

**Christ Church** United Reformed Church  
**NEWSLETTER**

**July & August 2017**

# Getting in contact

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## **Using our gifts**

In the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the story of a master who went away, leaving three servants with different sums of money. The master expected his servants to invest the money on his behalf, according to their abilities. In the same way God expects us to use our various abilities and resources in His service.

In the first century AD the great cosmopolitan Greek city of Corinth was noted for its commerce, culture, immorality and variety of religious beliefs (1 Corinthians 5:9-10). In his first letter to the Christians in Corinth, Paul tries to answer questions which had arisen concerning the Christian life and faith. He urges them to heal divisions in the church and to be united (1:10). He explains that there are different spiritual gifts and that people can serve God in many different ways (12:4-11). Just as a body needs many different parts, so the church needs people with various abilities. All are part of the body of Christ and each one is just as important as the others (12:12-31).

As Christians there are many different ways that we can show others the love of Jesus for all. We can participate in worship, Bible study and prayer groups; we can provide pastoral care and advice; we can give financial assistance; we can give practical help at night shelters and holiday clubs for the young and not so young; we can take part in and support bazaars, social events and youth activities; some churches have held auctions offering services such as a meal, an outing by car and gardening. Have we considered whether there are unused talents among the members of our congregations which might be used to meet needs either in our own church or in another church in our group?

Stephen Gilbert

## **Using your gifts - Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 & 13**

We all have different gifts,  
Which are not always used.  
Show us we pray what gifts we have,  
So we may serve our Lord.

Some have the gift to speak  
And spread the word of God,  
So those who hear may come to know  
The love of Christ for all.

Some have the gift to sing  
Which helps us all to join  
In praise to God with cheerful voice  
And show our love for all.

Some have the gift of faith  
And strengthen those in doubt.  
May they inspire us all to see  
The truth in God's own word.

Some have the gift to pray  
And bring the needs of all  
To God with love, so He may bless  
And answer as he wills.

Some have the gift of strength  
To carry out God's work,  
So others may find shelter from  
The trials of their lives.

Some have the knowledge gift  
To help us understand  
The meaning of the word of God,  
So we may read and learn.

Some have the gift to heal  
The sick and those in pain  
And thus they help to save the lives  
Of those who need a cure.

Some have the gifts to lead  
And listen to concerns.  
They heal divisions which they find  
And try to guide their friends.

Some have the gifts to love  
And care for those in need.  
May they encourage us to show  
Our love, through care, each day.

We all have many gifts  
We know that we can use.  
Show us we pray how best to serve  
Our true and living Lord.

Stephen Gilbert

Short Metre 6686 iambic

Tunes:

Carlisle RS 391 (Stand Up and Bless the Lord)

Gildas RS 450 (Jesus, We Thus Obey)

Hampton/Sunderland RS 631 (O Lord Our God Arise)

# News of the **fellowship**

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Margaret Hume is currently waiting to have an operation. We hold her in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

We also continue to pray for Sheila Sowa-Acquaye, who was in considerable pain recently but has been improving.

Our friend Terry Silvey, who was for many years an elder at Christ Church and Captain of the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade, has been ill recently. Please remember Terry, Janet and their family in your prayers.

Rev Henriette Wentink led her final service with us on Sunday 18th June. We pray for both her and her new church in Plymouth as they begin their journey together.

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

## The **Breakfast Club**

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The Breakfast Club is a Bible study and prayer group at Christ Church. It meets twice monthly on a Saturday morning between 9:00am and 10:30am in the Elders Vestry (enter the church through the side door on Christ Church Close).

The next meetings are on 15th July, 5th August and 19th August (not 1st August as incorrectly advertised in the last newsletter). Do come and join us as we explore God's Word and enjoy some breakfast!

# Looking to the **future**

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On Thursday 8th June, elders from six United Reformed Churches in Enfield met at Christ Church URC, under the chairmanship of Rev David Bradburn, to consider the future ministry in Enfield.

The elders recounted the discussions which had been held in their respective churches concerning different options available to use two full time stipendiary posts in the six churches.

Following discussion the meeting expressed its support for continuing with the present pastoral groupings. Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs will seek to call a minister to serve the North Enfield Group of United Reformed Churches.

Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs will seek to call a minister to serve their three churches.

The hope was expressed that the two ministers, when appointed, might work together and use their different fields of expertise in the service of all six churches.

Mrs Christine Hall is already serving as Interim Moderator for Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs to assist them in the process of calling a minister.

Rev David Bradburn, Convenor of the Enfield and East Herts Local Area Group, agreed to similarly assist Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs. David may be contacted by phone on 01992 443 218 or by email to [urcmin@dkb.me.uk](mailto:urcmin@dkb.me.uk)

Stephen Gilbert

# Friendship Club Programme 2017

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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 17th July**  
**RNLI - Keith Cunningham**

**Monday 21st August**  
**Summer tea - Pamela Fisher**

**Monday 18th September**  
**Namibia - John Wallington and Anne Johnson**

**Monday 16th October**  
**Rev Mandy James**

**Monday 20th November**  
**Speaker TBC**

**Monday 11th December**  
**Preparing for Christmas**  
**(a Christmas variety programme including a bring and share tea)**

Further future dates will be announced in due course.

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

***'The Lord your God will be with you  
wherever you go.'***

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

# JustOne

— with J. John —

at Emirates Stadium

Saturday 8th July 2017

Just One Day  
Just One Message  
Just One Invitation



[justone.co.uk](http://justone.co.uk)

Phone 01923 287774 or 01923 287777 | Email [connect@justone.co.uk](mailto:connect@justone.co.uk)

Facebook JustOne Stadium | Twitter [@JustOneStadium](https://twitter.com/JustOneStadium) | Instagram [justonestadium](https://www.instagram.com/justonestadium)

Please speak to Rosemary Milns if you'd like to come along!

# LANCASTER ROAD URC

Holiday Club 2017

31<sup>st</sup> JULY – 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

9.30 – 12.30

ARMFIELD ROAD CHURCH HALL EN2 0DH

• Games • Crafts • Story time • Singing • Puppets



For children aged 5 to 11 years

Registration  
Forms available

Tel : Clare Locke 0208367 0296

# Lunchtime Christ Church

**Saturday 12th August  
11:00am until 2:00pm**

Christ Church United Reformed Church  
Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ

Lunches and hot or cold refreshments available  
No set charge - donations accepted  
Everyone welcome!

**Breakfast Service led by The Worship Group  
Sunday 13th August at 10:30am**

**All are welcome to join us for some breakfast followed by  
a relaxed and informal time of worship together**

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For further details phone  
Stephen Gilbert (Secretary)  
on 020 8363 0031

# Farewell to **Henriette Wentink**

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On Sunday 18th June, the churches of the North Enfield Group of URCs came together at Christ Church URC to say goodbye to Rev Henriette Wentink.

Henriette was ordained and inducted as minister of Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs in July 2015 and over the past two years has brought lots of energy, enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the role.

Among others, legacies of Henriette's time at Christ Church include becoming a partner church of the JustOne Emirates event which takes place during July, along with discussion groups to get us thinking about evangelism in our local area, and the Breakfast Club, our Bible study and prayer group, which has allowed us to come together to look at God's word and spend time with Him in prayer.

We have, of course, also greatly appreciated her friendship, care and support across the congregation and those associated with our church.

Our morning service was led by Henriette, and was a Family Parade Service for Father's Day. We looked at the story of Jacob, Rachel and Leah from Genesis 29-30 and the Parable of the Lost Son from Luke 15, and how God is our heavenly father who cares for us all.

Following the service, we moved over to the hall for a farewell lunch, which consisted of a fantastic buffet provided by Gillian's Catering Services. A big thank you to them!

Henriette now moves to Plymouth to become minister of Trinity URC, where she will be inducted at a special service on Saturday 15th July at 3:00pm. We pray both for Henriette and all at Trinity as they prepare for their journey together.

# Farewell to **Henriette Wentink** continued...



# Boys' Brigade at **Unite**

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Between Friday 2nd and Saturday 4th June, a group from the 3rd Enfield joined with over 200 young people and leaders from across England & Wales for Unite at Felden Lodge.

Unite is aimed primarily at young people aged 11 to 18, and is a great opportunity for people to meet, explore their faith and enjoy a range of activities together, through a semi-structured programme which runs over the duration of the event.

Throughout the weekend there was a packed programme of activities including football, archery, rounders, American football, inflatable bungee run, sumo suits, laser tag, a camp fire, a quiz and much more. There were times of worship where everyone came together in the Marquee, as well as music workshop and a praise party. There were also workshops for leaders to aid them with their work in their groups, and an afternoon tea.

The entertainment on Saturday evening included the opportunity to have a go at some Bushtucker Trials, a Lip Sync Battle - which featured several memorable performances - and a disco which included Unite tattoos, a photo booth and the chance to make some mocktails!

Each group at Unite was part of one of three 'villages': red, blue and yellow, with the 3rd Enfield being a part of the blue village. Each village was led by two village leaders. They competed against each other throughout Unite to earn points for taking part in activities and winning competitions, with the aim of being named the 'best village' during the Unite awards ceremony at the end of the weekend. The winners this time were the yellow village - well done to them!

There were also various awards given to individuals, and it was great to see Michael from the 3rd given an award for the

# Boys' Brigade at **Unite** continued...

best blue villager in the 11 to 14 age group!

Unite was a fantastic weekend which 'united' people from all sorts of different backgrounds and areas. Our thanks to all those who were involved in organising and running the event.



# Boys' Brigade Athletics competition

On Saturday 10th June, members of Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions came together for the annual North London Zone Athletics competition at Lee Valley Athletics Centre.



There were separate competitions for

Anchors, Juniors and Company Section/Seniors. The Anchors and Juniors did events including a sprint, egg and spoon race, shuttle run, a relay, long jump, cricket ball throw and javball. The Company Section and Seniors did events including various running races, a relay, shot put, discus, javelin, long jump and high jump.

Congratulations to the winners - 10th Enfield (Anchors - Enfield and North London, Juniors - Enfield), 1st Barnet (Juniors - North London), 11th Enfield (Company Section/ Seniors - Enfield and North London).

The 3rd Enfield had teams in all age groups, coming third (Anchors), sixth (Juniors) and fifth (Company Section/Seniors). Well done to all of our boys who took part, and a special well done to those who were presented with certificates for winning individual events!



# Guides Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 10th June the 9th Enfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers participated in an afternoon tea fundraiser run by Rebecca's Cakes, Vicki's sister's company.

We were lucky enough to be supported by not only parents and friends but also some of Rebecca's customers. At the end of the event Rebecca donated all money raised to the 9th Enfield which was amazing! Therefore we managed to raise £920!



## Christian Aid Week update

A big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts for Christian Aid Week this year, both by distributing and collecting envelopes in the local area and by coming along to our Christian Aid lunch at the beginning of the week. Thank you also to everyone who prayed for the events taking place.



We are delighted to report that a total of £552.56 was raised, all of which goes towards the work done by Christian Aid to try to bring an end to poverty around the world.

# Prayer diary July 2017

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**1st** - Pray for your own personal faith.

**2nd** - Pray for the Adventurers and that more children will be encouraged to join the group.

**3rd** - Pray for all sections of our Boys' Brigade Company as they meet this evening.

**4th** - Pray for all those who have been affected by recent terror attacks in London and Manchester.

**5th** - Pray for the work of Thames North Synod.

**6th** - Pray for the external groups who use our premises.

**7th** - Pray for the Rainbows and Brownies as they meet today.

**8th** - Pray for an outpouring of God's spirit at today's JustOne event at the Emirates Stadium.

**9th** - Pray for God's guidance at today's Church Meeting.

**10th** - Pray for this evening's Boys' Brigade Summer BBQ.

**11th** - Pray for the residents of River View.

**12th** - Pray for our politicians following the recent election.

**13th** - Pray for your friends and family.

**14th** - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet today.

**15th** - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.

**16th** - Pray for this morning's time of worship and for Pamela Mansley, who is leading it.

**17th** - Pray for this afternoon's Friendship Club meeting.

**18th** - Pray for our elders.

**19th** - Pray for continued good weather this summer!

**20th** - Pray for all those who have been affected by the Grenfell Tower fire in London.

**21st** - Pray for the young people who are beginning school holidays around now.

**22nd** - Pray for new Christians in their journey with Christ.

**23rd** - Pray for the members of our youth organisations who are going on camps this week.

**24th** - Pray for the work of Christian charities worldwide.

**25th** - Pray for anyone you know who is mourning the loss of a loved one.

**26th** - Pray for future ministry in Enfield's URCs.

# Prayer diary **July 2017** continued...

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- 27th** - Pray for the work done by our emergency services.
- 28th** - Pray for our Property Committee and the important work they do in maintaining our church buildings.
- 29th** - Pray for local businesses on and around Chase Side.
- 30th** - Pray for our friends from Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs as they join us in worship this morning.
- 31st** - Pray for this week's Holiday Club at Lancaster Road URC.

# Prayer diary **August 2017**

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- 1st** - Pray for God's guidance over the coming month.
- 2nd** - Pray for the work of Christian missionaries worldwide.
- 3rd** - Pray for the staff of Chase Farm Hospital.
- 4th** - Give thanks to God for answered prayers.
- 5th** - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.
- 6th** - Pray for today's service, including Holy Communion.
- 7th** - Pray for anyone who is travelling over the holiday period.
- 8th** - Pray for the work of the Enfield and East Herts Local Area Group.
- 9th** - Pray for all those who suffer persecution for their faith.
- 10th** - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.
- 11th** - Give thanks for God's word to us through the Bible.
- 12th** - Pray for today's Lunchtime @ Christ Church event.
- 13th** - Pray for our Breakfast Service this morning.
- 14th** - Pray for God's guidance as we look to the future as a church.
- 15th** - Pray for anyone who is experiencing financial trouble.
- 16th** - Pray for lasting peace in areas of the world where there is conflict.
- 17th** - Pray for newly married couples.
- 18th** - Pray for the work of homeless charities.
- 19th** - Pray for the Breakfast Club as they meet this morning.
- 20th** - Pray for our friend Linda Clarke, who is coming to lead

# Prayer diary **August 2017** continued...

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us in worship this morning.

**21st** - Pray for today's Friendship Club summer tea.

**22nd** - Pray for the external groups who use our premises.

**23rd** - Pray for anyone who is unable to join us at church events through sickness or ill health.

**24th** - Pray for the young people in our church fellowship who are receiving exam results today.

**25th** - Pray for the residents of Holtwhite Avenue.

**26th** - Spend some time seeking God's will.

**27th** - Pray for The Worship Group as they lead our service.

**28th** - Pray for everyone who is enjoying the bank holiday.

**29th** - Pray for those who are considering coming to faith in Christ.

**30th** - Pray for the leaders of our church organisations.

**31st** - Give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## September 2017 **newsletter**

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The **September 2017** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 27th August**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 13th August**.

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 **July 2017**

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**Sunday 2nd July** **11:00am**  
**Mrs Pamela Mansley**  
**Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)**  
**Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley**

Saturday 8th July  
JustOne Emirates  
(at the Emirates Stadium, London) **Doors at 1:30pm,  
event 3:00pm to  
6:00pm**

**Sunday 9th July** **11:00am**  
**The Worship Group**  
**Songs of Praise Service**  
**Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert**

Sunday 9th July **12:30pm**  
Church Meeting

Saturday 15th July **9:00am to 10:30am**  
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

**Sunday 16th July** **11:00am**  
**Mrs Pamela Mansley**  
**Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns**

Monday 17th July **2:15pm**  
Friendship Club  
RNLI - Keith Cunningham

**Sunday 23rd July** **11:00am**  
**Mr John Stynes**  
**Duty Elder - Philip Taylor**

# Church diary **July 2017** continued...

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**Sunday 30th July** **11:00am**  
**The Worship Group**  
**United Service for the North Enfield Group of URCs**  
**(at Christ Church URC)**  
**Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley**

# Church diary **August 2017**

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Saturday 5th August 9:00am to 10:30am  
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

**Sunday 6th August** **11:00am**  
**Mr Tom Boorman**  
**Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)**  
**Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs**

Saturday 12th August 11:00am to 2:00pm  
Lunchtime @ Christ Church

**Sunday 13th August** **10:30am**  
**The Worship Group**  
**Breakfast Service**  
**Duty Elder - Worship Group members**

Saturday 19th August 9:00am to 10:30am  
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

**Sunday 20th August** **11:00am**  
**Ms Linda Clarke**  
**Duty Elder - Philip Taylor**

# Church diary **August 2017** continued...

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Monday 21st August 2:15pm  
Friendship Club  
Summer tea - Pamela Fisher

**Sunday 27th August 11:00am**  
**The Worship Group**  
**Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert**

# Church diary **September 2017**

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Saturday 2nd September 9:00am to 10:30am  
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

**Sunday 3rd September 11:00am**  
**Mr Stephen Gilbert**  
**Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)**  
**Duty Elder - Philip Taylor**

## Key future dates

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### **Church Meetings**

Sundays 9th July, 24th September, 5th November (12:30pm)

### **Lunchtime @ Christ Church**

Saturdays 12th August, 16th September (11:00am to 2:00pm)

### **Lancaster Road URC Holiday Club**

Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August (9:30am to 12:30pm)  
See page 10 for more details

# Regular activities at **Christ Church**

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## **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 9:00pm

Boys' Brigade Company Section (boys aged 11 to 15)

7:30pm to 9:00pm

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.

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**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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