



CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson

**FAITH
in GOD**

**CHANGES
EVERYTHING**



June 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,

The three main Christian festivals are Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus following his suffering and death on the cross, and Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

Sadly Pentecost, or Whit Sunday as it was commonly known, has become a largely forgotten festival. Some people make a special effort to attend a Carol Service, Nativity Service or Christmas Day Service at Christmas. They may do likewise with a Good Friday or Easter Day Service at Easter. But hardly anyone makes a special effort to go to a service on Pentecost.

My impression is that Mothering Sunday, Harvest Thanksgiving and Remembrance Sunday all have greater appeal than Pentecost. Yet Pentecost has the far greater Christian significance. On Pentecost God gave his Holy Spirit to the first disciples and the church was begun. We read all about it in Acts chapter 2 which tells us how Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached the Gospel, many people came to faith in Christ and the Christian church began.

What is so special about the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God's presence and Christ's presence with us and in us today. It is God's power to guide, change and uplift our lives. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to live Christian lives, to grow in faith, to love other people and to witness to Christ. The Holy Spirit is not an optional extra but rather fundamental to the Christian life.

My favourite Biblical verse about the Holy Spirit is Galatians chapter 5, verse 22. Paul writes, "The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control". Surely these are all characteristics that we want and need in our lives.

Think of the Holy Spirit like this. A person gets into his car one morning to go to work. He turns the ignition key and nothing happens. He turns the key again but again nothing happens. He knows a bit about cars so he opens the bonnet to see if he can find the fault. When he looks he finds that someone has stolen the engine. The car won't go because it has lost its power.

Just as cars need engines to move so Christians need the Holy Spirit in order to follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit is God's power in the Christian life. Each day we need to pray for God's Spirit to lead and help us in our daily living.

This year Pentecost, that is Whit Sunday, is on 23rd May, fifty days after Easter. This is the day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the birth of the church. But we need the Holy Spirit, God's presence and power, in our lives every day.

May God richly bless you with his Spirit, David.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mary Smart and Cliff Boxer have recently been in hospital. Both are now back at home.

Our minister David Atkinson was unwell whilst on holiday but has made a full recovery.

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

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.

June 2nd 12 midday. Lunch at Forty Hall Café, which will be followed by a tour of the hall and the gardens. This must be booked in advance via Lily Smith.

June 16th Talk on waste reduction and disposal.
By Jenni Velloso

June 30th Through the lens of a camera. Slide programme by Mr. H Noble

July 14th Christ Church Cockfosters choir

End of term.

'You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because He trusts in you. Isaiah 26 Verse 3

Lily Smith



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:

08000 28 44 28



Christian Aid week May 9th—15th

Grand total raised £550.48, an increase of £30 from last year. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the collecting and for praying for this important event which gives us an opportunity to show the church is active in our community and raise as much needed funds for a wide range of projects around the world



Check out our Website at Christ Church

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

Lunchtime @ Christ Church

19th June 11 – 2 pm

12 – 1pm Musical entertainment

Lunchtime @ Christ Church

10th July 10.30 - 1.30pm

11.30 – 12.30pm Musical entertainment



LUNCH @ CHRIST CHURCH

Saturday 19th June

**Kathy and I would like to borrow 2 or 3 tier cake
stands, so that we can display the
tasty and delicious food**

Please telephone me on 020 8363 6867

Thanks Maureen



Holiday Bible Week is in the jungle..!

Holiday Bible Week 2010

"Jungle Jamboree"

9th to 13th August

Edmonton County Upper School

Registration forms are now available from the forms page

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

join us on **SUNDAY 13th JUNE**
in **Enfield Town Park** from **1pm to 5pm**



On Sunday 13th June, the members of YOU (Youth Organisations in Uniform) - the Air Cadets, Boys' Brigade, Girl guiding, Scouts, Volunteer Police Cadets, St John Ambulance, Sea Cadets and Girls' Brigade - are joining together to put on a free community fun day in Enfield Town Park for the residents of Enfield. Find out more at www.youenfield.org.uk

Tap into the Power

I wonder if like me, you were glad of the message of last Sunday's service where we were reminded of what was so special about the third landmark event of our Christian faith. Yes, it was pointed out to us, our other two landmark festivals have been hijacked by the world at large – Christmas (a time of eating and drinking to excess, giving presents, Santa Claus, jingle bells...) and Easter (bunnies, chocolate eggs, daffodils). Pentecost, however is still ours, untainted by the world. I can just imagine the marketing men thinking, "Christmas? Yes we can market that, everybody loves a baby, buying presents, the ah! factor....." and "Easter? That is a little harder. Don't think people are thrilled about a cross. We'll change the imagery and turn it all fluffy....bunnies, eggs, flowers". I guess it is easy to think of ways of selling an idea when there is an image that people can picture in their minds.

But what do you do when there is no image to focus on and all you have is a sound "...as of a rushing mighty wind"? (Acts 2:1). What can it mean to the man on the street? Can't see that, can't touch that, can't mean anything, can't be that important

Yet we now know that, that 'rushing mighty wind' heralded the start of the greatest force the world has ever seen – the power of God, God himself. This is the power that existed right at the beginning, that created the universe (Gen 1:2), that never stands still, that is active even today in the lives of all, yes all, believers.

Whose lives are being transformed? Not only believers, as seen when the group of dispirited disciples who denied their Lord, who ran away, experienced the transforming power to boldly proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ and the message of salvation (Acts 2) but also those whom God draws to Himself, to those who are given power to become sons of God (John 1:12)

Now there may be no rushing wind and tongues of fire but we know that the Spirit is with us. How do we know this? We can boldly claim that the Spirit is with us because Jesus promises that the Father will give us His Spirit (John 14:16), the Comforter who will abide with us forever. But the Spirit not only comforts but empowers (Acts 1:8).

Wow, what a thought – WE ARE EMPOWERED. It is said that power is intoxicating, an aphrodisiac. Men have fought for it, grab it, seized it..... yet our God gives it. What a difference! Man grabs power that is transient and God gives power that is eternal, man uses resources that are in many cases not renewable to generate power for everyday living and God gives power that is unquenchable. It is power that can transform lives.

What do we do with this power? The interesting fact is that Pentecost, as we were told, has connections with harvest. Didn't Jesus say in Luke 10:2 that the harvest is great but the labourers are few and that we are to pray that God will send forth labourers into His harvest? Well God has answered our prayers. He kick started His Church whose mission it is to be witnesses and make disciples in the most spectacular way possible. It would not have made sense for God to commission us to do something without giving us the necessary power. Why would God want us to fail?

The first disciples not only witnessed to their own people, in their own language, but reached out to many more in their own tongues. God's message of salvation is available to all men just as His Spirit is given to all who will turn to Him.

WE'VE GOT THE POWER!! Let our lives reflect the truth of that.

3rd Enfield (T R Plowman's) Company



Annual Display and Presentation Evening

On Monday 17th May 2010, the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade held their Company Display in the Church hall. The evening began with the parade of the Company, including a time of prayer led by our Company Chaplain, Rev David Atkinson, and singing led by Martyn Stogden. There were a number of items including figure marching by the Junior Section, speed skating by the Company Section/Seniors, team games (which included volunteers from the audience!), a video showing some of the activities the Company has taken part in over the last 12 months, drill by the Company Section/Seniors and gymnastics by the Anchor Boys/Junior Section.

The Company:





**Sam Rowsell
being promoted
to Staff Sergeant.**



**Mark Mogaji
being presented
with his activity
badges**



**Jason Lissner
being presented
with Elsie Hart
Centenary Cup**

At the end of the evening, the awards were presented. As well as a number of activity badges, the following awards were presented:

Anchor Boys

Best Anchor Boy - runner-up: John Mogaji

Best Anchor Boy - winner: Kenneth Herath

Promoted from Anchor Boys to Junior Section: John Mogaji, Kenneth Herath

Junior Section

Best Junior Section Boy - runner-up: Jason Lissner

Best Junior Section Boy - winner: Jack Tulley

Promoted from Junior Section to Company Section: Jack Tulley, Owen Jones, Alby Jones, Danny Wells

Company Section/Seniors

Promoted to the rank of Corporal: Owen Newport

Promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant: Sam Rowsell, Jamie Newport

Company trophies

The R. L. Plowman Trophy: Owen Newport

The T. R. Plowman Trophy: Sam Rowsell

The Elsie Hart Centenary Cup: Jason Lissner

The Frank Head Trophy: Jamie Newport

The Cecil Brett Shield: Christian Collins-O'Connor

The Chris Bullock Memorial Trophy: Sam Rowsell

The George Page Senior Football Cup: Owen Newport

(More information about these Company trophies, including what they are presented for and lists of past winners, can be found on our website at www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk)

Special awards

Young Volunteer Award - 50 hours: Christian Collins-O'Connor

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Display, and thank you for your ongoing support of the Company.

EVENTS@CHRISTCHURCH

Holiday at Home 25th—27th June

**10am—4pm Friday & Saturday, including
lunch and refreshments**

11.00 a.m Sunday closing service

Would you like to join us for our first Holiday at Home? This will be like a holiday club for adults! We will be providing fun activities including craft, talks, musical entertainment and learning basic computer skills.

For further information, details of cost and to book a place please contact:

Rosemary Milns - 020 8363 6571

Pamela Fisher - 0777 5505 999

Both these numbers may be on an answer machine, but please do leave a message.

LUNCH@CHRISTCHURCH

On Saturday 15th May

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



USED STAMPS



'STAMPING OUT LEPROSY'

We are collecting used postage stamps to support The Leprosy Mission. This is an international Christian Organisation, transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy. Their goal is to eradicate the causes and consequences of this disease.

Although of little value on their own, stamps in large quantities can be sold to raise funds. Last year The Leprosy Mission raised over £70,000 in this way.

All stamps can be used, including ordinary FISRT and SECOND class ones. It would be helpful but is not essential, if the stamps on paper were trimmed, leaving a border of 5mm.

There is a box at the back of the church to collect all your stamps

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June Church Diary

- Wed 2nd Friendship Club Lunch at Forty Hall
12 midday
- Sun 6th 11am The Rev'd. David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for the
Cheviots Children's Centre
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley
12.30 Church Meeting**
- Wed 9th 9.45- Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at
11.15am Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 13th 11am The Worship Group
Duty Elder—Pamela Fisher**
- Wed 16th 2.15pm Friendship Club
Talk on waste reduction and disposal
Jenni Velloso
- Sat 19th 11—2 LUNCHTIME@CHRISTCHURCH**
- Sun 20th 11am The Rev'd. David Atkinson
Father's Day
Family Parade Service
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**
- Wed 23rd 9.45- Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at
11.15am Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 27th 11am Mr Terry Silvey
Closing service for 'Holiday at Home'
Duty Elder— Sylvia Coombs**
- Wed 30th 2.15pm Friendship Club
Through the lens of a camera. Slide
programme by Mr. H Noble

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- 11.15am	Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
Sun 11th	11am	The Worship Group Duty Elder—Pamela Mansley
Wed 14th	2.15pm	Friendship Club Christ Church Cockfosters choir.

Advance dates for 2010

Church Meetings

12.30pm

6th June

5th September

7th November

(Election of elders)

Elders Meetings

8pm

28th June

29th October

24th November

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.

**** JUNIOR CHURCH ****

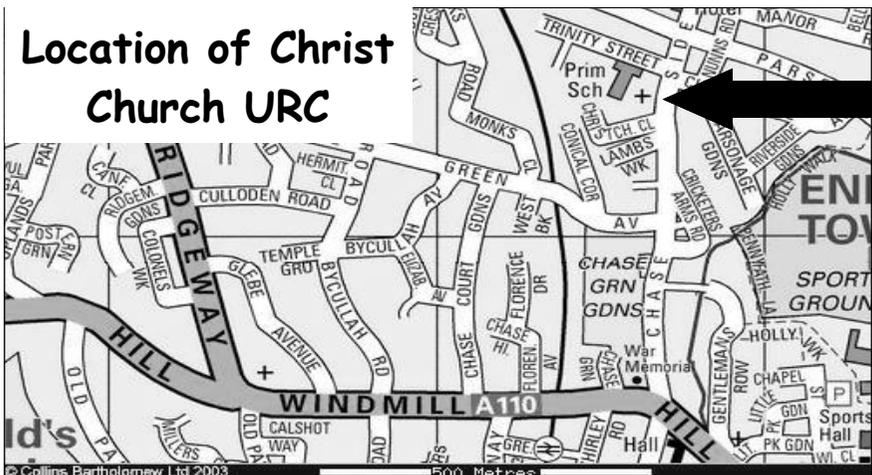
WHAT: Junior church are a group for boys and girls aged five upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a bible theme

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 **July & August** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of June**

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.

020 8482 4610 A/M please leave me a message