
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed 30th 9.45am-11.15 Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

September Church Diary 2008

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| Sun 7th | 11am | The Revd David Atkinson Holy Communion offering for the Communion Fund |
| | 12.30pm | Church Meeting Duty Elder— Ron Smith |
| Wed 9th | 2.15pm | Friendship Club When Mrs Jean Kellaway will be leading us. |
| Wed 10th | 9.45am- 11.15 | Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC |
| Sun 14th | 11am | The Worship Group Duty Elder—Stephen Gilbert |

Advance dates for 2008

Elders Meetings 8pm

2nd October
4th December

Church Meetings

12.30pm
7th September
2nd November
(elders election)

Praise Days

October 5th

Thames North Synod

10am
20th September
8th 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

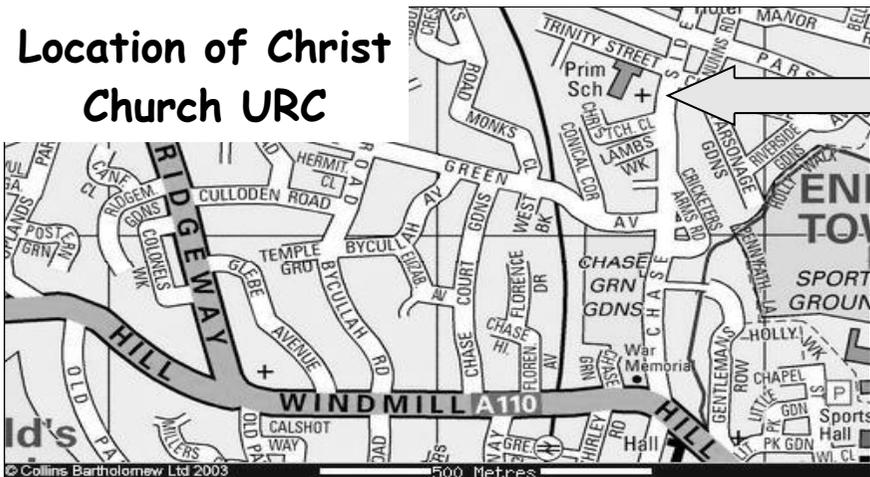


WHEN:

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 08** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday in August 08.**

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