

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



All are welcome to the induction of

Revd Mark Meatcher

as minister of Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCS

and

Revd Melanie Smith

as minister of Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCS

Saturday 14th July at 2:00pm at Christ Church URC

See pages 4 to 7 for more details

July & August 2018

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Pastoral Letter July 2018

Regardless of how many candles were on your last birthday cake, I'm sure you will remember things you learned from your favourite teacher in your favourite subject at school and in more recent times will have remembered sermons preached and services led by Ministers and preachers you found inspiring and memorable. Many of those we remember will have taught us about life and faith with practical examples. God knows the value of the practical example - he didn't have to teach us how to sing, He just dressed a song in feathers and released it in the sky!

In Jesus, God gave us the supreme example. By joining in with things Jesus showed us exactly how we should act. Both teacher and example, the embodiment of the lesson, making it come alive. Some lessons are easier to learn than others. Subjects like suffering, redemption, humility and forgiveness are always going to be difficult and Jesus knew that the best way for us to learn was to show us as well as tell us. In the Lectionary this year we are following Mark's Gospel. Mark's Gospel is very much about Jesus doing things. There are no long teaching passages in Mark like the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew.

It would not be much point in us learning about the Christian faith if we did not put what we had learned into practice. Living out, during the week and in the world, what we learn and do in church on Sundays. We won't always get it right because we're only human and therefore sometimes fallible but we can give it our best shot. It's no good just talking the talk. If we want to bring the good news of Jesus to the people of Enfield we also need to walk the walk.

On 14th July we welcome our new ministers Mark & Melanie to our Pastorates here in Enfield. They are obviously two people who feel very strongly about living out their faith. I had a feeling after our first meeting with them that they will inspire

Pastoral Letter **July 2018** continued...

us to live out our faith in new ways and help us to grow and develop in our faith, whatever stages we're at in our journeys.

We look forward to their ministries and to being inspired by them. May God bless them both as they start their ministry with us here in Enfield and may we all be receptive and enthusiastic to embrace the new things they will share with us.

Best wishes and a warm welcome to Mark & Melanie and may God bless them both.

Laura Marlow
On behalf of Lancaster Road URC

Induction **service**

North Enfield
Pastorate



Bush Hill Park



Christ Church



Lancaster Road

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Revd Mark Meatcher

as minister of Bush Hill Park, Christ Church
and Lancaster Road United Reformed Churches

and

Revd Melanie Smith

as minister of Palmers Green, Ponders End
and Winchmore Hill United Reformed Churches

**Saturday 14th July 2018 at 2:00pm at
Christ Church United Reformed Church**

The service will be followed by tea in the hall
Please note that robes will not be worn at this occasion

Please RSVP to mail@ccurc.org.uk or
020 8482 4610 (answerphone enabled)

South & East Enfield
Pastorate



Palmers Green



Ponders End



Winchmore Hill



Reverends Melanie Smith and Mark Meatcher Arriving in Enfield soon!

Well, somebody asked if Melanie and I could write a little about ourselves so that you can begin to get to know us. What can we say?

I am relatively young, only having had 13 birthdays (I was born on 29th February), but have had over 21 years looking after property in different ways including several listed buildings and before becoming a minister was a Chartered Surveyor.

I trained for the ministry in Salisbury alongside Anglicans and Methodist students, being one of the last URC students to train in that way, and then spent nine months on placement in Petersfield, Hampshire, spending one day or more each week at Westminster College, Cambridge, theologically reflecting (I think that is what they call it...).

I have been a minister since 2009 and have worked in multi-church pastorates (no less than 3 at any point in time), as a

London's **calling** continued...

hospice chaplain, and sat on various synod committees and planning groups for church growth conferences and events, listed buildings, resources and pastoral committees.

I have three children from my first marriage. Paul, my eldest son, is 30 and lives just north of Sydney in Australia in December. He recently made me feel even older by announcing that his wife, Jasmine, is intending to make me a Grandad by the end of the year as they are expecting their first child in November.

I have two other children from my first marriage, Andrew, who works in a law firm on the south coast and recently got engaged to Amanda, and Laura, who completed a degree in drama, music, singing in Chichester last year. Both of them are well and truly grown up, being 28 and 25 respectively.

Melanie had a career as a Chartered Accountant working in the public sector before training for the ministry at Westminster College, Cambridge. As she spent her childhood in Cambridgeshire and her first job after leaving school was in a bank opposite Kings College, the very idea of studying at Cambridge has felt absurd, but is a daily reminder that God's horizons are far broader than our own.

Melanie has been a minister since 2012, ordained at Crowstone St. George's United Reformed Church, in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. She was the Chaplain to General Assembly Moderator Michael Jagessar during his term of office (2010 to 2012). Melanie was additionally called to minister at Westcliff URC and, with the church building at Westcliff URC being no longer fit for purpose, was happy to help the two congregations to unite last autumn as one new church, Kings Road URC.

We are both looking forward to building relationships with all

of you, and working together to see what God might want to do in and through us in the days ahead.

"...let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action..."
(1 John 3:18)

Your (new) minister,

Mark
Revd Mark Meatcher

Friendship Club **2018 programme**

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!

The next meetings are as follows:

Monday 16th July
The Last Night of the Proms - Ann Luciani

Monday 20th August
Summer tea - Pamela Fisher

Monday 17th September
Speaker - Rev Mandy James

Monday 15th October
Albania - John Wallington and Anne Johnson

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

Christian Aid **Week**

In the last newsletter there was a report about the events that took place at Christ Church for Christian Aid Week.



We can report that a total of £527.63 was raised from these activities. We would once again like to thank all those who helped out by delivering and collecting envelopes in the local streets, provided the lunch and took part in the service for Christian Aid Week.

During the Christian Aid service we heard the stories of some of the people in Haiti who were displaced by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and lived in fear of what might happen next.

We heard about Marcelin and his daughters, who found themselves homeless after Hurricane Matthew and were forced to live in a disused shower block. Thanks to the support of so many people during Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid's partner KORAL has built them a new, hurricane-proof home and the keys were recently handed over to Marcelin!

We also heard about Marcelin's neighbour Jocelyne, who has been living in a shelter made from tarpaulin sheets since Hurricane Matthew struck. A new home is currently being built for Jocelyne and will be ready for her soon.

Christian Aid has shared a heart-warming film about the work in Haiti which can be seen at <http://youtu.be/2CoCWfRqIKM>

If you would still like to make a donation to the work of Christian Aid, it is never too late. Check out their website at www.christianaid.org.uk or speak to Philip Taylor, our Christian Aid co-ordinator, for more information.

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The church of God

What does it mean to be the church of God?

Melanie and I attended the first ever URC Ministers Gathering in Staffordshire at the end of April/beginning of May this year alongside over 300 other URC ministers.

It was a time of refreshing for many, and we came away feeling much more enthused about the state of the URC than the picture we usually get painted for us of what life in the URC is like today.

It reminded me of an article that I wrote a few years ago now when I last moved pastorates, entitled "The Challenge of Change" (an article that reflects a little on some of my early experiences of church life as a minister that is available online, although it was originally printed in Ministry Today: <https://www.ministrytoday.org.uk/magazine/issues/60/462/>).

My reflections in my writing then, over four years ago now, still seem to be valid when thinking about our churches:-

- The congregations are often in a different place to the community around them
- There is still a desire in people to look for 'God'
- People have questions that they want answered

But also, in the few years since I wrote that article, change seems to be increasing, not decreasing, and I wonder whether our ability as "church/es" to cope with change is improving or not?

So, what was it about the ministers gathering that was helpful?

Do you know what?

For me, it was the fact that there was NO BUSINESS.

The church of **God** continued...

We came together and worshipped together, studied the Bible together, heard preaching together, and shared time together... but not once was there the mention of any business needing to be done.

Is there a message there for us as churches moving forward?

Our church meetings so often seem to be business meetings, when actually God is probably wanting us to turn to worshipping, rather than working.

There is the problem of safeguarding, rotas, Young church, GDPR (sorry!) and many other things (who is going to open the church or hall for that user that needs it open first thing on Wednesday?) and many people seem to be rushing around just trying to keep the show on the road (whose show, I wonder?).

The ministers gathering enabled us all to stop, relax and love one another and love God... we didn't need to do anything.

Is the change that we need in order to really be the church one that is staring us in the face - one of needing to come back to Jesus, fall in love again and simply do what Jesus asks us to do?

St Augustine wrote that we should "Love God and do as we please" (if we love God what we please to do will be to please God) and I wonder whether we have made church out to be something it was never meant to be, or to become?

So, for you today, might you think a little about what being the church means to you... and how that affects your relationship with God?

Revd Mark Meatcher

Unite 2018

From Friday 25th to Monday 28th May a group of boys from the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade joined with around 250 young people and leaders from across England and Wales for Unite at Felden Lodge.

Unite is a weekend camp featuring a semi-structured programme throughout the weekend, primarily aimed at 11 to 18 year olds. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a range of different activities, explore the Christian faith and meet other people from around the region.

Throughout the weekend there were activities including football, archery, hockey, rounders, American football, strong person competitions, a quiz, a campfire and much more. There was even Unite's version of Total Wipeout, where teams took part in a range of challenges including an inflatable assault course, wrecking ball, water games and puzzles!

Evening entertainment included a film, Minute to Win It challenges, a disco (which included a VIP area with mocktails and a photo booth), and Unite's Got Talent, the popular talent show which again featured a number of memorable performances!

There were times of worship where everyone came together in the Marquee (the main venue). The speaker was Jim Sutton, who is one of the pastors of Balham Baptist Church in south west London. He spoke on the theme "Faith, Hope and Love", based on 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Each group at Unite was part of one of three 'villages': red, blue and yellow, each led by two Village Leaders. The villages 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 year

were the blue village, which the 3rd Enfield group was a part of!

Unite 2018 was a brilliant weekend and we thank all those who were involved in organising and running it. We're already looking forward to next year's event!

Tom Boorman



Boys' Brigade Athletics competition

On Saturday 9th June the annual North London Zone Athletics competition took place at Lee Valley Athletics Centre.

The event was open to members of all age groups, with separate competitions for each. The younger age groups took part in track events including 60 metre sprint, egg and spoon race, shuttle run, skipping and a relay, and track events including long jump, cricket ball throwing and Javball. Older members could take part in track events from 100 metres up to 1500 metres and field events including long jump, high jump, javelin, discus and shot put.



The 3rd Enfield had teams in each of the age groups and finished fourth (Anchors), sixth (Juniors) and third (Company & Seniors). Congratulations to 10th Enfield, 1st Barnet and 133rd London who won the respective competitions.

Well done to all of our boys who took part, including those who won events - Zaydan (reception/year 1 skipping), Joseph (year 4 Javball), Josef (age 14/15 800 metres), Frankie (age 14/15 1500 metres) and James (age 14/15 discus and shot put).

Tom Boorman



Boys' Brigade trip to **Thorpe Park**

On Saturday 16th June members of Enfield and Inner North London Battalions joined together for a trip to Thorpe Park.



The trip was open to members of Company Section and Seniors. Those present enjoyed a great day out, getting the chance to go on rides including Nemesis Inferno, Swarm, Tidal Wave, Detonator, Rumba Rapids, Derren Brown's Ghost Train, dodgems and more!

Tom Boorman



Boys' Brigade **end of session BBQ**

On Monday 9th July the 3rd Enfield BB will be holding an end of session BBQ in the garden behind the church, or in the hall if wet. It will start at 6:00pm (food served from about 6:30pm).

All boys, parents and friends of the Company are very welcome to join us. If you would like to come along, please let me know so we have a rough idea of numbers.

Tom Boorman



Lunchtime @ Christ Church

**Saturday
11th August
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!**

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Prayer diary July 2018

- 1st** - Pray for the Adventurers and that more children may be encouraged to join the group.
- 2nd** - Pray for the Boys' Brigade as they meet this evening.
- 3rd** - Give thanks to God for his word to us through the Bible.
- 4th** - Pray for the leaders of our church organisations.
- 5th** - Pray for local businesses on and around Chase Side.
- 6th** - Pray for the Girlguiding groups as they meet today.
- 7th** - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.
- 8th** - Pray for the members of The Worship Group as they lead our service this morning.
- 9th** - Pray for the Boys' Brigade as they hold their final meeting before the summer holidays this evening.
- 10th** - Pray for newly married couples.
- 11th** - Pray for the residents of Chase Side Place.
- 12th** - Pray for this evening's Enfield Community Orchestra Summer Concert which is taking place in the church.
- 13th** - Pray for the Girlguiding groups as they meet for the final time before the summer holidays.
- 14th** - Pray for Revds Mark Meatcher and Melanie Smith as they are inducted as the new ministers of the two pastorates in Enfield this afternoon.
- 15th** - Pray for Mark as he leads his first service as our minister this morning.
- 16th** - Pray for the Friendship Club as the group meets today.
- 17th** - Pray for the staff of Chase Side Primary School.
- 18th** - Pray for Joan Ryan, our Member of Parliament.
- 19th** - Give thanks for all those who give their time to the church in God's service.
- 20th** - Pray for continued good weather this summer!
- 21st** - Pray for the Breakfast Club as the group meets today.
- 22nd** - Pray for God's guidance as we come together in worship this morning.
- 23rd** - Pray for the external groups who use our premises.
- 24th** - Pray for the work of our emergency services.
- 25th** - Pray for our elders.
- 26th** - Pray for those who are new to the Christian faith.

Prayer diary **July 2018** continued...

- 27th** - Pray for the other churches in the North West Enfield Group.
- 28th** - Give thanks for the beautiful parks and open spaces that we have in Enfield.
- 29th** - Pray for our friend Terry Silvey, who is leading us in worship today.
- 30th** - Pray for all who are travelling over the holiday period.
- 31st** - Pray for God's comfort over those in need.

Prayer diary **August 2018**

- 1st** - Pray for God's guidance over the coming month.
- 2nd** - Give thanks for family and friends.
- 3rd** - Pray for the staff of Chase Farm Hospital.
- 4th** - Pray for the Breakfast Club, meeting this morning.
- 5th** - Pray for our time of worship this morning, which includes Holy Communion.
- 6th** - Pray for teachers and that they will get some rest over the summer holidays.
- 7th** - Pray for lasting peace where there is conflict.
- 8th** - Pray for those who suffer persecution for their faith.
- 9th** - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.
- 10th** - Pray for those who serve in our armed forces.
- 11th** - Pray for today's Lunchtime @ Christ Church.
- 12th** - Pray for our Breakfast Service this morning.
- 13th** - Pray for this week's Holiday Club at Lancaster Road URC.
- 14th** - Pray for the residents of Nunn's Road.
- 15th** - Pray for our friends from Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs.
- 16th** - Pray for those we know of who are receiving A Level results today.
- 17th** - Give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 18th** - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.

Prayer diary **August 2018** continued...

19th - Pray for Linda Clarke as she leads worship today.

20th - Pray for the members of the Friendship Club as they meet together this afternoon to enjoy a summer tea.

21st - Pray for our Councillors - Lindsay Rawlings, Michael Rye and Jim Steven.

22nd - Pray for those who are facing financial difficulties.

23rd - Pray for the young people in our youth organisations who are receiving GCSE results today.

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

25th - Pray for the work of the Thames North Synod.

26th - Pray for God's guidance as we worship this morning.

27th - Pray for those who are enjoying the bank holiday today.

28th - Pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones.

29th - Pray for your own faith.

30th - Pray for emergency relief workers around the world.

31st - Pray for those who are preparing for the start of a new school year.

September newsletter

The **September 2018** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 26th August**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 12th 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 2018**

Sunday 1st July 11:00am
Martin Wells
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Saturday 7th July 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 8th July 11:00am
Evodian Fonyonga
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Thursday 12th July 8:00pm to 10:00pm
Enfield Community Orchestra Summer Concert (see page 9)

Saturday 14th July 2:00pm
**Induction of Revd Mark Meatcher as minister of
Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCS
and Revd Melanie Smith as minister of Palmers Green,
Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCS, followed by tea
(at Christ Church - see pages 4 to 7)**

Sunday 15th July 11:00am
Revd Mark Meatcher
(Mark's first service as minister of Christ Church URC)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Sunday 15th July 12:30pm
Elders Meeting

Monday 16th July 2:15pm
Friendship Club
The Last Night of the Proms - Ann Luciani

Saturday 21st July 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Church diary **July 2018** continued...

Sunday 22nd July **11:00am**
John Stynes
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Sunday 29th July **11:00am**
Terry Silvey
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Church diary **August 2018**

Saturday 4th August **9:00am to 10:30am**
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 5th August **11:00am**
Tom Boorman
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

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

Sunday 12th August **10:30am**
The Worship Group & Revd Mark Meatcher
Breakfast Service
Duty Elder - Worship Group members

Saturday 18th August **9:00am to 10:30am**
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 19th August **11:00am**
Linda Clarke
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Church diary **August 2018** continued...

Monday 20th August 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Summer tea - Pamela Fisher

Sunday 26th August 11:00am
Pamela Mansley
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Church diary **September 2018**

Saturday 1st September 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 2nd September 11:00am
Revd Martin Legg
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Sunday 9th September 11:00am
Martin Wells
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Future meeting dates

Church Meetings

Sundays 23rd September, 4th November

Elders Meetings

Sundays 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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