



CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



May 2009

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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 see diary

MONDAY

7.00pm - Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

9.00pm Junior Section (8-11 years)

Company & Senior Section

(11-18 years)

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 ANNUAL REPORT 2009

I begin by thanking everyone who has supported the life and mission of Christ Church in whatever way over the last year. especially thank our Church Secretary Stephen Gilbert, Church Treasurer David Fisher and Lettings Secretary Pam Mansley for all their hard work. This church is very fortunate to have a very hard working and caring Elders Meeting who give a lot of time, thought and work to Christ Church and I thank them for all their efforts. A very important part of Christ Church's life is its work with children and young people and I thank all those who give valuable service in our various youth organisations.

Last year the Property Manager and all the Property Committee resigned. I wish to thank them for all their hard work looking after the extensive Christ Church property. More recently Mary Smart has resigned as Baptism and Cradle Roll Secretary and Mark Bullock has resigned as a Boys' Brigade Officer. I thank them both for their many years of service to the church.

Our current Every Person Challenge (EPC) is "Going for Growth 2008" and focuses on outreach and growth. Just before last Christmas we distributed a series of 5 publicity leaflets to about 300 local homes telling them about our beliefs, activities and worship and inviting them to Christ Church. We also began a Social Group and supported Mission Aviation Fellowship. I thank the EPC committee for organising the Challenge and everyone who supported it.

In February 2008 the Church Meeting accepted a challenge to focus on evangelism, growth and bringing people into regular worship at Christ Church during the next year. We have tried to do this especially through EPC which we launched in May 2008 and we particularly aimed for five additional regular weekly worshippers over the year. We agreed to review the situation at our June 2009 Church Meeting and to build on any noticeable growth but if there has been no change to give serious consideration to the viability of Christ Church as an independent congregation. We will look at this situation at a special Church Meeting on

Sunday, 17th May at 12:30pm and again at our Church Meeting on 7th June at 12:30pm.

We face three major challenges.

Firstly, we have very large buildings, especially the church, which require a lot of maintenance and care.

Secondly, we have a small membership and regular congregation which means a lot of responsibilities and work for a small number of people.

Thirdly, there are other churches nearby, including Trinity Methodist/URC and Lancaster Road URC, with a similar ethos and trying to attract people from the same locality.

On the positive side we have some very sincere and dedicated people who work very hard for our church and are committed to outreach and growth.

I believe we have four main options.

Firstly, we remain an open independent congregation as at present and continue with our own worship, service and witness.

Secondly, we close and give thanks for the past faith, life, service and witness of our church.

Thirdly, we explore amalgamation with Trinity Methodist/URC and see if we can serve God better as a united church.

Fourthly, we explore amalgamation with Lancaster Road URC and see if we can serve God better as a united church.

Above all else we need to think and pray about God's will for the future of Christ Church and for our future Christian service and witness in this part of Enfield. How can we best serve Christ in the coming years? Please think, pray and discuss this and come to the Church Meetings on 17th May at 12:30pm and on 7th June at 12:30pm. We are planning to vote on this very important subject at the 7th June meeting.

Christian greetings,
David.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mary Smart continues to receive treatment at University College Hospital.

We were very pleased to receive two new members, Tom Boorman and Philip Taylor, at our Sunday morning communion service on 5th April.

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

Our Friend Irene Baker

sadly passed away on the 18th April. She will be missed by all her friends at Christ Church. Our thoughts are with her son John, daughter-in-law Mary and grand children Elizabeth and David.

The Funeral is to be held on the 5th May at Christ Church URC at 11am followed by a service at Enfield crematorium

Everyone is welcome to join the family for refreshments afterwards.

The Friendship Club

We continue to meet on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 2.15pm in the **Church Hall**. And we invite all our friends in the club and those in church to join with us this summer.

May 6th

Graham Dalling will be giving us a talk about his life-time in LOCAL HISTORY.

May 20th

Stephen Gilbert will be showing us the interesting slides of his visit to CYPRUS

June 3rd

Lunch at Forty Hall café at 12midday followed by a tour of the garden (weather permitting), OR , of Forty Hall itself. And concluding with a CREAM TEA at the café.

PLEASE CONTACT ME for a MENU by Sunday April 26th and return to Marion WILEY or me by Sunday May 24th.

June 27th

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Speaker to be confirmed

Lily Smith

The Lord is good, He cares for those
who trust in Him.

Youth Winners of the Mothers Day
Poem or Prayer Competition

MOTHERS DAY Poem

To Mummy

Thank you for doing the washing

Thank you for doing dinner

Thank you for getting me toys

Thank you for doing everything for me

By Jason

Junior section Boys Brigade

Other winners John Mogali Anchor boy and Amber Guides

News from the Bible Society

A member of the Bible Society staff sent a report from Kuwait, where the society plays a key role in the life of the church. It is the only organisation permitted to import Bibles, Christian books, and training and worship materials for all the churches. Kuwait is only 7% of the area of the United Kingdom, but the gulf's booming economy has produced a massive influx of labour.

The Bible society is running church programmes among children of many different nationalities and is planning to run a literacy programme to enable migrant workers to read the bible for themselves.

There are good relations between the different churches in Kuwait and with the authorities.

Let us pray that these will strengthen even more and that the work of the Bible Society in Kuwait will continue to grow

Ron Smith

PILOTS/JUNIOR CHURCH 2008/09

Pilots/Junior Church continue to meet weekly on a Sunday morning during term time. Activities have included drama, quizzes, an Easter egg hunt, cooking, craft activities and bible stories. Sessions have been based around the Pilot programme and the Roots' Children and Young People material.

In May we went on the National Pilots Safari Day at Longleat. We enjoyed seeing all the animals, going on the rides and taking part in the activities provided.

In the Autumn we planted daffodil bulbs in the Church garden as part of project to think about how things grow. These are now in flower and have made a very attractive display.

Further recruitment sessions are planned for later in the year. New members are always welcome.

Rosemary Milns
Captain



Check out our Website at Christ Church

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| ◇ Our beliefs | ◇ Services/Events |
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REPORT FOR WORSHIP GROUP

2008/09

The Worship Group has had thirteen meetings over the past year and organized eleven services, including Easter Sunday, a Songs of Praise, two Breakfast Services, Remembrance Sunday, the Christmas Nativity and Mothering Sunday.

The Group continues to prepare the weekly prayer requests. If you would like someone or some event to be included in these, please contact me.

Mission spots are included in the services from time to time.

The Roots material is still used as the basis for a number of our services.

The Group continues to organise musicians to play at the weekly services.

Thank you to all the members of the Group for their involvement and contributions and also to everyone who has assisted with and taken part in services over the year.

Rosemary Milns

Report of the Friendship Club for 2008

The Friendship Club continues to meet in term time on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the Church Hall.

There are 22 full members, with 9 associate members (former members who are not normally able to attend). Sadly 5 members died during the year (Gladys Hooker, Dot Read, Dorothy Barnes, Audrey Hayes and Joan Hay).

Twenty meetings were held in 2008, with an average attendance of 14. A variety of programmes was enjoyed; our Minister told us about the loom project, Councillor Tony Dey spoke about his year as Mayor of Enfield and the Choir of Christ Church, Cockfosters gave a very entertaining programme. Three devotional meetings were also held and in May, we paid a visit to Forty Hall, starting with a lunch and ending with a cream tea.

New members are always welcome, including those who wish to come only occasionally.

Our thanks are due to Lily Smith our Hon. Secretary, Veronica Abbey our Hon. Treasurer, the members of the Committee and many others who help to make the meetings so friendly and enjoyable.

Mrs Lily Smith
Secretary



We believe in life before death

Please can help our collection by

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

Ten things to know about Christian Aid

- 1 We believe in life before death – we are passionate about rooting out poverty.
- 2 We fund long-term development work, respond to emergencies, and challenge the unjust systems that make and keep people poor.
- 3 We are the official development agency of 41 church denominations in the UK and Ireland.
- 4 We help people of all faiths and none.
- 5 We believe in helping people to find their own lasting solutions to poverty.
- 6 We work through more than 600 partners – local organisations – in nearly 50 countries.
- 7 We challenge those with power to change things that have an adverse effect on poor communities, such as international trade rules and climate change.
- 8 We don't give money to governments – we work directly with local organisations on the ground.
- 9 We spend money where it's needed most. For each £1 given in 2006/7, 83p was used for direct charitable expenditure. The remaining 17p was used to raise the next £1.
- 10 You can find out more at www.caweek.org or www.christianaid.ie or by calling 0845 7000 300.

How your money helps transform poor communities

Emergencies – 30%

Long-term development – 40%

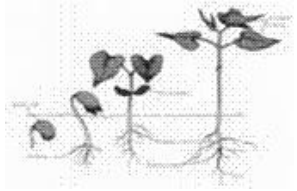
Campaigning, advocacy and education – 13%

Fundraising – 16%

Governance – 1%

Every Person Challenge 2009

Going for Growth



PRAYER CALENDER FOR THE MONTH

Prayer is limitless. “Ask of me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession” – Psalm 2:8

I commit myself to prayer for the following this week

All people affected by the economic crisis. We pray that even though there may be fear and apprehension, people will not forget that our heavenly Father knows we have need of things and that He delights in providing for us according to His will.

We pray for the world’s leaders that they may seek sound advice and not be afraid to make decisions which are right but may be painful.

We pray for our fellowship in Christ Church – our friends who are ill (Mary Smart), friends who may be sad or worried. We pray for God’s peace and healing, both physical and spiritual and that they may be comforted to know God loves them.

We pray for God’s church at large that His people will not be afraid to tell of the good news of God’s love and His gift of salvation.

We pray for ourselves that we will continue to trust in God and seek to deepen our faith in Him. We pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us to live lives that are pleasing to God.

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3RD ENFIELD BOYS' BRIGADE (T R PLOWMAN'S COMPANY) ANNUAL REPORT 2008

2008 proved to be another busy year for the 3rd Enfield, with the Company taking part in a number of events at all levels of the Brigade. Numerical strength at the start of the 2008/2009 session stood at just under 20 Boys – 5 Anchor Boys, 4 Junior Section and 9 Company/Senior Section – along with four active members of staff.

The Anchor Boys continue to keep busy with a mix of activities including games, crafts, cooking and much more. The Boys also took part once again in the Enfield Battalion colouring competition, and once again emerged victorious. The Junior Section continued to progress through various activities in their badgework scheme, including games, figure marching and community activities – in 2008, The Boys' Brigade had a special 125 Community Badge which involved completing at least 125 minutes of service to the community; the Anchor Boys and Junior Section both completed this by raising money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The Company Section and Seniors continue to work through new activities in the Discover programme, which encompasses a wide range of our activities including drill, band work, games, practical work and much more. A number of competitions were entered, including a return to the drill arena for the first time in 4 years with a very creditable second place in both the 3 Man Colours and Two Smart Recruits in Enfield Battalion. We also joined forces once again with the 1st Enfield and Amicus for the London Band competitions, with the band winning both the Devonshire Cup and Musical Accuracy competitions. One of our Seniors, Andrew Clarke, also came second in the Solo Drum competition. We also joined with the 10th Enfield to enter the Waltham Walk Veterans competition, with a couple of "oldies" turning back the years to come second!

The Company Display took place on April 28th, with items being put on by all Sections of the Company, and we thank everyone for their support of this event. A number of special events involving the 3rd also took place throughout the year. Enfield Battalion's annual Church Parade was hosted by Christ Church, five members of the Company went to the BB/GB's Firm Foundations festival and had a very good weekend, and some of our younger members took part in a special "Life 2 the Max" event held by Enfield Battalion at Felden Lodge to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of The Boys' Brigade. Five members also joined with the 10th Enfield on their Summer Camp, which in 2008 took place in Swanage. It was a venue we had not been to before, but everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable week in the sun. We kicked off our 2008/2009 session with our annual Enrolment Service in October, which we are pleased to say was very well attended.

The Company has also continued to be involved in the London Massed Bugle Band, which in 2008 took part in a number of events including the London Marathon, Lord Mayor's Show, a 125th Anniversary celebration held at Chatham Dockyard, a weekend away in Southampton and much more. More info about the band can be found on their website at www.londonmassedbugleband.org.uk.

We believe that 2008 was a very positive year for the Company, with Boys and Officers alike taking part in a number of great events. We are also very pleased to give our Boys the opportunity to explore their Christian faith more by taking part in events such as Firm Foundations, and in Brigade life in general, and we hope to continue this into 2009. We will also look to build on the existing strength in the Company, and look ahead to what is already proving to be another positive year in 2009.

Tom Boorman, Adrian Bullock, Mark Bullock & Sue Bullock
3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Company – www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk



Girlguiding

The 9th Enfield Rainbows

Rainbows Annual Report 2008

Rainbows had a really good year with lots and lots of handicraft. Planting window boxes for Mums, Sports activities in the garden. An excellent Rainbow picnic in Forty Hall Park. A day at Tolmers exploring the lake, pond dipping, nature trail and lots of fresh air.

The Rainbows favourite time is "Party Time" and we had a fantastic party to say goodbye to some of our older trusty Rainbows. Then we had an even better "Enrolment Party" to welcome lots of new Rainbows – so overall lots of parties and lots of Fun.

Rainbows had a busy term running up to Christmas practicing their Christingles song and they attended two bag packing sessions singing carols in M&S and Morrison.

Rainbow funds as always are short but we have just raised enough to buy our own parachute – which the girls themselves wanted.

We have also done cooking on a regular basis, which can be stressful but also a lot of amusement.

We will all be going away together as a group Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers 2010 – so this may prove to be a headache in it's self. District wide events are also on the year planner and we hope to top our normal activities and look at providing a mountain top experience for every child – No point aiming low.....

Overall an exceptional year of work with a lot of diverse activities.

Tracy Rainbow

9th Enfield Brownies - End of year report 2008

We have maintained good numbers this year at around 16 girls in the pack throughout the year. We have 3 adult leaders (1 warranted and 2 unit helpers) and 1 guide helper (young leader) who run the Pack on a regular basis, which has ensured adequate leadership throughout the year as well as a good ratio of adults to children on a Friday night, giving us the ability to give more

support to those girls who need it.

Throughout the year the Brownies enjoy playing games, singing songs and making things as well as attending Church Parade on a regular basis.

January They had a drama evening and made musical shakers.

February The Brownies had a friendship evening involving making friendship bracelets etc. We had the Thinking Day Service and made Mothers Day posies for the Mothers Day Service.

March These weeks were mainly taken up with games and other activities.

April Easter holidays took up most of the month of April. The Brownies took part in the St Georges Day Parade

May We had a badge evening and other games and activities throughout this month.

June Made items for Fathers Day and took part in Activity Day at Tolmers Scout Camp with other Brownies in the District.

July Before breaking up for the holidays our normal celebrations were rained off so we had a good time in the Hall instead. The Brownies enacted the Brownie Story for parents and guides etc which was enjoyed by everyone.

September We enjoyed planning for and decorating a church window for Harvest Festival to show the scene of a farmers field at harvest time, which unfortunately we came 3rd this year. We held another badge evening.

October We planted Hyacinth's for Christmas, which were then kept for the Brownies to take home just before Christmas. We also attended the BB Enrolment Service.

November We had a Road Safety evening in conjunction with National Road Safety Week of 10-16 November in which we designed posters. The results were excellent. We also took part in the Church Bazaar by running a Jarbola stall.

December We took part in the Christingle service and Nativity for the Christmas Service. We finished the term with a small Christmas Party for the Brownies.

Kathy Brown – 9th Enfield Brownies

Report of The 9th Enfield Guides Company for 2008

I took over officially as the new Guider from Tracy in September. Many of the Guides have moved up to Rangers which led to a variety of recruitment drives throughout the terms.

Weekly evenings are informal and fun but planned for in the initial weeks with suggestions from the girls. The weekly numbers have been consistent with girls coming up from Brownies and becoming enrolled. We currently have 10 Guides.

Summer Camp is still a main focus for us. It was attended by 8 Guides who participated in different physical activities as well as developing their skills, confidence and friendships. Lots of fun was had by all. We have booked for the coming year and have planned weekends which the girls have replied to. A number of weekends away punctuated the year – all of them well attended with the girls singing round the campfire, eating lots and sneaking lots of chatty bedtimes.

We finished off the summer term with a BBQ which we shared with the other groups here, the girls produced performances and many parents and friends came to support us.

The Company has continued to boost much needed funds by participating in activities such as bag packing before Christmas where the girls sang and packed bags for customers in the local community.

We have also assisted with church festivals such as Christingle where the Guides worked alongside the Rangers to produce an evening service which many attended.

Guide evenings have encompassed a range of activities. The girls have worked towards and achieved different badges with a chef coming to one of the nights to support them in gaining their

Confectioners Badge. This was very sticky and very yummy. The girls are very keen to remain active and are achieving much with camp blankets becoming much fuller with different badges. We have also been further afield with evening spent at Tolmers and many of us attending the Scout Pantomime before Christmas.

We have also participated in district events where the girls were able to enjoy many outdoor pursuits such as inflatables, team games and climbing as well as mixing with Guides from other Companies.

In summary, we have achieved much this year and had lots of enjoyment getting there. The girls have had the opportunity to participate in a range of experiences whilst building strong bonds with the leaders and lasting friendships.

Miss V Stratton
Guider

Report of The 9th Enfield Ranger Company for 2008

Rangers had a relaxed year with cooking on a regular basis, dotted with diverse assignments, set by both myself and others in the group. Various random evenings have been carried out from Ready, Steady, Cook, to rubbish fashion and tasting chocolate from around the world.

Three camps over the year “Mission Impossible” in May proved to be as exciting as ever - cooking without utensils, sleep outside under a tree shelter. We combined with two other Ranger units from Hertfordshire which added a lot of variety. Nothing proved impossible, which was a great accomplishment. Outdoor activities, building bridges, ladders and enjoying outdoor evenings with the Guides were also part of the fun.

End of term BBQ and Show for the parents was enjoyable, with a vast range of acting and performance skills displayed by Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. A large group meeting with all of the sections was good for leaders and also parents felt a lot more relaxed to bring along friends and family, nearly 80 in attendance.

Summer camp is always an important time of year, the weeks running up to it fraught with preparation and the camping skills required. 8 Guides and 12 Rangers attended summer camp. Lots of excitement and a huge range of activities were completed by all who attended, for a lot of them, this being their first experience of both camping and the more adventurous activities such as Gladiators, Dutch Run, Canoeing, Rafting, Rifles, Vertical Wall and more.

Towards the end of the year we quietened down with more cooking. For the coming year, we have already taken big steps for fundraising, for both Rangers and Guides together, supermarket bag packing, potentially a copper count to raise money – all for our “2010 – 100 years of Guiding” celebrations.

As a group, we will all be going away together, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers – so this may prove to be a headache in itself. District wide events are also on the year planner and we hope to top our normal activities and look at providing a mountain top experience for every child – No point aiming low

Overall, it was an exceptional year of work with a lot of outdoor activities. Not so much folder work but a lot of joint work with the Guides and a few future leaders are showing their heads, which will put us in a good place with skilled and experienced leaders for the future.

Mrs T J Rainbow
Guide Captain



Girlguiding

Church contacts

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May Church Diary

- Sun 3rd** **11am** **Mrs Barbara Leighton**
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley
- Wed 6th** **2.15pm** **Friendship Club - A life in local history**
Mr G Dalling
- Sun** **11am** **The Worship Group**
10th **Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed** **9.45-** **Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at**
13th **11.15am** **Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun** **11am** **The Revd David Atkinson**
17th **Family Parade Service.**
Junior Church and Youth Sunday
Duty Elder— Rosemary Milns
12.30 **Special Church Meeting**
- Wed** **2.15pm** **Friendship Club—Slides of Cyprus**
20th **Stephen Gilbert**
- Sun** **11am** **Mr. Terry Silvey**
24th **Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed** **9.45-** **Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at**
27th **11.15am** **Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun** **11am** **The Revd David Atkinson**
31st **Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert

June Church Diary

Wed 3rd	12 midday	Friendship Club Lunch and cream tea, with walk around Forty hall gardens
Sun 7th	11am	The Revd David Atkinson Holy Communion offering for the Cheviots Children's centre Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher
	12.30	Church Meeting
Wed 10th	9.45- 11.15am	Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
Sun 14th	11am	The Worship Group Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert

Advance dates for 2009

Church Meetings

12.30pm

17th May

7th June

6th September

Elders Meetings

8pm

13th May 8pm Elders Vestry

6th July 8pm Elders Vestry

7th October 8pm Manse

Thames North Synod

10am—4pm

Saturday 12th September

Saturday 14th November

Venue TBC

** 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.

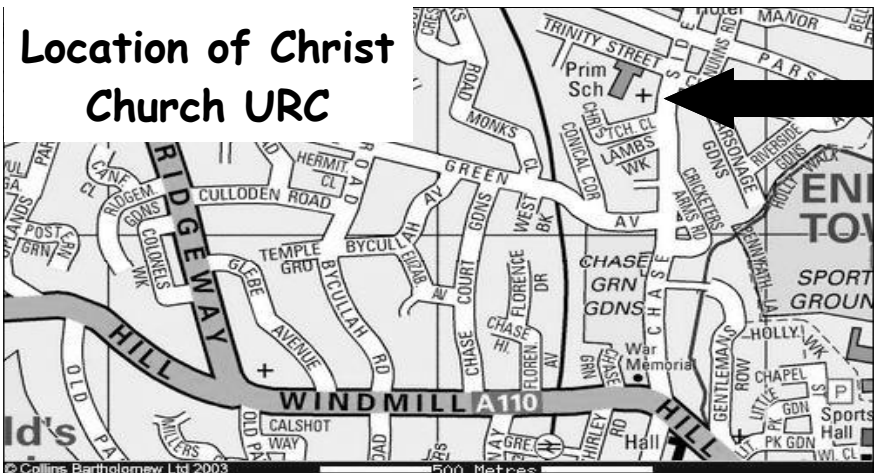
WHEN:
Sunday
mornings from
11am to 12 noon



WHERE:
Pilots meet in
the Church Hall

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 2009** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of May**.

Please contact me, Pamela Fisher, with any items to be included in future issues. I can receive them either in paper copy at Sunday worship or by email.

020 8482 4610 A/M please leave me a message