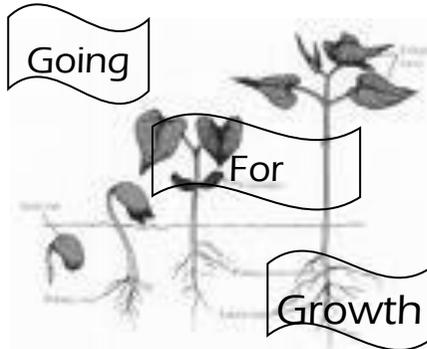




CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase side, Enfield

Minister Revd David Atkinson



Christ Church URC Every Person Challenge

Coming Soon

Sunday 6th May 2007

11.00 a.m.

Come and join us on Challenge Sunday – All Welcome

May 2007

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

11.00 am Morning Worship

11.00 am Pilots

Holy Communion First Sunday

Family Parade Service Third Sunday

MONDAY

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

6.30 pm Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.30 pm Company Section (11-18 years)

(including band practice)

TUESDAY

4.30 pm Rainbows (5-7 years)

WEDNESDAY

9.45-11.15am Combined Bible Study at Lancaster Road URC

Twice monthly

2.15 pm Friendship Club *Every other week*

THURSDAY

7.45-9.20 pm Bible Study Group *monthly*

8.00 pm Elders Meeting *bi-monthly*

Church Meeting *bi-monthly*

FRIDAY

6.00 pm Brownies (7-10 years)

7.30 pm Guides 10-14 years)

Rangers (14-18 years)

Contact details at back of newsletter

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I begin by thanking everyone who has worked and served Christ Church over the last year. I particularly thank Stephen Gilbert our Church Secretary, David Fisher our Church Treasurer and the Elders for all the help and support they have given me.

In the last year I have had a three months Sabbatical to look at issues of poverty and justice. This involved me going to India for six weeks as the guest of the Church of South India. I was based in Bangalore and visited various churches and church social projects to help the poor and disadvantaged in the region. I found the experience very interesting and want to develop this relationship with the Church of South India.

I also want both Christ Church and Lancaster Road to join with me in this link with the Church of South India. We have already begun to get this underway and plan to support one of the projects to help the poor through Every Person Challenge (EPC). The aim is to raise enough money to buy a power loom for a silk weaver who makes sarees. The silk weavers are skilled workers who receive very little reward for their hard work. But if they are able to own their own power looms they will receive a much better payment for their labour.

I am particularly pleased that Christ Church has begun a simplified form of Every Person Challenge. The EPC committee have worked very hard to produce an exciting and demanding first Challenge which will be presented to the church on Sunday, 6th May, Challenge Sunday. On that Sunday you will receive your Challenge forms. Please complete them and return them on Sunday, 20th May, Thanksgiving Sunday. The Challenge will give spiritual direction to our church. It will help us to grow in our

personal faith and to serve God in our community and wider world. The theme of our Challenge is "Going for Growth". Please pray for the success of our Challenge and give it your personal support.

I have now been minister of Christ Church for three years and want to finish this report by reflecting upon the last three years. As I am minister of two churches I have only been able to take two services per month at Christ Church. These have usually been the communion service and parade service. The average attendances at the services I have led are as follows:

My 1st year: 36 adults and 11 children

My 2nd year: 47 adults and 18 children

My 3rd year: 34 adults and 13 children

The second year figures are the highest because that year I took five baptisms and the baptismal parties considerably increased the congregations. I am sure that our average weekly attendances will be lower than my figures which are boosted by the parade services which are easily our best attended services.

In my three years I reckon that twelve of our members and regular worshippers have moved away or died. At the same time I reckon that we have only gained three new regular worshippers. There have been several other people who have come occasionally or just for a short period but not stayed with us in the long term. This has been a significant loss for our small membership.

It makes me increasingly aware that we have fewer people to do all the various jobs that sustain our church, its life, service and witness. We have some very hard working people in our church but how long can we effectively continue? We need to think and pray about the future of our church and what God wants us to do.

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

David Atkinson.



SABBATICAL VISIT TO INDIA

A few people have said to me that they were sorry to miss my recent talk and pictures about my sabbatical visit to India. So I have decided to do it again on Saturday, 26th May from 7:30p.m. -9:30p.m. at the manse, 50 Churchbury Lane. The pictures will be shown on the television screen. All are welcome. Please let me know if you are intending to come. A drink and biscuits will be provided.

David.

Christian aid week 13th—19th May 2007

Please can help our collection by

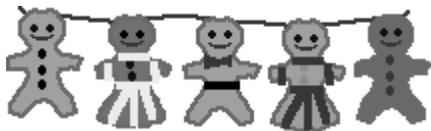
- * Collecting
- * Distributing envelopes
- * Displaying a poster

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Stephen Gilbert is in our thoughts and prayers as he waits for his Operation which is booked for the middle of may

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

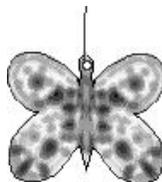
Are you talented and Have something to share with others!!



The Guides always enjoy visitors.
We were wondering if anyone within the church would like to come and visit Guides sharing a special craft or skill they may have. We are happy to organize a 20-minute slot on a Friday evening. If are interested then please contact Tracy for a suitable date and time.

Thanks
In advance from

Tracy, Anne,
Sarah and
Vicki



Recent special collections are:

Communion offering for Lancaster road
special supper April £20.00

Easter communion offering for Shanthi-
graman £103.72

Lenten Offering £482.00

HYMNS AND THEIR ORIGINS

When discharged from the Senior Service many moons ago I worked for a company near Tower Hill upon which those who felt they had something to say would gather and give voice during the luncheon period. Many others came solely to heckle unmercifully. Our Christian faith featured most prominently amongst the politically conscious, those who had something to get off their chest and the odd fanatic or two. I recall the great Methodist preacher, Donald Soper, later Lord Soper, who came most Wednesdays, I think it was, to enlighten the many who listened most attentively. It was very noticeable that whenever a Christian came to witness the hecklers were quiet and what's more listened and appeared to be quite interested. In St. Paul's letters there are numerous occasions when he faced similar opposition ~ it makes interesting reading.

Daniel Towner, at the time the song leader of Mr. Moody (of Moody and Sankey fame) was with the great preacher in Brockton, Massachusetts at one of his evangelical meetings when a young fellow was so affected that he declared to all the congregation "I am not quite sure - but I am going to trust and I am going to obey".

Daniel was so impressed the words remained in his mind until he wrote of the whole episode to Reverend J.H. Sammis. The Minister wrote a hymn around the words and Towner composed the tune.

I have mentioned the Christian witnessing on Tower Hill because I feel John Sammis would have been in his element tackling the hecklers and even converting some. Born in July 1846 he became a most successful business man ; so much so that in his early 20's he found his business responsibilities were interfering with his Church commitments.. A decision was needed.

He resigned from his lucrative company work and became a secretary of the YMCA. Answering further calls from God he entered the Presbyterian church with a number of pastorates, became a teacher at a theological college in Los Angeles where he received Daniel Towner's invitation to write the lovely witnessing hymn "When we walk with the Lord", better known perhaps as "Trust and Obey"

The prophet Samuel wrote "Hath the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15 v 22.

Bill

9th Enfield Brownies

End of year report 2006

We have maintained good numbers again this year with 25 girls in the pack at Christmas 2006. We are pleased to have welcomed two new Brownies with disabilities and learning difficulties to the Pack.

We have gained another unit helper and a new pack leader, who we are lucky to have, as one of our leaders reaches her Guiding "retirement age" in 2007.

Jan -We completed our "Watch It!" badge tasks and the Brownies gained their badges. We revisited an old favourite, the chocolate game....which was popular with all!

Feb -We launched our new sixes in February and took the opportunity to complete activities around Thinking Day and to take part in the Thinking Day Parade Service.

March - The highlight of this month was the Big Disco at Batchwood.

April - The Brownies enjoyed taking part in St Georges Day Parade and competing in the Who Wants To Be A Millionaire Quiz Night.

May - The Brownies completed their Crime Prevention Badges having spent a few weeks learning about Crime Prevention and having a visit from the local Police officers.

June - Brownie Revels was popular as was an idea we borrowed from the Boys Brigade - an indoor obstacle course.

July - The girls really enjoyed taking part in the feeling game and plunging their hands in to the unknown! We also decorated funky foam handbags with.....funky foam!

September - Kims game was reinvented and we had another chance to try out the indoor obstacle course.

October - Pottery painting in October saw each girl take home her own hand painted monster!

November - We toasted marshmallows and ate edible fire-works. The girls made horsey home-helpers out of kitchen cloths and brushes and then completed their help at home challenge.

December - We took part in some new GuidingUK research on "what girls think" and then finished the term with a small xmas party.

We have continued to play a full part in the work of ChristChurch, taking part in the parade services, autumn fayre, Christmas nativity and christingle.

Gill Morris - 9th Brownies

PILOTS/JUNIOR CHURCH 2006/07

Pilots and Junior Church have enjoyed a wide range of activities during the past year. These have included painting, model making, cooking, drama, quizzes, and bible stories.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Chris, Christopher and Harry Sanders, as a result of their move to the Isle of Wight, but pleased to enrol Katherine Fisher and Jack Tulley into the Company at the Mothering Sunday Service this year. New members are always welcome.

Rosemary Milns
Captain

The 9th Enfield Guides Annual Report

The first quarter of the year we spent rehearsing and practicing a pantomime "The Wizard who lived in the Bog Yes Bog marsh type area", a story roughly based around the classic story, but with exceptionally different characters: a ghost that was scared of the dark; a daisy that had lost her sunshine; a partially sighted pig; as all pantomimes there was a bad witch with Evelets and a good fairy. It was a good show we performed two nights and the parents seemed to enjoy it - a good fundraising event.

Summer term we spent preparing for summer camp which was the first week of August, a great time was had by all, weather was kind, and we had a good selection of activities.

September term proved to be more fun with outdoor activities.

A Parascending weekend was well attended in October. We camped in Kent for the first time and 7 Guides and 11 Rangers all flew for the first time. Two leaders quickly followed and a hugely memorable weekend was had by all thanks to Kent County Scout Council Parascending Team.

November firework display at Tolmers with lots of sparklers and hot chocolate. December we had a lot of Christmas craft, party and practising for our Christingle Service which was held on 21st of Dec, where we served hot mince pies and Coffee to the parents who had a lovely night , a nice way to end before Christmas .

For 2007, our numbers of guides are down for the first time in 10 years and we have no waiting list so we are aiming to encourage as many new members as possible and review our program, however we feel scouting is now taking its toll.

We are still planning a May four day activity camp and summer camp as always so hopefully this will encourage the low numbers of girls, but we hope 2007 will be as much fun and amusement as last year .

Tracey Rainbow

The friendship club Annual report 2006

Twenty meetings were held, meeting on alternate Wednesdays in term time, and an average of 18 members attended. There are 26 members on the roll and 12 members on the associate roll (Those friends who are unable to attend now because of ill health)

Programmes ranged from:- Food and cookery through the ages; Water Aid update; the leprosy Mission and a visit from the Cockfosters Ladies Choir and devotional meetings.

Membership:- Sadly Miss Mary Anderson died April 2006. She was a loyal and helpful member, always ready to help when needed and we shall miss her caring ways. Mary joined in 1984, after retiring from work.

Club Social:- A successful Social was held in the spring with 35 members attending. A buffet was served and the Aurelia Singers entertained us. We did not have an outing in 2006 but will be arranging one for the summer of 2007.

Our thanks to:-

Miss Wiley for sending Birthday cards to all our members

Mrs Smart for taking our subscriptions

Mrs Abbey our treasurer

Mrs Day-Barker who sells cards; and

All the tea ladies who take it in turn to serve our tea each week

The club continues to be a happy group, living up to its name and firm friendships are made among its members.

New members are always welcome.

Lily Smith

The 9th Enfield Rangers Annual Report

The first quarter of the year we spent rehearsing and practicing a pantomime "The Wizard who lived in the Bog Yes Bog marsh type area". All the Rangers played an important part in both rehearsing, prop and scenery making and also practising dances with small groups. The Rangers main parts consisted of a chorus line of dancing daises with canes and top hats, an unforgettable experience for most parents. It was a good show we performed two nights and the parents seemed to enjoy it - a good fundraising event.

Summer term we spent preparing for summer camp, Duke of Edinburgh training and practice walks. A wide range of outdoor activities from Rounders with the Guides to a telephone OS trial that included all modes of transports, bus, train and walking. Summer camp was the first week of August, a great time was had by all, weather was kind, and we had a good selection of activities.

September term proved to be more fun with outdoor activities, November firework display at Tolmers with lots of sparklers and hot chocolate.

December was spent relaxing or what Rangers do best - chatting and nails. A Parascending weekend was well attended in October and we camped in Kent for the first time. A Christingle Service was held 21st December where the Rangers again put all their effort and talent into a Christmas song. We then served hot mince pies and coffee to the parents who had a lovely night - a nice way to end before Christmas.

For 2007, our numbers of Rangers are down to 8 due to losing 2 to university and one becoming a fully fledged leader for Guides. We have no waiting list but we have 2 Guides now old enough to move up and we hope other Guide groups may also refer girls on to us. We are aiming to encourage as many new members as possible and review our program, however we feel Rangers is a difficult time for girls with GCSE's and other pressures so we will continue to advertise the best way ever "by word of mouth".

We are still planning a May four day activity camp and summer camp as always, so hopefully this will encourage the low numbers of girls, but we hope 2007 will be as much fun and amusement as last year .

Tracey Rainbow

9th Enfield Rainbows

Activity report

The Rainbow group meets in the church hall every Tuesday afternoon from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The attendees are a maximum of 10 girls aged from 5 to 7 years.

The activities of the group vary greatly from week to week.

There is a good proportion of time spent on hands-on arts and crafts producing items for family or friends such as cards and gifts for Mothers Day, Fathers day, Christmas etc. Also some time is spent singing, dancing, playing games and generally having lots of fun!

On the more serious side, there are occasional visits and talks by representatives of the local emergency services such as the police and fire services, etc.

The group meet up for church parades on the third Sunday of every month and usually has a quite good percentage attendance.

Ciara Stock

REPORT FOR WORSHIP GROUP 2006/07

The Worship Group has had ten meetings over the past year. We were sorry to lose Terry Silvey from our planning team, due to his other commitments, but pleased that he will still be taking part in services. The group now consists of Sylvia Coombs, Pamela and David Fisher, Pamela Mansley, and myself, though a considerably larger number of people have been involved in taking part in services. Further volunteers are always welcome.

The Group has organized or taken part in twelve services over the period, these including Easter Sunday, Songs of Praise, August Breakfast Service, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Nativity, Christmas Day, joint service with Enfield Evangelical Free Church) and New Year's Eve Breakfast Service. Breakfast Services have continued to work well and are very sociable, yet reverent occasions.

The Group continues to organize the weekly prayer requests. We have had a break with our monthly mission spots, but will be reintroducing these later in the year.

We have continued to use the Scripture Union LIGHT teaching material as the basis for a number of our services.

The Group has also been involved with organizing musicians to play at the weekly services.

I would like to thank all the members of the Group for their enthusiasm and hard work and also everyone who has assisted with and taken part in services over the year.

Rosemary Milns

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May Church diary

- Wed 2nd 2.15pm Friendship club
Slides of Enfield past and present
Mr H Noble
Bring and buy stall
- Thurs 3rd 7.30pm Elders meeting in the manse
- Sun 6th 11am **The Revd D Atkinson**
Holy Communion
Offering for Communion fund
CHALLENGE SUNDAY
Duty Elder — Ron Smith
- Wed 9th 9.45am-11.15 Joint bible study with Lancaster road
at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 13th 11am **Worship Group**
Duty Elder — Stephen Gilbert
- Wed 16th 2.15pm Friendship club
Tear fund. (Talk and slides)
Mr J Hyde
Goods for sale
- Sun 20th 11am **The Revd D Atkinson**
THANKS GIVING SUNDAY
**Family Parade service, Junior church
and youth Sunday**
Duty Elder — Pamela Mansley
- Thurs 23rd 7.45pm Bible study at Christ Church in the hall
beginners room

Wed 9.45am- Joint bible study with Lancaster road at
24th 11.15 Lancaster Road URC

**Sun 27th 11am Mrs L Moody
Duty Elder - Ron Smith**

Wed 30th 2.15pm Friendship club
Outing—Details to be announced

June 2007

**Sun 3rd 11am Brian Smith
Holy Communion
Offering for Cheviots children's
centre
CHALLENGE SUNDAY
Duty Elder — Pamela Fisher**

Advance dates for 2007

Church meetings

8pm 7th June
8pm 6th September
12.30pm 4th Nov. (Elders election)

Elders meetings

7.30pm 3rd May
7.30pm 5th July
7.30pm 4th October

Praise Days

10th June
30th September

** 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

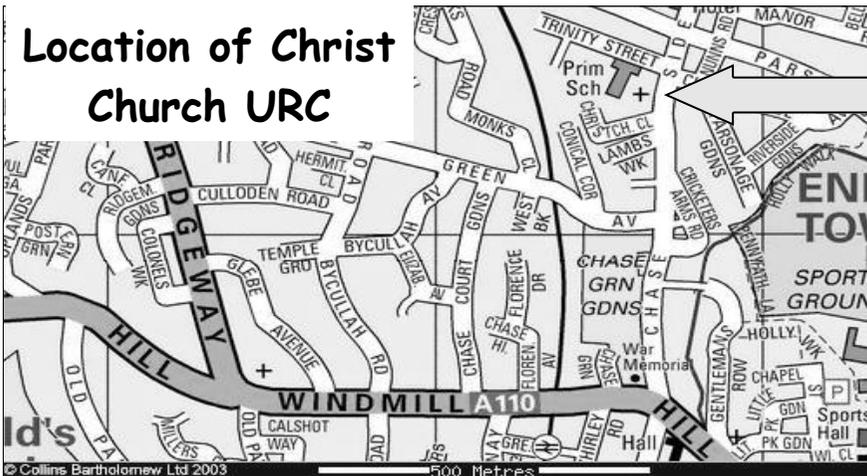


WHEN:

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 **JUNE** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of the month.**

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