



CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



**July and August
2010**

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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

6.00pm -7.30pm

Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.30pm— 9.30pm

Company Section (11-15 years)

7.30pm — 9.30pm

Senior Section (15-18 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,

Some of you will be aware that on a recent holiday I had a problem with my hip which left me hobbling around and occasionally experiencing stabs of pain.

I left home on the Monday fit and well and arrived later that day in the Lake District with a slight limp. I decided to try and walk it off on the Tuesday but the limp gradually became worse. By Wednesday morning it was so bad that I realised I needed to drive home and see my doctor as soon as possible. Fortunately I got an appointment with the doctor within two hours. He examined me and then gave me some anti-inflammatory tablets and muscle relaxant tablets. He also sent me for an x-ray at Chase Farm Hospital. I gradually got better and by Sunday was walking normally and free of any pain. I was very relieved and grateful.

I was at my worst on the Wednesday when I slowly hobbled to the doctor's surgery. As I did so I felt vulnerable. I realised that if anyone wanted to attack me or rob me I couldn't do anything about it. I couldn't run away and a small push would cause me to fall over.

One of the most despicable crimes is when men pretend to be from the Water, Gas or Electricity Boards, trick their way into the home of an elderly and frail person and then rob them of their money and valuables. They are taking advantage of vulnerable people whom they know cannot do anything to defend themselves and their belongings.

We usually think of God as the almighty Creator. He is the maker of the world, the giver of life and sustains creation. But there is another aspect of God that we think of far less and that is his vulnerability. We see this vulnerability very clearly in the ministry of Jesus.

Jesus had great divine power. He stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee, fed 5,000 people from 5 loaves and 2 fishes, he raised the dead to life and healed many people of various illnesses. Yet he never used his power for selfish reasons to prevent his own suffering and to make his own life easier. He remained vulnerable to his opponents and enemies.

This is seen very clearly in his final suffering and death on the cross. He never used his miraculous powers to prevent himself from being arrested or beaten or dying on the cross in pain and shame. God comes to us in Jesus as a powerful but also a vulnerable Saviour.

At some time or other all of us are going to experience failure, rejection and suffering. Life doesn't always go smoothly, successfully and happily. Rather life is a mixture of success and failure, joy and sorrow. I find it immensely helpful to know that God is also vulnerable. A vulnerable God knows and understands our sufferings and weaknesses and is able to help and strengthen us and bring us through them.

I am thankful that Jesus shows us many things about God and one of them is his vulnerability.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mary Smart has been very poorly and spent time in University College Hospital and Chase Farm Hospital

Phyllis Swansborough has had an operation on her foot.

Sylvia Coombs has had a chest infection.

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



Congratulations

We are happy to hear the news that Rob Wilson has recently become engaged to Ms Susan Boyer and are planning to get married in 2011

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the church hall and we warmly welcome old and new friends to join us.

July 14th

A return visit of **Christ Church Cockfosters choir** followed by a Summer tea, as this is the last meeting of the Summer Session

We wish our members and friends a happy Summer Holiday and we shall meet again on

September 22nd

Speaker—Mr Martin Davies of the leprosy Mission.
Christmas Cards are for sale

Lily Smith

Junior Church Prayers

These prayers have been written by the children and leaders for use at the end of junior church.

Dear God,

Thank you for families. Help them to love and take care of each other.

Amen

Dear God,

Thank you God for nice Birthdays.

Amen

Dear God,

Thank you for my friends and family and food and water. Thank you for looking after me.

Amen

Dear God,

Guide us to look after your family in Christ Church so we can in turn can be of benefit to the area of Enfield and welcome new people in with welcoming arms to learn about you.

Amen

Dear God

Thank you for my friends and family and all the people who love and care for us. Thank you for pets and all living nature around us and please help people see what they are doing to it.

Amen

Dear Father God

Thank you for the sunshine and rain that makes things grow

Amen

Dear God

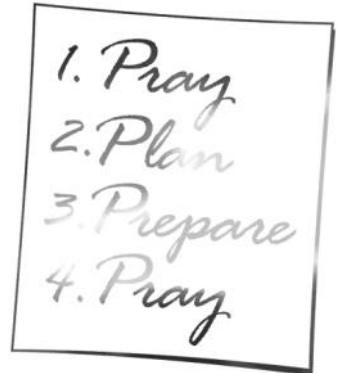
Thank you for giving me friends.

Amen

Dear God,

I am thankful for being alive.

Amen



**Everyone is welcome to join us
for a time of fellowship
– Bring your friends!**

**Lunchtime @ Christ Church
10th July 10.30 - 1.30pm
11.30 – 12.30pm Musical entertainment**

9th Enfield Guides Centenary Weekend Away

After masses of planning the weekend finally arrived. The 9th are making the most of the 100 years of guiding and thought this was an ideal opportunity to undertake a whole unit weekend away. We stayed at Tolmers in the indoor accommodation, arriving Friday night with the Guides and Ranger and not leaving until Sunday afternoon. This was a first for us to stay together and it was just brilliant that the Rainbows and Brownies were able to join us from Saturday morning. Everyone was so grown up – we were really proud of them.

Saturday morning was filled with team games and fun. After lunch we were all given our new T-shirts sporting our Centenary logo and then got ready for our street party. We had invited past guiders and brownie leaders who travelled from around the south of England to be with us. With well over fifty people we had a really great party; balloons, crafts, food, singing and all sorts of things. When everyone had gone home we finished the evening toasting marshmallows around the campfire.

On Sunday we were joined by a few parents and the fun continued. We split into two groups and spent time climbing and bouncing on the Mound of Air; this was followed by the usual competitive race through the inflatable assault course. After a mass feeding we were back outside to finish the afternoon with a water fight – which of course the leaders won! As parents came to collect their children we had a closing ceremony in the flag pole circle. (As the photos show) It was a weekend to remember and achieved everything we hoped it would.

We are very lucky to have such a team of committed people willing to put in huge amounts of time and energy. Thank you to Kathy, Maureen, Anne and Kim and all those numerous people who helped us out, but a massive thank you to Tracy and Vicki – we loved it!



North London Zone athletics 2010

A team from the 3rd Enfield's Junior Section entered the North London Zone Athletics competition on 19th June 2010.

The competition was held at Picketts Lock Stadium and featured teams from Enfield, Barnet and Haringey Battalions. The Junior Section and Company Section competitions were held on the same day, and four boys from the 3rd took part in events such as a 60 metre sprint, long jump, cricket ball throw, a relay race and other Junior Section events.

Out of 9 teams in the North London competition, the 3rd Enfield came 4th (also coming 3rd out of 7 in Enfield). The competition was won by the 1st Barnet (with the 1st Hoddesdon and 11th Enfield jointly winning the Enfield competition). The Company Section competition was won by the 1st Barnet, with the 11th Enfield winning the Enfield competition.

The majority of Companies that we were up against had bigger teams, so the boys did brilliantly to come 4th overall and even win a couple of events! Very well done to Danny, Owen, Marcus and Caspian.



Firm Foundation 2010 – “iCan” 28th to 31st May, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead

Firm Foundations is an annual Christian festival which is organised jointly by The Boys' Brigade and The Girls' Brigade. It is held at the BB's headquarters at Felden Lodge, and each year there is a theme based on a passage from the Bible. The theme for 2010 was “iCan”, which is taken from Philippians 4:13 – “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength”.

Around 750 people attended Firm Foundations this year, with several people taking steps of faith and coming to know the love of Jesus for the very first time. There were a number of fantastic speakers throughout the weekend, with worship being held each morning and evening in the two main venues, called V1 and V2. Worship in V1 was led by KJC, the BB's central worship band, and V2 was led by The Ben Marshall Band. The bands, hosts and speakers in each venue taught us about how Christ gives us strength and that we can do everything through Him.

As well as worship there were a number of other activities on site, including archery, a climbing wall, football, a number of seminars on various different faith-related topics, and entertainment such as “Talent iCan” – FF's very own talent show, a cinema, disco and much more! There were also performances from a number of bands including Gold-Digger, NlighteN, The Fifth Revelation and Brokenfor.

It was a great weekend with opportunities for everyone to learn more about God, whether their journey of faith was just beginning or had begun a long time previously, and the event brought people of many different denominations and backgrounds together to worship God. Appropriately, the weekend finished with everyone sharing Communion together in the final worship session.

Firm Foundations next year is being held from 27th to 30th May 2011, and the theme is “On message” - examining the messages of today through a Jesus lens; engaging with His foundations for our lives, attitudes and actions; looking at how various individuals were impacted by encountering the man and message of Jesus and much, much more!

HOLIDAY AT HOME

“I did not know so many people loved me!” This was the excited comment of the oldest ‘holiday-maker’ who took part in our holiday at home weekend from 25 to 27 June. It was also the comment that made all of us who had been busy organising the event feel that our hard work had really been worthwhile. The idea of ‘holiday at home’ is to provide a short holiday experience for those who might otherwise not be able to get away for a weekend so easily, and to introduce folk who have not had much contact with a church to the Christian love, friendship and fellowship which are a part of Christ’s church and reflect God’s love for all of us.

The holiday-makers enjoyed a happy, very varied programme and all had an enthusiastic go at the different activities available.



Tea and a chat



Learning about computers



Enjoying lunch

These included an introduction to how to use a computer and the usefulness of computers, card making, sand art, decorating photo frames, painting plates and mugs, quizzes, musical entertainment and an original poem, as well as an alternative version of the 23rd psalm and some good advice from Noah We are very grateful to Chris and Laura Marlow and Joan Emery from Lancaster Road URC for joining us and providing the entertainment. People discovered artistic talents which they did not know they had, and between them the holiday-makers produced enough interesting examples of their work to make a small exhibition which was displayed at the Sunday morning service. As with all good holidays there were times to relax with cups of tea, newspapers and magazines, to unwind and laugh with episodes of 'Dad's Army', and to chat with friends.



Favourite songs for everyone



New skills in Arts and crafts.



We all enjoyed the wonderful cooked lunches prepared by Pamela Fisher and served at beautifully decorated tables by Pamela and her team of helpers, as well as morning coffee and biscuits and afternoon tea and cakes. Certainly nobody went home hungry! A very big 'thank you' to Rosemary Milns and her excellent team of helpers for all their hard word work which made our first Holiday at Home such a success.
Sylvia Coombs

FAST AND FURIOUS

FRIDAY 21ST MAY

We had a very successful Fast and Furious event at Christ Church on Friday 21st May.

As part of a centenary fundraiser we decided to try and get more Rainbow, Brownies, Guide and Ranger Dad's involved in our 9th group activities.

Fast and furious sports cars seemed to be exactly what was needed. We had 9 cars come and display in the car park, Lotus, 2 Ferrari, 2 Porsche, Skyline, Evo, Corvette and a huge American Navigator. The cars were displayed with top trump cards comparing engine size, horse power, cost and other motor head statistics.

Great fun was had by all; the BBQ was run by Sean and Darren (more men roped in to help). Face painting, tattoos and inflatables were all available for everyone's enjoyment. The warm summer evening obviously helped the success of the event and everyone could relax, chat and generally socialise.

A very good event for the group as it brought parents from all sections together in a very social way and for 80-90 people to be gathered outside the front of the church also portrayed a really friendly family atmosphere for the church.

The event finale consisted of an engine rev off, with the classic Ferrari winning with both volume and shear power.

A very good evening raising £110 for our centenary camp.

Thanks to all who and help set-up, brought there cars for display and everyone that attended.

Mitsubishi Lancer **Evolution 6**



Top Speed: 155mph

0-60: 5.0 secs

Power: 360 - 400bhp

Price: £49 000

An example of a top trump card that was produced for every car displayed

A list of cars that were on display

Ferrari 599

Porsche

Skyline Nissan Skyline R34 GTR – 400BHP

Lotus – Exige s240 243 bhp 1.8 0-60 in 4 secs 0 – 100 in 9.9. 1 tonne mid engined

Lincoln navigator 2006 estate 5400cc

Corvette – Chevrolet Corvette 1999 v8 auto coupe 5666cc

Evo – Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 6 360 – 400BHP

Giving a helping hand in Botswana

In April Olive Parsons and I spent most of the month in southern Africa visiting Zambia, Botswana and South Africa. In Zambia we visited some of the missionaries working there and had an exciting and very wet time at Victoria Falls, as is Cape Town we enjoyed walking all round the top of Table Mountain. However our time in Botswana was spent working with Kgologano College which mainly provides theological education by extension for ministers and pastors. The principal, Rev Rupert Hambira, had asked for help with a new type of programme which the college began for the first time in January this year. This programme aims to help some of the most vulnerable people in Botswana's society, starting with women who are ex-prostitutes from Botswana's capital, Gaborone. There are a number of different aspects to the three year programme including helping the participants deal with HIV/AIDS, arranging help for any other health problems, teaching skills and ideas to enable the women to find an alternative way of earning a living, and sharing the gospel with them and teaching them about the Christian faith – all of which are designed to give them help and support as they seek to find a way out of prostitution that will enable them to care for themselves and their children.

We were there to teach them craft and sewing skills for a week's 'course'. We were very fortunate to have an older local woman, Mrs Johnson, who came and worked with us and hopes to be able to carry on with the things which we started, and more... She is to be a mentor and mother figure hopefully for the whole three years, and is an excellent person for the job. Between us, Olive and I gave the women an introduction to card making, sewing and the use of a sewing machine, making necklaces and bracelets

Using cord and large beads, making decorative notebooks and bookmarks, tie and dye, and making shopping bags, and corsages. All the women joined in very enthusiastically and wanted to try everything. They produced some very good first attempts which were displayed in the college library at the end of the course and for which they were each presented a certificate. Visitors from social services, the ministry of education, and the college board of governors all came along to see what had been achieved. It was a very busy and quite challenging time with a group who were quite unused to regularly attending any kind of course, but everyone was extremely helpful and friendly, so it was also a very good experience. What the women wanted most of all was attention, friendship, and people to love and care about them, and this we tried to give – to about 20 quite demanding women simultaneously, so we had an interesting but very rewarding time. Please keep this group of women and those who are trying to help them find a new way of life in your prayers.

Sylvia



Women's group with some college staff

“GOD, THIS IS MY WISH LIST.....”

When the Worship Group sat down and planned for the service on the 13th June, we came across the story of Naboth and King Ahab in 1 Kings 21. It was an obvious story and there didn't seem much more to add to it. King Ahab coveted the vineyard belonging to Naboth (breaking the tenth commandment), schemed against him, resulting in Naboth's death (breaking the sixth commandment), confiscating Naboth's vineyard (breaking the eighth commandment) and God sent the prophet Elijah to confront Ahab of his deeds. Tale of greed, sin and punishment. Simple, isn't it? What has that got to do with us? We don't steal,... ok, we may at times want certain things but we certainly don't kill for them....

One thing that Sylvia reminded us was, how often we fall into the trap of thinking “**I want..., therefore, I need....., therefore, I must have**”. Sound familiar? How often do we mistake want for, need? Do we know what we want? Ask anyone, and more often than not, people will say, “Oh, yes, I know what I want. I want a bigger house, a new car, good health, more money.....” The list is endless, not helped by the fact that everyday we are bombarded from all sides by countless advertisements that tell us what we want, what we can have... and therefore these become what we need. We need that new sofa, we need that new bed, carpet, kitchen... and so on. Ahab certainly knew what he wanted. It didn't matter that God had given each his inheritance and that each Israelite had to ensure that the inheritance was passed down within the family and tribe. He wanted that vineyard and nothing was going to stop him getting it.

Do we know what we need? This is the part where we sometimes go wrong. Of course, if we're talking about our basic need for food, water, air, shelter, safety, that's easy. As Jesus said in Matthew 6:32, our Heavenly Father knows that we have need of these basic things and will provide them. **Are there needs that we do not know we need?** In John 4, Jesus confronted the woman at the well with her need. She thought that if Jesus gave her the water that would never make her thirst again, she would

not need to go through the daily drudgery of having to go to the well to draw water, but what an amazing encounter. Jesus saw past that and showed her the spiritual desert that was her life. **He was offering her living water, a new life.** We need to learn to see beyond our basic needs to what God can give us. God asks us to call on Him and He will show us great and wonderful things. He knows what we need and delights in showering his abundant grace on us..

It was interesting to hear the reactions of people to the emergency budget laid out by the Chancellor earlier this week. We all knew the country needed to tighten its belt and yet the response of some was “We must have... we can’t do without or to be more precise, we won’t do without”. In this materialistic age, we have grown so used to ‘having it all’, now, that we find it difficult to let go, to do without. It doesn’t matter that we may not strictly need that thing, it is just that because we’ve had it before, we can’t see why we should do without it. We find it hard to let go. Perhaps, one of the good things that can come out of these difficult economic times, is for us to look at our lives and prioritise. The need to prioritise seems almost unnecessary when we are constantly reassured that we can ‘have it all’, when we see others having what we want without too much trouble. **WE NEED TO LEARN TO SAY TO GOD, “FATHER, YOU CHOOSE”**. We need to understand what really is important. It is hard because our self will constantly gets in the way.

The apostle Paul had to learn the hard way. In his letter to the Corinthians, he reminded them that God allowed ‘a thorn’ in his flesh. Three times he prayed for the ‘thorn’ to be removed to no avail and finally learnt what God means when He says, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” 2 Cor 12:9**“BUT MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS”**
Philippians 4:19



Holiday Bible Week is an annual event each summer for children aged 5 to 11 years in the Enfield area. The purpose is to introduce children to Jesus in a relevant, contemporary way, in a safe and secure environment. The children really enjoy the week and come back year after year to this growing event. For more information about the event and how to book, please see the website at

www.holidaybibleweek.com

EVENTS@CHRISTCHURCH

LUNCH@CHRISTCHURCH

On Saturday 19th June

we held another successful Lunch@ChristChurch. These regular events are part of our continued Vision for Christ Church—Going for Growth

Open House London - Saturday 18th September

The Church will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 18th September to coincide with the Open House London Weekend.

BE SAFE AND SOUND

Make an appointment with London Fire Brigade for a free home safety visit

The London Fire Brigade offers personal fire safety advice in you home and will also fit a free smoke alarm where needed. If you or someone you know wants a home safety visit, call us free on:

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July Church Diary

- Sun 4th 11am The Rev'd. David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Ron Smith**
- Wed 7th 9.45- Joint bible study with Lancaster Road
11.15am at Lancaster Road URC
- Sat 10.30— LUNCHTIME@CHRISTCHURCH
10th 1.30 With Musical entertainment**
- Sun 11am The Worship Group
11th Duty Elder—Pamela Mansley**
- Wed 2.15pm Friendship Club
14th Christ Church Cockfosters choir.
Last meeting of term
- Sun 11am The Rev'd. David Atkinson
18th Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**
- Wed 9.45- Joint bible study with Lancaster Road
21st 11.15am at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 11am Mr Les Moody
25th Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher**

August Church Diary

- Sun 1st** **11am** **Mr Terry Silvey**
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Sylvia Coombs
- Wed 4th** **9.45-** **Joint bible study with Lancaster Road**
11.15am **at Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 8th** **11am** **The Worship Group**
Duty Elder—Rom Smith
- Sun** **11am** **The Rev'd. David Atkinson**
15th **Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed** **9.45-** **Joint bible study with Lancaster Road**
18th **11.15am** **at Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun** **11am** **Mr Martin Wells**
22nd **Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**
- Sun** **11am** **The Rev'd Agatha Baptiste**
29th **Duty Elder—**

September Church Diary

Wed 1st 9.45-11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

Sun 5th 11am **The Rev'd. David Atkinson**
Holy Communion offering for the Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Sylvia Coombs
12.30 **Church Meeting**

Sun 12th 11am **The Worship Group**
Duty Elder—Ron Smith

Wed 15th 9.45-11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

Advance dates for 2010

Church Meetings

12.30pm

5th September

7th November

(Election of elders)

Elders Meetings

8pm

29th October

24th November

Church Anniversary

Sunday 21st November

Come and celebrate in the Sunday service which will also have the 4 Hills Brass Band led by Martyn Stogden playing for us

**** JUNIOR CHURCH ****

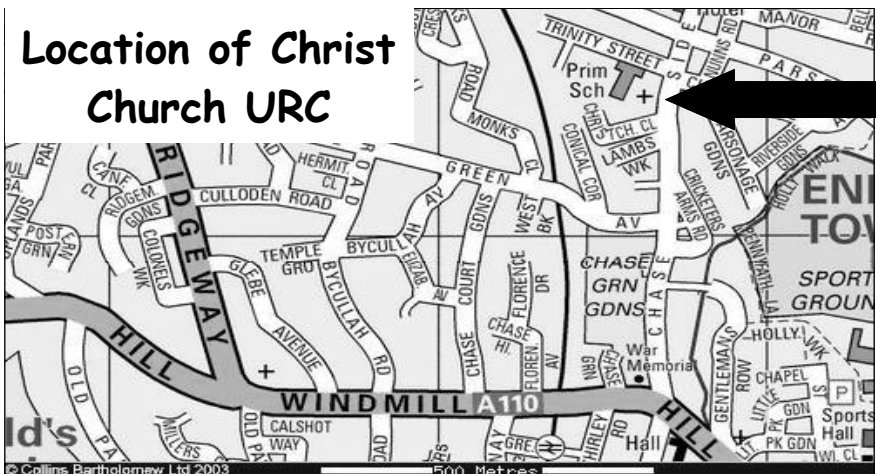
WHAT: Junior church are a group for boys and girls aged five upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a bible theme

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 **September** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of August**

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.

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