

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



August 2020

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Pastoral Letter August 2020

Time

"Time is an illusion, but a very persistent one!" (Einstein)

How has the last few months gone so quickly?

It has felt like our days have dragged on occasions, and yet, here we are, in August 2020... it will soon be Christmas before we know it.

Time is a strange thing.

There is something fascinating about watching an egg-timer, the old-fashioned type where grains of sand fall through the glass slowly, and watching time pass, as shown in the film Tomb Raider where William Blake's words create so fascinating a backdrop to the movie:

*"To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour."* (William Blake)

And, alongside those thoughts you have the legal profession making so much of the words *"Time is of the essence"* - if you don't do what you said you would do at the appropriate time or within the set deadline you can be held to be in breach of contract.

Time is always there... passing...

Time, we often think, will help us, to grow up or to mature, to develop. Humanity will improve over time.

Dr Martin Luther-King said: *"the Arc of the Moral Universe Is Long, But It Bends Toward Justice"*.

But is this true?

Has time being in lockdown helped or hindered?

A W Tozer wrote something like *“people say that time is a great healer... it is not time that heals, but God...”* and that is something that we need to think about. You can have a lot of time on your hands and that time can be used well, or wasted. How much of our time do we give to God? How much do we give to one another?

How often do we find ourselves saying that we never have enough time to do certain things?

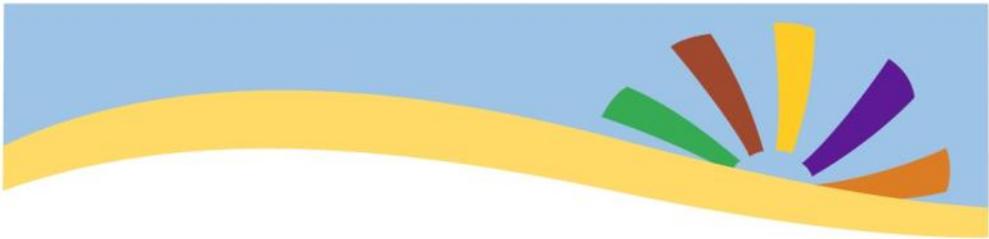
Time is often something we have enough of to do the things we really want to do - so why do we find it so hard on occasions to say to other people that we do not want to take part in that activity, go to that particular party, eat out in that restaurant (if only!) - we're often frightened of upsetting people, rather than being true to ourselves and them... and use time as an excuse... *“I haven't got time”*...

Jesus had some potential followers ask him if they could deal with some other things before responding to his call to *“Follow me”* - Jesus suggested that they follow and not look back (Luke 9:57-62). That is not an easy thing to do, because we all have fond memories of what has happened in the past, we often love to share stories of the things that we have been involved in before now.

But today is a new day, and we are living in a new world-situation. Do we as the body of Christ, the church, here on earth, have what it takes to follow Jesus today?

Time will tell.

Mark and Melanie



Zoom Quiz

A fun evening of quiz and chat

Hosted by Quiz Master Extraordinaire, Revd. Mark Meatcher

*** August 7th, 2020, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.**

Contact revd.meatcher for joining instructions

Raising funds for Commitment for Life, the United Reformed Church's global justice programme.

Commitment for Life is a way in which local congregations are enabled to participate in actions for justice around the world.

Our partners are Christian Aid and Global Justice Now. Our four partner regions are Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and Central America (Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala).



Commitment
for Life



Worship in August

Each of the churches in the North Enfield Group of the United Reformed Church are working through the various risk assessments that need to be done before opening their buildings again for worship.



Worship is expected to continue to be provided online, by hard copy delivered or through the post and through our phone line service (ring 020 3389 6021 for a message each week) for some time yet, depending on how things develop with Coronavirus.

We are, however, hoping that we will begin to have some kind of worship in or around our buildings in August as follows:

Sunday 9th August

10:00am - Worship in the garden at Bush Hill Park URC

11:15am - Worship in the garden at Armfield Road Hall, Lancaster Road URC

Sunday 16th August

10:00am - Worship in the garden at Bush Hill Park URC

11:15am - Worship in the church or in the garden area at the rear of the church at Christ Church URC

Sunday 23rd August

11:15am - Worship in the garden at Armfield Road Hall, Lancaster Road URC

In addition to the above we hope to hold another Forest Church at 3:30pm on one Sunday in August - we will circulate the details as and when they become available.

Please note that the above arrangements may change at very short notice and that worship will be different to what we may

have been used to - for example at the time of writing we are aware that we will not be able to participate in any communal hymn singing. It is also recommended (at the time of writing) that face coverings are worn during worship with specific exclusions - see www.urch.org.uk/latest-news/3535-coronavirus-urch-guidance-around-face-coverings

Remember that even though we may be able to begin to gather for worship some people will still be unable to join with us. Please keep holding one another in prayer as we go through this strange period in all our lives.

Birthday greetings

We send our best wishes and congratulations to Revd Roy Martin, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday 28th June. Roy served as Christ Church's minister between 1980 and 1987, and was appointed as minister emeritus in 1985.

A card was sent to mark the occasion and the below is a copy of a letter that was recently received from Roy:

Dear Mark and Melanie,

Thank you so much for your greeting for my special birthday - very much appreciated. Thanks too for the card from the Christ Church congregation. My thanks to you all.

Joy and I are so pleased to receive again the monthly Christ Church newsletter, giving us news of your fellowship and activities.

Joy and I wish you both every blessing in your ministry.

With our love and prayers,
Roy

Boys' Brigade Annual Awards

The Coronavirus pandemic meant that we weren't able to hold our Awards Evening in May, so instead we undertook a series of socially distanced awards deliveries to finish the session in July.

So that we could still recognise achievement from this session, the boys were presented with Activity Awards, certificates for good attendance, #BBatHOME medals, promotions, trophies and special awards on their doorsteps.

The winners of our trophies and special awards this year were:

Anchors

Best Boy - Winner: Nathan

Best Boy - Runner-up: William

Red Badge (Highest award in Anchors): Buddy, Zaydan

Juniors

Best Boy - Winner: Moisis

Best Boy - Runner-up: Stavros

Gold Badge (Highest award in Juniors): Cameron, Elliot, Joseph, Joshua, Kai

Company Section & Seniors

Promotion to the rank of Lance Corporal: Frankie, Stephen

Promotion to the rank of Corporal: James, Josef

Promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant: Ian

Chris Bullock Memorial Trophy: Ian

Elsie Hart Centenary Cup: Ian

Frank Head Trophy: Josef

George Page Sports Cup: James

Plowman Bugle: Michael

R L Plowman Trophy: Frankie

T R Plowman Trophy: Ian

President's Badge (Second highest award in The Boys' Brigade): Frankie, James, Josef, Stephen

You can find out more about the various Company trophies at www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk/awards

Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman



India Appeal (Enfield Churches)

We are pleased to report that the Quiz Night organised by Christ Church at the end of June ended up raising a further £616.25 towards the Enfield Churches India Appeal. We have therefore raised so far this year £3937.52 (excluding Gift Aid) towards the India Appeal! That is a staggering amount - thank you to everyone who has participated in the different fundraising events, and also to all those who have given so generously.



Mark and Melanie

India Appeal (Update)

To keep you up to date with the current situation with one of the projects in India that we are supporting, please see below an email update Melanie received in recent days from KSN:

Dear Melanie,

How are you all? I am very happy to hear the situation in UK is slowly returning to normalcy. I trust that you have made it a habit of forgiving me for delayed responses. Thank you very much for sharing online Sunday services with me. I was very happy to share some of the thoughts during Sunday services in our Chapel. From March end the local minister is not visiting us, so I have become a natural choice to fill the gap.

So far we all are fine here but as far as the pandemic situation is concerned, things are becoming worse with every passing day. A couple of adjoining villages within a radius of 3-4 kilometres of Sarenga recently reported positive cases and

have been declared containment zones. Area wise lockdown is still continuing in various parts of India depending on daily reported number of positive cases. At present most parts of Kolkata are under lockdown after alarming numbers of positive cases are found. Experts say things are going to be worse in coming days. One of the major reason is... we Indians can boast for everything but discipline. We may soon have a sample collection facility in our hospital for our patients. The aftermath of detection of any positive cases in our hospital campus will be very difficult for me to handle. Only third year students have been brought back considering their incomplete syllabus and practical assignments. They were kept under quarantine for 14 days and fortunately all tested negative of Covid. We are still advising them to be in the hostel and they may come to the clinical side maybe in small batches to avoid crowding. Dr Bose is overloaded with work after his wife left for higher studies in Vellore at the beginning of June. He has to manage a lot of workload since getting doctors in this environment is next to impossible.

We have been receiving parcels now on a regular basis... yesterday we got a very useful stand light from one of your church members. In fact Amazon has become a most reliable supply line for us in absence of regular communication facilities. I don't remember the name now but he is from your church. I hope you could meet the lady who donated blue light photo therapy machine. It is really good and very useful.

I am extremely sorry for the delay in sending a letter of appreciation from both of us. I assure you no further delay and you will get it in the next couple of days (*Editor's note: A copy of the letter can be found on the following two pages*). However from deep down from my heart I really thank both of you and all your members for not only what you send to us but for your concern and prayers. Love you two... please continue to pray and write to us. With lots of love...

Pradip Kumar Baux (Khristiya Seva Niketan)

Khristiya Seva Niketan

DIOCESE OF DURGAPUR, CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

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Monday, July 13, 2020

To
**Rev. Melanie Smith &
Revd. Mark Meatcher
Enfield United Reformed Churches
77 Compton Road, Winchmore Hill
Enfield, London N21 3NU, UK**

Dear Revd. Melanie & Revd. Mark,

Greetings from Khristiya Seva Niketan, Sarenga in precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We pray and hope that you and members of the churches under your care are safe at this time of trial & uncertainty. So far we all are fine here by grace of God.

This is to acknowledge with gratitude and thanks that you have made Khristiya Seva Niketan a part of URC family. We know for sure that KSN enjoys a very special place in your hearts. We cannot thank enough to both of you for wonderful idea of having a Face Book Page with KSN wish list and encourage people to contribute in Kind. Almost all our needs in hospital for daily consumption like BP Apparatus, micro pore Tapes, Stethoscopes, Weighing Machine, Nebulizer, Finger Pulse Oximeter, Thermometer, Foetal Doppler, Gloves, wheel chairs and many other essential supplies were received as donation through the KSN Wish list. These gifts are mostly from members of your churches. We are also thankful for donations received through both of you for day to day running expenses, Contribution to Bethsaba fund, grant for renovation of OT block, Free eye camps for economically disadvantaged people of our area and for specific requirements like Blue Light Phototherapy, OTG Machine etc. And above all we are grateful to you for always keeping us in your hearts, thinking about us and praying for us.

Khristiya Seva Niketan

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I take this opportunity to request you to convey our sincere gratitude and thanks to all the members of your churches for loving us so much, praying for us and contributing generously so that the Healing Ministry of our Lord may continue for many more years to come. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL FROM ALL MEMBERS OF KSN FAMILY.

We will continue to pray for you and members of your churches so that our Heavenly Father always shines His face upon you. With lots of love and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Soumyajit Bose
Medical Director
Medical Director
Khristiya Seva Niketan
Sarenga, Bankura

Mr. Pradip Kumar Baux
Director/Secretary
Director / Secretary
Khristiya Seva Niketan
Sarenga, Bankura W.B

Age UK Enfield online activities

Age UK Enfield has launched a range of online activities, which take place on Zoom except where noted. If you would like to take part in any of the activities listed please use the relevant email address or phone 020 8375 4120.

Monday

Tai Chi Falls Prevention - gentle exercise to improve balance and aid breathing

Weekly - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Suitable for all exercise abilities, for over 50s

To book email alison.gordon@ageukenfield.org.uk

Mindfulness Relaxation Session - learn to unwind and relax

Monthly - 2:00pm to 3:00pm (next on 10th August)

For over 50s

To book email alison.gordon@ageukenfield.org.uk

Tuesday

Tea & Chatter - social group, to meet others and join in with activities like quizzes, cook along etc.

Monthly - 11:00am to 12:00pm (next on 11th August)

For over 50s

To book email ican@ageukenfield.org.uk

Fit For Life Exercise Session - gentle exercise session (can be seated or standing)

Weekly - 12:00pm to 12:30pm

Suitable for all exercise abilities, for over 50s

To book email alison.gordon@ageukenfield.org.uk

Social Singalong - join Jenny to sing along with favourite songs through the decade

Weekly on Facebook - www.facebook.com/ageuk.enfield -

3:30pm to 4:30pm

Dementia friendly, all the family welcome

Wednesday

Three Generations - music, rhymes, stories and movement for young children, parents and grandparents

Monthly - 11:00am to 12:00pm (next on 5th August)

All the family welcome

To book email alison.gordon@ageukenfield.org.uk

Tai Chi Falls Prevention

Weekly - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Suitable for all exercise abilities, for over 50s

To book email alison.gordon@ageukenfield.org.uk

Thursday

Tea & Chatter - light hearted social gathering to connect to others

Monthly - 11:00am to 12:00pm (next on 20th August)

For over 50s

To book email ican@ageukenfield.org.uk

The Human Library - a new series of special interest talks on a broad range of subjects by guest speakers

2:00pm to 3:00pm (next on 6th August - My Life Films)

For over 50s

To book email alison.gordon@ageukenfield.org.uk

Friday

Later Life Planning - an information session to help plan and prepare for your future - includes wills, LPA, funeral planning and more

Next date and time to be confirmed

For over 50s

To book email kate.reader@ageukenfield.org.uk

Memory Club - a dementia friendly meet up for people affected by dementia and carers - expect quizzes, activities, music and more

11:00am to 12:00pm (next on 7th and 21st August)

To book email lauranewey@ageukenfield.org.uk

Community Drop In - find out about information and advice, benefits and local services

Fortnightly - 11:30am to 12:30pm (next on 14th August)

For over 50s

To book email alison.gordon@ageukenfield.org.uk

Diabetes Group - peer support group for anyone diagnosed with diabetes

Monthly - 2:00pm to 3:00pm (next on 28th August)

For over 50s

To book email ican@ageukenfield.org.uk

Eco Tip

It is hard to compare the value of meeting in person to meeting over the internet; the joy of being able to see someone in person, being able to read each other's body language and even at some point, share a handshake or hug. But for those of us able to connect digitally on video conferencing, you might like to know that the current estimate of CO₂ (carbon) emitted is 1-6 grams per hour you spend in video calls. 5 kilometres (a return journey to church for some of us?) in a petrol car emits, on average, about 640 grams. That puts a video call at about 100 times more efficient than video conferencing. So, our green tip for this month is for us all to consider, that when we can meet again in person, are there times when a video call would be better to protect God's creation?

Prayer diary August 2020

1st - Pray for today's Zoom Bible Study Group meeting.

2nd - Pray for those who are leading our online worship this week.

3rd - Pray for Mark and Melanie.

4th - Pray for the projects being supported by the India Appeal.

5th - Pray for those who are working to ensure our premises are safe to use once again.

6th - Pray for the government.

7th - Pray for this evening's Zoom Quiz in support of Commitment for Life.

8th - Pray for friends and families.

9th - Pray for our friends from Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs as they hold face-to-face services this morning.

10th - Pray for key workers.

11th - Pray for God's guidance in your own life.

12th - Pray for the NHS.

13th - Pray for those who are receiving A Level results today.

14th - Pray for your own personal faith.

15th - Pray for today's Zoom Bible Study Group meeting.

16th - Pray for this morning's service, the first face-to-face activity at Christ Church since March.

17th - Pray for our planet and that we will take care of it.

18th - Pray for those who are working to find a Coronavirus vaccine.

19th - Pray for the work of Christian charities.

20th - Pray for those who are receiving GCSE results today.

21st - Pray for the local community around Christ Church.

22nd - Pray for peace in areas where there is conflict.

23rd - Pray for those who are leading our online worship this week.

24th - Pray for Feryal Clark, our Member of Parliament.

25th - Pray for the URC's Thames North Synod and its process of finding a new moderator.

26th - Pray for those who suffer persecution for their faith.

27th - Give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

28th - Pray for the work of the Property Committee.

29th - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

30th - Pray for those who are leading our online worship this week.

31st - Pray for all those who are enjoying the bank holiday today.

Church diary August 2020

We are working through the various risk assessments that need to be done before opening our building again. Any decisions affecting the below will be communicated.

Saturday 1st August 10:30am
Zoom Bible Study Group
Please contact Mark for joining instructions

Sunday 2nd August
Enfield URCs online worship
Sign up to receive details at <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH>
or contact Mark for a printed copy

Friday 7th August 7:00pm for 7:30pm
Zoom Quiz in support of Commitment for Life
Please contact Mark for joining instructions (see page 5)

Sunday 9th August
Enfield URCs online worship
Sign up to receive details at <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH>
or contact Mark for a printed copy

Saturday 15th August 10:30am
Zoom Bible Study Group
Please contact Mark for joining instructions

Sunday 16th August 11:15am
Revd Mark Meatcher
This service will take place either in the church or in the garden area at the rear of the church (see pages 6 & 7)

Sunday 16th August
Enfield URCs online worship
Sign up to receive details at <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH>
or contact Mark for a printed copy

Sunday 23rd August

Enfield URCs online worship

**Sign up to receive details at <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH>
or contact Mark for a printed copy**

Sunday 30th August

Enfield URCs online worship

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or contact Mark for a printed copy**

September 2020 newsletter

The **September 2020** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 30th August**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by Sunday 23rd August. Any late submissions may be held over to the following issue.

Please contact Tom with any items to be included in future issues. Items can be received either in paper form at Sunday worship, by email to **mail@ccurc.org.uk** or by phone on **07903 605 545**.

The newsletter is usually published monthly (except for combined issues in July & August and December & January). Back issues dating back to 2007 can be found on our website. Please note that views expressed are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship, nor are they representative of church policy.

Regular activities at Christ Church

SUNDAY

11:15am

Morning worship
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
(regular service - other Sundays)

11:15am

Adventurers (children aged 3 upwards)

MONDAY

2:15pm

Friendship Club (once monthly - see diary)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Anchors (boys aged 5 to 8)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Boys' Brigade Juniors (boys aged 8 to 11)

7:30pm to 9:15pm

Boys' Brigade Company Section (boys aged 11 to 15)

7:30pm to 9:15pm

Boys' Brigade Seniors (boys aged 15 to 18)

FRIDAY

5:00pm to 6:15pm

Rainbows (girls aged 5 to 7)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Brownies (girls aged 7 to 10)

7:30pm to 9:00pm

Guides (girls aged 10 to 14)

7:30pm to 9:00pm

Rangers (girls aged 14 to 20)

SATURDAY

9:00am to 10:30am

Breakfast Bible Study Group
(twice monthly - see diary)

**Please be aware
that all church
services and
activities are
currently
suspended until
further notice.**

For details of other special events and activities please see the diary.



Christ Church

United Reformed Church



Christ Church URC is a part of the **North Enfield Group of URCs**
and the **North West Enfield Group of Churches.**

Motto: "Enter to worship, depart to serve."

Mission statement: Christ Church URC aims to provide through its worship, work, witness and mission an effective contribution to the spiritual and social welfare of the Church family and the wider community.

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