



Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER

Remembrance Sunday at 10:45am
Morning worship led by Jill Nugent
(please note earlier start time than usual to allow
a two minute silence to be observed at 11:00am)

*"At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them."*

November 2017

Getting in contact

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Seventy years of our **newsletter**

Seventy years ago this month the first Christ Church newsletter was published, the church having (from 1928) produced a professionally printed quarterly magazine. An extract from our centenary history booklet reads as follows:

“In October 1947 it was decided that a monthly newsletter should be issued to tell Christ Church members and friends of all the activities connected with the church and give news of church people. The experiment proved very successful and has continued right down to the present day, keeping those who are unable, because of illness or other reasons, to attend the services regularly in close touch with the rest of the church family.”

That aim still rings true today! I have tried to work out how many issues have been produced in that time and believe this is issue number 753 - an amazing number. Unfortunately, the church's archive of newsletters doesn't include issue number 1 so if you know where we can find it, we'd love to see it!

An extract from an article written by then-Church Secretary Chris Sanders in the fiftieth anniversary issue (1997) reads:

“Since the first newsletter was published we have witnessed many changes, not only within our church but also the world around us; communication, travel, music, fashion and even the way we worship - all have changed far beyond the wildest imagination of those folk who read that first newsletter fifty years ago. Maybe in the next few years Christ Church will have its own website, you never know!”

That is also true when we look at the world in the last twenty years, let alone seventy. And we even have a website now!

In seventy years the newsletter has only had six editors - Irene Bond (November 1947 to February 1988), Bill Hutchings

Seventy years of our **newsletter** continued...

(March 1988 to May 1993), Frida Lee (June 1993 to March 1999), Natalie Sanders (April 1999 to December 2006), Pamela Fisher (February 2007 to May 2014) and myself (October 2010 to present). Typing and printing was for many years done by Joan Dewsbury. Our current printers, Top Print, do what I'm sure you'll agree is a fantastic job. Here's to the next seventy years (and beyond) of the Christ Church newsletter!

Tom Boorman - Newsletter Editor

Pastoral Letter **November 2017**

“Here I stand, I can do no other.”

These words by Martin Luther remind me of what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, that we should stand like a light in a dark place or a city on top of a hill so that the good we have done can be seen (Matthew 5:14-16).

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's protest against corruption in the Roman Catholic Church. Luther was an Augustinian monk and professor of theology at Wittenberg University, in what is now Germany. He argued that salvation could only be obtained through the grace of God and could not be earned. He condemned the selling of Papal Indulgences for the forgiveness of sins and objected to priests acting as intermediaries between lay Christians and God, thus incurring the anger of Roman Catholic Church leaders.

On 31st October 1517 Luther nailed his 95 theses, setting out his beliefs and accusations, to the door of Wittenberg University church. Churches in which he preached, including the one where he married a former nun, can still be seen and his home in a former monastery is now a museum. Luther's actions, which started out as a protest to reform the Roman Catholic Church, mark the beginning of the Lutheran

Protestant Reformation.

Luther wrote and published over 600 works including the words and music for a number of hymns, four of which are in the URC hymn book Rejoice and Sing. His most famous hymn, which has become known as the hymn of the Reformation, is "Ein Feste Burg - Our God stands like a fortress rock with walls that will not fail us" (RS 585). It may have been inspired by the time when he took refuge in Wartburg Castle, while under the protection of the Duke of Saxony.

Up to the 16th century the Bible was only officially available in Latin in Catholic countries. As a result only educated people, such as priests, were able to read the Bible for themselves. In 1521, while in Wartburg Castle, Luther began to translate the New Testament from the original Greek into everyday German. He later went on to translate the Old Testament from Hebrew into German. With the invention of the printing press using moveable type in the mid-15th century, everyone who could read German could now have direct access to the word of God, without having to hear it interpreted by a priest.

Despite various attempts to silence him, Martin Luther survived to die naturally in 1546 at the age of 62, unlike some other reformers such as Luther's English contemporary William Tyndale, who was killed for translating the Bible into English.

In view of the achievements of Martin Luther we may think "what have I to offer", "I am not clever" or "I am not a good speaker". However we can all show that we are Christians by our love, with a kind word to a person in need or a thoughtful action (1 Corinthians 13).

Stephen Gilbert
Church Secretary, Christ Church URC

News of the **fellowship**

We continue to hold Sylvia Coombs in our prayers as she recovers from having had two operations recently.

We hear that Terry Silvey is doing a lot better and we look forward to having him with us on Sunday 26th November.

We send our congratulations and very best wishes to Sam Rowsell, one of the Boys' Brigade leaders, and Katie Lee on the birth of their daughter, Leah, on Saturday 14th October.

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

Friendship Club **Winter 2017**

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!

Forthcoming meetings are as follows:

Monday 20th November
In sickness and in health in the Solomon Islands -
Sylvia Coombs

Monday 18th December
Preparing for Christmas
(a Christmas variety programme including a bring and share tea) - *Please note change of date*

Further future dates will be announced in due course. Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

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



Christ Church

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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November

11:00am to 2:00pm

in the Church Hall

(Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ)

Entrance 20p

**Lunches and refreshments served
throughout the event**

**Lots of stalls including
cakes and sweets, craft items,
gifts, books, raffle,
games/activities for children and more!**

Fruits of the kingdom

At our Worship Group-led service on Sunday 8th October, we were asked to write down our thoughts on what the fruits of the kingdom are. Here are some responses...

Forgiveness for others
Understanding
Integrity
Tolerance
Faithfulness
Justice
Putting others before ourselves

Generosity
Love, joy and peace
Caring and compassion
Humility
Bountifulness
Perseverance

Holiday Memories Evening

Our annual Holiday Memories Evening took place in the Church Hall on Saturday 14th October.

It was lovely to see so many people there as we enjoyed a variety of talks from people including Stephen talking about his holiday to Albania, Ivy's trips to Jamaica, Philip's holidays in Spain and Wales, and Katherine talking about her recent school project in Namibia.

Halfway through the evening, we paused for a fantastic meal which was provided by Pamela and David Fisher. Our thanks to them for all their hard work in organising the event and to everyone who came along or was involved in any way!



Christ Church **hymn**

On Sunday 19th November our friends from Lancaster Road URC will be joining us as we celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the dedication of Christ Church in 1875. To mark the occasion I have adapted existing verses to create a hymn for Christ Church.

To Jesus Christ our saviour
 the holy son of God
Our church is dedicated.
 He is our living Lord.
Both old and young together,
 a Christian family,
Unto this place we gather,
 a loving company.
Then joining hearts in worship,
 with prayer and word and hymn,
So each to each united,
 we all are one in him.

And then we go forth singing,
 glad songs of freedom's joy,
To shine with Jesus' goodness,
 all darkness to destroy,
To bear our neighbour's burden,
 to meet their deepest need,
To comfort those in sorrow
 and hungry souls to feed.
O Father' Son and Spirit,
 to us the power give
To fill the world with beauty
 so all may truly live.

Robert Irving, altered Stephen Gilbert
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Boys' Brigade **trip to Woburn**

On Saturday 30th September, Anchors and Juniors from across Enfield and Inner North London Battalions went for a day out at Woburn Safari Park in Bedfordshire.

The day began with a drive through the safari area in our coach, where we got to see lots of animals including lions, tigers, bears, wolves, giraffes, zebras and monkeys.

Following that, we went on foot around the rest of the park where we got to see some other animals and shows including a parrot display and elephant show.

There were also activities including swan boat rides, a train ride around part of the park to see more animals and an indoor soft play area to run off some energy in!

Tom Boorman



Boys' Brigade **Activity Afternoon**

On Saturday 7th October, Anchors and Juniors from Enfield and Inner North London Battalions took part in an Activity Afternoon at 133rd London HQ.

The event included a variety of craft activities for Anchors and a conkers competition for Juniors, with both sections then taking part in a quiz and some team games.

Boys' Brigade **Activity Afternoon** continued...

The Juniors in the conkers competition were divided into school year groups, with Connor from the 3rd Enfield coming first in the year 5 age group - well done Connor!

The 3rd Enfield had a joint Juniors team with the 11th Enfield in the quiz and team games, coming third in both. Both competitions were won by the Juniors team from the 2nd Haringey/133rd London.

Tom Boorman



Boys' Brigade **Paintball Day**

On Saturday 14th October, over 100 BB members from across London District came together for a Paintball Day at Delta Force East London in Upminster.



8 members of the 3rd Enfield's Company Section and Seniors took part in the event, where teams played a total of 12 games in a variety of different arenas before finishing the day with a 'hunger games'-style finale.

Tom Boorman

Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service

On Sunday 15th October the annual 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service took place at Christ Church.

The service was led by members of the Company, with a dramatised retelling of the story of David and Goliath involving lots of members of the youth groups and adults from the congregation, to show that God is with us if we trust in him, and that he is bigger than our problems.

During the service, all of the boys were enrolled or re-enrolled into the Company and presented with their membership cards for the current session.

It was lovely to see so many people there and we thank all of the boys, parents and friends of the Company for their continued support.

Tom Boorman



Events in the **North Enfield Group**

There are a number of regular activities that take place in the other churches in the North Enfield Group, some of which may be of interest to folk at Christ Church. These include:

Bush Hill Park URC

Book Club

Once monthly on a Monday evening at 8:00pm in the Church Lounge at Bush Hill Park.

For further details email bookclub@bhpurc.org.uk

House Group

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Lisa and Martin Hamblin's house.

For further details email housegroup@bhpurc.org.uk

Baby & Toddlers

Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30am during term time. Parents and carers are able to relax and chat over coffee while watching the children play together. A charge is made to cover expenses and the children are not supervised. Open to any parent/carers and their young charges aged up to school starting age.

For further details email toddlers@bhpurc.org.uk

Lancaster Road URC

Bible study groups

Twice monthly on a Tuesday evening at 8:30pm or twice monthly on a Wednesday morning at 9:45am, both in the Church Lounge at Lancaster Road.

Shoppers Coffee Morning

Fridays from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Church Lounge at Lancaster Road.

For further details contact Beryl Woolley on 020 8351 1089 or email beryl@lancaster-road-urc.org.uk

Lancaster Road URC present an

AUTUMN BAZAAR



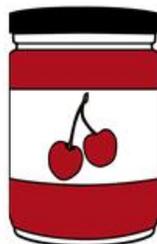
Saturday 4th November 2017

10:30 – 2:30pm



Armfield Road Church Hall

Entrance 30p



**Delicious lunches and snacks
served all day plus**

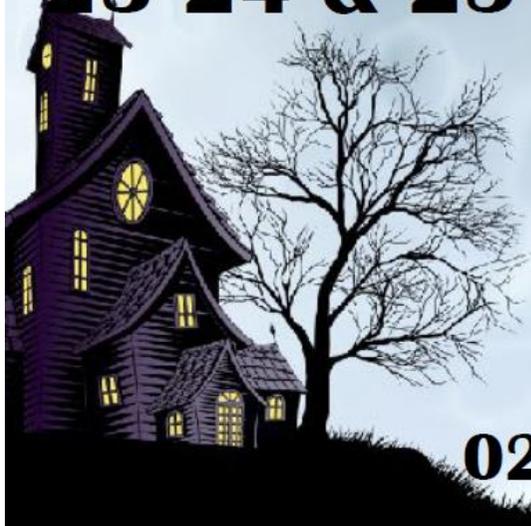
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23 24 & 25 November



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Compton Road Winchmore Hill**

**Doors open 7.30pm
Tickets £9**

In association with St Paul's Players

Prayer diary **November 2017**

1st - Pray for God's guidance in your life this month.

2nd - Pray for all those who have been affected by Hurricane Ophelia.

3rd - Pray for the Guides as they meet this evening.

4th - Pray for this morning's meeting of the Breakfast Club.

5th - Pray for God's guidance at our Church Meeting this afternoon.

6th - Pray for the Junior Section as they meet this evening.

7th - Pray for the BB bugle band as they rehearse this evening ahead of a busy weekend of events.

8th - Pray for the work of our government.

9th - Pray for the future ministry at Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road URCs.

10th - Pray for the Brownies as they meet in the hall this evening.

11th - Remembrance Day: Pray for those who gave their lives in conflict. Also pray for all those who are taking part in the Lord Mayor's Show in the City of London today.

12th - Pray for the events taking place today for Remembrance Sunday.

13th - Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening.

14th - Pray for the work of our emergency services.

15th - Pray for the work of our Property Committee in maintaining our beautiful church buildings.

16th - Pray for all those who are unable to join us at church events through sickness or ill health.

17th - Pray for the Rangers as they meet this evening.

18th - Pray for the Breakfast Club's meeting this morning.

19th - Give thanks for the work of Christ Church over the last 142 years as we celebrate our Church Anniversary in worship today.

20th - Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet in the hall this afternoon.

21st - Pray for the residents of Bycullah Road.

22nd - Pray for someone you know who doesn't yet know Jesus personally, that he might come into their life.

Prayer diary **November 2017** continued...

23rd - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

24th - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet today.

25th - Pray for an enjoyable time of fellowship at our Christmas Bazaar today.

26th - Pray for our friend Terry Silvey as he leads us in worship this morning.

27th - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet in the hall this evening.

28th - Pray for the staff and pupils of Enfield Grammar School.

29th - Pray for our Elders and for their leadership at Christ Church.

30th - Pray for our friends from other churches in the North West Enfield Group.

December & January **newsletter**

The **December 2017 & January 2018** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 26th November**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by **Sunday 12th November**. 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 **November 2017**

Saturday 4th November 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 5th November 11:00am
Mrs Michaela Lawrence
Holy Communion (offering for Mission Aviation Fellowship)
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Sunday 5th November 12:30pm
Church Meeting

Sunday 12th November 10:45am
Mrs Jill Nugent
Remembrance Sunday
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

Saturday 18th November 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 19th November 11:00am
The Worship Group
Family Parade Service (Church Anniversary)
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Monday 20th November 2:15pm
Friendship Club
In sickness and in health in the Solomon Islands -
Sylvia Coombs

Saturday 25th November 11:00am to 2:00pm
Christmas Bazaar (see page 7)

Sunday 26th November 11:00am
Mr Terry Silvey
Duty Elder - Sylvia Coombs

Church diary **December 2017**

Saturday 2nd December 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Club (Bible study and prayer group)

Sunday 3rd December 11:00am
Mr Martin Wells
Advent Sunday and Holy Communion
(offering for the Bible Society)
Duty Elder - Philip Taylor

Sunday 10th December 11:00am
The Worship Group
Family Service (Christmas Nativity)
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Remembrance **Sunday**

Please note that our service on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, will start at 10:45am (i.e. 15 minutes earlier than usual) to allow a two minute silence to be observed at 11:00am following the sounding of the Last Post. The service will be led by Jill Nugent and everyone is very welcome to join us for this time of worship.

That same afternoon, members of various local uniformed organisations will take part in the annual Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade. It will pass along Chase Side from about 2:30pm, with a Service of Remembrance taking place at the War Memorial on Chase Green at 3:00pm.

Following the service, the parade will then go through Enfield Town (from about 3:30pm), past the Civic Centre and along Parsonage Lane. This is a public event which everyone is welcome to attend as we remember those who gave their lives during conflict.

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

9:00am to 10:30am

Breakfast Club (twice monthly - see diary)

For details of other special events and activities please see the diary.



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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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