

Christ Church United Reformed Church

NEWSLETTER



March 2018

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One of the crowd?

On the first Palm Sunday there were many Jews who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover festival, which took place about the beginning of April. They were there to celebrate the freeing of the Jews from their captivity in Egypt over 1,300 years earlier (Exodus 12). When Jesus came riding on a donkey into the city, people cried in praise to God. Many were hoping that Jesus would be the saviour promised by the prophets and that he would save them from Roman rule (Matthew 21:1-11). Less than a week later, on Good Friday, Jesus was a prisoner and many felt disappointed. Some may have turned against Jesus when the Jewish leaders, who felt that their authority was being threatened by Jesus, encouraged people to call for his death (Matthew 27:15-23).

It is not easy to speak out against what appears to be the majority. It is much easier to follow the wishes of those who are very vociferous in expressing their views, or just to remain quiet or stay away from crowds, as no doubt many did on that first Good Friday. What would we have done if we had been there? Would we have spoken out in support of Jesus or said nothing?

We have all seen or heard of cases where people have been influenced by others, sometimes to do good such as helping those in need, but sometimes to do evil. Some have been persuaded to verbally or physically abuse those with different political or religious beliefs or ethnic origins - we have only to think of recent attacks on various groups and individuals, both in Britain and abroad.

What Jesus said and did should be our guide when we make up our minds on both secular and religious issues - let us not forget as we approach Easter that Jesus died to save us all.

Many people throughout the world are still ridiculed,

Pastoral Letter **March 2018** continued...

persecuted and even killed for being Christians. In Britain today we are free to choose - may we show our belief in God's love for all, so that others may come to know and love him, and not just be one of the crowd.

Stephen Gilbert
Church Secretary, Christ Church URC

I originally wrote a poem called "One of the crowd" at a Christian workshop over 35 years ago. I recently altered and extended it to create this hymn:

I saw you ride a donkey
and called to God in praise,
but when you were a captive
I shouted for your death.
So why did I forget you
who humbly came in peace,
and why did I betray you
the king who gives us life?

It's with the crowd I'd follow
and take the easy way;
at first I cried "God bless him",
but later "Crucify".
Lord Jesus help me follow
the way I know is true,
and guide me when I falter
so I may share your love.

Metre 7676 D iambic

Tunes:

Aurelia RS 566 (The Church's One Foundation)

Penlan RS 590 (In Heavenly Love Abiding)

News of the **fellowship**

Pamela Fisher celebrated her 50th birthday on Sunday 18th February. Happy birthday Pamela!

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

Christ Church **annual reports**

Leaders of organisations in the church are requested to let the Church Secretary, Stephen Gilbert, have a copy of their 2017 annual report and also to send it to Tom Boorman by Sunday 11th March so that they may be included in the April Christ Church newsletter and presented at the Christ Church Annual General Meeting on Sunday 8th April 2018.

Stephen Gilbert

Lenten **offering**

If you would like to make a Lenten gift this year, please pick up one of the Lenten offering envelopes (available at the back of the church) or speak to David Fisher, Church Treasurer.

Please place the envelope containing your gift in the collection bag at any of our services, or hand it to David.

Future ministry at **Christ Church**

We are able to report that two potential ministerial candidates have accepted an invitation to 'preach with a view' in Enfield - one at the North Enfield Pastorate (Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs) and the other at the South and East Enfield Pastorate (Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs).

Those at Christ Church will have the opportunity to meet both candidates socially on Friday 9th March at either or both of the following events:

- 6:00pm to 8:00pm for a meal at a local venue which will be confirmed shortly.
- 8:00pm to 9:30pm for tea/coffee and a chat with a joint reflection/epilogue in the church.

All at Christ Church are very welcome to attend. If you would like to come to the meal please let Rosemary Milns know in advance on 020 8363 6571 so that a table can be booked.

The North Enfield Pastorate's candidate will then be leading the following services on Sunday 11th March:

- 10:30am United Pastorate Service at Bush Hill Park URC.
- 6:30pm at Lancaster Road URC.

If you would like transport for the morning service at Bush Hill Park URC please let Rosemary know.

Please note that there will now be **no service** at Christ Church on Sunday 11th March. As that date was due to be our Mothering Sunday Family Parade Service, this has been brought forward a week to Sunday 4th March at 11:00am. The service will be led by The Worship Group and will include Holy Communion. Details of any Special Church Meetings following on from the above events will be confirmed in due course.

Friendship Club **March 2018**

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 meeting is as follows:

Monday 19th March

Tea Towel Tales - bring your favourite tea towel and tell us all about it (including short AGM)

Further future dates will be announced in due course.

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

Induction of **Elders**

At our service on Sunday 28th January, Sylvia Coombs, Pamela Fisher, Stephen Gilbert, Rosemary Milns and Philip Taylor were all inducted to serve as Elders at Christ Church for 2018. Tom Boorman was also ordained at the same service and will serve as a Youth Elder.

We thank Rev Martin Legg for leading the service and performing the induction and ordination.

Please pray for each of the six individuals as they serve our church in these important roles.

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 3rd and 17th March. 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!

We are part way through a series of studies on Romans, but everyone is very welcome to join us at any of the meetings.

Women's World Day of Prayer



The 2018 Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 2nd March. There will be a service on this day at 10:30am at Enfield Baptist Church (Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG). This year's service has been planned by women in Suriname on the theme "All God's creation is very good!".



The same theme will be followed by women across the world on this day. Men are also very welcome to come to the service. For more information about WWDP visit www.wwdp.org.uk

Bush Hill Park **new songs group**

Do you want to learn some new worship songs and have some fun singing with other like minded people? You don't need to have the best voice, it's all about worshipping God and enjoying yourself.

Come to Bush Hill Park URC (25 Main Avenue, Enfield, EN1 1DJ) at 8:00pm on the first Wednesday of every month and join us in the Junior room singing along to some videos.

If you'd like some more information please talk to Lisa Hamblin at Bush Hill Park URC.

Treasurers & Administrators **Gathering**

On Saturday 10th February David Fisher and I represented Christ Church at the annual Thames North Synod Treasurers & Church Administrators Gathering at Potters Bar URC.

There were presentations and discussions on a number of matters affecting churches such as new data protection regulations, safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, charity registration, HMRC and employment.

The formula for calculating church contributions to the Ministry and Mission Fund was explained and discussed in groups.

Thames North Trust issues concerning new arrangements for letting and copyright were also explained.

Stephen Gilbert

In memory of **Peter Over**

**In memory - Peter Frederick Over
(21st January 1925 - 30th December 2018)**

Maureen and Michael would like to thank everyone from Christ Church and those associated with it for their kind messages of sympathy after hearing about Peter's passing.

Peter was born on 21st January 1925, to parents William Frederick Over and Elizabeth Henderson Beveridge Grieve. He was the younger brother to his sister Jean, and brother John. He attended Chase Side Primary School and then Enfield Grammar School.

In 1943 at the age of 18 he joined the Navy. He underwent training as a telegraphist and went to Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria and Ancona, which is where he stayed on after VE Day until early 1946. Apparently he sent out the first uncoded message to the fleet announcing victory in Europe.



After he was demobbed he resumed living with his Mum and joined the Civil Service. He had various jobs within the service until he retired in 1985. He never really talked much about his job, it was other things outside work that enthused him - the church, athletics, Arsenal Football Club and his family.

Peter attended Christ Church Congregational in Enfield from being a small boy until he moved to Poynton in 2004. He was in the boys choir, under Vincent Evans, until he voice broke, he rejoined the mixed voice choir in 1947. It was there he met

In memory of **Peter Over** continued...

Betty, they were Sunday School teachers, sang in the choir, and were part of a youth group that performed many shows loosely based on Gilbert and Sullivan.

Peter and Betty were married at Christ Church on 6th June 1953 - 3 days after the coronation. They were married for a month short of their 64th wedding anniversary when Betty died in May last year. They had a wonderful life of almost 70 years together.

At Christ Church Peter always did what he could do to help. He didn't want to be in the limelight but over many years he volunteered to do many essential jobs - he was the booking secretary; he was on the management committee and umpteen working parties; for several years he became Registrar for weddings; he helped at numerous bazaars - including helping to run the famous Andover Café with their life long friends Betty and Ron Andrews; and the Boys' Brigade. In the late 1940's and early 1950's Dad was a fine runner and won many amateur athletics competitions. Consequently in the late 1960's, the then Captain of the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade, Ron Langhorn asked him to coach and organise the boys every year in the Battalion Athletics competition. The 3rd went on to great success and won the competition on many occasions. This coaching ranged from improving high jump skills, to running alongside the relay teams shouting instructions of when to hand over the baton.

A highlight of the church calendar was the Christmas production of the Nativity. This was enacted out to a packed congregation by mainly adults. Peter was the first king, leading the two other kings and their pages around the whole church on their journey to the stable which was at the front. Dad was given this role as he knew exactly the right pace to go so they arrived at the stable door at the end of the hymn 'We Three Kings'. He also sang the first verse as a solo. When Maureen

In memory of **Peter Over** continued...

and Michael were young they did not realise it was him as he was dressed up, had make-up on, and no glasses! He did this for many years; this hymn was sang at his funeral. Peter and Betty always sat and sang in the choir stalls, going to choir practice on a Friday evening. Peter was a member of Christ Church for 70 years.

In 2004 Peter and Betty decided to move to Poynton. They joined Bramhall United Reformed Church where his funeral service took place on 25th January 2018.

Peter loved all his family. He loved watching his grandchildren Alex and Lauren grow and listened to their tales and adventures. He was delighted when his two great grandchildren were born - Elijah 'the little fella' as he called him, and in his last days it was wonderful that he briefly met Harriet, who had been born in Singapore in August. When Betty was diagnosed with cancer and Alzheimer's in 2012 he stepped up to the plate. He was her rock and became her main carer in a magnificent way, taking over the cooking, shopping and general necessities but as his own health failed it became harder for them to stay together which we know they both found very tough.



After several infections Peter died in Macclesfield General Hospital on 30th December, a month short of his 93rd birthday. He was always proud to have been a member of Christ Church.

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Free refreshments during the interval



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Boys' Brigade Quiz Night

All of us at the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night on Saturday 27th January.



The hall was packed with just over 100 people and we are delighted to say that a grand total of £818.05 was raised, all of which will go towards supporting the work of the 3rd Enfield.

Tom Boorman

BB & GB Band Training Day

Members of the 1st & 3rd Enfield's bugle band joined with others from London and beyond for a London Massed Bugle Band Training Day at Chace Community School in Enfield on Sunday 28th January.



Tom Boorman

Guides Weekend Away

On 2nd to 4th February members of the 9th Enfield Guides went away for a indoor weekend. We stayed in a lovely and very warm building at Northern Heights activity centre, near Borehamwood.

We arrived on Friday night and had a pizza party for Kim's

Guides **Weekend Away** continued...

birthday. We had hired a silent disco and all had lots of fun dancing away!

On Saturday we spent the day doing lots of uniform themed crafts and exploring the campsite as the Guides had not stayed there before. We went on a walk to a viewing platform where we could look out for miles.

On Saturday evening we had a special guest for dinner - Tom! Jen made us all a lovely curry and we watched a film which ended with most of us asleep in our blankets on the hall floor. We had a nice lay in on Sunday before packing up ready to come home.

We all had a very relaxing weekend and enjoyed staying somewhere new! We are now planning for our week long camp in the summer holidays and we're all really excited!

Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Guides **Thinking Day**

On Sunday 11th February our Family Parade Service for Guides Thinking Day took place in the church.

The service was led by leaders from the 9th Enfield and it was lovely to see so many of the girls from Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers there.



World Thinking Day this year focuses on how personal impact can make a bigger impact, and how we can bring about positive change in the world.

Guides **Thinking Day** continued...

We looked at some of the instructions for Christian living in Ephesians 4, as well as the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25, thinking about how God gives us gifts or abilities that we can use to bring about change. It was also great to hear from the girls themselves about the things that inspire them to make a difference and things they feel passionate about.

During the service there were also some awards presented to the girls.

Rainbows

3rd place (Amazing new Rainbow) - Shurti
2nd place (Fabulous Rainbow) - Elsie
1st place (Wonderful Rainbow) - Libby

Brownies

3rd place (Best newcomer) - Jazmine
2nd place (Commitment) - Laura H
1st place (Super Brownie) - Savannah

Guides

3rd place - Eleanor H
2nd place - Sasha
3rd place (Guide of the Year) - Emma E

Our congratulations to all of the winners!



Brownies Weekend Away

On the weekend of 16th to 18th February the 9th Enfield Brownies had their first inside camping trip since Vicki took over.

We stayed in a lovely building at Cherry Green Trees Girlguiding campsite. We had a lovely weekend and we were lucky that the sun shone brightly all weekend.

We played outside a lot and had lots of turns at their underground tunnelling system. We also did lots of craft activities all around a unicorn theme, the same as the Guides did on their camp. We made unicorn book marks, unicorn slime, gamma bead unicorns and we designed our own t-shirts.

We also had a film evening and played some wide games in the dark.

The 8 girls, 2 young leaders and Charlie all enjoyed the activities and are excited for their next joint camp with the Rainbows.

Vicki Stratton-Stubbs



Youth at Christ Church

As many of you will know I have recently become a Youth Elder at Christ Church and as part of the role I hope to be able to see what the various youth groups get up to every so often and support the leader where possible.

It was, therefore, great to be invited to visit the 9th Enfield Guides on their weekend away at the start of February at Northern Heights. I hesitate to call it a 'formal' engagement after diverting to Tesco en route to pick up some toilet roll after receiving a distress call to say that they were about to run out!

I joined them for dinner (which was fantastic - thanks Jen!) and their evening activities, which included playing some wide games outside (I elected to stay inside) and watching a film. Even in the short time I was there it was clear to see how much the girls were enjoying their time away.

At Christ Church over 100 children and young people take part in the various youth activities each week. Any youth leader will tell you that youth work isn't always easy, but will also tell you how rewarding it is to see the young people grow, make friends and have lots of positive and memorable experiences. It really makes it worthwhile.

So, a massive thank you to all of the Girlguiding leaders (Vicki, Jen, Kim, Sarah, Anne, Christine, Lynne and their young leaders Nina, Ellie and Eleanor), the other Boys' Brigade leaders (Sue, Ady, Tina, Steve, Sam and Grace), and Rosemary and her helpers in Adventurers. Keep up the brilliant work that you all do!

Please continue to pray for the leaders of our youth groups and for all of the children and young people who step through our doors every week.

Tom Boorman



Lunchtime @ Christ Church

**Saturday
24th March
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 **March 2018**

1st - Pray for Welsh friends this St David's Day.

2nd - Pray for the events taking place today around the world for the Women's World Day of Prayer.

3rd - Pray for the Breakfast Club, our Bible study and prayer group, which meets in the church this morning.

4th - Pray for this morning's early Family Parade Service for Mothering Sunday, and for The Worship Group as they lead it.

5th - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening.

6th - Pray for the residents of Elizabeth Avenue.

7th - Pray for those who have been affected by the latest school shooting in the USA.

8th - Pray that those who are unemployed and looking for work will soon find it.

9th - Pray for the social event at Christ Church this evening where we have the opportunity to meet our potential ministerial candidates.

10th - Pray for all those who work for our emergency services.

11th - Pray for the services taking place at Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs today, which are being led by our potential ministerial candidate.

12th - Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening.

13th - Pray for the BB bugle band as they rehearse this evening ahead of competitions at the weekend.

14th - Pray for the politicians of our country.

15th - Pray for the members of Enfield Community Orchestra as they hold their first concert in our church this evening.

16th - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet in the hall this evening.

17th - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.

18th - Pray for the Adventurers as they meet during our service this morning.

19th - Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet and hold their AGM this afternoon.

20th - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Prayer diary **March 2018** continued...

21st - Give thanks to God for his everlasting love.

22nd - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.

23rd - Pray for the Rainbows and Brownies as they meet in the hall this evening.

24th - Pray for today's Lunchtime @ Christ Church event.

25th - Palm Sunday: Take time to reflect on Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, knowing the fate that awaited him.

26th - Pray for the Junior Section as they meet this evening.

27th - Pray for the homeless.

28th - Pray for anyone you know who is currently unwell.

29th - Pray for the many young people who are finishing the current school term this week.

30th - Good Friday: Give thanks to God for sending Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for each one of us.

31st - Pray for God's presence in your life ahead of Easter.

April newsletter

The **April 2018** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 25th March**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 11th March**. 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 **March 2018**

Saturday 3rd March 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 4th March 11:00am

The Worship Group

**Family Parade Service (Early Mothering Sunday) and
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)**

Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Friday 9th March 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Meal with the two potential ministerial candidates
(venue to be confirmed - see page 6)

Friday 9th March 8:00pm to 9:30pm
Tea/coffee and a chat with a joint reflection/epilogue with the
two potential ministerial candidates
(in the church - see page 6)

Sunday 11th March 10:30am

Our potential ministerial candidate

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

Sunday 11th March 6:30pm

Our potential ministerial candidate

Service at Lancaster Road URC

Thursday 15th March 8:00pm
Enfield Community Orchestra debut concert (see page 13)

Saturday 17th March 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 18th March 11:00am

Mr Martin Wells

Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Church diary **March 2018** continued...

Monday 19th March 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Tea Towel Tales - bring your own favourite tea towel and tell us all about it (including short AGM)

Saturday 24th March 11:00am to 2:00pm
Lunchtime @ Christ Church (see page 19)

Sunday 25th March 11:00am
Mr Stephen Gilbert
Palm Sunday
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Friday 30th March 10:30am & 11:00am
Act of Worship at Enfield Market Place and
United Service for Good Friday at St Andrew's Church

Church diary **April 2018**

Sunday 1st April 11:00am
The Worship Group
Easter Sunday and Holy Communion
(offering for Shanthigramam)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Saturday 7th April 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 8th April
Tom Boorman
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Sunday 8th April 12:30pm
Church Annual General Meeting

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.



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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