



# **Christ Church**

## **United Reformed Church**

Minister: Rev David Atkinson

# **November 2011**



**Christ Church Christmas Bazaar**  
**Saturday 26th November 11—2pm**

**“Enter to worship, depart to serve”**

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# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY

- 11.00am Morning Worship  
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)  
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
- 11.00am Adventurers
- 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 Seniors (15-18 years)

## WEDNESDAY

- 9.45am - 11.30am Combined Bible Study  
at Lancaster Road URC *Twice monthly - see diary*
- 2.15pm Friendship Club *Twice monthly - see diary*

## FRIDAY

- 5.00pm - 6.15pm Rainbows (5-7 years)
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm Brownies (7-10 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Guides (10-14 years)
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm Rangers (14-20 years)

## VARIOUS DAYS

- 8.00pm Elders Meeting *Bi-monthly - see diary*

# MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I sometimes hear people say we live in a celebrity culture and am given the impression that there are people who take great interest in celebrities. Such celebrities are often famous, rich and influential. This is an area of life I know very little about but I assume people like David Beckham and Jonathan Ross would be called celebrities.

David Beckham is well known because he is a top class footballer who played for many years for Manchester United and played over one hundred games for England. He is also married to Victoria Beckham, the pop singer and clothes designer. Both David and Victoria Beckham seem to enjoy being prominent in the media.

Jonathan Ross is a well known television chat show host and presenter. I've only seen one of his programmes all the way through and he gave me the distinct impression that the show was more about him than his guests. I watched to see and hear Andy Murray but felt I learnt very little about our top tennis player. Jonathan Ross came over as very talented and witty and also someone who loved the limelight.

I recently read an obituary of Wilson Greatbatch. I had never heard of him and I assume most people haven't. He's certainly not nearly as well known as David Beckham and Jonathan Ross. But I would argue that he did far more to merit fame and fortune than a whole host of celebrities.

Wilson Greatbatch was an American inventor who died on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011, aged 92. He devised the first practicable implantable heart pacemakers. They have saved thousands of

lives and improved many more. I personally know of people who have had heart pacemakers fitted and they have told me how their lives have been transformed for the better.

This raises for me the question: what are the qualities and actions that command our admiration? Do we make the right people our heroes? Do their talents deserve our time and attention?

At the end of the obituary about Wilson Greatbatch it says his Presbyterian upbringing and wartime survival as a rear gunner made him deeply religious and he saw a divine hand in his work. It makes me wonder if faith in Christ motivated his work.

Why did crowds of people follow Jesus? I assume it was because he healed the sick, gave profound moral and spiritual teaching, called for a just society and revealed God to people. Now here is a man, more than any other person, worthy of our time, attention, admiration and worship.

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

## **NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Betty Winter has been in Chase Farm Hospital. She has now returned home

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

### **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.

# PARADE AND FAMILY SERVICES 2011-12

At our Youth Leaders Council on 15<sup>th</sup> September we agreed the following Parade and Family Service dates:

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| 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2011 | Church Anniversary                       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Nativity Service                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 |  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb      | Guide Thinking Day                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March    | Mothering Sunday                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> April    |  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May      | Adventurers and<br>Youth Sunday          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June     | Fathers Day                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept     | Harvest                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct       | Boys' Brigade Enrolment and<br>Communion |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | Church Anniversary                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Nativity Service                         |

We may change the date for the Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service for 2012.

Please put all these date in your diaries for 2011 and 2012 and do your best to support these services.

Please will all youth leaders note that the Youth Leaders Council for 2012 is on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00 p.m. in the manse. Again please put this date in your diary.

David.

# **The Friendship Club**

**The Friendship Club continues to meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the Church hall. We warmly welcome everyone to our friendly meetings.**

The next meetings are on:

**2nd November**

'Royal residences in England' (slides) with  
Stephen Gilbert

**16th November**

Cockfosters choir

**30th November**

Christmas readings and tea

We wish all our Friends a Happy Christmas

**Future meetings to be announced in 2012**

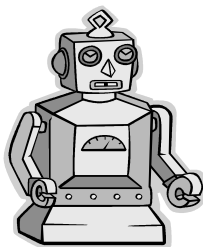
Lancaster Road URC present

# **Razzamatazz Robots Bazaar**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**10.30am - 2.30pm**

**At Armfield Road Church Hall**



## **Entrance 30p**

Delicious lunches and snacks  
served all day.

Loads of stalls,

Bric-a brac, Homemade Cakes and Sweets,  
Plants, Crafts, Books, Raffle, Gifts, Tombola,  
Stationery, Jewellery, Crafty Corner for the  
children,  
Face-Painting

**Why not come along and pick up a bargain!!**



# Worship Group Service 9th October

We saw some new faces leading the Worship Group Service, ably supported by some more experienced members of the group.

Pam Mansley led our opening prayers. Katherine and Lia helped Pamela Fisher with the all age talk on the subject of 'Feast'. They agreed that they should share the cake and brought out some other dishes for the week's prayer menu.

## Prayer Menu

Friendship

Thanks

Praise

Ask

Listen

Share

Fairness

You might like to use these themes in your prayers:

After a short prayer read by Katherine, Marion and Lia read from Daniel 5 1-8 25-28 and Mathew 22 1-14.

Our friend John Stynes from Ponders End URC explored the stories further and added his anecdotes to bring out their teachings.

After the service twenty of us sat down to share lunch together. We had a variety of soups with bread and cheeses followed by cakes. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and time of fellowship.





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Christ Church holds its Sunday morning services each week at 11:00am in the main Church building. We invite you to join us for these or any of our other special events

## Christmas at Christ Church

Saturday 26th November - 11:00am to 2:00pm  
Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 11th December - 11:00am  
Christmas Nativity (Family Service)

Sunday 18th December - 11:00am  
Service of Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24th December - 11:30pm  
Christmas Eve Midnight Communion  
(at Lancaster Road URC)

Sunday 25th December - 10:30am  
Christmas Day Service  
(at Lancaster Road URC)

We invite you to join us this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of a Saviour



# The Bible Society

Many assume Christians are avid Bible readers and confident in what they know about it and how to use it.

Today, this is not as true as it was. The Bible is **less read than in the past**. In part this is because the era of private, book-based, study has gone. So we are working to provide **new ways** to help people engage with the Bible in today's culture.

At the same time, many Christians struggle to apply the Bible to the way they live. And we are responding by helping churchgoers find practical ways to **relate the Bible's wisdom to their lives** and communities.

Our activities and resources designed to help those in the Church **engage with the Bible more effectively** include:

- **The Poverty and Justice Bible**, which highlights more than 2,000 passages that relate to poverty and injustice – two of the biggest issues of our day. It also includes a 'think it through' guide that relates the issues to daily life. Find out more or buy a copy at [www.povertyandjusticebible.org](http://www.povertyandjusticebible.org)
- **lyfe**, a new approach where small groups meet in their local coffee shop or pub around the Bible. Together they go through the three steps of reading, reflecting and responding. Find out more at [www.lyfe.org.uk](http://www.lyfe.org.uk)
- **Bible Sunday**, an annual set of resources for churches to focus on the value of the Bible for them and for others.
- **You've Got the Time**, a programme where churches listen to the whole New Testament together over a 40-day period. Find out more at [www.biblesociety.org.uk/ygtt](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/ygtt)
- **Bible reading guides**, such as *Lectio Divina* to aid personal engagement with the Bible.
- **Workshops** to equip church leaders to teach the Bible in inspiring ways.

# 3rd Enfield Enrolment Service



Our annual Enrolment Service took place on Sunday 2nd October as part of the Sunday morning service at Christ Church URC.

The service was led by Rev David Atkinson (Minister at Christ Church and 3rd Enfield Chaplain) and was a Family Parade Service, also including Holy Communion.

The boys were all presented with their membership cards for the 2011-2012 session. Boys that have taken part in a residential activity so far in 2011 were also presented with the special 125th Anniversary of Camping badge, which has been introduced by the BB to commemorate 125 years since the first BB camp, held by the 1st Glasgow at Tighnabruich in 1886. To receive this badge, a boy simply has to take part in a residential activity of at least one night during 2011. So far, 9 members of the Company have done this.

# Enfield Battalion trip to Legoland

On Saturday 24th September, boys from across Enfield Battalion went on a trip to Legoland Windsor.

A total of 77 people (members of Anchor Boys/Junior Section and members of staff) went on the trip, travelling to and from the park in a minibus and a coach. There were 16 boys from the 3rd Enfield on the trip - 3 Anchor Boys and 13 Junior Section boys.

The weather was great on the day and everyone got the opportunity to go on rides such as the log flume, river rapids, pirate ship, dragon coaster and much more.

Check out some photos from the day below...





**THE BOYS**  
**BRIGADE**  
>the adventure begins here



# Prayer Diary for November

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| 1st  | Pray for peace in areas of the world where there is conflict  |
| 2nd  | Pray for the Friendship Club's meeting this afternoon   |
| 3rd  | Give thanks to God for His Word through the Bible   |
| 4th  | Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening   |
| 5th  | Pray for a safe and enjoyable day as people watch and hold various fireworks displays                 |
| 6th  | Pray for the Church Meeting, which takes place after the service this morning                         |
| 7th  | Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening  |
| 8th  | Pray for a successful completion of the building work taking place on the Church and hall             |
| 9th  | Pray for the Joint Bible Study Group with Lancaster Road URC  |
| 10th | Pray for the North London People's Orchestra as they hold their debut concert this evening in Oakwood |
| 11th | Remembrance Day: pray for those who gave their lives in service of their country                      |
| 12th | Pray for all those taking part in or travelling to watch the Lord Mayor's Show in London today        |
| 13th | Pray for the various events taking place in Enfield today for Remembrance Sunday                      |
| 14th | Pray for the Junior Section as they meet this evening   |
| 15th | Pray for the external groups that use our premises  |
| 16th | Pray for the leaders of our youth organisations   |

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| 17th | Pray for all those who are persecuted for their faith   |
| 18th | Pray for the meeting of the Brownies today  |
| 19th | Pray for the members of the BB's Enfield Battalion who are on a weekend away this weekend     |
| 20th | Church Anniversary: Pray for the service this morning and all who are involved in Church life |
| 21st | Pray for the Company Section as they meet this evening  |
| 22nd | Pray for the Elders and for God's guidance over their running of the Church                   |
| 23rd | Pray for the Adventurers and that more children may join them                                 |
| 24th | Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening   |
| 25th | Pray for David, our Minister  |
| 26th | Pray for the Christmas Bazaar, taking place in the hall today                                 |
| 27th | Advent Sunday: Give thanks for the Christmas season and the coming of Jesus to the world      |
| 28th | Pray for the Seniors as they meet this evening  |
| 29th | Pray for missionaries, taking the Word of God to places where it might not otherwise be heard |
| 30th | Pray for good relations with other Churches in the ecumenical movement                        |

# **Listen online...**

**Missed a service, or just want to hear a talk again? Recordings from our Sunday services are being made available on the Christ Church website**

**Check out the “Downloads” page to find recordings of the all age talks and sermons - simply find the one you want, click the link and you can then listen to the whole talk!**

**Visit our website to find out more**

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# November Church Diary

- Weds 2nd 2.15pm Friendship Club  
'Royal Residences in England" (with slides) - Stephen Gilbert
- Sun 6th 11am Rev David Atkinson  
Holy Communion - offering for the Mission Aviation Fellowship  
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs**
- 12.30pm **Church Meeting**
- Weds 9th 9.45 - 11.30am Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 13th 10.45am The Worship Group  
Remembrance Sunday  
Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley**
- Wed 16th 2.15pm Friendship Club  
Cockfosters Choir
- Sun 20th 11am Stephen Gilbert  
Family Parade Service  
Church Anniversary combined service with Lancaster Road URC  
Featuring music from North London Brass  
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert**
- Wed 23rd 9.45am - 11.30am Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 27th 11am Mr Les Moody  
Advent Sunday  
Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher**
- Wed 30th 2.15pm Friendship Club  
Christmas readings and tea.

# December Church Diary

- Sun 4th**    **11am**    **Rev David Atkinson**  
**Holy Communion - offering for the**  
**Bible Society**  
**Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs**
- Weds**      **9.45 -**    **Joint Bible Study with Lancaster Road at**  
**7th**        **11.30am** **Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun 11th**   **11am**    **Rev David Atkinson &**  
**The Worship Group**  
**Christmas Nativity**  
**Family Parade Service**  
**Duty Elder - Pamela Mansley**

## Advance dates for 2011

### Church Meetings

**12.30pm**

6th November

5th February

### Elders Meetings

**8pm**

5th December (the Manse)

### 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade

### Quiz Night 2012

28th January (details to be confirmed)

# **\*\* Adventurers \*\***

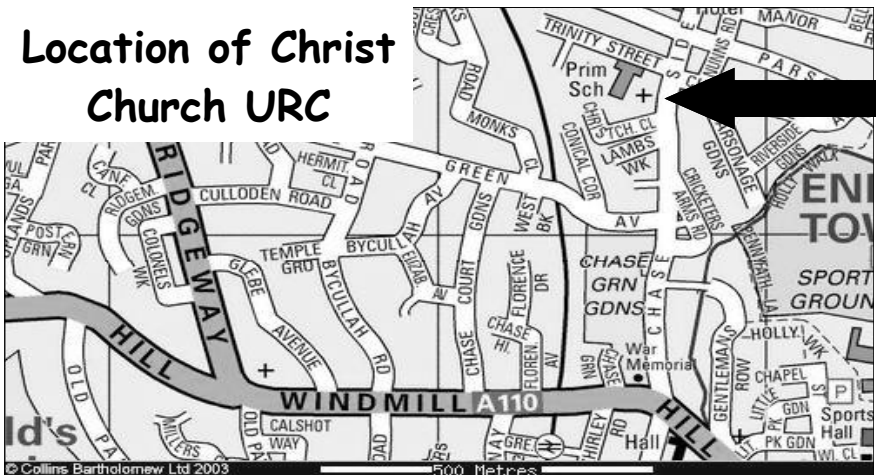
**WHAT:** Adventurers are a group for boys and girls aged three upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a Bible theme

**WHEN:** Sunday mornings from 11am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** Adventurers meet in the Church hall

If you are interested in coming or would like further details please contact Rosemary Milns (020 8363 6571)

## **Location of Christ Church URC**



Articles intended for inclusion in the **December/January** issue should reach the Editor by the **second Sunday of November**

Please contact Pamela Fisher with any items to be included in future issues. Items can be received either in paper form at Sunday worship or by email.

Phone 020 8482 4610 A/M please leave a message