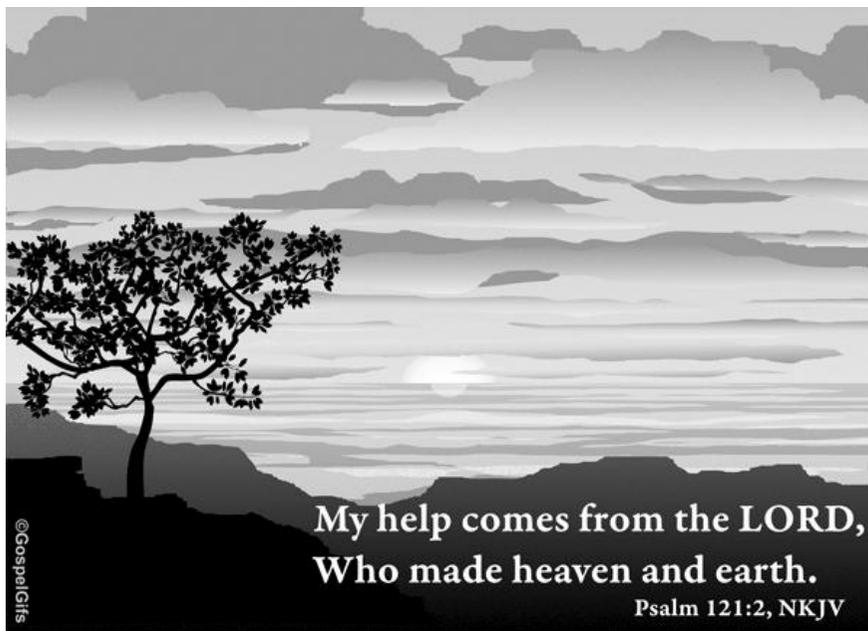




CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



May 2010

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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

6.00pm -7.30pm

Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.30pm— 9.30pm

Company Section (11-15 years)

7.30pm — 9.30pm

Senior Section (15-18 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 LETTER

Dear Friends,

I usually end my day with a short prayer of thanksgiving just before going to bed. It only takes me about a minute. I think back over the past day and thank God for any incidents and people that have brightened my day.

A few weeks ago I had a really good day to thank God for. In the morning I had gone on a London Walk. These are guided 2 hour walks which tell and show people interesting things about London. They often go away from the most popular tourist attractions and give fascinating information about London.

This walk began at Embankment tube station and spent most of the time south of the River Thames. We were told that the word Parliament comes from the French word, "parlez" meaning to speak and that St Paul's Cathedral is 365 feet high. We were shown some of the post Second World War buildings on the south bank and could understand why Prince Charles gets so upset about some modern architecture! We were shown two streets of Georgian terraced housing which had escaped both Hitler's bombs and the spate of demolition and modernisation in the 1960s. These are often used for films and television programmes set in the Georgian era. We were also shown a Victorian Roman Catholic Church with one bell. When our laws gave more freedom to Roman Catholics they allowed their churches to have one bell. But it was only one because they did not want them to compete with the Anglican churches which could have several bells. It was a fascinating guided walk.

In the evening I watched the film "Bad Day at Black Rock" which was released in 1955 and stars Spencer Tracy. I had

never heard of it before but thoroughly enjoyed it. It is about a one-armed Second World War veteran who arrives in the small remote American town of Black Rock to present a Japanese farmer with his son's posthumous medal. The town does not welcome its visitor and is hiding a secret it does not want the man to find out. The film is full of suspense, has a good story and good characters, and ends with a dramatic showdown. It's one of the best films I've seen.

That day I also received a phone call from an old school friend, Phil. He and his partner, Pam, were visiting London next week and we arranged to meet up for a drink, meal and chat. Phil and I went to Lancaster Grammar School in the 1960s and he and Pam now live in Salisbury. I was delighted to hear from him and looked forward to our meeting.

So at the end of that day I had a lot to thank God for: the London Walk, the film "Bad Day at Black Rock" and Phil's phone call. What I was most grateful for was Phil's phone call. It probably only lasted five minutes but friendships are more important than walks or films. What really matters in life is having good relationships.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We are very sorry to hear of the recent death of David Boorman and assure his wife Alison, son Tom and daughter Lydia of our sympathy and prayers. Shortly before David's death Alison's mother also died making it a very sad time for the family.

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

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the church hall and we warmly welcome old and new friends to join us.

May 5th 'The Mission Aviation Fellowship'

A programme by Mrs Diana Goldring, the wife of one of the pilots.

May 19th A short talk about 'The Nightingale Trust'

Followed by 'A musical afternoon' with Mr. and Mrs. Western

June 2nd 12 midday. Lunch at Forty Hall Café, which will be followed by a tour of the hall and the gardens. This must be booked by May 19th. (Menus will be available)

Dear Lord,

Help us to show our love for you by the friendship and caring we show for one another in a our daily lives. Amen

Lily Smith



BE SAFE AND SOUND

Make an appointment with London Fire Brigade for a free home safety visit

The London Fire Brigade offers personal fire safety advice in you home and will also fit a free smoke alarm where needed. If you or someone you know wants a home safety visit, call us free on:

08000 28 44 28

Holiday at Home 25th—27th June

**10am—4pm Friday & Saturday, including
lunch and refreshments**

11.00 a.m Sunday closing service

Would you like to join us for our first Holiday at Home? This will be like a holiday club for adults! We will be providing fun activities including craft, talks, musical entertainment and learning basic computer skills.

For further information, details of cost and to book a place please contact:

Rosemary Milns - 020 8363 6571

Pamela Fisher - 0777 5505 999

Both these numbers may be on an answer machine, but please do leave a message.



Christian Aid week

May 9th—15th

***The week commences on May 9th and
we need collectors.***

A list of the roads in which we collect is on the table at the rear of the church. Please think about helping—a little time spent collecting brings a huge reward for the under privileged

**Everyone is welcome to join us for a time
of fellowship – Bring your friends!**

**Lunchtime @ Christ Church
15th May 11 – 2pm
12 – 1pm Musical entertainment

**Lunchtime @ Christ Church
19th June 11 – 2 pm
12 – 1pm Musical entertainment

**Lunchtime @ Christ Church
10th July 10.30 - 1.30pm
11.30 – 12.30pm Musical entertainment**



Check out our Website at Christ Church

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DEVASTATION IN HAITI – CHRISTIAN AID APPEALS FOR EMERGENCY HELP

Thousands of people are feared dead and countless more homeless after the devastating earthquake in Haiti. This small country is one of the poorest places on earth, and this disaster will create untold suffering and hardship to already vulnerable communities.

The earthquake struck 15km southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince, on 12 January, just before 5pm local time. It is thought to have been the strongest earthquake in Haiti for more than 100 years. The Christian Aid office building collapsed, and three people, including Christian Aid staff, had to be rescued from the rubble.

They are safe and are now working tirelessly to help those who are still trapped, injured and left without home or livelihood.

Eighty per cent of Haiti's population live below the poverty line. The infrastructure was already fragile, and there has been widespread destruction of homes and schools, as well as major damage to water and electricity supplies and road systems. Thousands of people have been left homeless and are in urgent need of shelter, clean water, food and medicines.



Survivors in the immediate aftermath of Haiti's devastating earthquake

Please help us to bring emergency aid to desperately vulnerable people.

Christian Aid's partners in Haiti are experienced in emergency response and rehabilitation. The



Residents of Port-au-Prince search for survivors among the debris

region is frequently battered by hurricanes and they have successfully provided immediate relief in previous emergencies. They are now working around the clock to meet the urgent needs of the people affected by this disaster.

Christian Aid has released £100,000 to our partners in the region. We hope to send more and have launched an emergency appeal to address the massive need. We need your support so that our partners can continue to help the people of Haiti. Even a small amount of money will help to save lives.

£7 could buy a tarpaulin to provide shelter.

£13.50 could buy baby kits including baby food for two weeks.

£18 could buy a food stamp, which will provide canned food, flour, rice, sugar and cooking oil for two weeks for a family of four.

You can give online at
www.christianaid.org.uk
or by phoning 08080 004 004.

POVERTY



**A statement from the Church Leaders in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire
following the announcement of the General Election on 6th May 2010**

On 6 May 2010, the people of the United Kingdom will be invited to vote for their local candidate in the General Election. As Church Leaders in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire we encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote and to do so with the well-being of all people in our communities in mind. We urge Churches Together groups, where appropriate, to host hustings to enable the Christian voice to contribute to the debate. We hope that Christians will engage vigorously with candidates about their party's policies. We ask that, as well as local issues, they will discuss areas of national and international concern. In particular, we highlight four questions which we hope will be at the heart of this election campaign:

1. In the light of forthcoming cuts in public expenditure how can we ensure that the poor and vulnerable (both in this country and abroad) do not take the main brunt of the cutbacks?
2. In the light of the growing consensus on the effects of global warming, how can we take responsibility to decrease our carbon footprint and live in more sustainable ways, seeking to protect the poorest from the worst of its effects?
3. At a time of social fragmentation, how can we support marriage and family life?
4. With an increasing number of elderly people in our country, how can we ensure that we are making adequate financial, social and medical provision?

We believe that hospitality and mutual respect remain the foundation of a civilized society. While not endorsing any particular political party, the policies and practices of those who promote racism and religious intolerance, whether individuals or political parties, are incompatible with our understanding of the love of God for all people. We urge people not to vote for candidates who promote racist policies, instead, we encourage members of all churches to practice and promote racial justice and social inclusion, and reject any political parties that attempt to stir up racial and religious hatred and fear of asylum seekers.

Revd Anne E Brown, Chair of Beds, Essex & Herts Methodist District

Revd Geoff Colmer, Team Leader, Central Baptist Association

Revd Stephen Copson, Regional Minister, Central Baptist Association

Revd Dr Andrew Prasad, Moderator, Thames North Synod, United Reformed Churches

Major Christine Bailey, Divisional Commander Central South Div., The Salvation Army

Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans

Rt Revd Christopher Foster, Bishop of Hertford

Rt Revd Richard Inwood, Bishop of Bedford

Further Information from Arun Kataria, Communications Officer, Diocese of St Albans
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USED STAMPS



'STAMPING OUT LEPROSY'

We are collecting used postage stamps to support The Leprosy Mission. This is an international Christian Organisation, transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy. Their goal is to eradicate the causes and consequences of this disease.

Although of little value on their own, stamps in large quantities can be sold to raise funds. Last year The Leprosy Mission raised over £70,000 in this way.

All stamps can be used, including ordinary FISRT and SECOND class ones. It would be helpful but is not essential, if the stamps on paper were trimmed, leaving a border of 5mm.

There is a box at the back of the church to hold all your stamps

THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here



3rd Enfield (T R Plowman's) Company

Annual Display and Presentation Evening

**At the Christ Church URC Hall
on Monday 17th May 2010 at 6:30pm**

You are all invited to join us for our Annual Company Display for the 2009/2010 session. The evening is an opportunity for us to show everyone some of the activities we do, and there will be a number of items put on by the Anchor Boys, Junior Section, Company Section and Seniors.

The evening will also see the presentation of a number of awards, badges and special awards to members of the Company.

If you would like any more information, please speak to any of the Company Officers.

Please also visit our website at www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk

Motto: Sure & Steadfast (Hebrews 6:19)

Object: The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

The Upside Down Message

Listening to the sermon given at the Good Friday service at St. Andrew's Church, we were asked "What is the symbol of love?" What do you think best depicts love - a red rose, a box of chocolate, a hug, a newborn baby, the list goes on. As I pondered on this, it occurred to me that the Bible is full of images of love - the good shepherd, the loving forgiving father in the parable of the prodigal son, the weeping woman who bought costly perfume and poured it on Jesus' head Above all else, there is one symbol that sums up all the words ever written about God's love - the CROSS.

The Cross, I hear you say? That instrument of pain and torture, two pieces of wood nailed or tied together to hang someone from and inflict a slow lingering death? How could that ever symbolise LOVE? We are so used to think of love in terms of gentleness, beauty, all fuzzy, cosy, feel good thoughts that we tend to forget and like the world, recoil at the thought of the pain, humiliation, and agony that is associated with the cross. Terry Silvey in his Palm Sunday message spoke of the upside down cross that the world understands - turn the cross upside down and you get a sword. Now the sword is a symbol that the world understands. It stands for power, respect, fear and consequently obedience. In the eyes of the world, it is far better to have the sword than the cross. Jesus came to give us a different message - 'But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us' Rom 5:8

We have a choice of which message we want to listen to - The CROSS or the sword.

EVENTS@CHRISTCHURCH

LUNCH@CHRISTCHURCH

On Saturday 13th March we held another successful lunch@ChristChurch. These regular events are part of our continued Vision for Christ Church—Going for Growth

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE 14th March

Our Mothers Day family parade service was led by the Worship Group on the theme of the prodigal son. We all agreed the robotic super mum is



no competition for the love and support of our Mothers. We added the names of our mums to our Easter Cross. We took time to celebrate with our mothers and to remember those who are no longer with us.

EVENTS@CHRISTCHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April

The Worship Group led our joyous celebration of Easter. We were lucky to have a sunny Sunday to match our bright mood. The Easter story was retold in a dramatised reading. We celebrate the power of the risen Christ with as much relevance to our lives today as on that first Easter.

We were very happy to welcome Christine Hughes as our regular organist.

HISTORIC CHURCHES GUIDED TOURS

Lots of people came to enjoy the guided tours on the 17th April, conducted by our expert historian Stephen Gilbert. The tours covered the history of the buildings since 1780.

Many of our visitors had also taken the opportunity to look around St Mary Magdalene Church before touring Christ Church and then joining us for a tasty lunch.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the day and joined in the preparations.



EVENTS@CHRISTCHURCH

Stephen Gilbert explained many of the features of the past and present buildings outside...



and in...



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June Church Diary

- Wed 2nd Friendship Club Lunch at Forty Hall
12 midday
- Sun 6th 11am The Rev'd. David Atkinson**
Holy Communion offering for the
Cheviots Childrens Centre
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley
- Wed 9th 9.45- Joint bible study with Lancaster Road
11.15am at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 13th 11am The Worship Group**
Duty Elder—Stephen Gilbert

Advance dates for 2010

Church Meetings

12.30pm

6th June

5th September

7th November

(Election of elders)

Elders Meetings

8pm

28th May

28th June

29th October

24th November



3rd Enfield

Boys Brigade

Annual Company Display

Monday 17th May

In the Church Hall — 7pm

Open House London - Saturday 18th September

The Church will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 18th September to coincide with the Open House London Weekend.

** 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

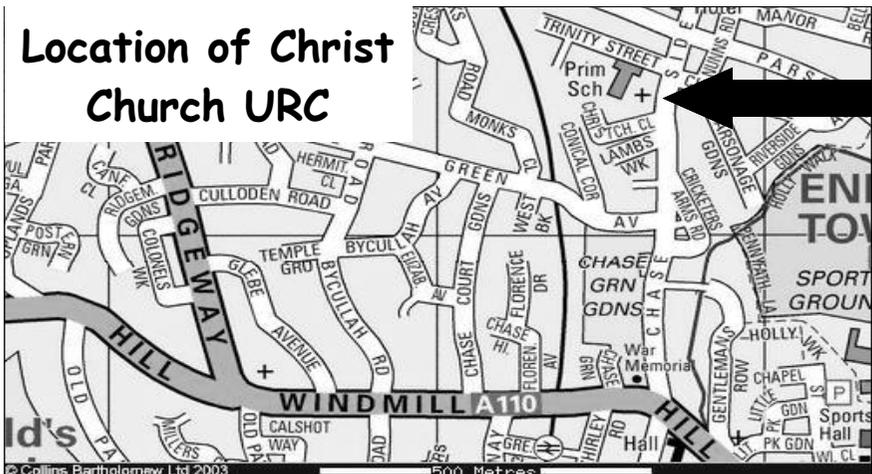


WHERE:

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** 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