

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



March 2019

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Pastoral Letter **March 2019**

The way ahead

After his baptism, and, we are told Jesus is full of the Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit...

..to preach to a great crowd?

..to visit many towns to announce that the good news had come?

...to go to the rulers and tell them to act differently?

NO - Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, into a desert place for forty days where he was tempted by the devil. Not exactly what I would want to have happen to me once I had received such an insight/vision from God as Jesus had just received. The Spirit had descended like a dove and God had spoken to him telling him how pleased with the Son God was. Jesus was *"full of the Spirit"* (Luke 4:1).

Perhaps there is the temptation, when we know that God has anointed us, God has blessed us, to just go out and do whatever comes to our minds without checking out properly with God whether it is the right thing to do or not?

Whatever might be the reason, for some reason, Jesus had to go through a period of testing, a period of training, a period of temptation before he was able to share the message that he was carrying.

What place are you in at the start of Lent this year? Are you in a place of testing, or torment maybe, of temptation? Or do you feel that you have just come through something and are now prepared for what God has for you next?

Have you told anybody about it?

Do we talk with our Christian brothers and sisters much about what we are actually going through, what we are actually feeling, what God may be saying to us?

Our sisters and brothers are given to us by God to help us discern the right decisions to make and we should be able to rely on them...to pray with us, to pray for us, and to encourage us as we walk through our lives trying to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

This Lent, why not share your story with another member of the church family, and ask them to share their story with you.

Go on, risk it, and see what happens.

Your ministers,

Mark and Melanie

Save the **date**

An Evening with Garth Hewitt

Saturday 18th May, 7:30pm at Christ Church URC

Garth Hewitt is a Troubadour, gospel singer, protest singer. Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector, St James's Piccadilly writes: "Garth Hewitt writes redemption songs and then sings them without fear. His voice comes through clearly, challenging us by his witness to act for justice. His is a brave voice, needed more than ever in a fearful world, and in a sometimes timid church."

Please do add the date to your diaries, start spreading the word and watch for more information.

Christ Church **AGM**

Leaders of organisations in the church are reminded to let the Church Secretary, Stephen Gilbert, have a copy of their 2018 annual report and also send it to Tom Boorman by Sunday 3rd March, so that they may be included in the April newsletter.

All members are reminded that the Christ Church Annual General Meeting will be held at the back of the church at 12:30pm on Sunday 7th April.

The annual church accounts and the 2018 reports from the various groups in the church will be presented. Elections will take place for Church Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Property Committee together with representatives on the Thames North Synod, the Enfield and East Herts Local Area Group, the North Enfield Group and the North West Enfield Group of Churches. If you are prepared to be nominated or wish to nominate someone for any of these positions please contact the Church Secretary.

Stephen Gilbert

March **Group service**

Our joint North Enfield Group service in March is not on the last Sunday of the month for a change. It takes place on Sunday 24th March at Lancaster Road URC when Revd Mark Meatcher will be leading the service and Revd Dan Haylett, minister of Trinity Church, Enfield, will be preaching.

Also this month please do pray for our student, Susan, on 17th March as she will be leading her Assessed Service for the year that day at Winchmore Hill URC and the Principal of Northern College, Manchester will be present to review the service.

Imago Dei

Christ Church URC will be hosting an exhibition during Holy Week this year entitled "Imago Dei" and will be looking for volunteers from the other churches in the group to support them in this venture.

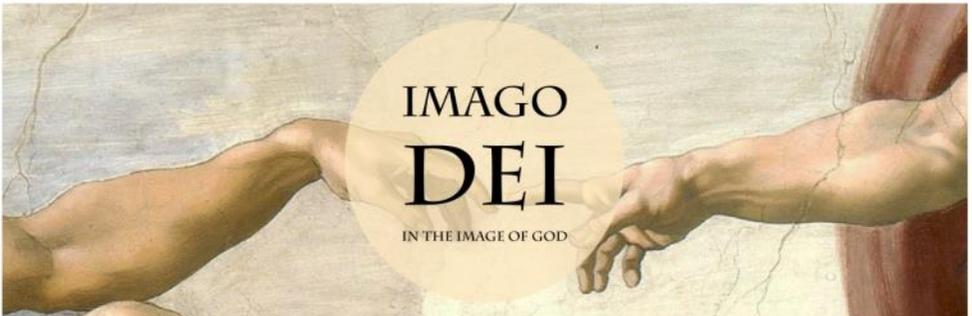
If you have time available that week (15th to 20th April during the daytime) then please do let Pamela Fisher know. Pamela is co-ordinating the volunteer list for staffing the exhibition. She is contactable by e-mail (pjf_40b@hotmail.com - please put "Staffing at CC Easter" in the title when e-mailing), by phone (mobile 07775 505 999) or you can leave a message on the answer machine (020 8482 4610). Christ Church will particularly be looking for people to be on hand to serve refreshments and chat to people who visit the exhibition.

IMAGO DEI: POETRY, MUSIC, ART

In the Christian religion, the *imago dei* (Latin for the *image of God*) refers to the unique imprint God placed upon humanity, identifying people as a special creation. What the *image of God* precisely is, and what it implies, has been debated throughout history.

This exhibition, with contributions from across the community including schools and those of other faiths, will focus on images of God and images of humanity, made in the image of God, from various parts of the world including our own.

Guided tours of the building will also be available at various times during the week.



Monday 15th April to Saturday 20th April

10.00am to 4.00pm (1.00pm to 4.00pm on Good Friday, 19th April)

Free entry - refreshments available

Christ Church United Reformed Church

Chase Side, Enfield EN2 6NJ mail@ccurc.org.uk

India 2019

Mark and Melanie are organising a trip to India in the autumn and would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in going with them.

The group travelling would leave the UK on Tuesday 1st October in the evening and return to the UK on Tuesday 15th October.

The expected cost of the trip including visas would be around £1,000 per person.



We would expect to visit Kolkata and a rural hospital in Sarenga, seeing projects that the Church of North India is actively supporting and getting a flavour of city and country life in the West Bengal area of North India.

There will be opportunities for sightseeing alongside exploring the work of the church.

If you're interested in coming, then do let us know by the end of March and we will set up a meeting to plan everything and begin to book as soon as we can.

Mark and Melanie

Friendship Club **2019 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 March
Kew Gardens - Brenda Brown

Monday 15th April
Favourite photos - bring your favourite photo to show us and tell us about it (including short AGM)

Monday 20th May
Speaker - Revd Melanie Smith

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

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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

Fairtrade **Fortnight**

25th February to 10th March 2019

In our United Reformed Churches in Enfield, we have adopted Fairtrade to varying degrees. As we continue into Fairtrade Fortnight this year, it is timely to remind ourselves of our commitment to Fairtrade, if we've made it, and to know what's involved, if we haven't.

To be a Fairtrade Church the Church Meeting must agree to and ensure the following as far as possible:

- Use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and in all meetings for which you have responsibility.
- Move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit.
- Promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible.

Women's **World Day of Prayer**

The 2019 Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 1st March. There will be a service on this day at 10:30am at St Andrew's Church (behind the Market Place in Enfield Town).

This year's service has been planned by women in Slovenia on the theme "Come - Everything is Ready!". The same theme will be followed at services across the world on this day. Men are also very welcome to come to the service. For more information about WWDP please visit www.wwdp.org.uk

Eco Tip

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

After looking at how to reduce waste last month, we now look at reducing our waste.

If you have an item that you can no longer use or simply do not want, but is still in perfectly usable condition, you should try to find a way that it can continue to be used rather than throwing it away.

Here are some examples of ways that you can reuse:

- Sell the item, for example by advertising it on one of the many websites such as eBay, on Facebook groups or via local newspapers. If it is an antique or collectable item you may be able to sell it to a local antiques shop.
- Give it to a friend that needs the item.
- Donate it to a charity shop where it can be sold to raise money for a good cause.
- Give it to somebody who is looking for something, via websites such as Freecycle or Freegle.
- Get a pitch at a car boot sale, or watch out for details of a jumble sale coming up in our churches.
- Make the item into something else completely. This is sometimes referred to as 'upcycling'.
- If you do need to buy something, before you buy it new, see if you can buy one second-hand, borrow it from someone else or hire the item. As a bonus you will also save money!

Another idea is 'swishing'; please look out for an opportunity to swish coming to our churches soon.

See **reducereuserecycle.co.uk** for further information.

Marshalling course

Lancaster Road URC has arranged a Health and Safety marshalling course to be delivered by a company called Safety Security and Training, for churches who arrange and marshal street processions.

The course will be held on the morning of Saturday 23rd March from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Lancaster Road URC.

Subjects covered will include:

- Health and Safety law
- Planning and management of processions
- Roles and responsibilities
- Safe systems of work
- Risk assessments
- Organising and route planning
- Conflict management

We are hoping to get the cost of the course fully funded but we may need to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the course of up to £20 inc. VAT per person.

In addition, the course provider, Safety Security and Training have offered to implement PAT testing on the day for portable electrical items at a price of £0.96 inc. VAT per item. If any churches wish to have some electrical items PAT tested at the same time then they should bring them with them to the course.

There is a limited number of places available for this course so places will be allocated on a first come, first booked basis.

Please contact Revd Mark Meatcher to book a place on the course or to find out more (phone 020 8374 0509 or email revd.meatcher@gmail.com).



Lunchtime @ Christ Church

**Saturday
30th 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**

**Minister: Revd Mark Meatcher (020 8374 0509)
Website: www.ccurc.org.uk**

Guides Thinking Day

On Sunday 17th February our Family Parade Service for Guides Thinking Day took place in the church.

World Thinking Day is a very special day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and they have celebrated the occasion every year on 22nd February since 1926. It is a day for them to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

The theme for World Thinking Day in 2019 is leadership, as the movement celebrates 110 years and how it helps girls grow as leaders.

The service was led by members of the 9th Enfield and we looked at some of the qualities that good leaders need, as well as parts of the stories of Daniel and David - both examples of leaders in the Bible.

There were also awards presented to the girls during the service - congratulations to all of the winners!

Rainbows

Best newcomer - Florence
Commitment award - Liliana
Super Rainbow - Hollie

Brownies

Best newcomer - Ruby
Commitment award - Libby
Super Brownie - Jazmine

Guides

3rd place - Lily
2nd place - Imogen
1st place (Guide of the Year) - Teaghan



Photo by Tom Boorman

Girlguiding cinema trip

On a cold January morning Girlguiding hosted a members-only screening of Mary Poppins at Odeon Cinemas.

We at the 9th Enfield were lucky enough to get tickets! A mixed group and Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and leaders met at the Odeon Cinema in Picketts Lock to see the show.

It was an early Sunday show that started at 9:30am. We met at the cinema and the girls were excited to get the popcorn and drinks and find their seats.

The cinema was full of other units and there was a great atmosphere.

All the girls were so excited when they found out that every seat in the cinema reclined. They all laid back and watched the film and we were surprised that none of the kids fell asleep!

At the end of the show the children all received a special Mary Poppins badge. We all had a lovely trip and can't wait for Girlguiding to host another event like this!



Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Photos by Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Boys' Brigade **update**

We're now well into 2019 at BB and the boys have been taking part in some special events already at the start of the year.

On Saturday 19th January we took part in the North London Zone Swimming Gala at Southgate Leisure Centre. There were competitions for Junior Section (9 to 11), Company (12 to 13), Intermediate (14 to 15) and Senior (16 to 18) age groups, as well as medals awarded to individual winners of races. We had boys taking part in the Junior and Company age groups, coming fourth in both age groups and sixth in the overall event. Well done to the 1st Barnet who won each of the individual age groups as well as the overall event.

Our second competition of the year was the North London Zone Badminton competition, which took place on Saturday 9th February at the Old Drill Hall. There were Under 15 and Open competitions, where members competed in pairs against other teams. A combined 3rd Enfield and 4th Barnet pair won the Under 15 competition and a combined 3rd and 10th Enfield pair came fourth, while the two 3rd Enfield pairs in the Open age group came first and second. Congratulations to our boys!

The boys have continued to take part in a wide range of activities on Monday evenings. Our Anchors and Juniors have done some cake making, origami,



making grass heads, jigsaws, a Burns night celebration, lots of games, and more.

Our Company Section and Seniors have been doing all sorts of activities and challenges towards their award scheme, and even had a pool tournament, pizza, cake and drinks to celebrate Ian's 17th birthday!



On Saturday 26th January we held a Quiz Night in the hall. It was great to see around 70 people there and we're delighted to report that we raised around £600 for Company funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event!



Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman (1-3, 5), Steven Peck (4)

6.30pm Sundays at Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

Our questions will be explored within Christian worship,
but all are invited to address these thorny issues together

QUESTIONS & GOD OF

Challenging Questions
Uneasy Answers

with Revds. Mark Meatcher and Melanie Smith

- 10th March Christianity: a bloody history?
- 17th March The Cross: one way to heaven?
- 24th March God's Manifesto: who would Jesus vote for?
- 31st March God: who is she?
- 7th April Pain and suffering: a time to die?



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<http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH>
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#WorshipInEnfield

Free* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 2nd March



In a legend turned upside down, news of a 'smallfoot' throws the Yeti community into an uproar, in a story about friendship, courage and the joy of discovery. **PG 2018 96 Minutes**



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Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church
25 Main Avenue, Enfield EN1 1DJ
www.bhpurc.org.uk
with Enfield United Reformed Churches

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Tuesday 5th March

10.30am - 12.00pm

Ponders End United Reformed Church

Raising funds for our Church's Community Garden



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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
25 FEBRUARY - 10 MARCH



FAIRTRADE

Quiz Evening

Saturday 16th March

Proceeds to the

Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

Homeless Overnight Respite (Winter Night Shelter)

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

in the Church Hall, Armfield Road EN2 0DH

Tickets £10 per person includes a
Quiche and Salad or Fish & Chip supper,
tea or coffee at half-time.

Bring your own drinks.

Booking essential from Beryl Woolley

07950 592 454

Tables of 8 or less

Prayer diary **March 2019**

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

2nd - Pray for the Breakfast Club as the group meets in the church this morning.

3rd - Pray for our Elders Meeting following the service this morning.

4th - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet this evening.

5th - Pray for our Property Committee and for the work they do in maintaining our church buildings.

6th - Pray for Sylvia and the others in the group from Mission Direct who are in Zimbabwe at the moment, and pray for an improvement to the situation in that country.

7th - Give thanks to God for his word to us through the Bible.

8th - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening.

9th - Pray for our friends from other churches across Enfield.

10th - Pray for the children and leaders of Adventurers.

11th - Pray for the Junior Section as they meet this evening in the hall.

12th - Pray for the Homeless Overnight Respite as it continues to run on Tuesday evenings at Lancaster Road URC.

13th - Pray for the residents of Holtwhites Hill.

14th - Pray for Susan, our student minister, as she prepares for her Assessed Service at Winchmore Hill URC this Sunday.

15th - Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening.

16th - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Club meeting.

17th - St Patrick's Day: Pray for our Irish friends.

18th - Pray for the Friendship Club and for Brenda Brown, who is speaking to the group this afternoon.

19th - Pray for Mark and Melanie and for their leadership over the URCs in Enfield.

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

21st - Pray for the community around us.

22nd - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening in the hall.

23rd - Pray for the work of our emergency services.

24th - Pray for our friends from across the North Enfield Group as we join together in worship at Lancaster Road URC this morning.

25th - Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening in the hall.

26th - Pray for your own faith.

27th - Pray for those who are unemployed at the moment.

28th - Pray for the leaders of our church organisations.

29th - Pray for our country as it leaves the European Union today.

30th - Pray for this afternoon's Lunchtime @ Christ Church.

31st - Pray for mothers - known, unknown or no longer with us - on this Mothering Sunday.

April 2019 newsletter

The **April 2019** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 31st March**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 24th 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 2019**

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

Sunday 3rd March 11:00am
Revd Mark Meatcher
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Sunday 3rd March 12:30pm
Elders Meeting

Sunday 10th March 11:00am
Revd Melanie Smith
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

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

Sunday 17th March 11:00am
Martin Wells
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Monday 18th March 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Kew Gardens - Brenda Brown

Sunday 24th March 11:00am
Revd Mark Meatcher and Revd Dan Haylett
United Service for the North Enfield Group of URCs at Lancaster Road URC (no service at Christ Church)
Please note the location for this service

Saturday 30th March 11:00am to 2:00pm
Lunchtime @ Christ Church (see page 12)

Sunday 31st March

11:00am

Revd Mark Meatcher

Family Parade Service (Mothering Sunday)

Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Future dates

Enfield Community Orchestra Spring Concert
Thursday 4th April (8:00pm)

Enfield Concert Band Spring Concert
Friday 12th April (8:00pm)

Imago Dei (Holy Week Exhibition - see page 6)
Monday 15th to Saturday 20th April (10:00am to 4:00pm each
day, 1:00pm to 4:00pm only on Friday 19th April)

Holiday at Home
Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May (10:30am to 4:00pm)
Please note corrected dates from the previous newsletter

An Evening with Garth Hewitt (see page 4)
Saturday 18th May (7:30pm)

Lunchtime @ Christ Church
Saturdays 8th June, 20th July (all 11:00am to 2:00pm)

Church Meetings
Sundays 7th April (AGM), 2nd June (12:30pm)

Elders Meetings
Sundays 5th May, 9th June (12:30pm)

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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