

Christ Church United Reformed Church
NEWSLETTER



March 2020

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Pastoral Letter March 2020

Has the gospel message reached your bank account yet?

Jesus met up with a young man. He approached Jesus. Came up to him and asked a question. He was searching for peace, for answers to the emptiness that, deep down in his heart, was present in his life. He recognised Jesus was someone special. "Good Teacher", he called him.

There was some discussion between them, about what commandments were important to follow.

The discussion still left the young man feeling empty. He had done everything that the religious leaders had recommended. He kept on performing in the way in which he had understood he should behave, always doing the **right** thing, always doing the **good** thing.

But he was still empty inside.

There was a spiritual hunger deep within, a yearning for truth, for peace, for goodness... and he thought that Jesus would have the answer to that hunger that he had.

But he wasn't expecting what came next - it was a big surprise to him.

And it remains a big challenge to the church in 2020, and to each one of us as individuals.

It affected something close to our hearts, sadly, something close to his heart on that day when he met Jesus.

"If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Matthew 19:21)

Nobody had mentioned money in this way before. Nobody had spoken about possessions in the way that Jesus spoke about possessions.

“Give it all away.”

He could not handle at that time what was said to him. The gospel record states that *“he went away sad, because he had great wealth” (Matthew 19:22).*

Did he later reflect and change his mind? Did he sell up and follow Jesus?

He may have done - that may be the reason we have the story. But at that moment in time, just then, he struggled to face up to what he was being asked to do.

The challenge though, still remains, not just for that young man but for us as well.

That’s why we pose the question that we ask at the top of the page - **has the gospel message reached your bank account yet?**

Because... if Jesus asked that one young man to sell all he had and give to the poor, does he not also ask us the same question? **Give up what you have, what you possess, and come and follow me.**

As we consider our own lives we find ourselves challenged by Christ’s words consistently. We are able to live very comfortably and we wonder whether, actually, what we need to be thinking about when we hear Christ’s words is whether we need to work on an excuse as to why we haven’t sold all our possessions and given the money we raise to the poor... and then been able to truly follow Jesus?

Can we truly say we are followers of Christ if we give Jesus no

influence over what we use our money and possessions for?

It has been said that Jesus isn't interested in how much you give - to church, to charities, to others - that Jesus wants to look at what you have left after you have given.

The widow gave little in monetary terms into the temple treasury but Jesus praised her:-

"I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on." (Mark 12:43, 44)

If you're wondering how to respond to the gospel message this Lent, if you're interested in following Jesus, then let the gospel message affect your bank account this year.

One way that you can do that is to pick up one of the **"Count Your Blessings 2020"** booklets which are available in our churches, produced by Christian Aid.

It's a booklet designed to encourage you to think carefully about what you have... and to give in response to what you read there. It provides opportunity to pray, to reflect, and to engage with the wider issues that we as a race, the human race, should be facing up to as we live our lives.

It's a booklet that does what it says on the tin... encourages us to count our blessings.

Why don't you join with us in doing that this year through Lent.

May God bless you richly as you do.

Your ministers,
Mark and Melanie

Eco Tip

During Lent 2020, we are inviting you to journey with us towards radical change for the climate. As a global community, we are facing new and significant challenges. 2020 welcomes in a crucial decade, in anticipation of the 2030 deadline the IPCC set to curb global carbon emissions and avert catastrophic damage to the environment. The “rapid, far reaching and unprecedented” changes required to prevent this call for commitment at every level of society.

How do we respond as Christians? We know that our lifestyles and choices mean we have played a role in damaging creation. But many of us are also desperate to change, as we hope to see creation flourish as God designed. So where do we begin?

We recognise that responding to the climate crisis is not just an activity, but a lifestyle. That’s why during Lent, we’re inviting you to take the first step, by making a positive commitment towards change.

During Lent, could you:

- Attend the Tenants of the King Lent series?
- Go single-use plastic free?
- Go vegetarian or vegan?
- Commit to using alternative forms of transport?
- Commit to buying locally sourced products?
- Buy nothing new?
- Reduce your electricity consumption by 10%?

Lunchtime @ Christ Church

The next Lunchtime @ Christ Church will take place on Saturday 14th March from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship!

Friendship Club programme

The Friendship Club meets in the Christ Church Hall usually on the third Monday of each month at 2:15pm for friendship, fellowship and cups of tea!

The next meetings are as follows:

Monday 16th March
Ghosts of Enfield - Joe Studman

Monday 20th April
Prized Possessions - bring your own small prized possession to show us and tell us about it (including short AGM)

Everyone is very welcome to these friendly meetings.

For more information please contact
Sylvia Coombs on 020 8363 3543.

News of the fellowship

We are sorry to announce that Mary Buddle has died at the age of 92. She was the wife of Revd Vivian Buddle, who was the minister of Christ Church from 1960 to 1965. They were married for 68 years. Our prayers are with Vivian and their children Judith, Ian and Phillipa at this time.

We are also very sorry to report the passing of Phyllis Bullock. Phyllis was a member of Christ Church and was married to Doug for 69 years. Our prayers are with the Bullock family and in particular Doug, Sue and Adrian at this time.

Boys' Brigade update

Towards the end of January we held a Quiz Night to raise funds for the Company. It was fantastic to see the hall packed with over 90 people and we are delighted to report that a total of £842 was raised. Thank you everyone for your support!

On Monday 3rd February our Juniors, Company Section and Seniors took part in a Crystal Maze Live Experience. The event was run over four evenings by Enfield Battalion and hosted by 10th Enfield at Winchmore Hill Baptist Church.

Teams took on eight games with physical, mental and skill based challenges, with the aim of gaining as many crystals as possible. These crystals gave the teams time in the Crystal Dome at the end of the evening, where they had to try to collect as many gold tickets as possible.

Our two teams in the Juniors age group came tenth and eleventh, with the Green team (5 crystals, 72 gold tickets) just edging out the White team (5 crystals, 66 gold tickets). Congratulations to 1st Barnet, whose Purple team came in first place out of 14 teams.

We also had two teams in the Company Section and Seniors event. They also came tenth and eleventh, with the Red team (also including members of 1st Enfield) collecting 7 crystals and 91 gold tickets, and the Green team collecting 4 crystals



and 89 gold tickets. 10th Enfield's Red team were the winners, coming first out of 18 teams - well done to them!

Over 180 young people took part across the four nights and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all those who were involved in planning and running the event.

On Saturday 15th February we took part in the North London Badminton competition at the Old Drill Hall. Our team in the Under 15 age group came third (won by 1st Barnet), and we are proud to say that our two teams in the Open age group came first and second for the second year in a row! Well done to all who took part and thanks to those who organised the event.



Tom Boorman

Photos by Tom Boorman



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- 3rd **My Property?** Why did God create the world?
Rev. Alex Mabbs, from Operation Noah
Why did God create the world? Where's creation going? Which parts of creation matter to God? In this opening session, we begin considering the big picture of God's creation, and our identity as tenants in God's land.
- 10th **Creation groans** If God created a good world, what went wrong?
Rev. Kevin Snyman, from the Joint Public Issues Team the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church
If God created a good world, what went wrong? Has God given up on creation? In this second study, we reflect on our broken world, and God's plan to do something about it.
- 17th **Do not fear!** Is 'care for creation' a lost cause?
Ruth Musgrave, a local activist from Vine Church Ilford
Is 'care for creation' a lost cause? Do my actions make a difference? In this third study, we consider how individual Christians can pioneer real hope as tenants of creation.
- 24th **Speak up** Do Christians have any real influence on those in power?
Andy Campbell, from Christian Aid
Do Christians have any real influence on those in power? Should we? In this session, we consider a biblical case for churches to go public in preserving God's creation.
- 31st **What next?** Next steps for us in our churches

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Tickets £10 from Bush Hill Park Bowls Club

Tel: 0208 363 0977

All funds raised will be shared between
Enfield Churches' Overnight Respite & All People All Places
Charity No. 1139885

Free* Family Film Feast

3.00pm 28th March



When Hiccup discovers Toothless isn't the only Night Fury, he must seek "The Hidden World", a secret Dragon Utopia before a hired tyrant named Grimmel finds it first.

PG 2019 1h 44 Minutes



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Online - www.wegotickets.com/event/495918

Looking for Befrienders

We are pleased to say that we will shortly be joined in Enfield by another family under the Government's Resettlement of Refugees scheme. As a result of this we are looking for more befrienders to help. If you're interested in becoming a befriender please let either Mark or Melanie know or contact Alan Seldon by email at alan.seldon@voneus.com.

A role description is given below:-

Role of befriender

The role of the befriender is to work with others in the befriending team to help a Syrian family to adjust to life in a new country, offering valuable support to ease the process.

Your tasks

- Showing newcomers where to find local amenities
- Delivering practical assistance, such as help to buy clothing and essential items.
- Accompanying newcomers to official appointments
- Listening to concerns and worries
- Supporting and offering advice where appropriate or, with the befriending coordinator, finding the right service to help
- Responding appropriately to safeguarding and protection issues
- Working with an interpreter (training to be given)
- To receive regular supervision from the befriender coordinator, to whom the befriender will be accountable for their work with the family and receive support, advice and guidance.
- To receive periodic clinical supervision from the group supervisor. This will involve meeting with befriender colleagues, coordinator and the clinical supervisor to explore common themes in the work with the family and its impact.

A befriender is

- A good communicator and empathetic about the situation of refugees
- Sensitive to cultural issues, including those relating to gender
- Able to use support skills in a calm and responsible manner

World Day of Prayer 2020

A service for the World Day of Prayer 2020 will take place on Friday 6th March at 10:30am at Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG. The service will focus on Zimbabwe with the theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk".



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Prayer diary March 2020

1st - St David's Day: Pray for Welsh friends.

2nd - Pray for the Anchors as they meet this evening.

3rd - Pray for the Homeless Overnight Respite, which is running on Tuesday nights at Lancaster Road URC.

4th - Pray for the local businesses in our area.

5th - Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

6th - Pray for today's service for the World Day of Prayer at Enfield Baptist Church.

7th - Pray for the Breakfast Bible Study Group, meeting in the church this morning.

8th - Pray for our friends from Lancaster Road URC as we join with them to worship God this morning.

9th - Pray for the Juniors as they meet in the hall this evening.

10th - Pray for those who face struggles in their faith.

11th - Pray for the work of the emergency services.

12th - Pray for those who face persecution because of their faith.

13th - Pray for the Brownies as they meet in the hall this evening.

14th - Pray for today's Lunchtime @ Christ Church.

15th - Pray for Janine Stolz, who is leading our time of worship this morning.

16th - Pray for the Friendship Club as the group meets in the hall this afternoon.

17th - St Patrick's Day: Pray for Irish friends.

18th - Pray for lasting peace in areas of the world where there is conflict.

19th - Pray for Mark and Melanie.

20th - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet in the hall this evening.

21st - Pray for this morning's Breakfast Bible Study Group meeting.

22nd - Mothering Sunday: Give thanks for mothers!

23rd - Pray for the Company Section as they meet in the hall this evening.

24th - Pray for the external groups that use our church premises.

25th - Pray for the residents of River View.

26th - Pray for the Property Committee and the work they do in maintaining our church buildings.

27th - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.

28th - Pray for today's Family Film Feast at Bush Hill Park URC.

29th - Pray for the Boys' Brigade groups from across Enfield and Barnet as they come together for a Battalion Parade Service at Bush Hill Park URC today.

30th - Pray for the Seniors as they meet today.

31st - Pray for the community around us.

April 2020 newsletter

The **April 2020** newsletter will be published on **Sunday 29th March**. Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor, Tom Boorman, by Sunday 15th March. 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**.

Christ Church Annual General Meeting

Leaders of organisations in the church are asked to send their 2019 annual reports to Tom as well as to Rosemary Milns (Secretary) so they may be included in the April newsletter ahead of the Christ Church AGM on Sunday 19th April.

The newsletter is 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.

Church diary March 2020

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| Sunday 1st March Revd Mark Meatcher Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund) Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher | 11:15am |
| Sunday 1st March Church Meeting | 12:45pm |
| Saturday 7th March Breakfast Bible Study Group | 9:00am to 10:30am |
| Sunday 8th March Revd Mark Meatcher United Service at Lancaster Road URC to celebrate their Church Anniversary (no service at Christ Church) | 11:15am |
| Saturday 14th March Lunchtime @ Christ Church | 11:00am to 2:00pm |
| Sunday 15th March Janine Stolz Duty Elder - Pam Mansley | 11:15am |
| Monday 16th March Friendship Club Ghosts of Enfield - Joe Studman | 2:15pm |
| Saturday 21st March Breakfast Bible Study Group | 9:00am to 10:30am |
| Sunday 22nd March The Worship Group Family Parade Service (Mothering Sunday) Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns | 11:15am |

Sunday 29th March
Ola Lawal
Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert

11:15am

Church diary April 2020

Thursday 2nd April 8:00pm
Enfield Community Orchestra Spring Concert

Saturday 4th April 9:00am to 10:30am
Breakfast Bible Study Group

Sunday 5th April **11:15am**
Jill Nugent
Palm Sunday and Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Tom Boorman

From Monday 6th to Saturday 11th April the church will be open each day for a Holy Week exhibition, with events also taking place on most evenings during the week. Full details will appear in the next newsletter and on the church noticeboards.

Future meeting dates

All meetings will take place from 12:45pm in the church.

Church Meetings
Sundays 1st March, 19th April (AGM), 31st May, 13th September, 1st November

Elders Meetings
Sundays 29th March, 10th May, 16th August, 11th October

Regular activities at Christ Church

SUNDAY

11:15am

Morning worship
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
(regular service - other Sundays)
Adventurers (children aged 3 upwards)

11:15am

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)

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



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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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