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NEWSLETTER



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The outpouring of the Holy Spirit

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Pastoral Letter May 2020

Is it all God's doing?

The world has changed. The world is different. Nobody seemed to have been suggesting at all that what we are now experiencing was going to happen. It is not at all like the build up to the world wars where perhaps someone might have suggested that the worst was going to happen. This virus has caught everybody by surprise.

"Should we have been better prepared?" has been a question on many lips, and the one posed by many reporters during the crisis.

And some have voiced the question posed above - is it all God's doing? Might it be?

The prophet Jeremiah, writes of a time when everything appeared to be going wrong for the nation:

"In the fourth year that Jehoiakim was king of Judah, Baruch wrote down everything I had told him. Then later, the LORD God of Israel told me to say to Baruch:

You are moaning and blaming me, the LORD, for your troubles and sorrow, and for being so tired that you can't even rest. But all over the earth I am tearing down what I built and pulling up what I planted. I am bringing disaster everywhere, so don't even think about making any big plans for yourself. However, I promise that wherever you go, I will at least protect you from death. I, the LORD, have spoken." (Jeremiah 45, Contemporary English Version)

Many things are being torn down, destroyed, damaged in the current circumstances, and disaster seems to be everywhere... for individuals, for businesses, for countries, for economies... everywhere there is change happening on a scale that we

have not seen before... “unprecedented” is the word of the hour.

Is this God at work, waking us up as a global community to revisit our priorities, to re-shape the world in a better way, to encourage us to be truly committed to greater equality for all people, the rich and the poor living together more fulfilled lives?

Unlike Jeremiah the prophet we haven't heard God making a declaration of responsibility for all that is going on, and we think that the God we have come to have a relationship with is the One who, rather than cause damage and destruction, is the One who sits with, alongside and inside those who are suffering and in pain.

Immanuel, God is with us, is the message that we would prefer to be heard by the world at this time.

But that doesn't mean to say that God isn't speaking to us through all that is happening.

We have seen too much injustice in the world to allow this moment to not be a time for transformation of the world. There will be many challenges ahead for us all over the coming days, weeks and months... but our priority must be to hear what God might be saying, and asking of us.

We have the chance to make a change for the better for all people everywhere.

Will we take it?

Your ministers,

Melanie and Mark

News of the fellowship

We are very sorry to report that Ron Smith passed away on Saturday 4th April at the age of 93.

Ron and his wife Lily were long-term members of Christ Church, serving the church in many different capacities including as elders, before moving to Towcester at the end of 2013. After moving they remained as associate members of the church.



Ron's funeral took place on Tuesday 21st April in Towcester and the family plans to hold a thanksgiving service at Christ Church in the future, details of which will be published when they are known.

Please remember the family and particularly Lily, and pray for God's help in finding peace and comfort at this time.

Photo by Tom Boorman - showing Ron and Lily Smith at their farewell from Christ Church in November 2013

Donating to Christ Church

If you would like to support Christ Church while we are not able to meet together, the easiest way is to use online banking, either for a one-off donation or by setting up a standing order. Please contact our treasurer, David Fisher on 07973 305 298 for details of the church's bank account. If you prefer, you can send a cheque, made out to 'Christ Church Enfield URC' to David Fisher, 40b Chase Green Avenue, Enfield, EN2 8EB. Donations will be very much appreciated!

Coronavirus update

At the time of writing, all church services and activities remain suspended until further notice.

The Enfield URCs have been collectively providing opportunities to join in worship and fellowship online whilst at home. If you haven't already, do sign up for the NewsShare emails at <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH> to receive updates about what's coming up.

If you can't get online, Mark and Melanie are recording a short phone message each week which you can listen to at any time by phoning 020 3389 6021. The call is charged at the standard local call rate, which is free in most phone packages.

Christ Church has a WhatsApp group to give an additional way of keeping in touch with each other. If you would like to be added please speak to Mark.

As ever, if you need any help or support at this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mark or one of the elders.

Green Issue

Reduce what you can and offset the rest

Unless you are 'off-grid' and living in the green dream, we all use 'carbon' in our lives to some extent. There is a cost to this; the signs climate chaos are around us all the time with more severe flooding and droughts, wildfires and icebergs and flows melting. Nature has a way of dealing with some of this - and a

few radical commentators have suggested that the coronavirus could be seen as a way of putting humanity back in its place in the natural world order. Whilst I do not subscribe to this, it is interesting to note that the 'we couldn't possibly stop flying/using our cars so much/stop buying stuff' is possible, and the cut in pollution levels are measurable.

So now we know that we can change and have seen the environmental benefits, even if temporarily, what can we do about it? My suggestion is that when the containment phase is lifted, that we try to find a new normal. That we try to use what we learnt during this period to make a change.

One change that could be possible is to consider whether some of us could afford to pay the real cost of our lifestyles, including the carbon we use? Obviously, the greener life-style you adopt, the less of the cost there is to off-set, but for those things that our carbon-fast over these past period have not weened us from, there are ways of working out the damage of our lifestyles and compensating. A simple way is to visit 'Climate Stewards' and use that calculator. Mark and I use it for our flights to India. However, I am wondering if we could, as URCs in Enfield, be a little more radical?

My suggestion is that we use a tool such as Climate Stewards (which is recommended by Eco Church), to calculate the cost of our carbon use and then pay it into a new fund to be held for our six churches. We would then look at projects around the churches that could green up our activities. That could be changing lightbulbs, to double glazing a drafty window, planting native plants, to even adding solar panels should the fund grow; the possibilities are endless! And, of course, this is a donation and so Gift Aid can be collected.

If you are interested in exploring the possibilities, just let me know!

Melanie

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week takes place from 10th to 16th May. Although the Coronavirus pandemic means that special events and house-to-house collections will not happen this year, your support is still appreciated. Read on to find out more about what Christian Aid are doing to make a difference.



With every gift, we stop this climate crisis

Our planet is changing, but some people are feeling the effects of this more than others. Droughts are more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis, and one place that has experienced this is Kenya.

In February 2017, the Kenyan Government declared a national drought emergency. As many as 2.7 million people do not have enough food, and, without reliable water sources, many communities are struggling to survive.

'Water is a big problem. Rivers have dried up. It's a serious crisis.' Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance

Drought is causing a hunger crisis

In Kitui, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on rain to grow crops. Without water, staple crops like maize and beans wither up and die. People can't grow food, which means they can't earn a living, and go hungry.

Drought forces people to walk further and further to collect water. This daily burden robs them of the chance to farm and grow food for their families. Elderly women and children are especially vulnerable on these dangerous journeys, and can face robbery or conflict as people battle over scarce

resources. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weaker and weaker in the drought, and can't produce milk or be sold. Lives are at risk.

Rose: a loving, hard-working grandmother

One woman who is experiencing the worst of the climate crisis is Rose. A grandmother of 67, Rose is an experienced village leader. She is proud to be able to cover the costs of her grandchildren's education, by working as a casual labourer. When her husband died in 2006, Rose began to feel ill. She went to the hospital and was diagnosed with HIV. She says: 'My faith has helped me to accept my status and I believe that, with the doctor's advice, I will live a long life.' The medication Rose takes requires her to eat a balanced diet, but in the drought, she can't farm the vegetables she needs, and feels hungry.

In this desperate drought, Rose battles to bring water home for her grandchildren. Every morning, after nothing to eat, she sets out on a long, dangerous journey, walking six hours to collect water.

While she walks, her stomach gives her stabbing pains. She feels weary under the hot sun, and the full jerry cans are so heavy (40 litres of water weigh 40kg). Her aching legs walk on and, because if she gives up, her grandchildren will hunger and thirst. 'The drought has been severe,' she tells Christian Aid. 'We have had three long months without water, and now we have to walk long distances. We are suffering.'

Rose needs every last drop to survive this drought

Rose remembers her childhood, when the rain was reliable and there was plenty of food. She wishes her grandchildren could have the same lives; instead, she hopes that her sacrifices will give them the chance of a better future. When she arrives home, exhausted, her grandson Charles, back from school, cooks her a meagre bowl of porridge - but he knows she is still hungry. He says: 'My grandmother, she

motivates me. She encourages me to learn more. If I could, I would give her everything. I would provide her with everything she needs.' It breaks his heart to see his grandmother suffer like this.

But it shouldn't have to reach this breaking point. There is an earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home. It should be a lifeline. But many people in Kenya, just like Rose, are struggling to survive the drought. With over 3,000 people in the area in dire need, every last drop of water in the dam has dried up.

Rose and her community need a bigger dam, to help them capture the rainfall and create a long-lasting source of water for their families.

How you can help more people like Rose to thrive?

Please donate this Christian Aid Week (10th to 16th May). Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, providing a vital water source in a desperately dry area of Kenya.

- £4.40 could teach 10 farmers how to plant drought-tolerant crops that can survive the drought.
- £10 could buy a tap at a water point which will be installed at an earth dam, making it easier for people like Rose to fetch water.
- £1,560 could pay for all the materials, tools and equipment to build an earth dam.
- And, joining together with other groups, if you could raise £132,000, it could pay for the entire process of construction of an earth dam, including all the materials, specialist engineering, site excavation, earthwork labour, and masonry work. It would also build pipes to a water point, communal toilets to keep the source clean, and a cattle trough for precious livestock. A dam like this would provide safe water for over 8,000 families (meaning just over £16 per household for clean water).

Every pound raised, every prayer said, every action taken. They are expressions of expression of our Christian love and compassion: of our belief that all life is equal and precious in the sight of God. Together, we stop this climate crisis: and give brave, hard-working women like Rose the chance to thrive.

Join together this Christian Aid Week. Donate at caweek.org

Telephone and postal donations

Unfortunately under the current circumstances regarding Covid-19, there is a delay to processing donations by post. Please give via the website where possible or call 020 7523 2269 to donate by telephone.

Paying directly into our bank account

For details on how to pay money directly into Christian Aid's bank account please call 020 7523 2226.

Christian Aid Week Quiz Evening

Christ Church will be holding a 'virtual' Quiz Evening on Thursday 14th May from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in support of Christian Aid Week.

The quiz will be held using Zoom, and everyone is very welcome to take part. See page 12 for more details of using Zoom - you can join using a computer, tablet, smartphone or dial in by using any phone.

There will also be a 'practice' Zoom session on Tuesday 12th May at 11:00am for those who would like to give it a try and get familiar with it before the Quiz Evening itself.

If you would like to take part, please contact Revd Mark Meatcher or Pamela Fisher so they can provide you with details of how to join the sessions.

Using Zoom

How to join a Zoom meeting on desktop via invite link

- Click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text.
- Open the Zoom app and approve the request for permission to use your computer's audio and camera.

Depending on the meeting's set-up, you may enter right away, you may need to wait for the host to arrive first or you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.

How to join a Zoom meeting: What are the requirements?

To join a Zoom meeting, a host first has to create a meeting and share the invite URL or meeting ID. You do not need a Zoom login to join a meeting, all you need is that meeting URL or ID. Once the host starts the meeting, participants can join unless the host enabled the option allowing participants to join before the host arrives.

Alternatively you can sign up for Zoom with your contact info, and then your fellow Zoom users can use those details to 'call' you without an invite URL.

How to join a Zoom meeting on mobile (iPhone, Android)

Download the Zoom app for iOS or for Android on Google Play, and set it up using your contact information - which the host can use to "call" you. Then, either:

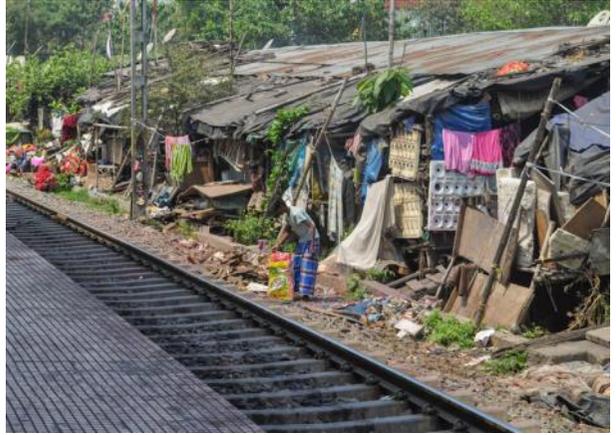
- Your app will ring when the host "calls" you (accept the call).
- Open the mobile app, tap on "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting ID and your name and set audio/video permissions.
- Tap on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text, which will open the Zoom app. The app may ask for permission to use your phone's camera.

Again, depending on the meeting's set-up, you may enter the meeting right away or you may need to wait for the host.

India Appeal

Out of India? (Part One)

We ended up having to make a very quick escape from India on our recent visit as the country was completely locked down because of coronavirus... but before we did so we had several days of further amazing experiences.



We arrived in Kolkata on Monday 9th March late afternoon and were taken to the Bishop's House, which was to be the base for the first week of our stay.

The accommodation was far better than most of the places we had stayed in India before, and the staff team seemed to think that we needed fattening up, as the food was plentiful - and delicious! We were surprised that we hadn't both put on weight when we returned to the UK, but that may have been because of the anxiety of having to return early and making hasty arrangements!

We visited Brace Bridge again on the Tuesday (the settlement around the railway line) and, with a train at the platform when we arrived this turned into quite a long visit. It also happened to be a holiday period (Holi) so we ended up being covered in various coloured materials of all description when we were there.

We visited two church schools, and linked church schools (the latter where the education is provided free of charge to support poor children) and then Melanie had the privilege of

speaking to the Nari Dana women on women's empowerment on Wednesday morning. 95 women turned out to hear her speak - which was incredible, bearing in mind they came from all over the city of Kolkata.



Melanie's speaking engagements were not over then though as she was then asked to speak to the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) - a group of women from churches all over the diocese. In typical fashion Melanie challenged them to ask the question why there were not more women priests in the diocese (there are only two!) when women do virtually all the work in the churches!

Mark wasn't completely silent in this week as he did manage to get a word in on occasion, and we were both delighted on the Friday when we spent four hours in the company of Revd Dr Sunil Michael Caleb, the Principal of Bishop's College in Kolkata, where those training for ministry not just in the Church of North India but in many other churches throughout India spend their time studying. Revd Dr Caleb explained the development plans for the college, and we are hoping that we may be able to help make some links for them with our own training college over the next year or so.

It was apparent that the organisations we visited are making real change and difference in India, yet looking at the news, poor communities in India have been crippled by the lockdown, unable to leave overcrowded and unsanitary



conditions with little or no food. Hospitals are short of supplies.

Cathedral Relief Services in Kolkata and KSN Hospital in rural West Bengal, are needing support to continue their work now, more than ever.

This year, we had aimed to raise £3,000 through fundraising events around our six churches - but we want to challenge ourselves to up that target to £4,000 which we will need to raise mostly through direct giving, as we cannot host events in these most difficult of times. By adding to the money we'd already raised before the lockdown, we are over halfway there already!

Please do consider what you might be able to give and visit www.give.net/IndiaAppeal - you can add Gift Aid.

Mark and Melanie

Photos by Revd Melanie Smith - showing a child by the railway line at Brace Bridge, a profoundly deaf young woman stitching for the Nari Dana project, and the gathering of the Nari Dana project workers at St Paul's Cathedral

Thank you for the reading books!

These are just some of the 900 primary school children who welcomed us at Joshua Dhubu school in Zimbabwe, clapping and singing at a special morning assembly. It was great to be back there for a fortnight in March this year and I was surprised



at the number who greeted me with “Hello Sylvia” - quite impressive after a year. The school has grown with an extra 200 children since last year and they anticipate that by 2021 they will have over 1,200. It is no wonder that they still need more classrooms.

Our small contribution during the two weeks that we spent there was to help with building another toilet block, paint the inside of one classroom and do some painting outside.

We spent each morning at the school and this gave me the opportunity to use the reading books which we produced and sent from Christ Church with three different groups of children from Grade 4 classes. They proved to be a great success and were enjoyed by the children. We used them to read to each group, to get the group to read from them together, to give each child a chance to read by themselves and finally to get the group together to learn a story by heart and then to go to one of the younger classes and tell the story to the children there. In this way the stories of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, the feeding of the five thousand and the story of the widow who Jesus commended for giving all that she had in the temple offering became not only well known but also well understood!

However, now that Grade 4 have got some reading books of course the children in Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 would all like some too!

Special thanks go to Mark who lent me some children’s Bible story books and to Tom who did the layout and pictures and got the books printed.

This could well be the beginning of quite a big, but very worthwhile project if we can manage to keep it up.

Sylvia

Photo by Sylvia Coombs

Bible study

In our regular Bible study we had been working our way through “Moses - Face to Face with God”, a Cover to Cover publication. As we haven't been able to meet for a little while I thought it might be useful to post the next set of questions for us to consider in the church newsletter this month.

If you're able to communicate electronically then please do send me some thoughts - and if you can communicate via phone or post then please do so... and I'll then feed back our thoughts into the next newsletter (anticipating that we won't be having our Bible Study Group for a little while yet!).

So, your starter questions this month are:-

1. Which adjectives would you use to describe Moses?
2. How do you react when people criticise what you are doing?
3. Moses was both teacher and leader - what qualities do you expect from your teachers and leaders?
4. Have you ever had an experience when you have felt God's presence in nature, for example, in the rays of sun behind a cloud, seeing a rainbow, etc? Could you share this experience with the rest of us?
5. In view of their hand-to-mouth nomadic existence, the creation of the ark and the tabernacle showed extraordinary extravagance on the part of the Israelites. Where do we find parallels today?

Please do have a look at Exodus 25:10-22, Exodus 26:30-37, Exodus 28:31-41 and Exodus 34:4-9 & 29-35 as they may help with your answering the above questions.

Mark

A meditation

A meditation on the first Easter Sunday in the voice of Mary Magdalene by *Melanie*

You know my name. And, no doubt my reputation goes before me. I'm an old woman now and whereas the slurs on my name used to bother me - what does it matter?

Yes, I come from Magdala, with its reputation for prostitution. And stories about various Marys circulate amongst Jesus' followers. But that's not me. My sin was that I was unwell. Cursed by seven demons.

And it was Jesus who released me, who healed. He set me free of my affliction and taught me and so many others that a new life is possible, free from all that holds us back.

And then there are the other rumours. That Jesus and I married in secret. That we had a lovechild.

Why are people so gullible? Why do people want to believe gossip?

In so many ways I want to ask, so what if it were true? Does that really change who Jesus was, or what he did? Does it somehow undermine the relationship Jesus has with God, or how, even now, does that stop our sensing his spirit living amongst us, inspiring us to share the Good News?

The fact of the matter is that I did love him - as a brother. A big, protective, wise and generous brother - who supported us and loved us all as part of his family.

And no, it's not easy seeing one whom you love being accused falsely, being beaten within an inch of their life, and then their life being taken from you, on that Roman monstrosity, the cross. Not easy. Not easy at all.

Yet it never quite broke him - his body, yes, but Jesus? No. Some gentiles thought that he lost his faith at the end - but they don't know their scripture. But we knew when Jesus started reciting the Psalm from there, there on that cross, that he knew God was with him.

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words
of my groaning?*

It doesn't sound good, but we knew that's only the start of the Psalm. But remember, it goes on to proclaim:

*For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the
afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I
cried to him.*

God heard when Jesus cried to him! God had not forsaken Jesus, and Jesus did not forsake us, and so I wasn't going to run and hide, either.

So I waited, and as soon I was able, I went to the tomb, where they'd placed his body. But nothing in my life was to prepare me for what I was about to see. After all I'd seen, the last thing I'd expected was to see the stone moved away. I stumbled towards a couple of his disciples that were also on their way to the tomb to keep vigil and said to Simon Peter, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

Peter and the other disciple rushed towards the tomb, running together, racing as if their lives depended on it and, when they reached the tomb, they just stood looking in, dumbstruck, until Simon Peter found the courage to enter. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. We were all terrified and

confused and we decided that it would be dangerous to stay, that we should go home. Jesus wasn't there, so I wasn't abandoning him.

I let them go on, hanging back and weeping outside the tomb. Slowly I summoned the strength to look into the tomb myself. Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw.

I saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. As clear as I am speaking to you now, they said to me, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'

What could I say but, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

For some reason, at this point, although the angels had my full attention, I knew there someone else was by my side. I turned around and saw a man, indistinct in the pre-dawn light, the gardener, I presumed at first, and he said to me, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?'

Supposing him to be the gardener, I said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' At that point, as the sun rose above the horizon, it really did dawn on me, hearing the word, 'Mary!' It was him, it was really him, 'Rabbouni!'

I reached out, craving that physical touch that had healed me of my pain once before. Yet, it wasn't the right time. We were so close, yet so distant. The nearness of him made me feel overwhelmed, yet the gulf between us was immeasurable.

Jesus said to me, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

The pain of the distance between us was every bit as raw as when I saw his head drop on the cross. Yet, I knew I had to do as he said and so I left him there. And I ran, ran as fast as I could, back to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and I told them that he had said these things to me.

My goodness. Even all these years on it feels so fresh, so real. So much to give thanks for, so much to celebrate. And the love and light and life that I felt then is still with me. Even in the darkest of days, even when we, as his followers, have to stay apart, so that we can protect each other from those who want us gone, we know that Jesus is still with us, will never abandon us, our teacher, the light of the world.

Boys' Brigade update

Back in January our Juniors took part in the Juniors International Team Games, a competition which teams compete in their own meeting space and then send their scores to BB Headquarters. Teams from around the world take part each year. Our A team came 55th and our B team came 42nd out of 87 teams in total. Well done boys!

Also in January our Company Section and Seniors took part in the Top Team Challenge, a UK-wide competition which teams compete in their own meeting space. Our teams came 7th, 120th and 132nd out of 155 teams, with the 7th placed A team (consisting of Ian, Josef, James and Stephen) not only securing our best ever position but also being the highest placed English team this year. Well done to all who took part!

We've recently published a new edition of The Third Person, our quarterly newsletter, which you can read online at <http://www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk/news?id=370>

Tom Boorman

Prayer diary May 2020

- 1st** - Give thanks to God at the start of a new month.
- 2nd** - Pray for the India Appeal and the projects being supported by these efforts.
- 3rd** - Give thanks to God for all that he does and spend some time in worship today.
- 4th** - Pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic.
- 5th** - Pray for Mark and Melanie.
- 6th** - Pray for those who are suffering uncertainties in their employment due to the current situation.
- 7th** - Pray for key workers and all that they are doing at this time.
- 8th** - Pray for peace as we reflect on past conflicts on this 75th anniversary of VE Day.
- 9th** - Pray for all those who have been affected by Coronavirus.
- 10th** - Pray for the work of Christian Aid at the beginning of this Christian Aid Week.
- 11th** - Pray for the residents of Lambs Walk.
- 12th** - Pray for our friends from the other United Reformed Churches in Enfield.
- 13th** - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- 14th** - Pray for all those who work for the NHS.
- 15th** - Pray for those who are isolated at the moment because of the current situation.
- 16th** - Pray for those who are new to the Christian faith.
- 17th** - Pray for God's guidance in your life.
- 18th** - Pray for the children and young people in our church family.
- 19th** - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.
- 20th** - Pray for our country's government.
- 21st** - Pray for all those who work as carers.
- 22nd** - Pray for our church organisations as they are unable to meet.
- 23rd** - Pray for anyone you know who is suffering from sickness or ill health.

- 24th** - Give thanks to God for his word to us through the Bible.
- 25th** - Pray for a safe and enjoyable bank holiday today, as much as is possible at this time.
- 26th** - Pray for Feryal Clark, our Member of Parliament in Enfield North.
- 27th** - Pray for our elders.
- 28th** - Pray for the work of Enfield Council.
- 29th** - Pray for families and friends.
- 30th** - Give thanks for the new ways of 'doing church' that have come out of the Coronavirus situation.
- 31st** - Pentecost: Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

June 2020 newsletter

The **June 2020** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 31st May**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by Sunday 24th 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.

Regular activities at Christ Church

SUNDAY

11:15am

Morning worship
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
(regular service - other Sundays)

11:15am

Adventurers (children aged 3 upwards)

MONDAY

2:15pm

Friendship Club (once monthly - see diary)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Anchors (boys aged 5 to 8)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Juniors (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 Bible Study Group
(twice monthly - see diary)

**Please be aware
that all church
services and
activities are
currently
suspended until
further notice.**

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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