

CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson

Winning Harvest collage by Guides and Rangers



**3rd
October
Coffee
Morning
10 to 12**

**7th
November
Coffee
Morning
10 to 12**

October 2009

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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 see diary*

MONDAY

6.30pm - Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

8.00pm Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.00pm — 9.00pm Company & Senior Section
(11-18 years)

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)

MINISTERS LETTER

Dear Friends,

Some time ago I read a story of two beached whales which were in distress. Rescuers had tried without success to push them back into the sea. It looked as though they would have to be put down. Then Moko, a bottlenose dolphin appeared. In an incident that amazed conservationists, the dolphin, apparently responding to the whales' distress calls, led them to safety.

The pygmy sperm whales, a mother and a male calf, had become stranded in Mahia Beach about three hundred miles north east of Wellington, New Zealand. A local man, who found them, alerted his neighbour, a conservation worker, and they spent an hour and a half trying to re-float the whales, only to see them beached repeatedly on a large sand-bar just offshore. It was presumed that the whales were disorientated and could not find their way back, past the sand-bar, to the sea.

It was considered that killing the whales would be the most humane thing to do to save them from a slow painful death. At that point, Moko, as local people have named the dolphin, arrived. Moko, who often plays with humans at Mahia, approached the whales and guided them two hundred yards along the shoreline and out through a channel into the open sea.

Witnesses said that Moko and the whales could be heard making noises to each other. The whales were emitting whistles and clicks which were probably distress signals. However, it is unusual for a dolphin to communicate with pygmy sperm whales. But something happened that enabled Moko to guide the two whales to safety. Moko returned to the beach soon afterwards and resumed her water games with locals.

The dolphin's action is evidence of the species' friendly altruistic nature. Experts have said that dolphins have a great capacity for altruistic activities. They have been known to protect people lost at sea, as well as being playful.

I think this is a wonderful story and that we can learn much from one of God's creatures. The dictionary defines altruism as "regard for, and devotion to, the interest of others".

Jesus commands us to "Love your neighbour as you love yourself" and told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to illustrate his commandment. The Good Samaritan's actions went beyond the boundaries of race, religion and nationality. He helped an injured man, without thought for himself and went the extra mile (Luke 10:25-37).

The story of the dolphin stirs the heart and makes us think. We can marvel at an animal showing such qualities. But most important of all we have the inspiring example of the Good Samaritan and the magnanimous life of Jesus to guide us.

It is good that a dolphin has been described as altruistic, we should endeavour to be altruistic too.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Phyllis Swansborough has been in Chase Farm Hospital for an operation on her foot.

Marion Wiley has had a fall and broken her shoulder. This has delayed an operation which was due on 7th September.

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

Forthcoming events

Saturday 3rd October 10 to 12
Coffee Morning in Church and grounds
Sunday 4th October 11am
Boys brigade enrolment
Join us for our parade service

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Saturday 7th November 10 to 12
Coffee Morning in Church and grounds
Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Day Service
Please join us at 10.45am.

ELDERS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for church members to serve as Christ Church elders for 2010. Forms may be obtained from the church secretary and should be returned, signed, no later than 7th October. The election will take place at the church meeting on the 1 s t N o v e m b e r

Stephen Gilbert

REVIEW OF OUR OPEN DAY SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

The day started wonderfully with a lovely bright sky and sun streaming through the newly cobweb free stained glass windows of the Church. After weeks of preparation and hours of hard work, we were almost ready to open the Church to visitors. A last minute flurry of activity put the final touches in place.



Visitors started to arrive as soon as we opened the doors. They were given a copy of the newly prepared Christ Church History by the volunteers manning the door and offered a newsletter. Indeed there was a steady stream of



visitors from far and wide all through the day - even at 3.55 pm! Some said they had always wanted to look inside the Church and were taking the opportunity to do so; one man had only ever been in a Church once before in his life. Friends and neighbours came and we were well supported by other churches.

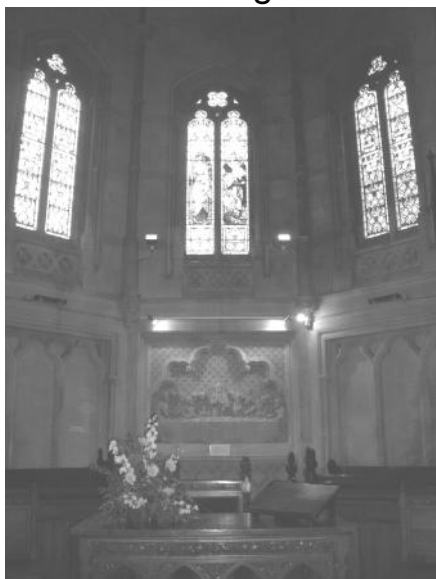


They enjoyed all the activities and the beautifully prepared refreshments and finger buffet, as well as the plentiful tea and coffee. The Brownies came to act as waitresses and to help wash up (getting rather wet in the process!).

Points of interest markers were placed around the Church and notices displayed giving further information about various features of the building. There was a display of historic photographs with explanatory notes. The children



had their own quiz to do, although their favourite place was the Children's Corner where there were pictures to colour and games to play. The beautiful flower displays on the Communion Table and in the entrance hall were provided by Sabella florist design in London Road.

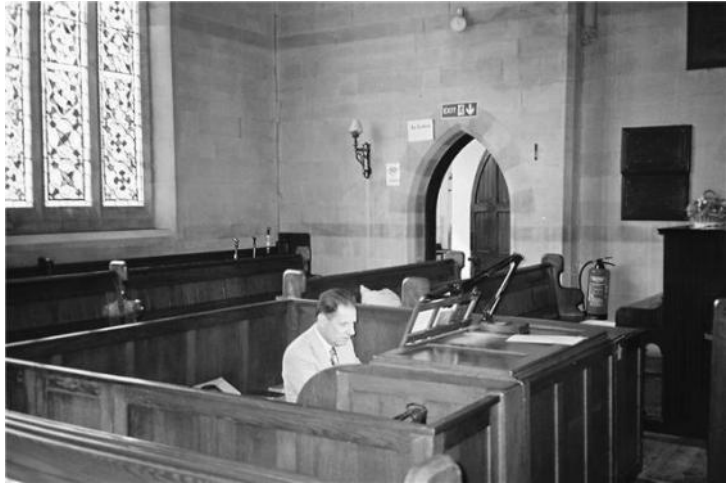


On display were the collages made by the various youth groups on the theme of harvest. The judges found these extremely hard to mark as they were all so good. The Guides & Rangers won by a whisker, but they were closely followed by the Pilots, Brownies, and Rainbows



Our two musical interludes were thoroughly enjoyed by all and many made a return visit to the Church specifically to listen to the events. In the morning our friend Brian Page gave an organ recital with pieces varying from well known hymns to the Carpenters. In the afternoon, the Brian Booth jazz orchestra provided a contrasting entertainment.





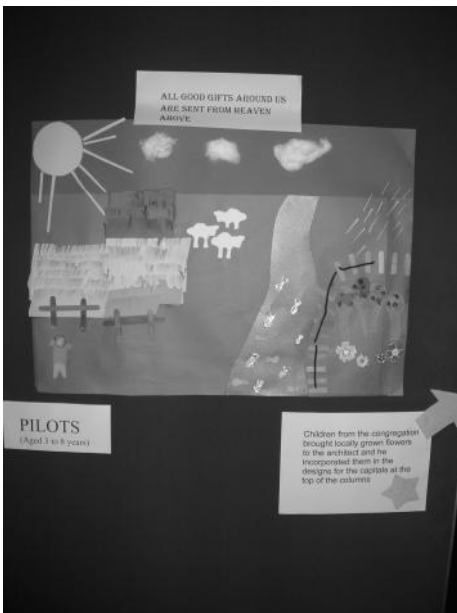
We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this day, whether with the cleaning and tidying of the Church beforehand; the preparation of the history and displays; the advertising and leafleting; the refreshments; the entertainment; the washing up; the manning of the Church; or simply attending on the day. Whatever you have done, thank you.

HARVEST SERVICE

Our Harvest Festival service led by our Minister Revd David Atkinson had one of the largest congregations we have had for a while. All the uniform groups were well represented. The grand unveiling of our new projector and laptop took place on the day, so all our hymns and readings were on a screen at the front of the church. Books were provided for anyone unable to see the screen.



During the Service prizes were awarded to the uniform groups for the Harvest Collage Competition and also to those who had completed the children's quiz on the Open Day.



Above is the pilots collage and right is the rainbows collage



There was a collection of non perishable goods for Christian Action Housing Association who for many years have been helping needy people in Enfield, particularly young homeless people. The loose change given in the collection was given to Sight Savers International. We are pleased to say that £170.00 was raised.



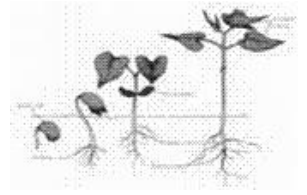
The Brownies collage

Vision group report

We are very pleased how the open day went and the amount of Enfield people came to see the Church. We have had 2 successful Coffee mornings and are planning 2 more on the 3rd October and 7th November We are still looking to grow God's Kingdom with the 'Christianity explore courses'

All ideas welcome. Please contact one of the group or Pamela Fisher 07775505999 or Email pjf_40b@hotmail.com

Every Person Challenge 2009 Going for Growth



PRAYER CALENDER FOR THE MONTH

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you – Jeremiah 29:12

I commit myself to prayer for the following this week

We pray for peace in this world. Pray that God's hand will be upon the leaders of nations that they will always remember the duty and responsibility God places upon them to govern wisely and justly.

We also want to pray that man will learn to live in peace and harmony with his neighbour. May each of us be reminded that we are all neighbours and inter-dependent on each other.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ Church – we pray not only for those who are unwell physically but also spiritually. We pray for God's peace and protection from all doubts that they may have about being under God's grace and mercy.

We pray for Christ Church and thank God for His abundant grace as He continues to show us how much He wants to bless our work thus far. He reminds us that He has plans for our church, plans to prosper and bless the service of Christ Church in this community.

We pray for ourselves that we will learn to 'abide in Him'. We want to pray to be continually reminded that the Holy Spirit has been promised and provided to us that we might live victoriously in Christ.

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The Friendship Club

Meetings for October 2009

A warm welcome is extended to all our friends to join with us at the club. Which meets on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm in the church hall

Oct 7th

A talk on personal security and security in the home
PC Field

Oct 21st

Hearing dogs, with Miss Arendt

Nov 4th

The History of Enfield on postcards with Tony Dey

Do come and join us in October

We are a happy group and extend a warm welcome to men as well as ladies to our meetings

'Be strong, all people of the land: for I am with you, sayeth the Lord of hosts. Haggai 2. V4

Lily Smith

The Mission Aviation Fellowship

On November 1st our communion offering will be sent to the mission Aviation Fellowship. This is a Christian organisation whose mission is to fly light aircraft in developing countries so that people in remote areas can receive the help they need. These flights enable the continuation of crucial work by many development and aid agencies, missions, local churches and other national groups.

In this way, medical care, adequate food, clean water and Christian hope are reaching countless thousands of men, women and children.

Recently, the cost of the fuel these aircraft use has accelerated increasing far more than the prices we pay for our petrol and diesel.

MAF are asking for prayer and practical support at this time, and we look forward to a generous response on November 1st.

Ron Smith

www.maf-uk.org

And Another Thing.....

As I listened to the sermon on Sunday, 13th September on the subject of 'WISDOM', a little thought came to mind as to who can claim to be the wisest man to have ever walked the earth (I'm not counting Jesus, as He is the Son of God).

Usually, if asked, most people would probably say Solomon. No one ever says, "As wise as David or John or Peter or Mary.....". Everyone automatically says, "As wise as Solomon". The Queen of Sheba certainly thought so and journeyed a great distance for an audience with him. We are told she left, marvelling at his wisdom. Yet, was he the wisest man in history?

Solomon, certainly started his kingship on a right note. When granted a wish by God, he chose to ask for wisdom to carry out his duties as king and on a personal note, wisdom to discern between good and bad. He didn't choose fame or riches and we read in the bible that his choice pleased God and God blessed him by not only giving him wisdom but also fame and riches.

Yet, we also read that within the very next generation the kingdom of Israel split into two. What went wrong? Where is the wisdom in all that? The blame should not fall only on Solomon's son but on Solomon as well. We read that Solomon turned his heart away from God. He forgot all his wise sayings and forsook God. He disobeyed God and the history of Israel records the terrible consequences that followed. Not very wise was he? The psalmist in Psalm 119:11 says "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee".

Want to know the secret of success? - Hold fast to the word of God. Now that is wisdom!

Pamela Mansley

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October Church Diary

- Sat 3rd** **10—** **COFFEE@CHRIST CHURCH**
12md
- Sun 4th** **11am** **The Revd David Atkinson**
Family Parade Service
B.B Enrolment
Holy Communion offering for Goldie
College
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley
- Wed 7th** **2.15pm** **Friendship Club**
Security in the home
- Sun** **11am** **The Revd Agatha Baptiste**
11th **Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**
- Wed** **9.45-** **Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at**
14th **11.15am** **Lancaster Road URC**
- Sun** **11am** **Mr Martin Wells**
18th **Duty Elder-Ron Smith**
- Wed** **2.15pm** **Friendship Club**
21st **Hearing dogs for deaf people**
Miss Arendt
- Sun** **11am** **Mr. Terry Silvey**
25th **Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed** **9.45-** **Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at**
28th **11.15am** **Lancaster Road URC**

November Church Diary

Sun 1st	11am	The Revd David Atkinson Family Parade Service Holy Communion offering for the Mission Aviation Fellowship Duty Elder— Ron Smith
Sat 7th	10— 12md	COFFEE@CHRIST CHURCH
Sun 8th	10.45am	Mr L Moody Remembrance Sunday Duty Elder—Pamela Fisher
Wed 11th	9.45- 11.15am	Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

Advance dates for 2009

Church Meetings

12.30pm

1st November

Elders Meetings

8pm

7th October 8pm Manse

2nd December 8pm Manse

Thames North Synod

10am—4pm

Saturday 14th November

Venue TBC

** 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.

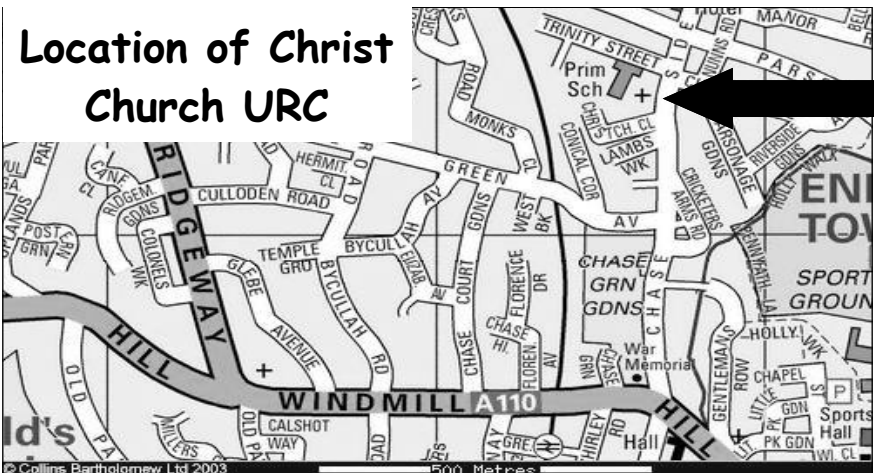
WHEN:
Sunday
mornings from
11am to 12 noon



WHERE:
Pilots meet in
the Church Hall

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 2009** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of October**.

Please contact me, Pamela Fisher, with any items to be included in future issues. I can receive them either in paper copy at Sunday worship or by email.

020 8482 4610 A/M please leave me a message