

Christ Church United Reformed Church

NEWSLETTER

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Praise and thanksgiving

In our services we include hymns, prayers and Biblical readings of praise and thanksgiving to God for all his many blessings (see Psalms 100 and 117). In the New Testament, Paul often concluded his letters by recording his appreciation of the help he had received from various members of the local churches (see 1 Corinthians 16:10-18 and Colossians 4:7-14). How often do we thank our fellow Christians?

Some years ago a previous Thames North moderator asked us to tell our minister about those parts of services which we had found to be particularly helpful, such as a talk to children and young people, a point made in a sermon, a hymn or a prayer. It also helps to be challenged to think about our beliefs and actions by something said which we find difficult to do, or with which we disagree. Speaking about services in this way to worship leaders encourages them and it helps them to learn which parts were found to be particularly effective.

We should also not forget to thank members of our church family when they undertake tasks on our behalf and make helpful comments. I believe that if we look for the best in our Christian friends, they will be encouraged to fulfil our expectations; it was after receiving encouragement from other elders and church members that I wrote this pastoral letter.

While mistakes and failures may sometimes need to be pointed out, this should be done with consideration and preferably in private; people can be discouraged by negative criticism.

We are grateful for the hard work of our interim moderators, elders and other church members over the past year when we have been without a minister of our own. As we look forward to the induction of Rev Mark Meatcher and Rev Melanie Smith

Pastoral Letter **June 2018** continued...

on Saturday 14th July may we remember to give Mark and Melanie our support, encouragement and prayers as they begin their ministry in Enfield.

Stephen Gilbert
Secretary, Christ Church URC

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 18th June
Olympic Games makers - Carole and Derek Lindfield

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.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club, our Bible study and prayer group, continues to meet twice monthly on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Elders Vestry.

Forthcoming meetings will be held on 2nd and 16th June. Our time together consists of a time looking at and discussing a part of the Bible, a time of prayer, followed by breakfast and a chance to have a chat! Everyone is very welcome.

Induction service

The induction of Rev Mark Meatcher as minister of Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs and Rev Melanie Smith as minister of Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs will take place on Saturday 14th July at 2:00pm at Christ Church.

The service will be followed by tea in the hall.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for this special event as we welcome new ministers to the two pastorates in Enfield.

Data protection

Many of you will probably be aware of the new data protection laws (GDPR) that came into force at the end of May.

If you would like us to continue to keep you up to date with church events and activities please complete a consent form (available in the church) to give us permission to do so.

A copy of the church's Data Privacy Notice, explaining how we store and use your data, is on the church noticeboard or can be provided on request to mail@ccurc.org.uk.

The British Museum

Looking for the Bible in the British Museum

On 20th April a small group of URC members, including the Thames North moderator, visited the British Museum under the guidance of Rev John Campbell, minister of High Cross URC, Tottenham. On this interesting tour he pointed out various objects associated with people and events mentioned in the Bible and afterwards we had an enjoyable meal together in a nearby Italian restaurant.

The British Museum has a large collection of baked clay tablets incised with the Epic of Gilgamesh (Gilgamesh was King of Uruk in Mesopotamia, modern Iraq, in about 2800 BC). This epic poem tells of a flood which has also been recorded by various other ancient civilisations; in the Bible we have the story of Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-9). Other clay tablets have the famous code of Hammurabi which some consider has similarities to the laws in the book of Deuteronomy in the Bible.

In the Egyptian galleries are tomb paintings dating from around 1400 BC with scenes of daily life from the time when some of the earlier stories in the Old Testament are set (Genesis 39-50). The paintings show hunting wild fowl, keeping cattle and geese, growing barley, having banquets and entertainment and receiving tributes from western Asiatic peoples who were subject to Egypt. We also saw statues of many Pharaohs including Ramesses II, who died about 1225 BC, and who many historians think was the Pharaoh who oppressed the Hebrews (Exodus 1-14).

A black obelisk from Nimrud in Assyria shows the King of Israel Jehu, or his representative, giving tribute to Shalmaneser III in 825 BC (2 Kings 9-10). The Assyrian Empire extended from north-east Syria to northern Iraq.

Sennacherib's siege and capture of the city of Lachish, which

lay south-west of Jerusalem, and the subsequent expulsion of the Jewish population took place in 701 BC when Hezekiah was king of Judah (2 Kings 18:13 and Isaiah 36:1-2). According to Sennacherib's own account he deported over 200,000 people from Judah. The events are vividly illustrated in Assyrian stone relief carvings from a palace in Nineveh. The panels also show various scenes of contemporary life such as cooking, playing musical instruments and hunting wild animals.

The clay cylinder of Cyrus, King of Persia, records his conquest of Babylon in 539 BC and his freeing of captives. These included descendants of Jews who had been deported when the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah were destroyed in 722 BC and 587 BC respectively. Jews were then able to return to Jerusalem and rebuild Solomon's Temple (2 Chronicles 36:22-23 and Ezra 1:1-4).

We explored various rooms illustrating life in Roman times when events recorded in the New Testament took place. We saw the head of a statue of the Roman Emperor Augustus, who ruled between 31 BC and AD 14, during which people Jesus was born (Luke 2:1). Realistic Roman burial portraits show people who lived at the time of Jesus.

In a room devoted to Roman Britain is an early 4th century floor mosaic of Jesus from Hinton St Mary in Dorset. Wall paintings from about AD 350 of saints or Christian leaders at prayer came from a Christian chapel at Lullingstone Roman Villa in Kent.

By the 4th century Christianity was the official religion of the Roman Empire and had begun to spread beyond the Empire's boundaries to Ethiopia in Africa. Our tour concluded by seeing a later Ethiopian picture of the crucifixion of Jesus (Mark 15:21-41).

The British Museum continued...

John Campbell is proposing to repeat his tour of the British Museum in the autumn. If you would like further information or would like to book a free place, telephone him on 07429 627 156 or email john.campbell@urcthamesnorth.org.uk.

Stephen Gilbert

Holiday at **Home**

This year's Holiday at Home took place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May in the Church Hall.

We were pleased to provide another fun and varied Holiday at Home for our "guests" this year.

Activities included quizzes, various crafts, our popular Dad's Army DVD, talks from Rev Mandy James and Terry Silvey, keep fit, and gingerbread men decorating! Also I mustn't overlook the excellent cooked lunches.



Many thanks to all those who helped with the event.

Rosemary Milns

Christian Aid **Week**

Christian Aid Week in 2018 took place from Sunday 13th to Sunday 19th May.



At our service on 13th May, which was led by members of The Worship Group, we heard about some of the work done by Christian Aid.

The focus of this year's Christian Aid Week appeal is Haiti, which was devastated by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. We heard the stories of Haitians such as Jocelyne and Marcelin, who lost everything when Hurricane Matthew struck and live in fear of what might happen with hurricane season approaching again.

The money donated during Christian Aid Week will go towards helping to build hurricane-proof homes that will last and will help families like those of Jocelyne and Marcelin to weather future storms.

During the week we had a number of volunteers who took to the local streets to deliver Christian Aid envelopes and collect them later in the week. Our thanks to all those who gave their time to do this.

Following our service on 20th May we held a lunch in the hall. We had a delicious meal which was enjoyed by all and we thank Pamela and David Fisher for their work in preparing it, and all those who helped with setting up and clearing away. People were asked to make a donation towards the lunch, which will be added to our Christian Aid Week total.

The donations are being added up at the time of writing, and we will announce our total raised in the next newsletter.

BB Football Academy

On Saturday 21st April members of BB groups from across North London came together for the Football Academy event at Enfield Rangers FC.



The event was open to members of Junior Section, Company Section and Seniors from groups in Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions. It began with training sessions led by the coaching team from Enfield Rangers and following that there were 6-a-side Football tournaments for the different age groups.

The Junior Section tournament was won by the 1st Barnet, with a combined 3rd/10th Enfield team coming fifth. The tournament for Company Section and Seniors was won by the 11th Enfield, with the 3rd Enfield's team finishing as runners up. Well done to all those who took part and our thanks to those who helped to organise and run the event.

Tom Boorman

BB & GB at the London Marathon

On Sunday 22nd April members of the 3rd Enfield joined with a number of other BB and GB members as the London Massed Bugle Band performed along the route of the London Marathon. We



were located just after the 8 mile point, performing at the side of the road on what was a very warm day - particularly challenging for the runners!

Tom Boorman

BB Laser Quest competition

On Wednesday 25th April members of the 3rd Enfield joined with others from Enfield Battalion to take part in the North London Zone Inter Battalion Laser Quest competition.

The competition saw teams from Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions play against each other in 15 minute matches, with the two highest scoring teams going through to the final. Enfield and Inner North London were the two teams that took part in the final, with Enfield taking victory by a narrow margin. Well done to all who took part as we won for the fourth year in a row!

Tom Boorman

BB trip to Legoland Windsor

On Saturday 28th April nearly 130 children from groups in Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions went on a trip to Legoland Windsor.

The 3rd Enfield had 11 boys who went on the trip and while we were there we spent the day going on some of the rides including the Atlantis Submarine Voyage, Laser Raiders, the Pirate Falls Treasure Quest, S.Q.U.I.D Surfer, the Lego City Driving School and more. We also had a look at the wide range of Lego models including the Star Wars walkthrough and those of famous landmarks from around the world in Miniland. Before we went home there was also the chance to have a look and buy things from the shop! A fantastic day out was had by all and we thank all those who were involved in organising the event.



Tom Boorman

BB Badminton competition

On Sunday 29th April the North London Badminton competition took place at the Old Drill Hall in Enfield Town.



The event was open to all members of Company Section and Seniors and there were Under 15 and Open competitions, where members competed in pairs against other teams. After a good afternoon of badminton the 11th Enfield emerged as winners of both competitions. Teams from the 3rd Enfield finished as runners up in both age groups.

Tom Boorman

BB Hare & Hounds fun race

The afternoon of Saturday 12th May saw the Hare & Hounds fun race and activity afternoon take place at Grovelands Park in Winchmore Hill. The event was open to members of all age groups, with the Anchors and Juniors taking part in a short race across the field, through part of the forest area (including going across a water obstacle) and back up the hill to the finish line. The Company Section and Seniors did the same route as the younger members to begin with, before running around the outside of the lake and back up to the finish line.



Despite it being quite wet on the day everyone did well to complete the course, with the team winners as follows: 10th Enfield (Anchors), 4th Barnet (Juniors), 3rd Enfield (Company Section and Seniors). The 3rd Enfield also had a team in the Anchors event which came third, and well done to Frankie who was the individual winner in the Company Section and Seniors race!

Tom Boorman

Boys' Brigade Awards Evening

On Monday 21st May the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade held its Annual Awards Evening in the Church Hall.

This year we did things a little differently, as rather than holding a full Display we held an Awards Evening to focus the time on celebrating the achievements of the boys this session. Boys were presented with activity badges that they have earned in their sections and there were also certificates for good attendance, promotions and trophies awarded. The winners of the trophies and special awards this year were:

Anchor Boys

Best boy - runner up: Buddy

Best boy - winner: Yianni

Junior Section

Best boy - runner up: Chijindu

Best boy - winner: Daniel

Gold Badge: Isaac



Company Section & Seniors

Promotion to the rank of Sergeant: Ian, Joseph

Jack Petchey Achievement Award: James

Team Competition: Team 2 (Joseph, Ian, James, Michael)

Company trophies

The Cecil Brett Shield: Ian

The Frank Head Trophy: James

The George Page Sports Cup: Frankie

The R L Plowman Trophy: Josef

The T R Plowman Trophy: Ian

The Elsie Hart Centenary Cup: Frankie



It was lovely to see so many families and friends of the Company there and we thank everyone for your support - we hope you enjoyed the evening! Tom Boorman

Rainbows & Brownies Weekend Camp

From 18th to 20th May the Rainbows and Brownies went on a joint camp to Cottered.

We stayed in a really big building and all the children got to share one big hall to sleep in. We had a lovely weekend as the sun was shining.



We spent lots of times outside, we played on the play park which was at the campsite, had a campfire and enjoyed s'mores. We also got to make our own pizza dinner which we loved eating outside in the sunshine.

We also watched some of the royal wedding on the big screen and all enjoyed looking at the wonderful hats!

Vicki Stratton-Stubbs





Lunchtime @ Christ Church

**Saturday
16th June
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!**

**Find us at:
Christ Church URC, Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ
www.ccurc.org.uk**

Prayer diary June 2018

- 1st** - Pray for the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex following their recent wedding.
- 2nd** - Pray for the Breakfast Club, meeting in the church this morning.
- 3rd** - Pray for our time of worship this morning and for the Church Meeting which is following it.
- 4th** - Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening.
- 5th** - Pray for lasting peace in areas where there is conflict.
- 6th** - Pray for our elders.
- 7th** - Pray for the young people, particularly those in our fellowship, who are taking exams at the present time.
- 8th** - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.
- 9th** - Pray for the work of Cheviots Children's Centre, who we have supported with our Communion offering this month.
- 10th** - Pray for our friend Evodian Fonyonga, who is leading us in worship this morning.
- 11th** - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening.
- 12th** - Pray for anyone you know who is currently unwell.
- 13th** - Pray for Christ Church and for its place as a shining example of God's love in the local community.
- 14th** - Pray for all those who work at Chase Farm Hospital.
- 15th** - Pray for the Guides as they meet this evening.
- 16th** - Pray for today's Breakfast Club and Lunchtime @ Christ Church events.
- 17th** - Father's Day: Pray for earthly fathers and give praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father.
- 18th** - Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet in the hall this afternoon.
- 19th** - Pray for the residents of Perry Mead.
- 20th** - Continue to pray for Mark and Melanie as they prepare to move to Enfield next month.
- 21st** - Pray for the work of our government.
- 22nd** - Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening.
- 23rd** - Pray for the hundreds of BB members from across the country who are coming together at Felden Lodge today for

their Life 2 the Max activity day.

24th - Pray for the Adventurers as they meet during our service this morning.

25th - Pray for the Junior Section as they meet today.

26th - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

27th - Pray for the pupils and staff of Chase Side Primary School.

28th - Give thanks for God's word to us through the Bible.

29th - Pray for the Rangers as they meet this evening.

30th - Pray for those who are currently facing struggles in their faith.

July & August **newsletter**

The **July & August 2018** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 24th June**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 10th June**. 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 **June 2018**

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

Sunday 3rd June 11:00am
The Worship Group
Holy Communion (offering for Cheviots Children's Centre)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Sunday 3rd June 12:30pm
Church Meeting

Sunday 10th June 11:00am
Evodian Fonyonga
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Saturday 16th June 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Saturday 16th June 11:00am to 2:00pm
Lunchtime @ Christ Church

Sunday 17th June 11:00am
Rev Martin Legg
Family Parade Service (Father's Day)
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Monday 18th June 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Olympic Games makers - Carole and Derek Lindfield

Sunday 24th June 11:00am
Pamela Mansley
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

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**
The Worship Group
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Saturday 14th July **2:00pm**
**Induction of Rev Mark Meatcher as minister of
Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs
and Rev Melanie Smith as minister of Palmers Green,
Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs, followed by tea
(at Christ Church)**

Future **meeting dates**

Church Meetings

Sundays 3rd June, 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.



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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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