



CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



March 2008

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*

MONDAY

6.30 pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

6.30 pm Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.30 pm Company Senior Section
(11-18 years) (including band practice)

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,

Last year I read Leo McKinstry's biography of Sir Alf Ramsey called, "Sir Alf". Alf Ramsey played football for Tottenham Hotspur and England and was manager of Ipswich Town and of England. He won the 1st Division championship with Ipswich Town and the World Cup with England. Alf Ramsey is arguably our greatest ever football person. I found the book enjoyable and interesting. Even if you have little interest in football it tells us about some of the very big social changes that have taken place since the 2nd World War.

In 1948 Alf Ramsey was chosen for the England football squad for the first time. So he went to the Great Western Hotel in Paddington to report for duty prior to England's departure for the continent. On arrival at the hotel he was completely ignored by a succession of England players and the management. Eventually he went up to the trainer and introduced himself. At first the trainer did not recognise him and Ramsey felt humiliated. This taught Ramsey a valuable lesson and when he became the England manager he made sure he personally greeted every new member of the England team. Alan Mullery says that when he got into the England squad for the first time Ramsey came straight up to him, shook his hand and said, "Welcome to the England squad. Make yourself at home." Mullery comments that it was a

very nice introduction.

In the same way we need to be on the look out for the newcomer and the stranger and willing to welcome them and befriend them. This is true for church life. If a new person comes into worship or any other church group let's make sure we greet them and make them feel welcome. It is also true for life in general. Let's be willing to greet and welcome the new person.

Jesus mixed with all sorts of people and extended his loving help to all people. Let us try to follow his example.

May the love and peace of God be with you all. David.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Dorothy Barnes is in Chase Farm Hospital.

Sue Bullock is unwell and has been off work.

Irene Baker has had a successful operation to remove a second cataract.

Congratulations to Irene Baker who celebrated her 90th birthday on 30th January and to Mary Bysh who celebrated her 80th birthday on 8th February.

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



Guides Thinking Day

Girlguiding

girls in the lead



From left Golden Rainbow Katherine Fisher, Super Brownie Karis Falzon and Guide Amber Falzon

These Girl Guide awards are given to the girl in each section who participated in all events throughout the year:- camps, weekends away, church parades along with weekly meeting. Showing enthusiasm for all activities, they need to be a team player and generally be considerate and caring about others. The girls are individually chosen by their section leader so it was a lovely surprise for the mothers of Amber, Karis and Katherine

Rangers complete Octant work on 8 areas of a skills programme that encourages them to learn skills for life, Independent living, outdoor, creativity and lots more. The octants are hard to achieve as they involve not only completing a number of skills in an octant but also improving sufficiently to gain a qualification and teach others of various abilities. This scheme encourages leadership, communication and advanced demonstration of multi media usage. utilising their talents and honing them

Tracy Rainbow, Vicky Stratton and Kathy Brown

Bando Charity Centre

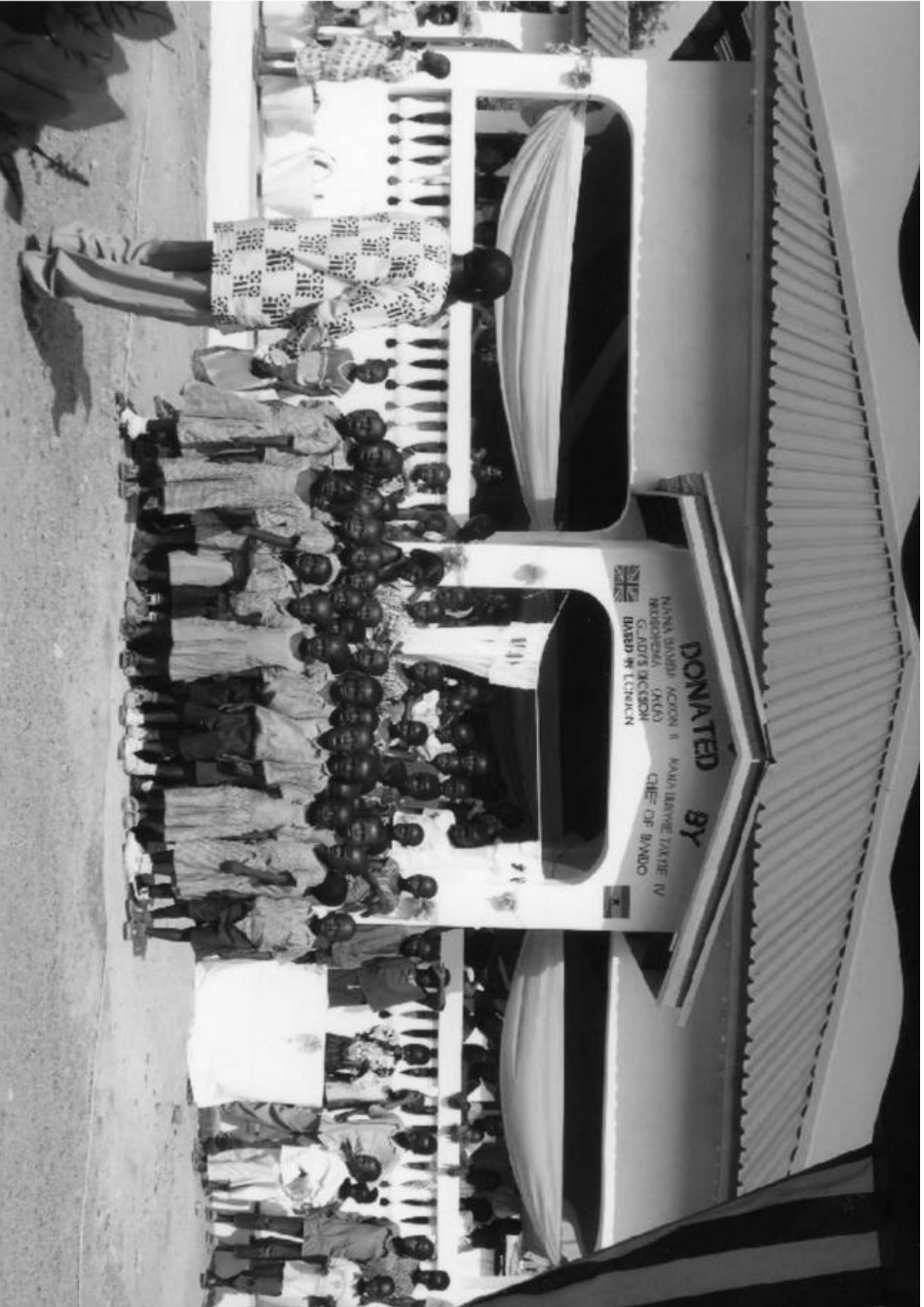
Following our Christmas Bazaar, we donated unsold books to the Bando Charity Centre (currently in the process of being registered), which is organised by Gladys Dickson. Gladys is a member of the Pure Word Ministry Church which shares our Church premises and she first became involved with Bando, when her mother took her to the village on a 'holiday back home' in 2004 - it was there that her Grandparents



were royalty. The Bando Charity Centre, supports a community of about 500 in Bando, by being it's Church on a Sunday and a general meeting house throughout the rest of the week. The photos here show the first building being completed. It has both kitchen and bathroom facilities. The charity is also being supported by Edmonton Baptist Church and Gladys is in frequent discussions with Andy Love her local MP.

Gladys would like to thank Christ Church for our kind donation of books; she has visited Bando again in February and will give us an update on her return .





FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship club continues to meet on alternate Wednesday afternoons in the church hall at 2.15pm .

On March 5th the former Mayor of Enfield Mr Tony Dey will tell us of his experiences as major

On March 19th Mrs Parkhurst will be leading the Easter devotional meeting.

It is the last meeting before Easter—do come and join us.

On April 2nd A new friend, Mrs M Taylor, will be talking about the work of the donkey sanctuary

The Club meetings will recommence on April 30th for the Summer term when Mr F Bayford will be showing slides Entitled: A Garland of Flowers.

News of friendship club members

Mrs Irene Baker recently had a second cataract operation and is thankful that her eyesight has so much improved Mrs Daphne Layzell. We regret to report that Daphne had a bad fall in January, falling on the pavement and sustaining a fractured left wrist.

We do sympathise with her and send her our love hoping her wrist will heal well.

We warmly invite our friends to join us in the hall on alternate Wednesdays afternoons.

Lily Smith



Friendship Club Birthdays

Three of our faithful members are celebrating special birthdays this spring

Mrs Irene Baker celebrated her 90th Birthday on Jan 30th

Mrs Mary Bysh had her 80th Birthday on February 8th

Miss Betty Winter will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 6th

We offer our warm congratulations to each of them and our love and prayer that they may know Jesus walking with them through the coming days

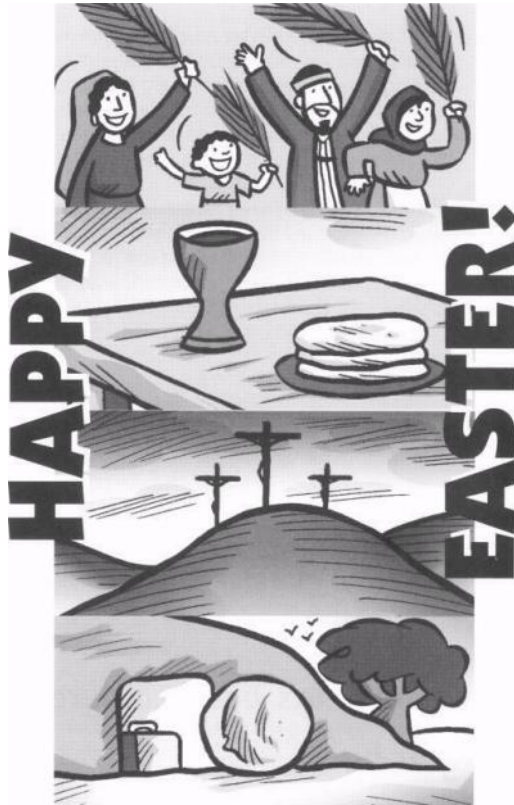
GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS



We would encourage everyone who is around on Good Friday to join in the procession of witness through Enfield Town. The procession helps to highlight the fact that Good Friday is a special day in the Christian calendar and also that there is an active Christian community in Enfield.

The procession is preceded by a short service at the War Memorial on Chase Green, Chase Side, starting at 10.30 a.m. Following that, everyone processes through The Town to St Andrew's Church, where there is an Ecumenical Good Friday service, starting at 11.00 a.m., which lasts about an hour.

Easter Sunday service
Christ Church



11am Family Service with Communion
All welcome
Please stay for refreshments after
the service

Thank you

I would like to say a big thanks you to all at Christ Church for the lovely brooch and an African violet plant which was given to me. Also all the phone messages and cards I received on my special Birthday. I had a very happy day. Again a big thank you and God's blessing to you all

Love Irene Baker

Thank you

To everyone at Christ Church

Thank you very much for my card and travel vouchers for my 40th Birthday which I have had a wonderful week of celebrating with my family and friends. Thank you for thinking of me, God bless you all.

Love Pamela Fisher

Learning Opportunities 2008



The
United
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Church

Thames North Synod

Dates for your Diary

Further details on all these events are available from Sue Russell at the Synod Office at Ipalo House, 32-34 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 2DB. 0207 799 5000; development@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

R & R Events: Read the book and meet the Author

- Wednesday 30 April in Central London
An evening with Graham Tomlin and his book "The Provocative Church"
- Saturday 14 June, 09.30 - 12.30:
"The Human Face of Church" by Sara Savage
- Saturday 22 November, 09.30 - 12.30
"God and the Gangs" by Robert Beckford

Creative Spirit: Drop-in at Bromley-by-Bow

- Saturday 24 May, all day event

An opportunity to engage in hands-on creativity and prayer with the artists based at the Centre.

God for all ages: Trinity, Knebworth

- Saturday 27 September, all day event

Engagement in learning and worshipping, whatever our age. An event for the church of today.

The Word in Focus: Communicating Visually

- Weekend of 10-12 October at the Guy Chester Centre, Muswell Hill.

Explore how Lay Preachers and worship leaders can convey the Word in non-verbal ways. With the Revds Elizabeth Gray-King and John Bradbury.

Thames North Synod Development and Training Team

Pilots Taster Day Sunday 16th March

10.50am

Meet at the back of the Church



Come along to find out what pilots is all about
Drama, Craft activities, Bible stories and lots more.

For any further information please contact
Rosemary 8363-6571 Or Pamela 8482 4610

ONE OF THE CROWD

When he came in triumph,
We sang in praise to God,
When he came a captive,
We shouted for his death.

Why did I betray Him,
This man who came in peace?
Why did I forget Him,
The one who gave us life?

With the crowd I'd follow,
And take the easy way;
One day " God bless the King,"
Another "Crucify."

Stephen Gilbert

News from the Bible Society

During the communist years in Albania the government banned religion, but the bible society of Albania, supported by the catholic, orthodox and protestant churches was formed 11 years ago and has now successfully launched a New Testament in everyday Albanian. At the launch there was much to celebrate. The Bible translators were over-joyed to see its completion. For church leaders, the celebration signified unity between the denominations and for Albanian Christians, Gods word in their own language was cause for celebration.

Please pray that the staff of the Bible Society of Albania remain determined and encouraged to continue their work of making the bible available to all in Albania.



ANNUAL REPORTS

All leaders of organisations are requested to let Stephen Gilbert have a copy of their annual report for 2007 as soon as possible so they can be presented at the Christ Church Annual General meeting on 30th March



**These announcements appeared in
Church newsletter or were given out at
Church services**

1) The sermon this morning:

'Jesus walks on the water'.

The sermon tonight:

'Searching for Jesus'.

2) At the Church concert, Miss Moon sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

3) This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park opposite the church. Bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.

March Church Diary 2008

- Sun 2nd 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Mothering Sunday
Family parade service
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed 5th 2.15pm Friendship Club
The former Mayor of Enfield Mr Tony Dey
will tell us of his experiences as mayor**
- Sun 9th 11am Combined Service at Lancaster Road
URC to celebrate their Church
Anniversary**
- Wed 12th 9.45am-11.15 Joint bible study with Lancaster road at
Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 16th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
'Pilot taster'
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert`**
- Wed 19th 2.15pm Friendship Club
Mrs Parkhurst will be leading the Easter
devotional meeting.**
- Fri 21st 10.30am Precession of Witness from Chase Green
11am to the Ecumenical Good Friday service at
St Andrews Church in Enfield Town lasting
about an hour**
- Sun 23rd 11am EASTER DAY
Mr Terry Silvey and Worship Group
Holy Communion offering for
Shanthigramam
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher**

Wed 9.45am- Joint bible study with Lancaster road
26th 11.15 at Lancaster Road URC

Sun 30th 11am Mr Martin Wells
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert

April Church diary 2008

Wed 2nd 2.15pm Friendship club
A new friend, Mrs M Taylor, will be talking about the work of the donkey sanctuary

Sun 6th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for Lancaster Road Church Special Supper
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley

Sun 13th 11am The Worship Group
Duty Elder Pamela Fisher

Advance dates for 2008

Elders meetings

Thursday 6th March 7.45pm
Thursday 8th May

Church meetings

AGM 30th March 12.30pm in the Church

Praise Days

June 29th + October 5th TBC

North West Enfield Group of

Churches United Services Sunday, 11th
May at Lancaster Road URC 6:30pm.

Thames North Synod

Saturday 15th March
10am—4pm
Chingford URC

**** PILOTS ****

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

WHERE:

Pilots meet in
the church hall

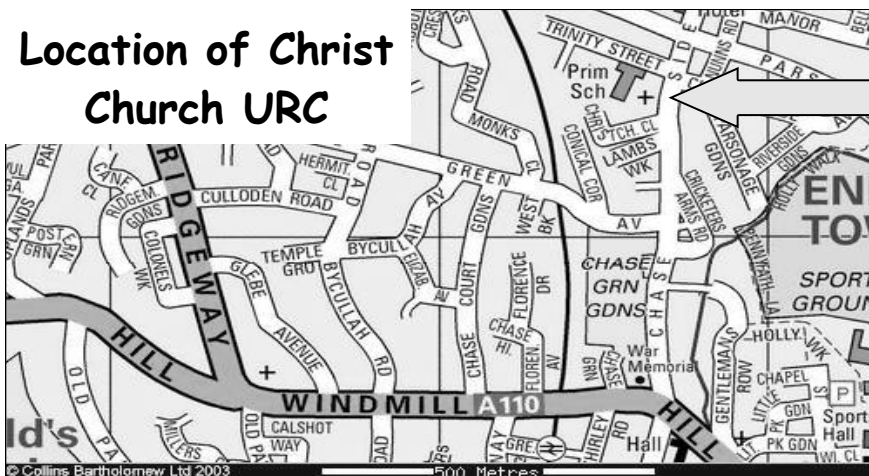


WHEN:

Sunday
mornings from
11am to 12 noon

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 **April 08** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday in March 08**.

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