



CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



Boys Brigade winner of Harvest Festival
window display

**October
2007**

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

11.00 am Morning Worship

11.00 am Pilots

Holy Communion First Sunday

Family Parade Service Third Sunday

MONDAY

6.30 pm Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

6.30 pm Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.30 pm Company Section (11-18 years)
(including band practice)

TUESDAY

4.30 pm Rainbows (5-7 years)

WEDNESDAY

9.45-11.15 am Combined Bible Study
at Lancaster Road URC

2.15 pm Friendship Club *Twice monthly*

THURSDAY

7.45-9.20 pm Bible Study Group *monthly*

8.00 pm Elders Meeting *bi-monthly*

Church Meeting *bi-monthly*

FRIDAY

6.00 pm Brownies (7-10 years)

7.30 pm Guides (10-14 years)

Rangers (14-18 years)

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

In a book entitled, "The Kingdom Within", the author writes of his boyhood summers in an old farmhouse in New England in the United States of America. The dwelling was over a century and a half old and had never been modernised. Consequently, the water supply came from an old well and the cold pure water it supplied was a joy to drink on a hot day. The well worked faithfully even in periods of drought. But eventually the house was modernised and indoor plumbing was installed. As a result the old faithful well was abandoned and so things stood for many years.

Then one day, moved by curiosity and old loyalties, the author was determined to uncover the old well and inspect its condition. He expected to see the cool moist depths he had known as a boy but the well was bone dry.

It took many inquiries to discover what had happened. He was told that this kind of well was fed by hundreds of tiny streams along which seep a constant supply of water. When the water is drawn from the well more water moves into it along the streams and this keeps them clear and open. But when such a well is not used and the water not regularly drawn, the tiny streams close up and the well becomes dry: not because there is no water but because it has not been used.

Jesus promises us "Living Water" from the gospel springs that will never cease, but our souls can "dry up" because we cease to draw regularly from the well-springs of God's grace. You and I need to draw on it, use it and share it!

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations to Rudi Tingling and Sally on the birth of their daughter, Lydia.

We are sorry to hear that Bill Hutchings is in hospital in Shrewsbury.

Glennis and Cliff Boxer are celebrating their Golden wedding anniversary on the 26th October when they will be with the family in the Canary Islands

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

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE

- * Please DO NOT PARK between the Church and the Hall
- * When the church is occupied please DO NOT PARK in front of either of the front doors
- * Please leave the two spaces in front of the Church for those people who cannot walk far

Thank you

CHRIST CHURCH DAY
SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2007
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FAITH IN ACTION

Session 1 - My faith journey - How did I get here?

Session 2 - The Bible - exploring God's Word,
Ways of exploring the Bible

Lunch - Bring & share

Session 3 - Us - past and present

Session 4 - Prayer - what's it all about?

A day to provide practical ideas, examples and experiences to encourage you in your Christian life.

Please contact us with any questions or to book your place: David Fisher (8482 4610) or Pam Mansley (8366 3397).

BRING & SHARE LUNCH

EVERY PERSON CHALLENGE
COFFEE MORNING -
SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
IN AID OF THE INDIA LOOM PROJECT

Very many thanks to everyone who helped at, provided items to sell and supported the Coffee Morning last month. It was a happy and sociable occasion and raised £215 on the day, (with additional donations taking the total to £238), towards our project to purchase a weaving loom for an Indian family. Well done to everyone who was involved.



Picture left shows the display at the end of the hall explaining the reason why we are raising money

Picture right displays the silks kindly given to us by the Church of South India in gratitude to us supporting the Indian loom project





Picture above shows a stall selling woven Indian items
Picture below shows plenty to enjoy at various stalls



HARVEST FESTIVAL CHURCH

DECORATING

COMPETITION

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations on Sunday 16th September, a competition was held for the uniformed youth organisations to decorate part of the Church on the theme of Harvest. Entries were submitted by the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Boys Brigade. Voting took place on Saturday 15th while the India Loom Project coffee morning was taking place in the hall. Voting was open to all and people were asked to vote for their top three displays. This was extremely hard as all of the entries were very good and evidently a lot of thought and effort had gone into them.

The winners were:-

1st place - Boys Brigade

2nd place - Brownies

3rd place - Guides

- but well done to everybody!

Rosemary Milns



Picture above shows the 2nd place—Brownies window display
Picture below shows the 3rd place—Guides window display





Picture above shows Rainbows window display
Picture below shows Rangers window display



**Cliff and Glennis Boxer celebrating
their Golden Wedding anniversary
Which we celebrated early with
them at Harvest festival**



Christian Crackers—From the mouths of babes

Minister, addressing the children in church 'Can anyone tell me who is the perfect person to whom I must compare my life?'
Child (hesitantly): 'Is it you wife?'

Marion Wiley

HYMNS AND THEIR ORIGINS

My naval days in the 2nd World War (none of my doing) are not remembered for the food forever slopping in the plate in rhythm with the rolling of the ship, nor the leaning over the side in absolute agony trying to keep the sludge in my stomach and not depositing it at the bottom of the deep murky sea, nor the anticipated joy of the shortly due arrival of the daily tot of rum. No, it was the multitude of male voices belting out "for those in peril on the sea" Wherever we were on Saturday evenings our little minesweeper was perforce ordered to steam at our full 9 knots maximum speed to our base so that our Captain with his inordinate sense of importance could have us all lined up on Sunday morning in order to march past him standing strictly to attention saluting his men as we went to divisions (Church parade). Immediately after that false pride we were allowed to get a quick bite to eat, chug off to just outside the harbour to obtain fuel and a carrot or two for our week's meals.

The hymn, as you have guessed, was "Eternal Saviour Strong to Save" written by William Whiting known as Hoppy because of his unfortunate clubfoot. Born in 1825 in the west-end of London the family moved four years later to Clapham.

His father died and at 16 he came under the wing of the local Rector who was co-founder of the Winchester Training Institute for School-masters. Hoppy Whiting prospered, became Master and lived in Winchester for 36 years. Known as the Sailors Hymn his famous composition rejoiced in four versions with numerous variations before being published in that famous first edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern.

Immediately it was accepted by the sailors of the British Empire and the French matelots. It is said William Whiting's inspiration was Psalm 107 verses 23 and 24.

Bill

1
Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless
wave,
Who bidd'st the night ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
*O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea*

3
O Holy Spirit, who didst sweep
Across the dark and formless deep
To bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
*O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea*

2
O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive
heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming
deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee

4
O Trinity of love and power,
Sustain us all in dangers hour;
Through wreck and tempest, grief
and loss,
Renew the triumph of the cross:
*O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea*



21-28 October 2007

What is One World Week?

We believe that when we understand each other's perspectives, **our lives can be transformed and enriched.**

One World Week is an annual opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to take action for justice locally and globally, by:

- Working together in caring for the Earth and its resources
- Taking action for justice, equality, peace and fullness of life for all
- Building relationships of mutual respect that cross boundaries
- Running local events that celebrate the diversity of cultures in our communities

Is One World Week for you?

OWW is open to anyone to take part.

Take a look at [what we believe](#) and [what we want to do](#); if our aims strike a chord with you, then OWW is for you, whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever your affiliations.

If you want to take part in learning together about what people can do to address global issues, then OWW is for you.

If you want to celebrate the diversity of cultures in Britain today, or where ever you are, and enjoy each others company, as you discover shared values and work together on common concerns, then OWW is for you.

You or your organisation can put on a OWW event. You can plan and organise with others to share ideas and values and to spread the learning.

www.oneworldweek.org

UNITED CHURCH IN SOLOMON ISLANDS



Update for Goldie College



'While classes resume in this temporary accommodation long term plans to rebuild the college completely will be drawn up and started as soon as finance and manpower are available. They are hoping that the Solomon islands education department and central government will be able to contribute to this work.'

This is the latest email from Goldie College complete with a photo of the new house which Koshy, Nithya and their 2 boys have now got as part of the first stage of rebuilding - i.e. temporary reconstruction so that the school can get re-started. Please remember that the communion offering for October will be for Goldie College again. Christ Church have been very generous in supporting Goldie College in recent years and continue to help them with finance and prayer during rebuilding.

Any more donations are welcome — please forward them to our treasurer David Fisher

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A very warm welcome is extended to all friends to meet with the Friendship Club on alternate Wednesdays in the church hall at 2.15pm.

On **3rd October** **Mr Kevin Brook** will be talking about the **Aviation fellowship**, who use light aircraft to give aid to ill people in isolated islands in Papua New Guinea and taking them to hospital

On **17th October** the **Rev. Gordon Giles** will be presenting **Music in the life of St Paul's Cathedral**.

A programme not to be missed

On **31st October** we shall be treated to a **Taste of Coffee** with **Mr Colin Smith** telling us the history of making coffee. And of course coffee to drink and purchase

Do come and join us in October, you will be very welcome at 2.15pm on alternate Wednesdays

'Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart'

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 book the date and come along to make this a happy time of fellowship together.

Marion

Slave trade remembered in Enfield

Thursday 23rd August - Sunday 28th October 2007

Forty Hall, Wed - Sun 11am to 4pm

2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in Britain and of the British African Slave Trade.

Many museums and community groups around the country will be organising and taking part in commemorative events. Enfield Museum Service is working with community groups in the borough to produce an exhibition to be held at Forty Hall to commemorate this occasion. The general section will include topics such as Africa before and during the time of slavery, the emancipation movement and the legacy of slavery.

A second section will concentrate on the effect the slave trade had on Enfield, covering topics such as the early black presence in Enfield, the abolitionist movement in the area and the legacy of slavery in the borough

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH NEWS IN ENFIELD

Following meetings between representatives from Enfield United Reformed Churches and Synod Pastoral consultants, the church meetings at Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill URCs have now agreed a proposal that the three churches should share one full time stipendiary minister with an allocation of time of 40%, 25% and 25% respectively (the other 10% being for wider church and church sponsored community work) Each church agreed to appoint a non-clerical chairperson for its elders and Church meetings. The minister would receive minutes of all meetings and be free to attend meetings as he/she deemed appropriate. The three churches will now be submitting their pastoral profiles to the Area Committee prior to a vacancy being declared. The other URC in Enfield currently without a stipendiary minister is Bush Hill Park and the proposal there is for a part-time 50% stipendiary minister.

Stephen Gilbert

Christian Crackers—From the mouths of babes

'You cannot always win!

Reporting on Easter Sunday baptisms at his church, the minister said ' The whole atmosphere of the day was a blessing to all. All, that is, except one. The little granddaughter of one of our baptismal candidates said to her mother afterwards, 'I don't like that man!' 'Why ever not?' Asked her mother 'Well', replied the little girl, 'He tried to drown my grandma in that bath and she had her new dress on'

Marion Wiley

The End of an Era

On the evening of Thursday 12 June, the Lea Valley District Council of the URC met for the last time.

Hosted by Upper Clapton URC, the evening began a little earlier than usual to allow those attending to enjoy fellowship and a generous buffet. The choir (about 15 women and 1 man) sang worship songs as we entered the sanctuary. They wore clothes in their corporate colours of black and scarlet and looked as good as they sounded—which was very good indeed!

There was the usual formal agenda and at the end of her report, the moderator was presented with gifts and flowers. She acknowledged the enormity of the changes but encouraged us to be positive about the new structures and make synod more 'local' to the Churches, adding that Lea Valley had always been 'movers and shakers'.

The District Council was dissolved with a formal motion, followed by another which instigated the Lea Valley Forum, which is intended to preserve the fellowship among our various Churches whilst the Area Committee of Synod deals with formal business.

The first meeting of the Lea Valley Forum will be on Thursday 1st November.

Abridged from an article previously published in Lancaster Road URC 'Contact'

Something to think about

In Romans 12 verse 1, Paul writes

'Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God'

An unknown writer commented on this:

'It may help those of us who do not consider ourselves to be very clever, to note that the 'living sacrifice' is our bodies. This includes the look of sympathy, the kind encouraging word, the ready errand for another, and the work of our hands.

Opportunities for all of these came more often than displays of our mental powers.

May we be enabled to offer willingly that which we have'

Ron Smith

Children's International Voices of Enfield 'CONCERT'

**In the presence of The master of the Queens
music, Sir Peter Maxwell
14th October — 3pm**

**Palmers Green URC
Tickets available on the door £5.00
concessions available**

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October Church Diary

- Wed 3rd 2.15pm Friendship club Mr Kevin Brook will be talking about Aviation Fellowship
- Sun 7th 11am **The Revd David Atkinson**
Holy Communion offering for Goldie College in the Solomon islands
Duty Elder—Pamela Fisher
- Wed 9.45am- Joint bible study with Lancaster road at
10th 11.15 Lancaster Road URC
- Thurs 11th 7.30pm Elders meeting in the elders vestry
- Sun 14th 11am **The Worship group**
Duty Elder — Pamela Mansley
6.30pm **Combined Service for the N.W. Enfield group of Churches. Healing service at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene**
- Wed 17th 2.15pm Friendship club the Rev. Gordon Giles will be presenting 'Music in the life of St Paul's Cathedral'
- Sat 20th 10am— Church Day—All welcome
4pm 'Faith in Action'
- Sun 21st 11am **The Revd David Atkinson**
Family Parade Service
Boys Brigade enrolment
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert`
- Wed 24th 9.45am- Joint bible study with Lancaster road at
11.15 Lancaster Road URC

Thurs 7.45- Bible study at Christ Church in the
25th 9.15 hall—beginners room

Sun 28th 11am Terry Silvey
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher

Wed 31st 2.15pm Friendship club 'A Taste of Coffee'
Mr Colin Smith will be giving the
history of making coffee

November Church diary

Sat 3rd 11am-3pm Christmas Bazaar

Sun 4th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for the
communion fund
Duty Elder— Ron Smith
12.30pm Church meeting

Sun 11th 10.50am Remembrance Sunday
The worship Group
Duty Elder — Pamela Fisher

Advance dates for 2007

Elders meetings

7.30pm 11th October

Church meetings

12.30pm 4th Nov.
(Elders election)

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 3rd November
11am—3pm

Events at church

Church Day 20th October

URC Multicultural Day

All age event
1st December 10am-4pm

Meetings of the Synod

10th November
Friends meeting House, Euston

** 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

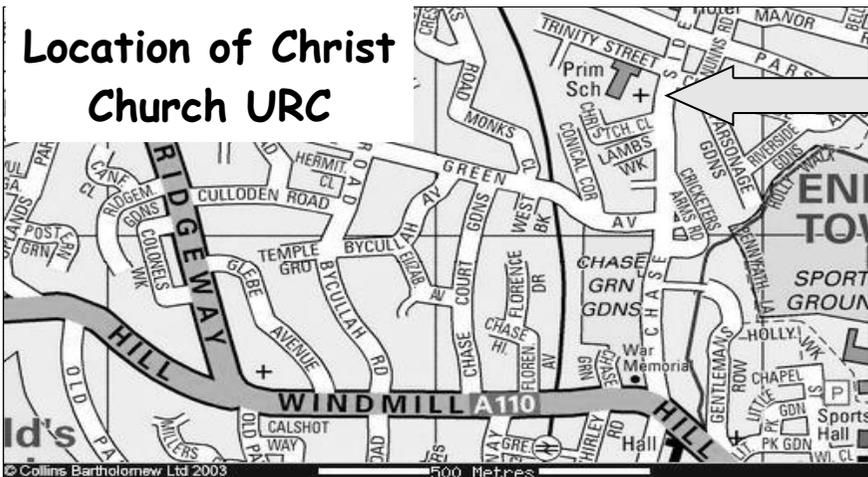


WHEN:

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 **November** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday**.

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