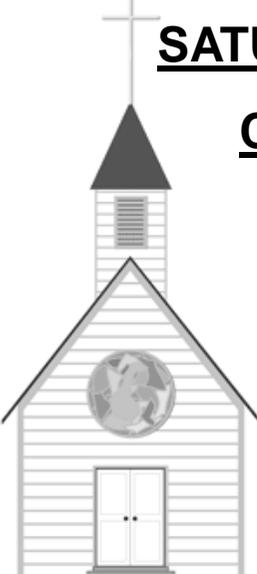


CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

CHRIST CHURCH URC
OPEN DAY

10am—4pm

**OPEN HOUSE LONDON
WEEKEND**

More information inside

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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,

I've been wondering recently if our society undervalues quietness.

Not long ago I had Sunday lunch with two church members in the Ridgeway and throughout our lunch there was background music. On a previous occasion at the same pub I remember someone requesting that the background music was turned off and was told this could not be done because it was against company policy.

On my recent holiday after a delightful walk I went into a café for a light snack. Once again there was background music. Later on the same day I browsed around a charity second hand bookshop and there it was again: background music.

I've recently made several visits to my parents and twice taken the train. The long distance train service from London Euston to Lancaster always includes quiet coaches in which people are not supposed to use their mobile phones. I've always chosen to travel in a quiet coach and on one of my journeys another passenger was on his phone for probably over half the journey!

I don't dislike music and sometimes have a CD playing whilst I am driving my car. I also sometimes have the radio on in my home and in my car. I also like talking with people and some conversations can be very enjoyable and interesting. But there are also times when I appreciate silence. I have quietness to work, think, read, walk, garden and pray.

There are times in the Bible when great value is placed on quietness. We remember the prophet Elijah hiding in a cave and hearing God. We are told that God does not reveal himself in the wind, earthquake or fire but rather in the quiet (1 Kings 19: 9-18). One of the most well known verses in the Bible is Psalm 46:10 where we read: “Be still and know that I am God”.

At the beginning of his ministry Jesus retreats by himself into the wilderness where he has a spiritual battle with the devil (Matthew 4:1-11). At the end of his ministry Jesus retreats into the Garden of Gethsemane and goes off on his own to pray to God about his immediate future, the crucifixion (Matthew 26:36-46). At certain times in his ministry Jesus goes to a quiet place to pray to God (e.g. Mark 1:35 and Luke 6:12).

Quietness can be used productively and one of those ways is to pray to and listen to God.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers Mary Smart and also Marion Wiley who is waiting to go into hospital.

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



SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER
CHRIST CHURCH URC
OPEN DAY
OPEN HOUSE LONDON WEEKEND

Our church will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 19th September to coincide with the Open House London weekend. There will be live music, Children's activities, a display illustrating the architecture, history and activities of the church which will be decorated for the Harvest Festival service at 11am on Sunday 20th. Please join us for a look around our beautiful church and for light refreshments.

Sunday 20th September 11am
Harvest festival
All age Service

Christ Church Open Day

The Church will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 19th September to coincide with Open House London weekend. There will be live music, Children's activities, a display illustrating the architecture, history and activities of the church which will be decorated for the harvest festival service at 11am on Sunday 20th.

The grade II listed Victorian Gothic Church was opened in 1875 on the site of Zion chapel (built in 1780), whose members had agreed to unite with members of the adjoining Chase Side Chapel (rebuilt in 1830).

Christ Church is faced with Kentish ragstone on the outside and Bathstone on the inside. The reredos on the apse wall is a stone relief copy of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the last supper. Late 19th century memorial stained glass windows represent Christ the saviour and the Good Shepherd, the four gospel writers, Peter and Paul, three 1st century Christian deacons and three Christian virtues.

For more information telephone 020 8363 0031 or 020 8363 4571 or visit online www.christchurchurcenfield.org.uk

Harvest Festival September 20th

At our Harvest festival we are being asked to bring gifts of food to church as a sign of our thankfulness to God for the many ways in which he provides us with food.

These gifts will be sent to the Christian Action Housing Association who for many years have been helping needy people in Enfield, particularly young homeless people. Gifts of non-perishable food will be welcome, particularly pasta,, rice, beans and tinned food (but please avoid meat products). In past years these have always been gratefully received by the staff at the housing association.

The loose offering on that day will be sent to Sight Savers International. They work with partners in over 30 developing countries, and the amount they can do with small amounts of money is remarkable. For example, Rita, aged 25, couldn't work or cook, and found it very hard to move around the house. A cataract operation costing £17 restored her sight. Athumani aged 63 had repeated eye infections causing severe pain, which would eventually lead to blindness. He was operated on in time and cane now get back to work and support his family. The cost of the operation—£5!

The money collected on Harvest Sunday will transform lives!

Ron Smith

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 1st November.

Stephen Gilbert



Check out our Website at Christ Church

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- ◇ Services/Events
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Friendship Club News

Members of the club enjoyed another visit to Forty Hall on June 3rd, when we were served a tasty lunch and later a cream tea in the cafeteria. The welcome and service shown to us by the staff was much appreciated.

The Autumn session commences on **September 9th at 2.15pm** and Mrs Jean Kellaway will be speaking to us.

We warmly welcome new members and friends to our meetings. Which are held in the Church Hall on alternate Wednesdays.

The dates of future meetings are listed below all commencing at 2.15pm.

Sept 23rd Up-to-date News of Bible Lands. Mrs F Young

Oct 7th Security in the home

Oct 21st Hearing dogs for deaf people Miss Arendt

Nov 4th Postcards of Old Enfield Mr T Dey

Nov 18th Memorable experiences Miss S Coombs

Dec 2nd Carols, Christmas Readings and a Christmas Tea with an update of CRISIS by Jack Williams

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Jan 13th 2010 open devotional meeting

Nan Hutchings rang last week. She is well & her family and she hopes to come and see us all in the Autumn

Lily Smith

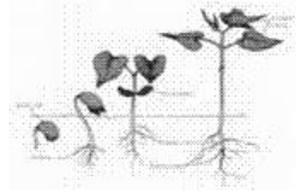


UNITED CHURCH IN SOLOMON ISLANDS

The communion offering in October is for Goldie College in the Solomon Islands, a boarding school run the the United Church. The school is still recovering from the earthquake which did so much damage a couple of years ago. The remaining old buildings are in poor condition and are in process of being demolished - I saw a recent photo of the place where my house used to be with only the concrete steps now leading to nowhere still standing! Some new buildings have been put up, a new dining hall and girl's dormitory for example. However there is still a lot of building and repair needing to be done. A group of former students, most of them my ex-students, who are concerned about the state of the school have got together and are actively raising funds for the rebuilding costs. I am sure that they too will very much appreciate any money that we can send to help with this work.

Sylvia Coombs

Every Person Challenge 2009 Going for Growth



PRAYER CALENDER FOR THE MONTH

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near – Isaiah 55:6

I commit myself to prayer for the following this week

All people who are troubled because of the continuing financial crisis. We pray that the Holy Spirit will banish all fear and doubt about God's concern and that we may remember that God is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow and that He knows our needs and will provide according to His will.

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 pray for our fellowship in Christ Church – our brothers and sisters in Christ who are ill (Mary Smart, Maureen Rye, Kathy Brown, Marion Wiley, Don Hart), friends who may be worried and afflicted. We pray for God's peace which passes all understanding and healing, both physical and spiritual and that they may be comforted to know God has them in His hands.

We pray for our Christ Church that we will continue to learn to rely on God, to commit our plans and hopes to Him and to pray to Him constantly in all that we endeavour to do. Pray that God will teach us how to be childlike, to be dependent on Him so that we may not fall into the temptation of thinking that we can do all things without His power.

We pray for ourselves that we will continue to trust in God and seek to deepen our faith in Him. We pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us to live as disciples of God.

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BUSH HILL PARK URC

We are invited to join our friends at Bush Hill Park URC for a series of events to celebrate the centenary of their church building.

19th September 6.30pm Food of the Nations
(Tickets £10 in advance from 8366 5526)

18th October Special service followed by a meal
(Tickets in advance)

15th November 'Year of the child' celebration of children

6th December Renewal of marriage vows

12th December Christmas party for all ages

21st March A visit from the Thames North Synod Moderator

For further details telephone 8366 5526,
email: office@bhpurc.org.uk
or visit online at

www.bhpurc.org.uk

BUSH HILL PARK URC

We are going to host Rev Paul Stokes of GEAR on Saturday 13 February 2010 at Bush Hill Park Church to lead us in the Vision4Life material on Prayer. Please will you invite any of your flock who would like to do so, to come and share with us. Teas and a light snack will be supplied. A free will collection will be received towards costs.

Vision4Life schedule

For Vision4Life, the basic timetable that we have devised for these events is:-

0900 Prayer time for leadership

1000 Arrivals & Welcome

Session #1 (inc. worship, introductions & teaching)

1115 Coffee break (20 mins)

Session #2 (teaching, testimony & group work)

1230 Lunch

1315 Sharing GEAR's vision, plus worship

1345 Session #3 (teaching, testimony, group work, prayer & debriefing)

Closing worship

1600 Event finishes

The afternoon sessions may sometimes prove to be shorter, but that rather depends on how fully involved people become in the group work and prayer. It's a shame to drag people out of meaningful interaction with each other and the Lord simply because of a timetable, and so we've found it best to allow the time within the schedule, and finish earlier if appropriate.

Every Blessing;

Denis Simons

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Made us Smile

An elderly couple had dinner at the home of friends and, after eating, the wife left the table and went into the kitchen. The two men were talking and one said "last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great, I would recommend it very highly" The other man wanted to know the name of the restaurant. The first man thought for a while and then said, "What is the name of that flower you give someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns". "Do you means a rose"? said the other man. "Yes, that's the one" he replied and turning to the kitchen he called "Rose, what's the name of the restaurant we went to last night"?



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September Church Diary

Wed 2nd 9.45- 11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

**Sun 6th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Ron Smith
12.30pm Church Meeting**

Wed 9th 2.15pm Friendship Club—Mrs Jean Kellaway will be speaking

**Sun 13th 11am The Worship Group
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**

Wed 16th 9.45- 11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

Sat 19th 10 to 4 CHURCH OPEN DAY

**Sun 20th 11am The Revd David Atkinson
Family Parade Service
Harvest Festival. Gifts of non-
perishable food for the Christian
Action Housing Association.
Loose offering for Sight Savers
International
Duty Elder-Pamela Mansley**

Wed 23rd 2.15pm Friendship Club Update News of Bible Lands. Mrs F Young

**Sun 27th 11am Mr. Terry Silvey
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher**

Wed 30th 9.45- 11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

October Church Diary

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 11th	11am	The Revd Agatha Baptiste Duty Elder— Ron Smith
Wed 14th	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.

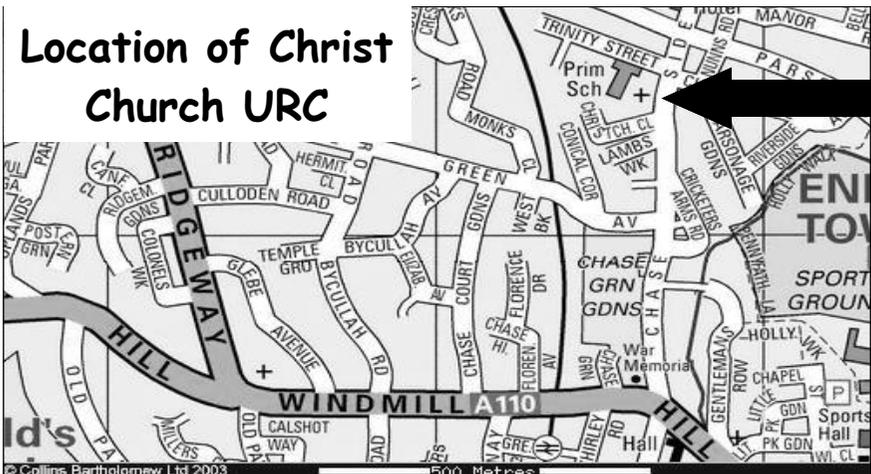
WHEN:
Sunday
mornings from
11am to 12 noon



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

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