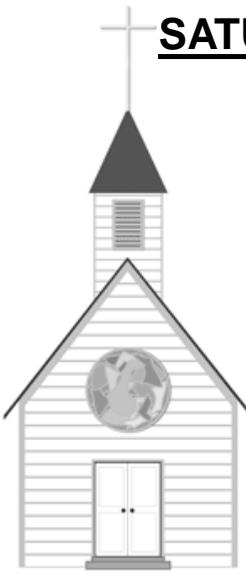




CHRIST CHURCH URC

Chase Side, Enfield

Minister Rev'd David Atkinson



SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

OPEN DAY

10am—4pm

**OPEN HOUSE LONDON
WEEKEND**

**Sunday 19th September
Harvest Family Service**

@GospelGifts

September 2010

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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

6.00pm -7.30pm

Anchor Boys (5-8 years)

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Junior Section (8-11 years)

7.30pm— 9.30pm

Company Section (11-15 years)

7.30pm — 9.30pm

Senior Section (15-18 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)

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

In June I went on a Ministerial Refresher Course to mark 35 years in the ministry. The United Reformed Church offers its ministers such refresher courses after 3 years and 7 years in the ministry and then every seventh year. We were offered the choice of three venues and I chose to go to Westminster College, Cambridge which is one of our ministerial training colleges.

The course ran from Monday to Friday and was fairly relaxed. If you didn't want to do something that was all right and there was free time in the afternoon. There were 8 lectures on a variety of subjects, daily worship and a few special things arranged for us. There was also the opportunity to discuss with colleagues and to use the College library.

I attended all the lectures, which I found a rather mixed bag, and all the times of worship. I also went on a guided tour of Kings College Chapel which was enjoyable and interesting. Westminster College itself was a very nice place to stay and the food was excellent. I had to stop myself eating too much!

I particularly enjoyed wandering around Cambridge before our breakfast at 8:15am. I enjoyed the very attractive buildings and streets, the River Cam and the open green areas. There were a few people swimming in an open air pool even at that early hour. I didn't join them!

The Refresher Course stimulated a sermon and I was able to write a rough draft of it whilst in Cambridge. It also gave me ideas for two other sermons which I have since written. In one of our times of worship we said a very good Affirmation of Faith which I hope to use at both Christ Church and Lancaster Road churches.

I assume that Refresher Courses help people in different ways with their faith and ministry and some will find a particular course more useful than others. The help may come from the worship or lectures, or by talking to colleagues, or by giving time to read, pray, reflect or relax.

I think we can all benefit by putting some time aside to read, pray or reflect about God and his will for our lives or by simply relaxing peacefully in God's loving presence.

Thank you for allowing me to go this Refresher Course.

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

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Mary Smart on 16th July. Mary was a very loyal member of Christ Church and will be missed by many people. We assure Linda, Derek, Tim and all her family of our sympathy and prayers.

We were very pleased to welcome Sonia Meggie into church membership at our communion service on 4th July.

Terry Silvey has transferred his URC membership from Christ Church to Lancaster Road Church. We are very grateful for Terry's many years of loyal service to Christ Church and pray for God's blessing with him at Lancaster Road.

Congratulations to Clive Wright and Merlyn Gasong who were married at Christ Church on 17th July.

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



SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
CHRIST CHURCH URC
OPEN DAY
OPEN HOUSE LONDON
WEEKEND

Our church will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 18th 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 19th. Please join us for a look around our beautiful church and for light refreshments.

Sunday 19th September 11am
Harvest festival

Mrs Mary Smart

We are all sorry to hear that our friend Mary Smart died on 16th July. She was born on 4th May 1930 in Wood Green, and attended Belmont School and Minchenden School. After this she went to Tottenham Technical College and gained the R.S.A Diploma in commerce. This enabled her, later on, to teach shorthand for 26 years.

Her first job was with the Free Church Federal Council and after a year she moved to Shell Petroleum, where she worked until 1958, ending up as senior secretary to one of the managers. She left work to stay at home with her family and had Linda, Derek and Tim.

She moved to Enfield in 1960, living in Ridge crest for 34 years and then moving to Monks road.

She started coming to Christ Church in the early '60s and became a member in 1970. She became the cradle roll secretary, using her skill as a calligrapher to inscribe over 100 Baptismal Certificates. She was door steward at the services for many years and later took charge of the stewards rota, as well as helping regularly in the various tasks associated with the church.

She joined the Friendship Club in 1998. She was a loyal member and later agreed to take the subscriptions at meetings in spite of her eyesight problems and deteriorating health.

She was a member of the women's council and showed considerable artistic ability in decorating some of the church windows for harvest festivals.

Mary joined many clubs in order to keep active; these include the First Tuesday Club, the Geranium Club, U3A, Enfield Vision, The 19th Enfield B.P guild and she was leader of the enjoy Your Retirement Club at Ruth Winston House.

She led a very active life, and has enjoyed many holidays at home and abroad, as well as keeping in touch with, and meeting, two pen friends, one is Sweden and one in the USA since 1947.

Mary has been on her own since 1977 but her life has been enhanced by the loving support of her children Linda, Derek and Tim.

In Christ Church we found her brave in her illness, determined and dependable. If Mary promised to do something we could be sure it would be done.

We shall all miss her

The Friendship Club

Our club reopens for the Autumn session on Wednesday, September 22nd at 2.15pm in the Church Hall and we warmly welcome old and new friends to join us at our friendly meetings

September 22nd

The on going work of the Leprosy Mission with Rev. Martin Davies
And Christmas Cards are for sale

October 6th

Visiting Oberammergau. (slides) Miss C Hughs

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23.

Lily Smith

Wedding of Sarah Hislop and Sean Harry Friday 13th August

Sarah and Sean's wedding saw the church beautifully decorated and filled with over 200 people to join their celebrations. Friends and family have gone to a lot of effort to make this a very special day.

The service was led by our Minister the Rev'd David Atkinson, many of the guests commented on very personalised



wedding address based on the reading of 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 titled Love.

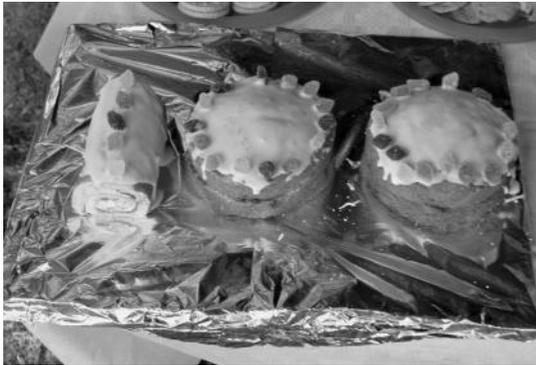
Photos by Katherine Fisher



100 years of Girl Guiding



The Girl Guide movement celebrates its centenary in 2010 and families and friends of the 9th Enfield Brownies were kindly invited to their centenary celebrations in the garden behind the church on Saturday afternoon 3rd July. The guests were entertained by the Brownies and delicious refreshments were provided, although the chief attraction for the girls appeared to be the bouncy castle.





Families and friends of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers were invited to their annual barbecue in Christ Church Hall on Friday evening 16th July, where we were able to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers (cooked outside the hall) and be entertained by the girls.





Thank you to everyone who organised and took part in these enjoyable events and to all the leaders and helpers for their work with the girls during the year and their support to Christ Church

Stephen Gilbert

Harvest Festival September 19th

At our Harvest festival we are 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 can 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

3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade summer camp 2010



From 24th to 31st July, members of the 3rd Enfield joined with the 10th Enfield Boys' Brigade and 1st Winchmore Hill Girls' Brigade for our summer camp, which was held in Beeston Regis, Norfolk.

A total of 12 boys, 3 girls and 10 members of staff went on the camp, which took place on the 10th Enfield's campsite, on a cliff top on the North Norfolk coast. Everyone got to take part in a number of activities such as a climbing wall, zip wire, go karting, pitch and putt, swimming, a trip to Pleasurewood Hills theme park, and more. There were also activities organised on site including beach trips, camp Olympics, football, a quiz, water games, an assault course, among many other things. During periods of free time, everyone got the chance to play games on site or go into Sheringham, the nearest town. There were also devotions each day, led by the youth work team from Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, where the 10th Enfield BB and 1st Winchmore Hill GB are based.



During the week there was also an inter-tent competition, where the tents competed in teams in activities such as the beach Olympics, quiz, water games, etc., as well as the traditional daily tent inspections! A highlight of the week was the talent show on the last night, where everyone had to come up with and perform an item either individually or in groups of up to four people. The show included singing, dancing, magic tricks, a comedian, world record attempts and even an eating contest between the 10th Enfield and 3rd Enfield!

We had very good weather for most of the week on camp, and a very enjoyable week was had by all. We are always very grateful that the 10th Enfield invite us to join them on camp, and while the dates and location for next year are to be confirmed, it is sure to be another great week.

All Sections of the 3rd Enfield start meeting again on Monday 6th September. For more information, please get in contact or check out www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk



Holiday Bible Week – August 2010

Holiday Bible Week is an annual event in the summer for children aged 5 to 11 years old in the Enfield area. The purpose of the event is to introduce children to Jesus in a relevant, contemporary way, in a safe and secure environment. Holiday Bible Week in Enfield first started in 2007, and a similar event has been running in Bishop's Stortford for over 20 years.

This year the event was held at Edmonton County Upper School, with the theme "Jungle Jamboree". The activities that take place during the week are based around the theme; children are divided into group tents based on age and get the opportunity to do crafts, play games, hear stories, make things, and much more. At the beginning and end of each day everyone joins together in the main tent, where we had visits from Bert and Lucy (puppets who tell stories each day), the Watt Family, and Slim Jim (who kept everyone fit and active with dancing and aerobics!). There was also lots of singing, action songs, stories, and time for prayer.

Holiday Bible Week is a completely free event: there is absolutely no cost for children to attend the event, and it receives no funding. It relies on fundraising events and donations from individuals and Churches to keep going. All of the staff give up their own time to run the event, and receive nothing financially for doing so. This year there were around 300 children that participated in Holiday Bible Week, some from Church families and some with little to no Church background. Young people between 12 and 17 years old can take part as young leaders, so the event is open to people of all ages.

If you have a child between 5 and 11 years old, or know someone who has, please do think about sending them to Holiday Bible Week next year. It is a fantastic event and receives very positive feedback, and most of all the children enjoy it and learn about God in an interesting way. People who are interested in helping at the event are also very welcome.

Planning for Holiday Bible Week 2011 will start in the next few weeks. More information will be publicised in the newsletter nearer the time, or alternatively full details can be found at www.holidaybibleweek.com

Newsletter contribution

Our treasurer would be very pleased to receive contributions towards the cost of the newsletter. Please use the enclosed envelope and drop it in the collection or send it to our treasurer David Fisher. Suggested contribution is £12.00 or £15.00 if you receive the newsletter by mail (To cover the additional costs of envelopes and stamps). Your contributions can be gift aided if you are a UK tax payer—just write your number from the freewill offering envelope or add your name and address to the back of the envelope.

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THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Guides and Rangers who painted the front hand rails at the main door of the church, in preparation for Sarah's Wedding in August.

THANK YOU

17/7/2010

Dear Members of Christ Church

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'Holiday at Home' last Saturday.

My friends and I thoroughly enjoyed it all, with such a varied programme of activities including a perfect lunch.

Congratulations to you all and God bless.

With thanks for the plate and the mug etc.

Astrid Austin-Smith

ELDERS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for church members to serve as Christ Church elders for 2011.

Forms may be obtained from the church secretary and should be returned, signed, no later than 29th September. The election will take place at the Church meeting on the 7th November.

Stephen Gilbert

EVENTS@CHRISTCHURCH

Open House London - Saturday 18th September

Christ Church will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 18th September to coincide with the Open House London Weekend. There will be displays illustrating the architecture, history and present activities of our grade II listed Victorian gothic Church, which opened in 1875 on the site of Zion Chapel. Copies of the history of our church will be available.

Guided tours during the day will explain the history of Christian worship and evangelism here since 1780 and how members worked to improve education, public health and the civic environment in Enfield, supported war refugees and promoted musical performances. The remains of the former graveyard and Chase Side chapel will be examined and stained glass windows, stone carvings and memorials inside Christ church will be pointed out. Between the tours there will be live musical performances and refreshments will also be available.

The church will be decorated by members of the youth organisations for the Harvest Festival service at 11am on Sunday 19th September

LUNCH@CHRISTCHURCH

On Saturday 3rd July we held another successful Lunch@ChristChurch. These regular events are part of our continued Vision for Christ Church—Going for Growth

EVENTS@CHRISTCHURCH

Lunch @ Christ Church
Saturday 16th October
11am - 2pm

Musical entertainment
12 – 1pm

Everyone is welcome to join us
For a light lunch and a time of
Fellowship
– Bring your friends!

Church Anniversary
Sunday 21st November

Come and celebrate in the Sunday service which will also have the 4 Hills Brass Band led by Martyn Stogden playing for us

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September Church Diary

Wed 1st 9.45- 11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

**Sun 5th 11am The Rev'd. David Atkinson
Holy Communion offering for the
Communion Fund
Duty Elder— Sylvia Coombs
12.30 Church Meeting**

**Sun 12th 11am The Worship Group
Duty Elder—Ron Smith**

Wed 15th 9.45- 11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

Sat 18th 10 to 4 CHURCH OPEN DAY

**Sun 19th 11am The Rev'd 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 22nd 2.15pm Friendship Club Leprosy Mission
Rev. Martin Davies

**Sun 26th 11am Miss Barbara Leighton
Duty Elder— Stephen Gilbert**

Wed 29th 9.45- 11.15am Joint bible study with Lancaster Road at Lancaster Road URC

October Church Diary

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| Sun 3rd | 11am | The Rev'd David Atkinson
Family Parade Service
B.B Enrolment
Holy Communion offering for
Goldie College
Duty Elder— Pamela Fisher |
| Wed 6th | 2.15pm | Friendship Club
Visiting Oberammergau. (slides)
Miss C Hughs |
| Sun 10th | 11am | The Worship Group
Duty Elder—Sylvia Coombs |
| Wed 13th | 9.45-
11.15am | Joint bible study with Lancaster Road
at Lancaster Road URC |

Advance dates for 2010

Church Meetings

12.30pm

5th September

7th November

(Election of elders)

Elders Meetings

8pm

29th September

24th November

Christmas Fayre at Christ Church

Saturday 28th November

Lovely lunches

and many other stalls

**** JUNIOR CHURCH ****

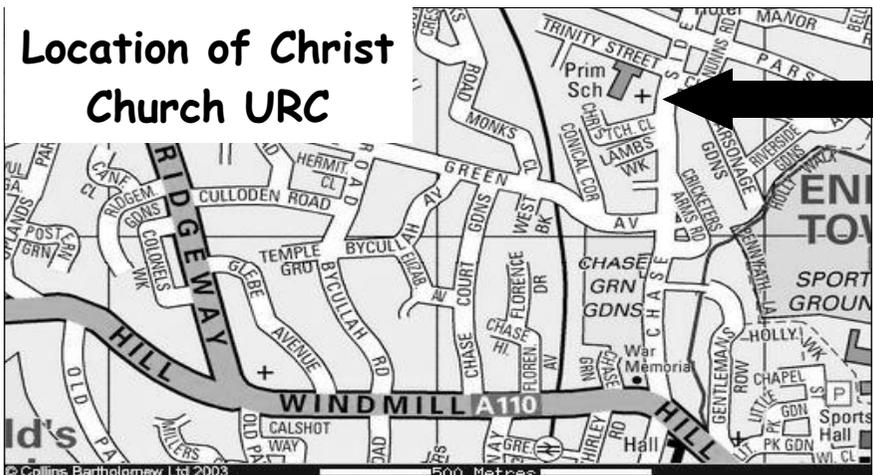
WHAT: Junior church is a group for boys and girls aged five upwards. They meet for games, drama, craft activities and fun, based on a bible theme

WHEN: Sunday mornings from 11am to 12 noon

WHERE: We meet first in the Church and then go in to 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** 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