

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

**June 2019**

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# Pastoral Letter June 2019

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## The waiting is over...

We have been waiting, with the disciples, with the friends of Jesus; those who had seen him executed and witnessed in one way or another his re-appearances, having risen from the dead.

Some of them had been there when he ascended into heaven.

The day of Pentecost drew nearer and nearer, and the friends of Jesus wondered what exactly it was that they were waiting for.

*“While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This,’ he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’” (Acts 1:4,5)*

Luke records Jesus speaking about them being baptised with the Holy Spirit - but what did this mean? What does it mean for us today, living many years later?

Probably, very like us, the disciples were unsure as to what exactly was going to happen, what being baptised with the Holy Spirit was to mean, was to look like, what impact it might have on their lives.

For the moment, at least, they probably still felt uncertain and a little fearful of what was going on.

The experience of following Jesus over the last three years will have almost certainly been a challenge, whilst also being a delight to them.

How does their journey compare to our own? Do we find following Jesus to be a challenge, and a delight, or simply difficult, finding little room for delight?

One of the things that strikes me from reading through the account of the first day of Pentecost (see Acts chapter 2 for the details) is the rush, the excitement, the joy and delight that seems to pour out of the disciples' experience on that day.

Yes, there is the call for the people to repent, which, for some people, may be something that they find difficult to hear, but the call is accompanied by a promise:-

*"so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38)*

Yes, there is a sense of awe about what was going on around them (Acts 2:43) and I am not quite sure what your feelings may or may not be about that, but, for me, there is an overriding sense of joy and delight coming out from the account of what happened that day... so much so that others seem to think that it looks like they are all drunk, intoxicated with new wine (Acts 2:13).

If we have received the Holy Spirit as those early disciples did, and I believe there is no reason that we should not have done so, or do so, then we should surely be expecting to see something of that joy and that excitement when we come together to worship God, shouldn't we?

If you feel that this is something that is still not quite there for you, if you feel that you may not have received the Holy Spirit then do please take some time as we approach Pentecost this year to go to God in prayer and ask that God might give you this gift.

*"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives,*

*and everyone who searches find, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened... If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:9-13)*

God will respond to children that cry out asking, searching and knocking - an answer will come. Wait and see.

Your ministers

Mark and Melanie

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## Promoted to **glory**

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Yes, I know that's not a phrase that we generally hear used much nowadays, but it takes me back to my early Christian adventures when I was a member of the Pentecostal church for a while - and it is wording that describes how I felt recently when, over the course of a weekend, two people who have been influential on me in my own personal spiritual journey, died.

First, there was **Rachel Held Evans**.

I encountered Rachel a little by chance when I picked up her first novel "*Evolving in Monkey Town*", (published in 2008) which explores her journey from religious certainty to a faith which accepts doubt and questioning. From reading that and beginning to find out more about her and following her activities on social media I have found myself over the years identifying strongly with many of her viewpoints and the things that she shared.

She had a very open approach to faith and was keen to encourage millennials in particular to find and explore faith in an open way, not simply accepting without question the

teachings and approach of the church (“Young people don’t simply want a better show” - one of her quotes).

Her subsequent books demonstrate that approach:-

*A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head and Calling Her Husband Master* (published 2012)

*Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* (Published 2015)

*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* (Published 2018)

Rachel was placed in a medically-induced coma in April 2019 following an allergic reaction to medication for an infection. Her condition worsened due to “severe swelling of her brain” and she died, aged 37, on 4th May 2019.

Secondly, a couple of days later the news came through of the death of **Jean Vanier**, at the age of 90.

Jean was a Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian and humanitarian who, in 1964 founded L’Arche, an international federation of communities now spread over 37 countries for people with developmental disabilities.

Over the years he wrote 30 books on religion, disability, normality, success and tolerance and, on many occasions, I have found his words to be both inspiring and challenging.

Here’s a quick sample:-

*“We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love.”*

*“Many people are good at talking about what they are doing, but*

*in fact do little. Others do a lot but don't talk about it; they are the ones who make a community live."*

*"Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed."*

As I said at the beginning, the only words I can use to describe these two people is that they have been promoted to glory.

I must admit to still being a little shell-shocked at the death of such people, following on, for me, so closely to the sudden death of someone who had also become an inspiration in a very short period of time for us in Enfield, Vicky Martin.

May all those we know and love retain a place in our hearts for ever.

Mark (and Melanie)

P.S. A little thanks to Wikipedia for some of the above information.

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## Eco Tip

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The Mission Council of the United Reformed Church has just agreed to withdraw any investments they hold nationally from companies whose main business is the extraction of fossil fuels. This follows Bush Hill Park URC's Easter Fossil Fuel Free declaration (but perhaps not the only reason)!

Why not consider switching to a supplier which only generates its electricity from renewable sources? There are many on the market now. Mark and Melanie have been with Ecotricity for years, but other providers are available, such as Bulb and Good Energy.

# Forest CHURCH

Celebrating:

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Creativity

Creation

AND THE

Creator



**Coming soon to:**

The Scout Field  
The Paulin Ground  
Ford's Grove  
Winchmore Hill  
N21 3ER

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Black Hill Park    Christ Church    Lancaster Road    Palmers Green  
Ponders End    Trinity Methodist Church    Winchmore Hill

# Friendship Club **2019** programme

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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!

The next meetings are as follows:

**Monday 17th June**  
**Patagonia - John Wallington and Anne Johnson**

**Monday 15th July**  
**Speaker - Roy Pickering**

**Monday 19th August**  
**Summer tea**

**Monday 16th September**  
**Speaker and painter - Linda Clarke**

**Monday 21st October**  
**Speaker TBC**

**Monday 18th November**  
**Speaker - Revd Mandy James**

**Monday 16th December**  
**Preparing for Christmas**  
**(A Christmas programme including a bring and share tea)**

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

# Garth Hewitt in Enfield

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We would like to thank Garth Hewitt for his time in Enfield over the weekend of 18th and 19th May.

On the Saturday evening he performed an enjoyable and thought-provoking concert at Christ Church URC, which also included Martin Wroe bringing some of his poetry to the event. Thank you to everyone who came along - we hope you enjoyed the concert!

The following day Garth took part in the morning service at Palmers Green URC along with Mark and Melanie, where the six Enfield URCs came together in worship.

Thank you also to everyone who was involved in any way in making both events happen!

Photos by Jim Holliday (1-3), Pamela Fisher (4)



# Boys' Brigade update

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Back on Saturday 27th April members of the 3rd Enfield took part in the North London Football Academy, which was open to members of Junior Section, Company Section and Seniors, at Enfield Rangers FC.

The event began with training sessions led by coaches from Enfield Rangers, followed by tournaments for each age group. In the Junior event we had a joint team with the 1st Barnet which won, and we came fourth in the Open event which was won by the 1st Barnet - well done all!



On Saturday 18th May members of our Anchors and Juniors were part of a group of around 50 people who went on a trip to Chessington World of Adventures - a great day out was had by all on rides including Kobra, Monkey Swinger, Dragon's Fury, Tomb Blaster and lots more!



We have only had a couple of Monday meetings since the last update but we recently took some time to celebrate Marcus, one of our Seniors who has been with us for many years, turning 18 - happy birthday Marcus!



On Monday 20th May we held our annual Awards Evening in the



hall. The boys were presented with activity badges that they have earned in their sections and there were certificates for good attendance as well as various promotions and trophies awarded. It was a great evening celebrating and recognising the achievements of our boys this session.

The winners of our trophies and special awards this year were:

### **Anchor Boys**

Best boy - runner up: Nathan

Best boy - winner: Tinos

Blue badge: Emeka



### **Junior Section**

Best boy - runner up: Joshua

Best boy - winner: Stavros

Gold Badge: Chijindu, Sonny



### **Company Section & Seniors**

Promotion to the rank of  
Lance Corporal: James, Josef

Promotion to the rank of  
Staff Sergeant: Marcus

Cecil Brett Shield: Frankie

Plowman Bugle: Josef

R L Plowman Trophy: James

T R Plowman Trophy: Ian

Frank Head Trophy: Frankie

George Page Sports Cup: Stephen

Chris Bullock Memorial Trophy: Marcus

Elsie Hart Centenary Cup: Ian and Frankie (joint winners)

President's Badge: Ian



It was lovely to see so many families and friends of the Company there and we thank everyone for your support!

Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman

# St George's Day Parade

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On Sunday 28th April members of Scouting and Girlguiding groups from around Enfield took part in the annual St George's Day Parade through Enfield Town, including members of the various 9th Enfield Girlguiding groups. Well done to all who took part in the parade!



## Mayor's Vintage Awards Day

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Congratulations to Rosemary Milns, who was presented with an award at the Mayor of Enfield's Vintage Awards Day at Salisbury House in April.

The awards were presented by Cllr Saray Karakus, then-Mayor of Enfield, in recognition of community individuals who have worked tirelessly for the community.



## Lunchtime @ Christ Church

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Our next Lunchtime @ Christ Church will be held on Saturday 8th June from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the church.

All are welcome to join us for a time of food, drink and fellowship together - lunches will be available, or just come and have a look around our beautiful church if you like!



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**DOOR TIME: 19.00 START TIME: 19.30**

**COST: £6.50 BOOKING: [talkies.org.uk](http://talkies.org.uk)**



It's the early 1970s, a time of great social upheaval as the struggle for civil rights rages on. Ron becomes the first African-American detective on the Colorado Springs Police Department, but his arrival is greeted with skepticism and open hostility. Undaunted, Ron resolves to make a name for himself and a difference in his community. He bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. Posing as a racist extremist, Stallworth contacts the group and soon finds himself invited into its inner circle...



The  
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**Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church**  
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**ECO CHURCH**



# THE FANCY FAIR

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Church Open for Refreshment**

**11.00am - 5.00pm**

**Space to chill out with  
live music & performances  
through the day**



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'The Church by the Bridge'

# Prayer diary June 2019

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- 1st** - Pray for the Breakfast Bible Study Group, meeting this morning.
- 2nd** - Pray for our time of worship this morning.
- 3rd** - Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening.
- 4th** - Pray for the residents of Trinity Street.
- 5th** - Pray for our country's politicians.
- 6th** - Give thanks for God's word through the Bible.
- 7th** - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.
- 8th** - Pray for today's Lunchtime @ Christ Church.
- 9th** - Pentecost: Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 10th** - Pray for the Junior Section as they meet this evening.
- 11th** - Pray for our elders.
- 12th** - Pray for the external groups that use our church premises.
- 13th** - Pray for a solution to the problem of violent crime in our city.
- 14th** - Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening.
- 15th** - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Bible Study Group meeting.
- 16th** - Father's Day: Pray for earthly fathers and give thanks to God, our heavenly Father.
- 17th** - Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet in the hall this afternoon.
- 18th** - Pray for Mark and Melanie.
- 19th** - Pray for innocent civilians who live in areas torn apart by conflict.
- 20th** - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- 21st** - Pray for the Guides as they meet this evening.
- 22nd** - Pray for the hundreds of Boys' Brigade members from across the country who are coming together at Felden Lodge today for their Life 2 the Max activity day.
- 23rd** - Pray for the Adventurers as they meet during our service this morning.
- 24th** - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening.

**25th** - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

**26th** - Pray for those who take on all sorts of important jobs and roles within our church.

**27th** - Pray for the homeless.

**28th** - Pray for the Rangers as they meet this evening.

**29th** - Pray for the pupils and staff of Chace Community School.

**30th** - Pray for our friends from across the North Enfield Group of URCs as we join in worship at Bush Hill Park URC this morning.

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## July & August 2019 **newsletter**

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The **July & August 2019** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 23rd June** (a week earlier than usual as there is no service at Christ Church on Sunday 30th June). Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 16th 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 2019**

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Saturday 1st June 9:00am to 10:30am  
Breakfast Bible Study Group

**Sunday 2nd June 11:00am**  
**Revd Mark Meatcher**  
**Holy Communion (offering for Cheviots Children's Centre)**  
**Duty Elder - Tom Boorman**

Saturday 8th June 11:00am to 2:00pm  
Lunchtime @ Christ Church (see page 13)

**Saturday 9th June 11:00am**  
**Revd Melanie Smith**  
**Pentecost**  
**Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher**

Sunday 9th June 12:30pm  
Elders Meeting

Saturday 15th June 9:00am to 10:30am  
Breakfast Bible Study Group

**Sunday 16th June 11:00am**  
**Janine Stolz**  
**Family Parade Service (Father's Day and Junior Church and Youth Sunday)**  
**Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns**

Monday 17th June 2:15pm  
Friendship Club  
Patagonia - John Wallington and Anne Johnson

**Sunday 23rd June 11:00am**  
**Stephen Gilbert**  
**Duty Elder - Tom Boorman**

**Sunday 30th June**

**10:30am**

**Revd Mark Meatcher**

**United Service for the North Enfield Group of URCs at  
Bush Hill Park URC (no service at Christ Church)**

*Please note the location and the start time for this service*

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## Church diary **July 2019**

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Saturday 6th July

9:00am to 10:30am

Breakfast Bible Study Group

**Sunday 7th July**

**11:00am**

**Revd Mark Meatcher**

**Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)**

**Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley**

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## Future **dates**

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Lunchtime @ Christ Church

Saturdays 20th July, 10th August, 21st September

(all 11:00am to 2:00pm)

Church Meetings

Sunday 22nd September (12:30pm)

*Please note that the Church Meeting originally scheduled for  
Sunday 2nd June has been cancelled.*

Enfield Community Orchestra Summer Concert

Thursday 11th July (8:00pm)

Enfield Concert Band 1st Anniversary Concert

Sunday 14th July (7:30pm)

# 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 9:15pm

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 Bible Study Group  
(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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