



CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson

Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY

3rd November 2007

10.00am — 3.00pm

Admission 20p

NEARLY NEW CLOTHES



Refreshments



Teas & Cakes

*bric n brac
bric n brac*



Peace Words Ministries

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books*

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tombola*



November
2007

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*

MONDAY

- 6.30 pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5-8 years)
6.30 pm Junior Section (8-11 years)
7.30 pm Company Senior Section
(11-18 years) (including band practice)

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,

This month I want to share with you a meditation on the Lord's Prayer which I read in "The King's Way", the magazine of The King's Way Church and Christian Centre, Ossett, Yorkshire.

Our Father in heaven; hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lord, I cannot say, "our" if my religion has no room for other people and their needs.

Lord, I cannot say, "Father" if I fail to resemble you in the way I live my daily life.

Lord, I cannot say, "heaven" if my attention is focused only on earthly things.

Lord, I cannot say, "hallowed be your name" if I, who am called by your name, am not holy.

Lord, I cannot say, "your kingdom come" if I fail to acknowledge your sovereignty in my life.

Lord, I cannot say, "on earth as it is in heaven" unless I am truly ready to serve you here and now.

Lord, I cannot say, "give us today our daily bread" without doing an honest day's work and without considering the needs of those less fortunate.

Lord, I cannot say, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" if I harbour a grudge against my brother or sister.

Lord, I cannot say, "lead us not into temptation" if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

Lord, I cannot say, "deliver us from evil" if I am not prepared to take a stand against injustice in my society.

Lord, I cannot say, "the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours" if I do not submit to Christ as King, if I fail to trust you to act in my life, or if in pride I seek my own glory.

Lord, I cannot say, "amen" unless I can honestly say, "come what may this is my prayer".

I hope you will find this meditation helpful and thought provoking. May the love and peace of God be with you all. David.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations to Neil Cantle and Hiroko Yamamoto who were married at Christ Church on Friday, 21st September.

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

Church Nativity Service 16th December 11am—12MD



Budding Sheppard's, Angels etc are required for Nativity play on the 16th December

Rehearsals to be held on
Sat 8th Dec 10.30—12MD
And
Sat 15th Dec 10.30—12MD



Please contact Rosemary Milns
with any questions and offers of
help
8363 6571

Special Collections 2007

- 04 February 07 LR URC Suppers for the Homeless
£79.32
- 08 April 07 Shanthigramam - Home for aged and
disabled victims of leprosy £103.72
- 03/10 June 07 Goldie College - Tsunami Appeal
£154.21
- 05 August 07 Cheviots Children's Services,
Enfield £25.00
- 02 Sept 07 Christian Aid - British Flood Victims
£19.80
- 16 Sept 07 Harvest-Sight Savers £100.00
- 07 October 07 Goldie College £65.00

December Communion Offering goes to the Bible Society

Lenten Offering £444.40

Every Person Challenge Power Loom Project £739.76

Jan, Mar, Apr, May, June Communion Fund £49.63

Children's International Voices of Enfield

' CHRISTMAS CONCERT '

3rd December — 3pm

Palmers Green URC

**Tickets available on the door £5.00
concessions available**



The 9th Enfield Rainbows



Adele, Louise, Katherine and Denni

On the 20th October Church parade the Rainbows proudly paraded their new flag



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship club continues to meet on alternative Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the CHURCH HALL.

We warmly invite our friends to join with us, even only for a occasional visit.

On November 13th Mr Peter Baymaro will be sharing his **MUSICAL MEMORIES** with us.

An the same afternoon. Mr Sage will be selling Leprosy Mission Christmas Cards and gifts.

On November 28th the Rev. Jackie Fish will lead our **Christmas Service**, which will be followed by a tea, to which all are invited.

(there will be a charge of 50p)

Mr Jack Williams the **CRISIS** representative will give us an update on the work of CRISIS and contributes of money gifts will be welcomed for this vital work

The spring term commences on January 9th 2008

When our minister will talk about the **LOOM PROJECT**

Lily Smith



Christ Church Bazaar 2007

Saturday November 3rd

11am - 3pm.

Please come and join us

Any contributions of cakes, toiletries, unwanted gifts, Bric a Brac , videos and Cds etc are welcome. Our friends from the Pure Word Ministries (the church which uses our premises on Sunday afternoons) will again be supplying their jacket potato lunches which were so enjoyed last year, so come along to make this a happy time of fellowship together.

Marion

Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers. You are a great fellowship and it is all appreciated, from cards to telephone calls. I am improving but it is a slow business and my next appointment with the consultant is not until January so if you can keep your fingers crossed that long I will be very grateful.

Love from Bill and Nan

The Pilots Legoland trip.

Five of us went to Legoland for the day. I loved the rollercoaster

because you go whizzing very

fast. On the log flume we got

soaking wet. At driving school

you have your own little car,

drive on roads and go the wrong

way and crash in to other cars.

By Katherine Fisher.



**Thames North Synod
United Reformed Church**

In partnership with

**Karnataka Central Diocese
Church of South India**

A visit will be made to our partner church for a period of ten days during 10 – 24 February 2008.

The base will be Bangalore and accommodation will be at the Church Guest House next door to the Diocesan Office. Breakfast is provided. Other meals will be arranged when visiting a project or will need to be bought in the various restaurants.

Mrs Patricia Job, secretary to the bishop will be organising the visit and she makes herself available at all times. Church projects always feature in the programme, worship will be at various city churches, ministers and lay people escort visits to projects.

Synod is able to send a group of six – possibly eight – people on this visit. Your air tickets will be arranged and advice given on obtaining visas and inoculations. Information and guidance is given from the time a person applies to be a participant. A full and extensive briefing programme will be given a month before departure.

If members of your church would like to take part in this visit please contact:

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Harvest gifts

There were many gifts of food at our Harvest Festival Service on 16th September. Some formed part of the window displays and some were brought to the service.

The next day a car full of non perishable food was taken to the Christian Action Housing Association in Island Village, near Enfield lock. They were very grateful for these gifts and asked us to thank all the people of Christ Church who had given generously. This food will be used to help homeless young people in our borough.

Gifts of flowers and fruit were taken to elderly Church members. The rest of the fruit and vegetables were sold at the friendship club and the proceeds (£20.00) were given to the India weaving Loom project.

The loose collection at the harvest Service amounted to £150.00 and was sent to Sight Savers International.

It was great to see the very generous response that people made as an act of thankfulness to God for all his goodness in supplying our needs.

Ron Smith

The Bible Society

On Sunday December 2nd the communion offering will be sent to the Bible Society. This is the one day in the year when as a church we support the Bible Society. Your donations will be put to very good use by the Bible Society as they share the Bible's life-changing message.

One of the leaders of the Bible Society writes about a visit she made to Ethiopia. The people there have just celebrated a new millennium (their calendar is different from ours) and she visited a church preparing to celebrate this event. She was told that the church has 3,500 members, but only about 100 have Bibles. The Bible Society plans to give at least parts of the Bible to 15 million people across Ethiopia, in their own language.

In contrast, the bookshop of the Bible Society in the Palestinian territories was destroyed by bombing in April, but the work of the Bible Society still goes on to make the Bible's message available in this war-torn region.

Some people support the Bible Society's
'Bible-a-month club'

with regular donation and receive newsletters about the society's work

If you are interested please see Ron Smith

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of small pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

The students laughed. "Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions. Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else--the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. ! There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first...the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."



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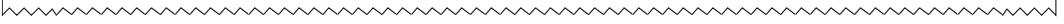
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- Sun 25th 11am Mrs A Bishop**
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley
- Wed 28th 2.15pm** Friendship club **Rev. Jackie Fish** will lead our **Christmas Service**, which will be followed by a tea, to which all are invited. (there will be a charge of 50p)

December Church diary

- 1st Dec 10am-4pm** **URC Multicultural Day**
 All age event
- Sun 2nd 11am** **The Revd David Atkinson**
Holy Communion offering for the
'Bible Society'
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher
- Wed 5th 9.45am-11.15** **Joint bible study with Lancaster road at Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 9th 11am** **Mr Terry Silvey**
Duty Elder Ron Smith

Advance dates for 2007/8

Elders meetings

- 6th December
- 3rd January
- 6th March

Church meetings

- 4th November
- 3rd February
- AGM 30th March**

Events at church

- Nativity service
- 16th December
- Christdingle service
- 20th December
- 6 for 6.30
- Lessons and Carols
- 23rd December

**** PILOTS ****

WHAT: Pilots are a group for boys and girls aged five upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a bible theme.

WHERE:

Pilots meet in
the church hall

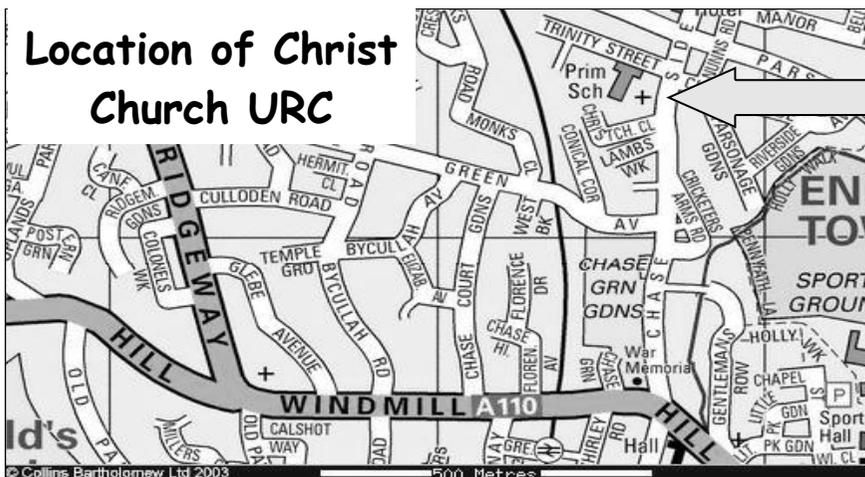


WHEN:

Sunday
mornings from
11am to 12 noon

If you are interested in coming or would like further details please contact Rosemary Milns 8363-6571

Location of Christ Church URC



Articles intended for inclusion in the **December/January** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday**.

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