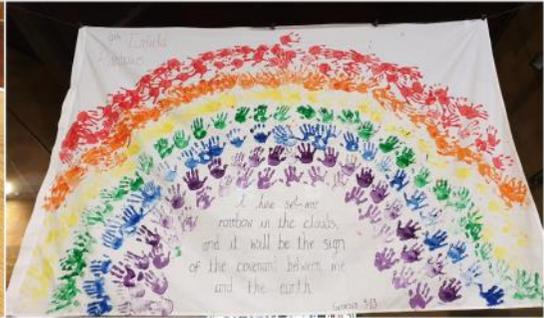


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Pastoral Letter **May 2019**

“And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:29)

It is after Easter.

The disciples are waiting.

Wondering.

Probably wandering around in a daze still as well.

Questioning.

“What exactly was it that happened in Jerusalem these past few days?”

They had come to the city full of excitement, full of anticipation and the city, to begin with, had welcomed them, had welcomed him - Jesus the Saviour.

Jesus the Messiah.

Of the Jews.

“But not just the Jews...”

Jesus the Messiah, the Saviour of ALL.

And now, a few days later, all had changed.

The disciples had witnessed a complete change in the attitude of the people.

They had gone from being a crowd roaring out in celebration and praise to becoming a vicious mob. They were no longer party-goers celebrating the arrival of their hero - they were now a noisy gang seeking the opportunity to lynch someone.

And Christ had been ambushed, and crucified.

If that wasn't enough the disciples then began to get the word...

"He is alive..."

"He is alive"

"He is alive"

The miracle had happened and now they were in a waiting game.

Waiting.

Waiting.

Waiting.

This month we join them.

Waiting.

Your ministers

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 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

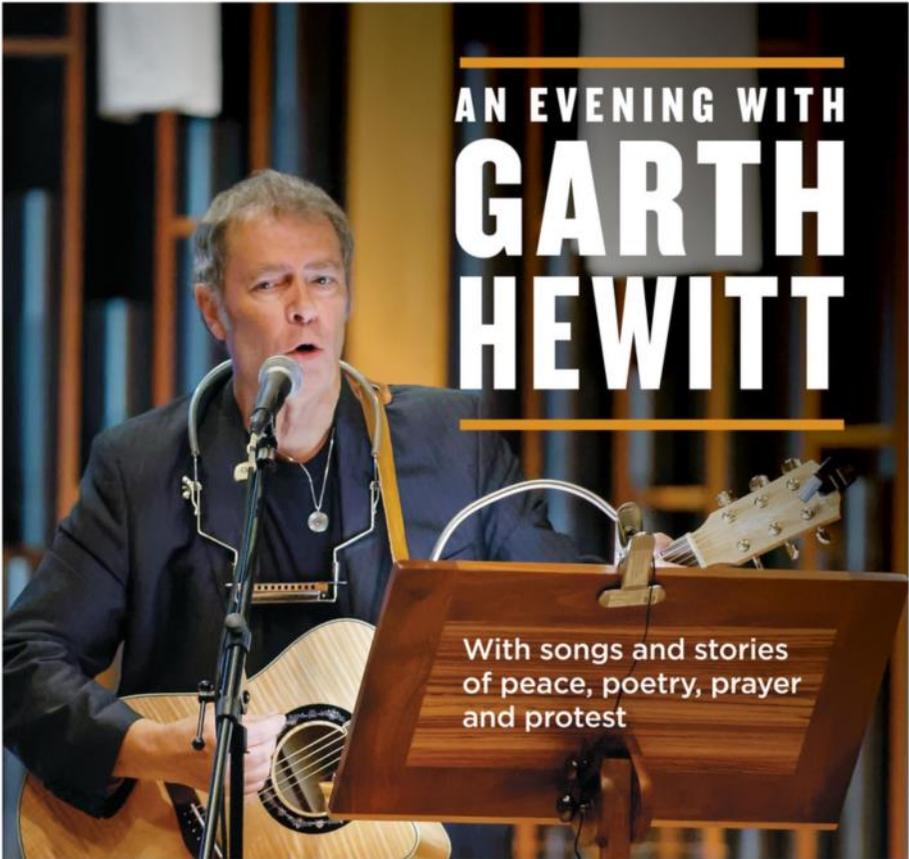
Monday 21st October
Speaker TBC

Monday 18th November
Speaker - Revd Mandy James

Monday 16th December
Preparing for Christmas
(A Christmas programme including a bring and share tea)

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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



AN EVENING WITH
GARTH HEWITT

With songs and stories
 of peace, poetry, prayer
 and protest

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 7.30PM

Tickets £11.00 (£8.00 Concessions)

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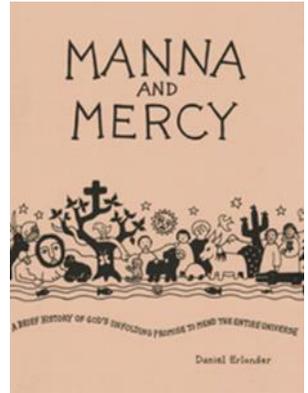
 **GingerDog RECORDS**
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Manna and Mercy

Beginning on Saturday 4th May at 9:30am the Breakfast Bible Study Group will be studying the Bible using Daniel Erlander's book "Manna and Mercy".

Subtitled "A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe", Manna and Mercy is a 100 page paraphrase of the whole Bible but is defined as "a graphic novel of sorts, written with imagination, clarity, humour, and cartoons. Built around the themes of justice, sharing and forgiveness, it helps us to look at scripture with new eyes and rediscover how it can become a means of life and grace rather than destruction and death."



The Breakfast Bible Studies are held at Christ Church URC on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month and include sharing of a light breakfast with one another as well as delving into the Bible and hopefully helping us to grow in our faith.

Why not come along and join us as we begin to look at a new book together?

Praying

Starting from Wednesday 22nd May Lancaster Road URC will be open for prayer from 10:00am to 11:00am every other Wednesday (alternating with the Bible study group).

If you can join us for a time of prayer for the church and the community then please do so. All are welcome.

Holiday at Home

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May 2019

10:30am to 4:00pm in the hall (come to both days or one)

Activities to include a variety of craft and other activities for all abilities (learn some new skills), keep fit for the mature person, cooked lunch on Friday and Saturday, mid-morning and afternoon refreshments.

Donation towards cost at your discretion - suggested amount £6 per activity day. **Places must be booked beforehand.**

Please contact Rosemary Milns (020 8363 6571 or 07751 560 686), Sylvia Coombs (020 8363 3543) or Pamela Fisher (07775 505 999). These numbers may be on an answer phone, but if you leave your name and number we will ring you back. We do hope you can join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

Green Tip

Plastic bags, including bread bags, frozen food bags and other plastic which 'stretches' when pulled (including bubble wrap) can be recycled by taking back to the bins provided in many major supermarkets (Sainsbury's and Morrisons locally). Remember:

- All items should be clean and free of food.
- Tear off sticky labels where possible.
- As a general rule, if you can stretch the film then it can be recycled.

Compostable and biodegradable bags are not designed to be recycled and if they enter the recycling system can potentially cause quality issues in the recycled material.

Meditation and Hope Amidst Climate Chaos



A workshop facilitated by Peter Musgrave and others

What does hope look like in the uncertainty of climate breakdown.

Saturday 11 May

10.30 am—4.00 pm

£30/£20

Peter has worked for 35 years in the field of community development and has lived and worked in Bangladesh

The Meditatio Centre, St Mark's, Myddelton Sq London EC1R 1XX
T. 020 7278 2070 E. meditatio@wccm.org www.meditatiocentrelondon.org

Easter at Christ Church

Christ Church played host to two concerts in early April, with fantastic evenings of entertainment put on by Enfield Community Orchestra and then Enfield Concert Band a little over a week later. Our thanks to all of the members of both groups for their performances.

Holy Week began with morning worship on Palm Sunday, which was led by our friend Michaela Lawrence.

Each day between Monday and Saturday the church was open for our "Imago Dei" exhibition, focussing on images of God and images of humanity.

The exhibition included a "Stations of the cross" display as well as items provided by our Girlguiding groups, Boys' Brigade, photographer Debbie Jay, artist and theologian Elizabeth Gray-King, Christian Aid, Bush Hill Park Primary School, Christ Church CofE Primary School in Barnet, and much more.

Local poet Mary Duggan ran workshops called "Where word meets art" and a group of other local poets read some of their poetry live on the Saturday afternoon.

There were also displays of the history and architecture of the church and guided tours of the building led by Stephen Gilbert, as well as refreshments available throughout the event.

It was lovely to see so many people coming into the church all through the week and we thank everyone who was involved in any way in putting on such a big event!

On the evening of Maundy Thursday Revd Mark Meatcher led us in a time of worship as we shared in Holy Communion, joined by a number of friends from other churches.

The following morning we came together with churches from around Enfield for an open air ecumenical service in the Town Centre, where Mark gave the address, followed by a procession behind three crosses to St Andrew's Church where a Good Friday united service was held.

On Easter Sunday we were once again led in worship by Mark as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service included Holy Communion as we remembered Christ's death for each and every one of us.

The photos below show just a little bit of what went on during a busy but also worthwhile couple of weeks at Christ Church.

Photos by Tom Boorman (1, 3-6), Frank Urquhart (2)





Aspiring to more

Join our learning circle to enlarge your faith and understanding through shared study in 2019-20

Wednesdays, 7-9pm, from 1st May 2019

and some Saturdays from 10-4

at High Cross UR Church Tottenham N15 4BN

Want to know more about the Bible and faith?

Want skills in worship-leading, Bible study or preaching?

Want to qualify as a lay preacher?

Join us for one or two modules or the whole course

Join us just to explore or do assignments for a qualification

We'll follow the URC's learning programme – '**TLS LITE**'

with a mixture of home reading and shared study sessions

contact:

**Anne Sardeson on 07 979 520 308 / training@urcthamesnorth.org.uk
or John Campbell on 07 429 627 156 / john.campbell@urcthamesnorth.org.uk**

TLS LITE in Thames North

Rangers Monopoly Run

The Rangers' most recent escapade has been London's Monopoly Run which was just like a real-life version of the classic board game. Our group made up 2 out of 168 Ranger and Explorer groups, and we had a Leader group too, all of whom were in competition to gain the most "money" and achieve the first place title at this massive event.

After quite an early start to the day, we travelled to Scout Park at Bounds Green and spent the subsequent 9 hours travelling all across London by bus, train and on foot in order to reach as many of the 22 destinations as possible. There were questions that had to be answered at every place we visited as well as additional locations and activities that made up the Chance and Community Chest elements, all of which added to the competitiveness. We vowed not to exert too much energy yet still ended up



doing more than our fair share of running so thank goodness for our sugary pick-me-ups and the London Underground which was fortunately, for the most part, on our side. One of our biggest challenges was trying to navigate the bustling streets of London - it's no surprise that we found ourselves slightly lost once or twice, especially when we were searching for areas that we'd never even heard of. We were able to visit sites like Trafalgar Square, China Town and Maida Vale, documenting the day by taking so many photographs between our 3 groups that we could probably fill a travel brochure.

Not even the midday hailstones were enough to dampen the mood and by the end of the day, despite all looking a little worse for wear, our spirits were still as high as when we set out that morning. Many of us were in awe of just how much of

London we were able to see in a single day since it's easy to forget that all of the history and culture contained in the capital is just a train ride away. To top off our amazing day, we were all pleased to find out that both Ranger groups and the Leader group had made it into the top half of the leaderboards. What an experience, great job 9th Enfield!

Samara, 9th Enfield Rangers

Photo by Vicki Stratton-Stubbs

Boys' Brigade **update**

The last few weeks at the 3rd Enfield have been a little quieter as most of the time has been taken up by the Easter holidays.

Before we finished, our Company Section and Seniors joined with others from Enfield Battalion to take part in the North London Zone Inter Battalion Laser Quest competition on Wednesday 27th March.



Teams from Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions played against each other in 15 minute matches, with the two highest scoring teams going through to the final. After those matches Enfield convincingly beat Barnet in the final to win the competition for the fifth year in a row!

The following Saturday boys from all of our age groups headed to Grovelands Park to take part in the Hare & Hounds fun race.

There were different length races for the different age groups. The



Anchors took part in a short race across the field, through part of the forest area (including a water obstacle) and back up the hill to the finish line. The Juniors carried on through a little more of the forest area before heading up the hill. The Company Section and Seniors did the same route as the younger members to begin with, before running around the outside of the lake and back across to the finish line. Following the race there were some activities to take part in whilst waiting for the results, including parachute games, cricket and football.

Our teams came second in the Anchors age group (won by the 10th Enfield), third in Juniors (won by the 1st Enfield) and second in Company Section and Seniors (won by the 10th Enfield). Well done to all who took part and particularly to Zaydan, William, Joshua and Frankie who finished in the top three individuals in their age groups!

Our final Monday evening meeting before Easter was on 1st April. The Anchors and Juniors made chocolate rice crispie cakes topped with mini eggs to take home (or eat sooner!) and finished the evening with some team games together. The boys in Company Section and Seniors had a games evening with activities including Xbox, table tennis, pool and Scalextric.



We have a number of events coming up in the next few weeks, but a particular reminder about our Annual Awards Evening which will take place on Monday 20th May from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the hall. All are welcome to come along to an evening of presentations to the boys in recognition of their achievements this session.

Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman

Prayer diary **May 2019**

- 1st** - Give thanks to God at the start of a new month.
- 2nd** - Pray for all those who have been affected by the recent attacks in Sri Lanka.
- 3rd** - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.
- 4th** - Pray for the Breakfast Bible Study Group as it meets this morning.
- 5th** - Pray for our Service of Holy Communion this morning and for Adrian West, who is leading it.
- 6th** - Pray for those who are enjoying the bank holiday today.
- 7th** - Pray for the staff of Chase Farm Hospital.
- 8th** - Pray for our elders and for their leadership at Christ Church.
- 9th** - Pray for the external groups that use our church premises.
- 10th** - Pray for the Brownies as they meet in the hall this evening.
- 11th** - Pray for all those who are taking part in Holiday at Home, which began yesterday and continues today.
- 12th** - Pray for the Adventurers as they meet this morning.
- 13th** - Pray for all sections of the Boys' Brigade as they meet this evening.
- 14th** - Pray for the work of Christian Aid and for all those who are helping with collecting for Christian Aid Week this week.
- 15th** - Give thanks for God's word to us through the Bible.
- 16th** - Pray for families and friends.
- 17th** - Pray for the Guides as they meet this evening.
- 18th** - Pray for the Breakfast Bible Study Group meeting this morning as well as this evening's Garth Hewitt concert.
- 19th** - Pray for our friends from URCs across Enfield as we come together in worship at Palmers Green URC this morning.
- 20th** - Pray for the Friendship Club meeting this afternoon and the Boys' Brigade Awards Evening later on.
- 21st** - Pray for Mark and Melanie.
- 22nd** - Pray for lasting peace in areas of the world where there is conflict.

23rd - Pray for our country's politicians.

24th - Pray for the Rangers as they meet in the hall this evening.

25th - Pray for Boys' Brigade members from across the country who are attending the national Unite camp this weekend.

26th - Pray for our friend John Stynes as he leads our time of worship this morning.

27th - Pray for young people who are beginning half term today.

28th - Pray for the work of Enfield Council.

29th - Pray for the residents of Holtwhites Hill.

30th - Pray for anyone you know who is suffering from sickness or ill health.

31st - Pray for our church and its place in the local community.

June 2019 newsletter

The **June 2019** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 26th May**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 19th May**. 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 **May 2019**

Saturday 4th May 9:30am to 10:30am
Breakfast Bible Study Group
See page 7 for more details about the changes to our Breakfast Bible Study Group

Sunday 5th May 11:00am
Adrian West
Holy Communion (offering for the Lancaster Road URC
Special Supper Ministry)
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Friday 10th May 10:30am to 4:00pm
Holiday at Home (see page 8)

Saturday 11th May 10:30am to 4:00pm
Holiday at Home (see page 8)

Sunday 12th May 11:00am
Martin Wells
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Saturday 18th May 9:30am to 10:30am
Breakfast Bible Study Group

Saturday 18th May 7:30pm to 9:30pm
An Evening with Garth Hewitt (see page 6)

Sunday 19th May 11:00am
United Service for the Enfield URCS at Palmers Green URC
(no service at Christ Church)
Please note the location for this service

Monday 20th May 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Speaker - Revd Melanie Smith

Monday 20th May 6:30pm to 7:30pm
3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Annual Awards Evening

Sunday 26th May 11:00am
John Stynes
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher

Church diary **June 2019**

Saturday 1st June 9:30am to 10:30am
Breakfast Bible Study Group

Sunday 2nd June 11:00am
Revd Mark Meatcher
Holy Communion (offering for Cheviots Children's Centre)
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

Sunday 2nd June 12:30pm
Church Meeting

Future **dates**

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

Elders Meetings
Sunday 9th June (12:30pm)

Enfield Community Orchestra Summer Concert
Thursday 11th July (8:00pm)

Enfield Concert Band 1st Anniversary Concert
Sunday 14th July (7:30pm)

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

9:30am to 10:30am

Breakfast Bible Study Group
(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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