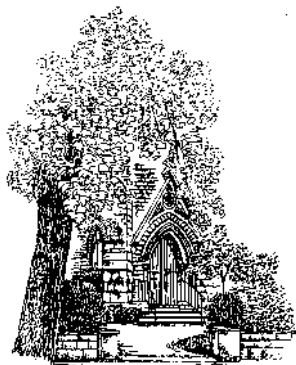


# CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield



Minister:  
Rev David Atkinson

**“Enter to worship,  
depart to serve”**

## June 2011

God Speaks  
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**are you listening?**

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# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY

- 11.00am Morning Worship  
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)  
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
- 11.00am Adventurers
- 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 Seniors (15-18 years)

## WEDNESDAY

- 9.45am - 11.30am Combined Bible Study  
at Lancaster Road URC *Twice monthly - see diary*
- 2.15pm Friendship Club *Twice monthly - see diary*

## FRIDAY

- 5.00pm - 6.15pm Rainbows (5-7 years)
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm Brownies (7-10 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Guides (10-14 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Rangers (14-20 years)

## VARIOUS DAYS

- 8.00pm Elders Meeting *Bi-monthly - see diary*

# MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A group called "Action for Happiness" was launched on 12<sup>th</sup> April and got into the national news. One of the speakers at the launch was TV presenter, Sian Williams.

The aim of the group is to boost the net amount of joy in the world by being kind to others and countering "an epidemic of loneliness and isolation".

Professor Richard Layard, head of the well-being programme at the London School of Economics said, "Despite the fact that we are getting richer, after 60 years we still haven't managed to produce a happier society. We are asking people to produce more happiness and less misery."

At the launch one of the group stood cheerily on the pavement holding aloft a sign offering "Free Hugs". People who attended the launch wore signs such as, "Love more" and "I'm up for more happiness".

The movement's supporters say it is not just about fluffy slogans. It requires members to set up action groups to promote happiness wherever possible: at work, at home and in the community. On 12<sup>th</sup> April the "Action for Happiness" website collapsed under the weight of users.

There is evidence that the happiness movement is being taken seriously in high places. Last year David Cameron told a conference that it was time "we admitted that there's more to life than money". He added, "It's time we focused not just on GDP but on GWB - general wellbeing".

In November 2010 the government asked the Office of National Statistics to produce measures to gauge "general wellbeing". France's President, Nicolas Sarkozy, has declared his intention to include happiness and wellbeing in France's measure on economic progress.

Happiness and joy have a significant place in the Christian faith and life. But this is not because Christians are called to make personal happiness and joy a primary aim in life. Rather happiness is a bi-product and consequence of other aims.

For example, if we try to do God's will or care for someone in need or show forgiveness to someone who has wronged us or work for peace then a consequence for us can be personal fulfilment and joy. We aim to love and serve God and other people and in the process God blesses us with joy.

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June is Whit Sunday or Pentecost when we celebrate the giving of God's Spirit to the disciples (Acts chapter 2, verses 1-4). Paul tells us that one of the fruits of the Spirit is joy (Galatians chapter 5, verse 22). As we worship and pray to God and put our trust in him and as we love and serve God and other people God blesses us with an inner spiritual happiness and joy.

I welcome the group, "Action for Happiness". But I want to add that those who practise the Christian faith share happiness with others and experience happiness for themselves.

May the love, joy and peace of the Spirit of Christ be with you all. David

## **NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Betty Winter has had a fall, fractured her leg and returned to Springview Residential Home, Crescent Road, Enfield.

The funeral and thanksgiving service for Gladys Noble, the sister of Lily Smith, was held at Christ Church on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

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

### **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.

## **UNITED SERVICE**

The North West Enfield Churches' United Service for Pentecost on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June will be at St Mary Magdalene Church at 6:30 p.m. Ms Lorraine Williams from the Christian charity, the "Imagine Project", will speak about the Project's work to help the poor and needy in Mozambique. Please note the change of venue for our United Service and do your best to support it. David.

**Saturday 11th June  
Lunchtime@ChristChurch  
Hot lunches available and a time  
of fellowship  
11-2pm**

## **Christian Aid Week 15th to 21st May**

**WE RAISED — £491.13**

**Thank you to everyone who collected.**

Christian Aid is an international organisation that operates in some of the most underprivileged areas of the world with the aim of eradicating poverty. Every year, Churches around the country take to the streets during Christian Aid Week with the aim of raising money towards this work.



## LEA VALLEY AREA of the THAMES NORTH SYNOD

Easter Greetings for 2011. May you find renewed life in your endeavours for Christ.

Welcome to Edition 2 of the quarterly newsletter from the Lea Valley Area Committee for the Churches and members in Lea Valley. Nobody has submitted items from local Churches, but here are things the Area Committee is aware of, and wishes for you all to know.

### News of Churches and Ministers:

Rev Ray Adams has formally taken over as president of the Area Forum, and will preside over its next meeting on 30 June 2011, likely to be held at Cheshunt.

We look forward to welcoming John Campbell to High Cross from September. His induction is scheduled for the afternoon of September 25<sup>th</sup>. No doubt invites will be forthcoming for those who wish to be there. Contact High Cross if you have a strong desire to be invited.

25% of John Campbell's time is also linked to working with Thames North & Southern Synod's Urban Churches Support Group. As that is separate to his ministry at High Cross, there is to be a service on September 3<sup>rd</sup> (at 3pm) at Rectory Rd URC, at which he will be inducted into the UCSG role. It will also be an occasion when transitions will be marked, as Sandra Ackroyd and others who have led that work, and chaired its committees will be thanked for their efforts as they step down. It is to be a celebration, and all who regard themselves as 'Urban Churches' and have appreciated the ministry of the last 10 years, and look forward to the next era in its life, are invited. It would be appreciated if indications of numbers who might attend could be given, for any catering etc.

Offers gladly received.

Following elections at the last Synod there have been changes in the make up of the Area Committee. Ray Adams and Chris Hall (Lay Leader @ Cheshunt) have been newly elected on. Barbara Leighton, Perry Reid and John MacAuley have been re-affirmed for another period of service; in Perry's and John's case for one more year. Sadly, due to health reasons, Ron Andrews has stepped down, and our thoughts and prayers are with him. We thank him for his service.

Hugh Graham has also decided after some 10 years service with the old District Pastoral Committee and convening the Area committee to step down from the committee and role. All in the Area will want to thank him for his humble service and many hours put in serving the cause of the Area, much of quietly done and behind the scenes. He will be sorely missed.

The committee is unsure of how best to fill the Convenorship role and various options are being considered. Watch this space.

URC's Radical Welcome campaign: Rev Lucy Berry (Bethnal Green & on the national steering group) writes to say that she is personally willing and able to come to local Churches to talk through the campaign and answer questions people may have, following the presentations this spring. Her contact details are in the Synod Year Book.


TLS Lite course: John MacAuley, Upper Clapton URC, and the Area through Paul Ashitey, are keen to run this course, making it open to everyone. So there is an introduction and launch of what this involves for worship leaders, and potential worship leaders, by the Synod Training Officer (Anne Sardeson) at Upper Clapton on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2012. More details from John, or Paul.

Hope your summer plans go well, and do let Tim know of news to share in Edition 3 for the Autumn.

Area Secretary Contact: Rev Tim Clarke. Tel 0207 704 8114. email: [tim-sueclarke@tinyonline.co.uk](mailto:tim-sueclarke@tinyonline.co.uk)

# Spring Harvest 2012 - Church Actually

We are invited to join with our friends from Lancaster Road URC at Spring Harvest. This time round we will be going to Butlins in Minehead from Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th April 2012. For more information please contact Clare Locke at Lancaster Road.




SPRING HARVEST 2012  
**CHURCH  
ACTUALLY**  
GOD'S BRILLIANT IDEA

YOU'RE HERE TO BE LIGHT, BRINGING  
OUT THE GOD-COLOURS IN THE WORLD.  
Matthew 5:14

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BOOKING LINES OPEN WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE  
MINEHEAD 31 MARCH - 15 APRIL  
SKOGHES 10 - 15 APRIL | [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org)

Meredith Group is a registered charity.





# The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club meets on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the Church hall, and we warmly welcome everyone to our friendly meetings.

We are about to begin our summer programme with the following talks and activities:

## **1st June**

Slides of Austria and Bavaria  
Mary Soulsby

## **15th June**

Outing - lunch at The Plough, Crews Hill

## **29th June**

Latest developments at the North London Hospice  
Pauline Treen

## **13th July**

Devotional Meeting  
Rev Amanda James

“God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” - Psalm 46:1

For more information about the Friendship Club  
please contact the Secretary:  
Mrs Lily Smith (tel 020 8363 3788)



On 16th May, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Enfield Boys' Brigade held their Annual Company Display and Presentation Evening in the Church Hall.

The evening saw a number of items from all sections of the Company, as well as plenty of audience participation! The Anchor Boys and Junior Section showed us some gymnastics and games, while the Company Section put on a drill item (including old boys and other audience members!) and joined with the rest of the Company and audience members for some team games.

At the end of the evening, various awards and presentations were made:

### **Anchor Boys**

Best Anchor Boy - runner-up: Oscar Broda

Best Anchor Boy - winner: Frankie George

### **Junior Section**

Best Junior Section Boy - runner-up: Caspian Wright

Best Junior Section Boy - winner: Jason Lissner

### **Company Section/Seniors**

Promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal: Mark Mogaji

Promoted to the rank of Sergeant: Owen Newport, Christian Collins-O'Connor

### **Company trophies**

The R L Plowman Trophy: Mark Mogaji

The T R Plowman Trophy: Christian Collins-O'Connor

The Elsie Hart Centenary Cup: Jack Tulley

The Frank Head Trophy: Luke Mogaji

The Cecil Brett Shield: Jack Tulley

The George Page Senior Football Cup: Mark Mogaji

(More information about all of the Company trophies can be found on the history section of our website, [www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk](http://www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk))

### **Special awards**

Young Volunteer Award - 100 hours: Christian Collins-O'Connor

There were also a number of badges and good attendance prizes given out to members of all sections.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Display - we hope you all enjoyed the evening. Check out some photos from the Display on the opposite



# Christ Church Youth Activity Day

Check out some photos from our Youth Activity Day on Saturday 14th May!

The day featured food, drink and various stands and activities from the youth organisations at the Church. There was also a performance from North London Brass - for more information about the band visit

[www.fourhillsmusic.co.uk](http://www.fourhillsmusic.co.uk)





# Prayer Diary for June

- 1st Pray for the Friendship Club and its members as they meet this afternoon
- 2nd Pray for the children of Adventurers and that more may be encouraged to join
- 3rd Pray for those that have been enjoying the half term break
- 4th Pray for the members of the BB's Enfield Battalion who are enjoying a trip to Drayton Manor Theme Park today
- 5th Ask for God's guidance at our Church Meeting following the service this morning
- 6th Pray for the Junior Section as they meet this evening
- 7th Pray for the work of Compassion and other Christian charities that work in the developing world
- 8th Pray for the children of Chase Side Primary School and also for their teachers
- 9th Pray for those who are unable to join us at Church through sickness or ill health
- 10th Pray for the Brownies, meeting this evening in the Church hall
- 11th Pray for a fantastic time of fellowship at our Lunchtime @ Christ Church today
- 12th Give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost today
- 13th Pray for the Company Section as they meet this evening
- 14th Pray for the external groups that use our premises
- 15th Pray for all those who are sitting exams at the moment and especially those involved in the life of Christ Church
- 16th Pray for David, our Minister
- 17th Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening
- 18th Pray for those who are enjoying a day of rest today
- 19th Give thanks for fathers!
- 20th Pray for the Seniors, meeting this evening
- 21st Pray for those around the world who are suffering from persecution for their faith
- 22nd Pray for the Joint Bible Study Group as they meet this morning

- 23rd Pray for those who are leading services at Christ Church in the coming weeks
- 24th Pray for the members of Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening
- 25th Pray for the wedding taking place in the Church today
- 26th Pray for the Junior Section members that have been spending the weekend at Felden Lodge on the Enfield Battalion Weekend Camp
- 27th Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening
- 28th Pray for the leaders of the various Church organisations
- 29th Pray for the Elders Meeting taking place in the Elders Vestry today and for their leadership over Christ Church
- 30th Give thanks to God for the longer evenings and warmer weather

On the previous page and above you will see a new feature to the Christ Church newsletter, a Prayer Diary. There is a different item for every day of the month - if you pray daily, please consider including these each time.

If you have anything that you would like included in a future prayer diary, or if there is something you would like us to pray for (for example during our services), then a new way of letting us know has been set up. Please email your prayer requests to [prayer@ccurc.org.uk](mailto:prayer@ccurc.org.uk) and these can be included.

## **Listen online...**

**Missed a service, or just want to hear a talk again?  
Recordings from our Sunday services are being made  
available on the Christ Church website**

**Check out the “Downloads” page to find recordings of  
the all age talks and sermons - simply find the one you  
want, click the  
link and you can  
then listen to the  
whole talk!**

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# **Lancaster Road United Reformed Church Enfield**

## **LANCASTER ROAD CHURCH WEEKEND**

Lancaster Road United Reformed Church is arranging a Church Weekend at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon 21st - 23rd October 2011. The price for en-suite accommodation including all meals from Friday dinner to Sunday afternoon tea is £140.00.

Our theme is "Prayer and Devotional Life". Our guest speaker is the Reverend Elizabeth Welch, minister of Clapton Park and Dalston URC Hackney. Elizabeth was previously Moderator of the URC West Midlands Province and Moderator of the URC General Assembly. The weekend will be a mixture of Christian teaching and worship and time to relax and socialise.

We invite Christ Church URC to this event and very much hope some people will join us. We have booked 40 places. Further information is available from me.

There are still some places remaining for the event. If you are interested in booking a place or would like any further information, please contact Rev David Atkinson on 020 8363 4571.



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# June Church Diary

- Wed 1st 2.15pm Friendship Club  
Slides of Austria and Bavaria -  
Mary Soulsby
- Sun 5th 11am Rev David Atkinson**  
**Holy Communion - offering for**  
**Cheviots Children's Centre**  
**Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley**  
12.30pm Church Meeting
- Wed 8th 9.45 - Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at  
11.30am Lancaster Road URC
- Sat 11am— 2pm LUNCHTIME@CHRISTCHURCH**
- Sun 12th 11am The Worship Group**  
**Pentecost**  
**Duty Elder - TBC**  
**6.30pm United Service for the North West**  
**Enfield Group of Churches for**  
**Pentecost at ST Mary Magdalene**
- Weds 15th Friendship Club  
Lunch at the Plough, Crews Hill
- Sun 19th 11am Rev David Atkinson**  
**Fathers Day**  
**Family Parade Service**  
**Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs**
- Wed 22nd 9.45 - Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at  
11.30am Lancaster Road URC
- 25th June Rob and Sue's wedding

**Sun 26th 11am Evodian Fonyonga  
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert**  
Wed 29th 2.15pm Friendship Club  
'North London Hospice'

## **July Church Diary**

**Sun 3rd 11am Rev David Atkinson  
Holy Communion for the  
communion fund  
Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley**

Wed 6th 9.45 - 11.30am Joint Bible Study with Lancaster  
Road at Lancaster Road URC

**Sun 10th 11am The Worship Group  
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher**

Weds 15th 2.15pm Friendship Club  
Devotional Meeting

## **Advance dates for 2011**

### **Church Meetings**

**12.30pm**

5th June  
11th September (please note  
change of date from 4th)  
6th November

### **Elders Meetings**

**8pm**

29th June (Elders Vestry)  
3rd October (the Manse)  
5th December (the Manse)

# **\*\* Adventurers \*\***

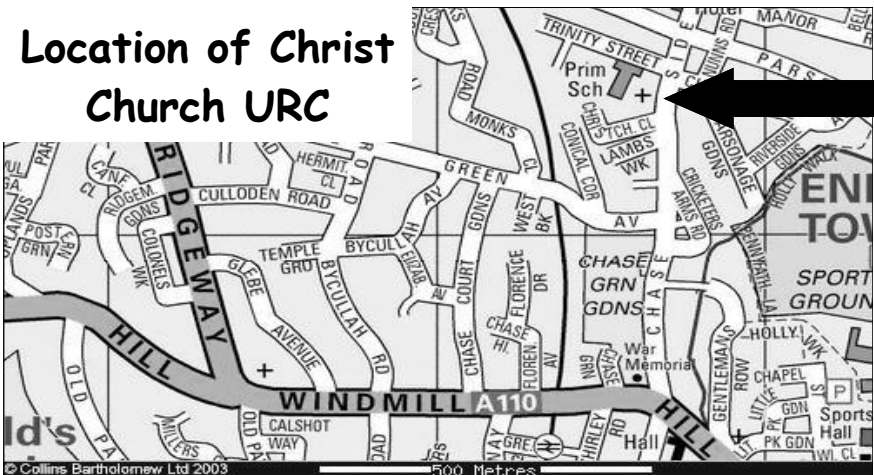
**WHAT:** Adventurers are a group for boys and girls aged three upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a Bible theme

**WHEN:** Sunday mornings from 11am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** Adventurers meet in the Church hall

If you are interested in coming or would like further details please contact Rosemary Milns (020 8363 6571)

## **Location of Christ Church URC**



Articles intended for inclusion in the **July/August** issue should reach the Editor by the **second Sunday of June**

Please contact Pamela Fisher with any items to be included in future issues. Items can be received either in paper form at Sunday worship or by email.

Phone 020 8482 4610 A/M please leave a message