

# CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson

*Harvest Festival Service  
21st September 11am*



*followed by a soup and bread  
fundraising lunch for MAF*

**September 2008**

# 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

6.30 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,

On 17<sup>th</sup> June I visited the Houses of Parliament to hear the Secretary of State for International Development, the Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, speak about Fair Trade. The meeting was organised and chaired by our MP, the Rt Hon Joan Ryan. It was held in the Grand Committee Room in Westminster Hall. The room was filled with people of all ages from teenagers to senior citizens. We were told that there were people present from various schools, the Scouts, the Rotary club and various churches. It was a very interesting and enjoyable meeting but just occasionally I did not manage to hear what was said.

The purpose of Fair Trade is to ensure that the producers of the goods are fairly paid for their work and have satisfactory working conditions. If companies meet these conditions the Fair Trade Foundation gives them its Fair Trade mark and approval. Tragically some employers, especially in the poorest countries, treat their workers appallingly. So some of our cheap goods are made by people whose working conditions and pay are extremely poor. The aim of Fair Trade is to help raise the living standards of badly treated workers. Of course, this usually means we have to be willing to pay more for our goods.

We were told that in the United Kingdom more people buy fairly traded goods than in any other country in the world. Every two years in the last eight years UK shoppers have doubled the amount of Fair Trade goods they buy. The total value of Fair Trade products sold in 2005 was £196 million and in 2006 it was £284 million. It is certainly noticeable that today all the main supermarkets stock Fair Trade products such as tea, coffee and bananas.

So what can we do to encourage the growth in Fair Trade goods and thereby promote greater justice in the world? The following suggestions were made:

- buy Fair Trade goods,

- ask retailers to stock Fair Trade goods,
- ask retailers about the working conditions and pay of people who produce their goods,
- ask retailers why they sell Fair Trade tea and coffee but not Fair Trade shirts,
- join a campaigning organisation for Fair Trade,
- ask politicians who are standing for election if they support Fair Trade.

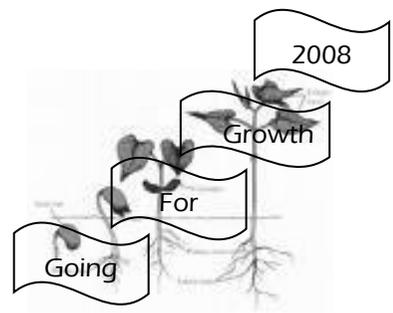
One of the most encouraging parts of the meeting was the number of young people present and their obvious commitment to Fair Trade. Some of the most interesting comments and questions came from young people.

One asked if Fair Trade products will be sold at the 2012 London Olympics? He argued that selling Fair Trade goods at the Olympics will give the Fair Trade idea world-wide publicity.

Another asked about the possible conflict between Fair Trade and the Green agenda. Fair Trade products from overseas have to be transported here using a lot of fuel which may damage the environment. Mr Alexander said that this is a very difficult issue and goods from many miles away are not always more harmful to the environment than goods grown or made nearer home. He said that goods transported by lorries and aeroplanes use a lot of fuel but goods transported by ships use relatively little fuel and are more environmentally friendly. He also said that tomatoes grown under the sun and transported from Spain may be less environmentally damaging than tomatoes grown in this country using man-made heating systems.

As Christians we need to be committed to justice in the world and I believe that supporting the Fair Trade movement is one way of expressing this commitment. May God guide us in how we treat people and the environment and help us to promote justice and caring. David.

# Every Person Challenge



Fund raising Harvest lunch  
For the benefit of  
Mission Aviation Fellowship  
Sunday 21st September 12.30pm  
following our Family Parade Service



Home made soup  
and French bread



Tea and Coffee to follow.

£5 per person payable on the day

Please let Pamela Fisher know that you  
are going to attend so she has an idea  
of numbers (8482 4610)



[www.maf-uk.org](http://www.maf-uk.org)

## **NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Mark Bullock has broken two toes.

Robert Wilson has had glandular fever.

Audrey Hayes has moved into Spring View Nursing Home and is settling in well.

Congratulations to Tom Boorman who has gained an honours degree in computer engineering.

Bill Hutchings is unwell at present.

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

# **Congratulations to Thomas from his parents, sister, family and friends.**



Back in June the wait was over and Tom knew he had passed his exams. What a wonderful moment for any parent to be proud of - their child receiving a degree. This is our photo of Tom after he received his B.Eng degree with honours in Computer Engineering. It was a wonderful day, 16th July 2008 when we attended his graduation ceremony at Queen Mary College, University of London, the sun shone and it was a privilege to be part of this prestigious occasion.

Well done Thomas.

growing**strong**



the children's charity

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Church Lane  
Berkhamsted  
Hertfordshire HP4 2AX

Telephone: 0845 7626579

Fax: 01442 879408

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Mrs Smart



07 August 2008

Dear Mrs Smart,

Thank you so much for sending in the amount of 134.80 [REDACTED], which was collected by your home collecting box branch members.

Please pass on our sincere thanks to your branch members for their kind donations.

NCH was originally established as a refuge for children on the streets, but has now grown to meet the needs of the day. Our services make a real difference to children and young people's lives, but it is through the support such as you give through your branch that enables our work to continue.

Being able to rely on almost 600,000 pounds each year from collecting box holders allows NCH to plan the help and care needed by so many.

Thank you again for this support.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Drake  
Supporter Care Administrator



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Fundraising  
Standards Board

Patron: HM The Queen

NCH, previously The National Children's Home, was founded in 1869

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## Harvest Festival September 21<sup>st</sup>

At our Harvest Festival the loose offering will be sent to Sight Savers International. They do remarkable work in the developing world, including treating cataracts, preventing river blindness, and helping people who are permanently blind. The money collected on Harvest Sunday will transform lives.

The Harvest gifts that people bring to the church will be sent to the Christian Action Housing Association. They are based near Enfield Lock, and for about 50 years have been helping needy people in Enfield, particularly young homeless people. Gifts of non-perishable food will be welcome, particularly pasta, beans, rice and tinned food ( but please avoid meat products). In previous years the staff at the Housing Association were very pleased to receive our gifts and assured us that they will be put to very good use.

"all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above

Then thank the Lord, o thank the lord for all his love"

## Friendship Club News

Members of the club enjoyed a visit to Forty Hall on May 28th.

The fourteen members were served an excellent lunch in the refurbished cafeteria. After which some Friends visited the Walled Garden, although the weather was damp. As there was no one to take us around the garden, we were escorted around the 17<sup>th</sup> century house, making it an interesting visit, and a day to remember.

The autumn session commences on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with a devotional meeting led by Mrs Jean Kellaway.

All the meetings commence at 2:15pm.

We welcome any Friend who is able to come and join us on a Wednesday afternoon.

"you will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you"

Isaiah 26.3

Lily Smith

**The Friendship Club**  
**Autumn Programme 2008**

Alternate Wednesdays, At 2.15pm, In Christ Church Hall,  
Chase Side, Enfield

Sept 3rd. Opening Devotional Meeting (Mrs J. Kellaway )

Sept. 17th. London's Coast And Countryside (slides)  
(Miss P. Lambert)

Oct 1st. The Palace Of Westminster (Major P. Horsfall)

Oct 15th. Travelling With My Camera (slides) (Mr H. Noble)

Oct 29th. The Changing Health Service (Mr J. Williams )

Nov 12th. The Mission To Seafarers (Mrs P. Davies)

Nov 26th. Handmade Greeting Cards  
(Judith And Christine Hughes)

Dec 10th. "Towards Christmas" With An Update On  
"Crisis" (Mr J Williams) And A Christmas Tea

**Break for Christmas Holidays**

Jan 14th. 2009 Opening Devotional Meeting

Jesus Said "I Will Be With You Always"

We Welcome Everyone To Our Friendly Meetings.

Secretary: Mrs. L. Smith. 020 8363 2788



MAF is a dynamic worldwide partnership. Our purpose is to speed physical and spiritual care to people in places of deepest human need. Remote places where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline.

For over 50 years, MAF planes have been serving countless thousands of men, women and children, bringing medical care, emergency food, and Christian hope. Serving as the air-arm of the church.

Today worldwide, the MAF partnership operates over 130 aircraft from bases in 30 countries.

Every three minutes, an MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world. Enabling the work of aid and development agencies, missions, national churches and other local groups. Carrying their dedicated teams bringing healing and relief for body, mind and spirit.

Flying across deserts, jungles, mountains and swamps. Giving hope to far-flung communities which might take days or weeks to reach by land, where roads may be non-existent, or impassable for half the year.

MAF also provides communications and logistics services to mission communities.

In the UK, MAF is a registered charity funded by voluntary gifts. These gifts help finance MAF's overseas operational work and support services.

## **Latest update on the website—10 June 2008**

### **MAF returns to Chad**

Following evacuation from Chad in February this year, Mission Aviation Fellowship's team has now returned to the country and flying has resumed.

After rebel soldiers failed in their attempt to take the capital N'Djaména and seize power from President Deby, relative peace has now returned to the country.

## Fund raising lunch 21st September

Jill Vine, wife of pilot Greg, writes, 'It is unlikely the rebels will be able to return to N'Djaména as their battle, which lasted for two days, was completely frustrated by the Chadians using military helicopters and blockading the roads with tanks so their pick-ups loaded with missiles couldn't get past. Nevertheless, the two sides shot up the capital pretty badly and a lot of people died. Miraculously, nobody we know was injured or killed, and none of their families or friends were hurt either. None of the missionary compounds were looted, which was also a definite miracle as much of the capital was.'

MAF's operations began with the first flight carrying medical supplies and staff. Short-term pilot Bryan Pill flew Dr Ray Brown, two other medical staff and 600kg of supplies to a clinic in Ati, some 300 miles north of the capital. Pilot Greg Vine returned to collect them a week later.

On another flight, Bryan flew a Christian Blind Mission team to conduct eye work in Moundou in the south. On the return flight, he was able to bring supplies left there by Greg and Jill Vine during the fighting.

An important part of our work in Chad is the medical safari. Usually lasting up to a week, a medical team is flown to a number of remote locations to provide in-depth medical care to people who don't have the opportunity or resources to see a doctor.

On the first safari since evacuation, Greg flew Dr Ann Fursdon and her team to the villages of Kuono, Gama, Bembare, Kimre and Koblague. Dr Fursdon treated patients and helped train the nurses who are left in charge when she leaves. The more time she can spend with them, the higher level of care they can give, providing better health for the community.

Greg shares, 'It was a fruitful week as far as giving many the rare opportunity to see a doctor. A number of people had been sick for some time, and it relieved me – let alone them that they should be attended to.'

MAF's team is thankful to be back and to be able to provide vital assistance in Chad.

## IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Dear Friends,

One of the challenges for Every Person Challenge 2008 is to bring new people into Christ Church; not just to bring them in but to make them new disciples. Believers!

In one sense this is not a new challenge. Matthew 28:19,20 records the command Jesus gave to go and make people everywhere, His disciples. Do you think Jesus would ask us to do something that He knows is impossible?

Note before the command, Jesus said, "I have been given authority in heaven and on earth...." In Acts 1:8, Jesus's last words were "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses for me ....." So His command is achievable.

We have His authority, and yet we feel powerless. What's gone wrong?

This is where the power of prayer comes in. Jesus spent His final hours in prayer, not tying up loose ends or issuing late minute instructions. No, He spent them in prayer. He did this because He knew that the only way He was going to be able to endure what was coming was to draw on the love and strength of His Father. **HE NEEDED TO BE IN COMMUNION WITH HIS FATHER.** If Jesus himself needed to pray, how much more do we need to pray?

This is why the very first challenge for this year's Every Person Challenge – Going for Growth 2008, is to commit ourselves to pray not only by ourselves but also together as a body of believers. Acts 1:14 records the early believers meeting regularly and continuing "... with one accord in prayer and supplication...." As part of this commitment, a prayer meeting will be held on the fourth Sunday of every month at 10.30am in the Elders' Vestry. We would encourage you to come and learn to lift up our world, our nation, our community, our Church and ourselves, collectively to God.

Jesus urges us to pray, urgently, persistently and in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us meet and talk to our God.

Blessings!

# Social group meeting

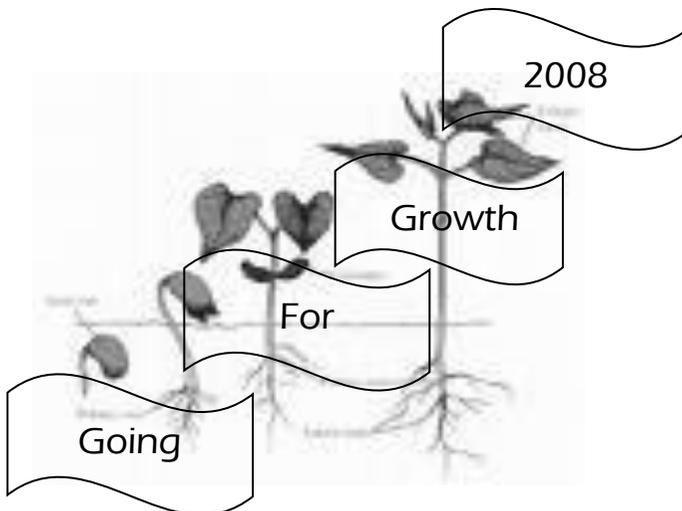
On the 18th July we held the first meeting of our new social group. 14 of us got together for a bring and share barbeque. Rain didn't spoil the event, but drew us all closer under the gazebo.

The purpose of the evening was to agree a name and things to do at future meetings. We didn't manage to do either but here are some suggestions:

Names	Friday fellowship Christ Church Fellowship Christ Church Social Group For God's Sake Fellowship.
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Activities	Cinema trip Talk from Stephen Board game evening Video and discussion
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The next meeting date and activity to be arranged in the near future and advertised at the back of the church. All of the church family are welcome.



# Pure Word Ministry Summer Fete on the 28th June.



The newly formed Axeminster band led by Martin Stogden played.....





The sun  
Shone on  
the  
day.....

Martin, Clare, George  
and Adrian all  
entertained us with  
lovely singing.....



and the  
barbeque  
went down  
a treat.



## **New appointment at Enfield URC Churches**

The Revd Ray Adams, Deputy General Secretary of URC, has accepted a unanimous call from the three churches of Palmers Green, Ponders End and Winchmore Hill to become their settled Minister at the turn of the year.

## **New moderator for Thames North Synod**

General assembly has ratified the appointment of Revd. Dr. Andrew Prasad as Moderator to serve from 1st October 2008 until 30th September 2015. Ordained into the Church of North India in 1981, he has most recently been Minister of the United Reformed Churches at Dulwich Grove and Camberwell Green. He will be inducted at 2pm on the 4th October at the City Temple.

Thames North Synod  
The Elders Conference

Friday evening - Sunday lunchtime  
6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009

All Saints Pastoral Centre  
London Colney, St Albans



Bible Study Leader:  
Revd Dr John Campbell,  
Principal of Northern College



Enjoy your faith

Share the challenges of serving and supporting  
church life

Choose from a wide range of useful and  
inspiring workshop subjects

Opportunities to share your experience with  
others

Lively worship, music and singing

Booking forms and a full schedule will be  
available in September 2008

So far more than half of the churches in the Synod  
have replied to the invitation to attend, and this  
weekend promises to be a success.

**Make sure that your church is represented**

Questions to: Tony Corfe - Potters Bar, 01707 659080  
conference@urcthamesnorth.org.uk



# God for all ages

Saturday 27th September: 10.00-17.30

at Trinity Church, Knebworth

## Morning Programme

### Discussion Groups

Communion and children

Music in worship

Women and Men in worship

Three score years and ten.  
Growing old with God.

Inclusive worship every week

Truly accessible worship

*Those booking for the morning will be invited to indicate a preference of two discussion groups—one from each of two sets of three. The make-up of the sets is not yet finalised.*

The closing date for bookings is Friday 19 September, so please phone Sue Russell after that date to check that there is space on the workshops or activities that interest you.

Bring and share lunch for all

## Afternoon Programme

Church of the third age

Signing that's singing

Gospel singing

Banner making

Music, mood, and ministry

Messy prayer

Once upon a time....

A final session of inclusive, accessible worship



I/We plan to attend **God for All Ages** on Saturday 27th September:

NAME: ..... PHONE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

EMAIL: ..... CHURCH: .....

NO ATTENDING MORNING:  AFTERNOON:

ALL DAY:  (I/we will bring items for the lunch)

Return to: Sue Russell, PA Development & Training.  
URC Thames North Synod, Ipalo House,  
32-34 Great Peter Street. London SW1P 2DB



# September Church Diary 2008

- Wed 3rd 2.15pm Friendship Club When Mrs Jean Kellaway will be leading us.
- Thurs 4th 7.45-9.15 Bible study at Christ Church in the hall—beginners room
- Sun 7th 11am The Revd David Atkinson  
Holy Communion offering for the  
Communion Fund**  
**12.30pm Church Meeting  
Duty Elder— Ron Smith**
- Wed 10th 9.45-11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 14th 11am The Worship Group  
Duty Elder—Stephen Gilbert**
- Wed 17th 2.15pm Friendship Club. London's Coastline and Countryside (slides)  
Miss P Lambert
- Sun 21st 11am The Revd David Atkinson  
Family Parade Service Harvest  
Festival. Loose offering for Sight  
Savers International . Gifts of  
non-perishable food for the  
Christian Action Housing  
Association.  
Duty Elder— Pamela Mansley**
- Wed 24th 9.45-11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 28th 11am Mr Terry Silvey  
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher**

# October Church diary 2008

- Wed 1st 2.15pm Friendship Club The Palace of Westminster. Major P. Horsfall
- Sun 5th 11am **The Revd David Atkinson  
Family Parade Service B.B.  
Enrolment. Holy Communion  
offering for Goldie College.  
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher**
- Wed 10th 9.45-11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC
- Sun 14th 11am **The Worship Group  
Duty Elder— Ron Smith**

## Advance dates for 2008

### Elders Meetings 8pm

2nd October  
4th December

### Church Meetings

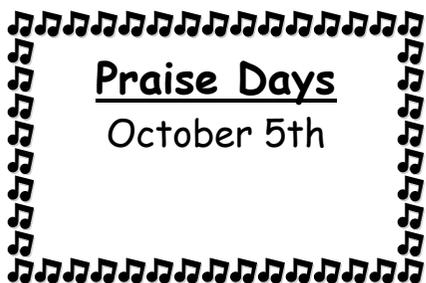
12.30pm  
7th September  
2nd November  
(elders election)

### Praise Days

October 5th

### Thames North Synod

10am  
20th September  
8th November



# **\*\* 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

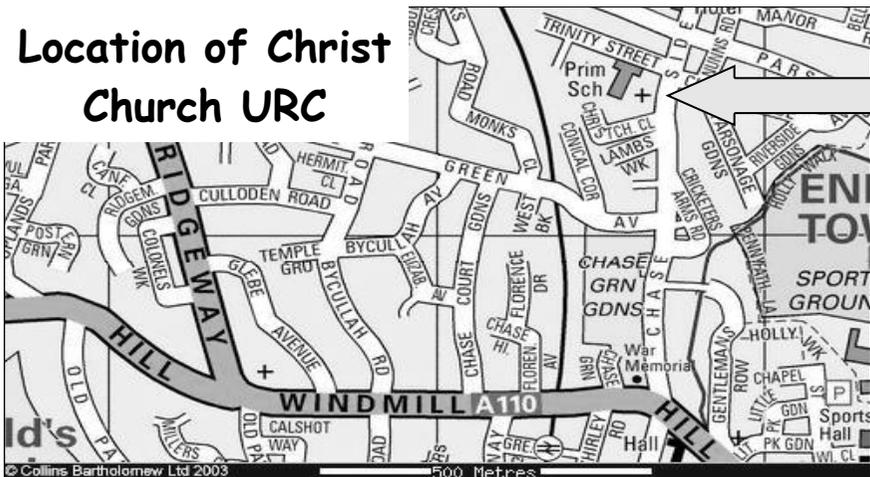


## **WHEN:**

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 **October 08** issue should reach the Editor by **2nd Sunday of September.**

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

020 8482 4610 A/M please leave me a message