

Christ Church United Reformed Church  
**NEWSLETTER**

MARCH 2015

**Start of spring at Christ Church**

**Saturday 14th March  
Lunchtime @ Christ Church  
(11:00am to 2:00pm)**

**Guides Afternoon Tea  
(from 2:45pm)**

**Sunday 15th March  
Mothering Sunday Family Service with  
The Worship Group (11:00am)**

Interim Moderator **Rev Ray Adams**

Church Secretary **Stephen Gilbert**

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# CHRIST CHURCH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY

- 11:00am Morning worship  
(Holy Communion - first Sunday)  
(Family Parade Service - third Sunday)
- 11:00am Adventurers
- 12:30pm Church Meeting (every other month - see diary)

## MONDAY

- 2:15pm Friendship Club (once monthly - see diary)
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm BB Anchor Boys (5-8 years)
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm BB Junior Section (8-11 years)
- 7:30pm - 9:00pm BB Company Section (11-15 years)
- 7:30pm - 9:00pm BB Seniors (15-18 years)

## WEDNESDAY

- 9:45am - 11:30am Joint Bible Study at  
Lancaster Road URC  
(twice monthly - see diary)
- 12:30pm Friendship Club - lunch at the Moon Under Water  
(once monthly - see diary)

## FRIDAY

- 5:00pm - 6:15pm Rainbows (5-7 years)
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm Brownies (7-10 years)
- 7:30pm - 9:00pm Guides (10-14 years)
- 7:30pm - 9:00pm Rangers (14-20 years)

## VARIOUS DAYS

- 8:00pm Elders Meeting (every other month - see diary)

# PASTORAL LETTER MARCH 2015

Dear Friends

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write as your interim moderator and to congratulate you on your unanimous decision to call Henriette Wentink to be your next minister. It is good that you expressed so clearly your confidence in her to undertake the task of ministry in three churches, and I am sure that good times are ahead even though it will require a greater level of cooperation and communication among you than has been necessary in the past.

A new minister is a precious resource. As I reached the 40th anniversary of my own ordination in 2013, I remembered the preacher back in 1973 (not one to pull his punches) telling the congregation that they bore great responsibility:

“There are plenty of people in ministry today who are disappointed and frustrated, if not downright cynical, about it all - about everything which at the time of the beginning was the focus and vehicle of all their enthusiasm - because their enthusiasm and their vigour has spent itself against a blanket of indifference and unresponsiveness. You have pledged your support to your minister, see that he gets it. Not just now... but in six months' time when the novelty of a new voice and a new manner has worn off. Not just on those Sunday mornings when it is fine, but on the mornings when it is pouring with rain as well - and not just on Sundays by your presence but in all that he seeks to do with you in reaching out to the wider community. You have pledged your loyalty to this young man. See that he gets it: both now and in the years to come.”

# PASTORAL LETTER MARCH 2015 continued...

Certainly from the response I received from members of my first church, those words must have hit the mark. Not only were they appreciative and encouraging, but they accepted that theirs was a particular responsibility 'as from God' to nurture and care for me, so that I would maintain and develop my enthusiasm for the Gospel in the years ahead.

There is always a danger when we have to share someone that we become competitive for 'our bit' of the minister. It is because we have become used to thinking in terms of scarcity rather than God's abundance. But when we recognise the abundance of God's gifts among us, we think, plan and pray differently, for we do so with confidence that God will indeed provide for our needs so that we may be more effective and fruitful as Christian people. If Henriette's arrival amongst you does indeed result from God's abundance, then believe that this new partnership with God, with Henriette and with the other churches in your pastorate provides great opportunities.

I wish you well in the remaining months as you get ready for Henriette's arrival. I shall continue to do what I can to enable the process, but ask that you pray for Henriette, and the people of your North Enfield Pastorate as you prepare for the time ahead.

God bless you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray".

Rev Ray Adams  
Interim Moderator

# NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Lily and Ron Smith have joined their local Methodist Church and have become associate members of Christ Church.

Kathy Brown is continuing to recover at home following her recent illness and we continue to wish her well.

Marion Wiley is having ongoing treatment at University College Hospital.

Rev Hazel Day is currently in Whipps Cross Hospital.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Rev David Atkinson's father on 12th February. David conducted the funeral service on 24th February at Trinity URC Lancaster. We send our best wishes to him and his mother at this sad time.

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

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **Church Meetings (12:30pm in the church)**

Sunday 29th March (Church AGM), Sunday 7th June

### **Elders Meetings (8:00pm in the Elders Vestry)**

Wednesday 4th March, Wednesday 6th May

### **Lunchtime @ Christ Church (from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the church)**

Saturday 16th May

### **Holiday at Home (from 10:30am to 4:00pm in the hall)**

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April

# MINISTERIAL VACANCY

On Sunday 25th January, the members of Christ Church, Lancaster Road and Bush Hill Park URCs voted unanimously at a Joint Church Meeting to call Henriette Wentink to become the next Minister of the three churches.

We are delighted to report that Henriette has accepted the call to become our next Minister.

Henriette's induction and ordination service will take place on Saturday 11th July 2015 at 2:30pm at Bush Hill Park URC. Following the service there will be tea in the hall at Bush Hill Park.

The first service which Henriette will be leading as Minister will be the morning service at Christ Church on Sunday 12th July 2015 at 11:00am.

Arrangements are currently being made between the three churches and Henriette to work out her preaching plan for the remainder of 2015 and into 2016.

Please pray for the three churches as we work together in preparation for Henriette's arrival, and for Henriette herself as she prepares for her first ministry with us.

# CHRIST CHURCH AGM

Christ Church's Annual General Meeting for 2015 will take place on Sunday 29th March 2015 at 12:30pm in the back of the church. Please note the change of date.

This meeting will include the election of the Church Secretary, Treasurer and Property Committee, and also the presentation of annual reports for 2014.

# FRIENDSHIP CLUB MARCH & APRIL 2015

Meetings of the Friendship Club in March and April 2015 will take place at the following times:

## **Mondays 2:15pm in the Church Hall**

**23rd March  
Short AGM and quiz**

**20th April  
Details to be announced**

## **Wednesdays 12:30pm**

**11th March  
Lunch at the Moon Under Water**

**8th April  
Lunch at the Moon Under Water**

***'The Lord your God will be with you  
wherever you go'***

We welcome everyone to our friendly meetings.

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

# JOINT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

## The Uniqueness of our Faith - What Makes Christianity Distinctive?

Our lively Joint Bible Study Group with Lancaster Road URC, meeting on alternate Wednesday mornings between 9:45am and 11:30am in Lancaster Road's church lounge, is always ready to welcome new friends to share in informal discussion based around the Bible, prayer and hymn singing.

A new session entitled "The Uniqueness of our Faith - What Makes Christianity Distinctive?" and which is sure to prove interesting and helpful is currently running. There is a place for you within the group if you would like to come along to the church lounge, either for all the sessions or to sessions which might interest you the most. Just turn up!

What makes the Christian faith different from every other faith? This is what we shall attempt to understand as we discuss and learn together with God's guiding through the scriptures.

The individual sessions are as follows:

21st January	The Uniqueness of the Incarnation
4th February	The Uniqueness of the Person of Christ
18th February	The Uniqueness of Personal Salvation
4th March	The Uniqueness of the Cross
18th March	The Uniqueness of the Bible
1st April	The Uniqueness of the Resurrection
15th April	The Uniqueness of the Ascension

If you have any questions or for further information, please speak to Stephen Gilbert (Church Secretary).



# THAMES NORTH SYNOD ROADSHOWS

A series of roadshows will be taking place around Thames North Synod looking at **MAKING IT WORK** in our churches.

Saturday 7th March - Harecourt URC, Islington  
Sessions include: Making it HOSPITABLE, Making it CONTEXTUAL, Making it CHURCH, Making it ALL AGE, Making it TOGETHER, Making it INTER-CULTURAL.

Saturday 11th April - Lumen URC, Central London  
Sessions include: Making it POSSIBLE, Making it URC, Making it CHURCH, Making it ALL AGE.

Further sessions will be held on 12th September, 3rd October, 24th October and 7th November.

Bookings for the March session must be made by 12:00pm on Thursday 5th March. Please email [bookings@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:bookings@urcthamesnorth.org.uk) or call the Synod office on 020 7799 5000 (option 3). More info can be found on the Thames North Synod website at [www.urcthamesnorth.org.uk](http://www.urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

The **April 2015** 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**. 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](mailto:mail@ccurc.org.uk) or by phone on **07903 605 545**.

# Lunchtime Christ Church

**Saturday 14th March  
11:00am until 2:00pm**

**Christ Church United Reformed Church  
Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ**

**Lunches and hot or cold  
refreshments available**

**No set charge - donations accepted  
Everyone welcome!**

**We would also love to see you at our next Family Service  
Morning worship with The Worship Group  
A celebration of Mothering Sunday  
Sunday 15th March at 11:00am**

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**(Stephen Gilbert - Secretary)**

*9<sup>th</sup> Enfield Guides Fundraiser*

*Please come and join us for*

# *Afternoon Tea*

*At*

*Christ Church Hall, Chase side, En2*

*On*

## *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March*

*Please arrive to be seated at*

*2.45pm*



*Tickets will be £6 for adults and £3 for children under 10 and will be on sale from Vicki through February and March and will be on a first come first served basis.*

R. WITCHES

5<sup>TH</sup> ENFIELD  
GUIDES + RANGERS  
QUIZ NIGHT  
SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> MAR (7pm For)  
7:30pm

TICKETS: £10 EACH  
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# **An evening of brass**

**at Christ Church United Reformed Church  
Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ**

**Saturday 21st March 2015**

**from 8:00pm in the church**

**Tickets £3 each (available on the door)**

**Featuring performances from**

**Jersey Premier Brass**

**and**

**North London Brass  
Contest Band**

**Proceeds from this concert will be donated  
to the Kenya Kids Education Trust**

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**North London Brass: [www.northlondonbrass.co.uk](http://www.northlondonbrass.co.uk)**

# CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

At the end of 2014 Christ Church had 24 members, 5 of whom were serving Elders with responsibility for pastoral care for groups of church members and 6 were non-serving Elders. Members have served the church in a variety of ways including as Church Secretary, Treasurer, Pulpit Supply and Church Bookings Secretary, Christian Aid organiser, wedding registrar, leaders of youth and children's groups and the Friendship Club and members of the Property Committee and Worship Group. We extend our thanks to all those who have served the church and supported its activities in any way in the past year.

Average numbers attending Sunday morning services in 2014 have risen to 29 adults and 4 young people and children under 16 (the average for the 10 Family Services was 41 adults and 16 under 16s, and for the non-Family Services was 27 adults and 1 under 16). Children and young people leave for Adventurers on non-Family Services. There have been several new frequent worshippers including members of the Spirit and Life Baptist Church who have sung and danced at our services as well as having their own worship in Tamil on Sunday afternoons in Christ Church. They also organised a festival of lessons and carols to which members of Christ Church were invited to take part.

In the absence of a Minister of our own, we appreciate those church members, lay preachers, retired Ministers and our organist who have helped in our services to spread the message of God's love. There were special Family Services

# CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT continued...

for Guides Thinking Day, Mothering Sunday, Adventurers and Youth Sunday, Animal Blessing, Harvest Festival, BB Enrolment, Church Anniversary and the Christmas Nativity. There were also services celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter Day, a Christmas Lessons and Carols service and two enjoyable Breakfast Services.

Offerings have supported the work of Christ Church as well as the wider community and special collections have helped various charities, local, national and overseas. Members have also collected for Christian Aid. The many organisations which use church premises provide a valuable source of income for the church as well as providing opportunities for evangelism.

Church activities have included meetings of the Friendship Club, Holiday at Home in May for those unable to have a holiday of their own, Holiday Memories in October and the Church Bazaar in November raised funds for the church. The monthly Lunchtime @ Christ Church events have provided opportunities for members and visitors to talk and enjoy a meal together in pleasant surroundings and listen to music.

There are about 110 children and young people in Christ Church's youth organisations - Adventurers, Boys' Brigade, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. They meet weekly on church premises and have played a valuable part in the life of the church including taking part in services and helping with the annual bazaar.

# CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT continued...

There have been performances in the church by the Enfield Choral Society and North London Brass. We have developed our links with Chase Side Primary School. Following their use of Christ Church to produce stained glass window designs, they also performed their annual carol concert in the church. The church's outreach has also included a service of readings, prayers and Christmas carols in Bay Tree House behind the church.

Christ Church is part of the North West Enfield Groups of Churches and members have been able to attend three joint evening services as well as to join with friends in the Enfield Town and Forty Hill Local Ecumenical Partnership for Good Friday services in the Market Place and St Andrew's Church.

Christ Church is part of the North Enfield Group of United Reformed Churches with our friends at Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road. Joint services, Bible study sessions and an Elders day have been held. We are now scoped together for ministerial purposes and the three churches prepared pastoral profiles for a joint pastorate based on an equal sharing of ministerial time and costs. Although the first ministerial candidate failed to receive sufficient support, the three churches have now extended a ministerial call to Henriette Wentink, who we hope will commence her ministry in Enfield in July 2015.

Stephen Gilbert  
Church Secretary



# WORSHIP GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

The Worship Group has had twelve meetings in 2014 and organized thirteen services, including Mothering Sunday, Easter Day, Animal Blessing Service, Songs of Praise, Remembrance Sunday, the Christmas Nativity and Service of Lessons and Carols, and two Breakfast Services. At the Breakfast Services we were pleased to welcome friends from Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs and the Spirit and Life Baptist Church.

We have enjoyed trying out different approaches in worship services. If anyone would like to be involved in readings, drama, prayers etc. please let me know.

Thank you to all the members of the Group for their involvement and contributions and also to everyone who has assisted with and taken part in services over the year.

Rosemary Milns

# ADVENTURERS ANNUAL REPORT

Adventurers continue to meet weekly on Sunday mornings during term time from 11:00am to 12:00pm. We are a fun, Bible based, children's group. Activities include games, painting, acting, singing, cooking and lots more! This year we are holding some Taster sessions for youngsters to try out. These are on Sunday 1st March, Sunday 29th March and Sunday 26th April. Please contact me, Rosemary, on 07751 560 686, or Pamela Fisher on 07775 505 999, for further details.

Through the charity World Vision, Adventurers sponsor Elsa, who lives in Albania. Elsa is now sixteen and is continuing to do well at school.

Rosemary Milns

# RAINBOWS ANNUAL REPORT



Rainbows have had an amazing year with lots of exciting trips and activities.

We started the year with a church disco; the Rainbows had a great time thanks to Tom's DJ skills, staying up late and all the party food. It was good to see the Rainbows interact with all the older sections, there weren't any boys but that didn't bother the Rainbows...

We spent the beginning of the year looking at growing things, healthy eating, thinking about other people, friends/family and doing good turns. This was a really enjoyable few weeks with some wonderful surprises.

We then potted up beautiful containers of flowers for Mother's Day and straight into Easter cards, baskets and nests.

The summer term was about looking after ourselves, keeping fit, we walked to the park, we had a pamper evening where everyone had a pedicure and their toe nails painted. We learnt about the importance of looking after ourselves, our teeth, hair and skin.

The summer term we spent most evenings outside, enjoying the weather and the fresh air we used the church garden, church car park for a sponsored scooter, Chase Green and we even went to Enfield Town park twice...

The summer outing this year was a great adventure to London Zoo. We experienced getting on and off trains, the tube and even buses. The day was an amazing adventure. 11 leaders, 21 Rainbows, 22 Guides and 4 Rangers - we

# RAINBOWS ANNUAL REPORT continued...

were quite a mass.

We met other Rainbow and Guide groups at the Zoo, although the weather wasn't as good as it could have been (rained all day) we did have a good time. Lunch in the giraffe house (smelly), afternoon tea with the monkeys (interesting) and finally a visit to the gift shop.

Coming home was even more of an adventure getting on a busy bus, then on to the tube, and then a very full train coming home. We had a great day but totally shattering...

The summer finished as always with an end of term BBQ, lots of entertainment, multiple costume changes, singing but so much fun.

November we had a winter weekend away - this was great, Rainbows, Guides and Rangers all away together. We had a onesie night and a mad wide game on the Saturday night defending glow in the dark balloons and capturing the other teams glow sticks. The indoor accommodation was nice really warm and being away with all the other sections was good. The indoor climbing wall and archery were all new experiences for all of the Rainbows including the staying away from home aspect but we had lots of fun.

Autumn term started with preparations for harvest, cooking then after half term a mass of Christmas craft. A visit from Santa on one of the last evenings was probably the most enjoyed, but finished with our Final Festive Friday... The Rainbows participated in all aspects of the service but most enjoyed performing their song "Jump for Joy" and their Christmas Cheer.

# RAINBOWS ANNUAL REPORT continued...

We had some great Parties this year to say both “Hello” to new members and sad farewells to some of our older Rainbows going up to Brownies, 11 Rainbows went up to Brownies in September 2014 which caused a huge drop in numbers, but with the ever growing number of new girls wanting to join the programme is working well. We are already back up to 16 already with plans for another 3 or 4 joining us in January 2015.

Overall a really good year and looking forward to another year with more special moments to remember.

Tracy Rainbow

## BROWNIES UPDATE



We are sorry that Kathy Brown, the leader of the 9th Enfield Brownies, has been quite unwell recently. Following a stay in hospital, she is now continuing her

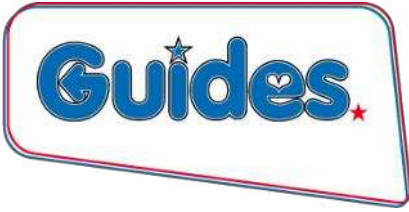
recovery at home.

The Brownies were unable to meet for a time towards the end of 2014 but are now meeting again thanks to the assistance of some Brownie leaders at other groups in Enfield, as well as the continuing support of Kathy’s two daughters.

We extend our thanks to all those who are involved in enabling the girls to meet at the present time.

Kathy is hoping to return to Brownies following the Easter holidays and we wish her all the best for her continued recovery.

# GUIDES ANNUAL REPORT



Over the last year the Guides have been very busy with a variety of activities, trips and camps. One of our favourite activities from the beginning of the year was a onesie

film night in the hall. This involved all the girls arriving at Guides in our onesies with blankets and pillows and watching a girly film with popcorn, crisps and drinks. We then continued the term with crafts, games and cooking.

In March we held a fundraising afternoon tea to raise money for our new Guide tents, the event was very successful and we all enjoyed every minute. We successfully achieved our fundraising target over a few events and were very excited to arrive in July for a fun packed week at Tolmers with new tents. The girls got the opportunity to try out lots of activities including zip line, climbing, rifles, face painting and zorbing. We finished the week off with a disco and a night sleeping under the stars.

After a lovely summer break we arrived back at Guides to a fun packed timetable which included decoupage letters, milkshake quiz and arm knitting. We also had the opportunity in October to attending the Girl Guide Big Gig which is a concert just for Guides. There were lots of famous singers and the Guides enjoyed singing and dancing along to all their favourite songs. After half term we were all very excited to be attending the 9th Enfield joint indoor camp. We stayed in a new building at Tolmers and got to do lots of activities with the Rainbows, Guides and Rangers. This was a great opportunity for the girls to get to know each other and to work together to have a very successful weekend away which we hope to repeat this year.

# GUIDES ANNUAL REPORT continued...

We ended the year with a Christmas shopping trip to Bluewater where the girls spent hours shopping to their heart's content. We also got into the Christmas spirit by having a joint night out with Rangers to the cinema to see The Nativity 3 and then our Final Festive Friday which gave us a chance to entertain and wish all our friends, family and fellow Guiders a happy Christmas.

We are looking forward to next year with camping, trips, fundraisers, crafts, cooking, games and badge work all in our plans.

Vicki Stratton

## RANGERS ANNUAL REPORT

Rangers started the year with a variety of activities from structural engineering with cocktail sticks and mini marshmallows to a Tesco shopping scavenger hunt. Both activities used all the girls' skills and abilities to complete the task. Building a tower to withstand the weight of a chocolate bar to buying all 100 Tesco items with £10 and getting your name read out over the tannoy system were all accomplishments the Rangers will remember.

A great bingo evening was used as a fundraiser for Rangers and brought together Rainbows and Guides along with quite a few parents.

Orienteering in the dark at Lea Valley proved another test of team work and map reading skills.

The Easter term we started with a variety of different types of cooking, in kitchen, outside on small cooking stoves and with

no utensils at all.

The best part of the summer term was hammocking in the woods at Tolmers, no tents to put up. A great evening round the fire followed by a very dark evening suspended in the trees. A cold night but so different, breakfast cooked on an open fire in one frying pan, no equipment to clean or put away... it was probably the quickest camp strike we've ever completed.

We joined up with a Cuffley Senior Section group for canoeing towards the end of the summer term at Tolmers. This was a new activity for a few of the girls and really enjoyable apart from the gnats.

The end of term BBQ, saw the Rangers do a variety of camp fire stunts, all very humorous but the enlarging machine possibly caused the loudest laughs. The audience weren't quite sure what was going to come out of the machine next...

Summer camp at Tolmers is always a great adventure; we had a great week away, a relaxed time but still did lots of activities. All of us this year were allowed in the Explorer Den which was great. Sarah had her baby shower during camp which involved even more entertainment, fun and games.

In September we prepared for harvest and had a great evening at Tolmers doing a blind trial attached to a length of rope in the woods, in the dark, no torches... teamwork and cooperation were essential to collect the glow sticks and complete the mission.

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# RANGERS ANNUAL REPORT continued...

great, Rainbows, Guides and Rangers all away together. We had a cinema night and the best part a mad wide game on the Saturday night defending glow in the dark balloons and capturing the other teams glow sticks. The indoor accommodation was nice, really warm, and being away with all the other sections was good. The indoor climbing wall, archery and rifles were fun and we all had plenty of turns.

The Final Festive Friday was the highlight of the winter term running up to Christmas, lots of songs to learn and a modern version of the three wise men story “Three Wise Women Debate”.

Numbers in the group are still small, 6 Rangers, but we hope to have some new members come up from Guides in 2015.

In 2015 we are going to repeat our hammocking experience and start to join up with another Senior Section group in Cuffley at Tolmers on a more regular basis. We’re fundraising for a new tent for summer camp and have lots more exciting activities planned.

Tracy Rainbow

# FRIENDSHIP CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

We have enjoyed a varied programme each month on a Monday afternoon at Friendship Club this year. There are now about 24 members with a usual attendance of around 20. Our thanks to Marion who has provided excellent organisation and leadership assisted by Sylvia and Barbara, Eileen who deals with the collection of money and the register, and Veronica who is our treasurer. In addition we are indebted to Christine who plays piano or keyboard for us



# FRIENDSHIP CLUB ANNUAL REPORT continued...

when necessary and many of the Friendship Club members who regularly provide and serve refreshments.

During the past year Rev David Atkinson and Jean Kellerway have led devotional sessions and Rev Mandy James gave us a special 'preparing for Christmas' programme. Brenda Brown took us on a 'Mystery tour of England' and Stephen Gilbert took us to the eastern USA with their colour slides, while Harold Noble shared his 'Memories' one afternoon and Sylvia shared missionary memories of workshops in India and Kiribati. Dawn Cox came to talk about the Wood Green Animal shelter and Peter Williams had us singing along with his programme entitled 'My music'. To complete the variety we have also enjoyed quizzes and lots of interesting things to eat, particularly as part of our Christmas and Easter celebrations.

On one Wednesday of each month some of our members meet up for a pub meal together, and in June we had lunch at The Plough, Crews Hill, celebrating the anniversary of the coronation. During our lunch, for which some of us had dressed in red, white and blue, we shared our own memories of the Queen's coronation day as we looked at Brenda's memorabilia. Also in the summer some of our members had a beautiful day out visiting Highclere Castle (better known as Downton Abbey since that television series has been filmed there) when they joined an outing organised by the Unison retired members group.

At the moment we are missing Marion who is still unwell in hospital. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with her at the difficult time.

Sylvia Coombs

# BOYS' BRIGADE ANNUAL REPORT

2014 has been another busy year at the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade, with boys continuing to take part in a wide range of activities at Company, Battalion and District level. The Company continues to meet on Monday nights in the Church hall in school term times. Our membership in October 2014 stood at 18 Anchor Boys, 12 Junior Section, 10 Company Section and 6 members of staff (nearly double the number of boys from the same point in 2013).

The **Anchor Boys** has had a big surge in numbers in 2014 and are now our largest section under the leadership of Sue Bullock, assisted by Tina George. The boys have been taking part in a wide variety of activities on Monday nights including arts, crafts, cooking, making things and lots of games. As well as that, the boys have had the chance to go do additional activities such as a Battalion Party in January, an Activity Afternoon in March, a trip to Legoland Windsor in April, a trip to Whipsnade Zoo in September and a Superhero Fun Afternoon in November. A great time was had by all at all of these events. They also took part in the Battalion Colouring competition where one of our boys, Jack Brown, was a prize winner.

The **Junior Section** has also had an increase in numbers during 2014 and is run by Tom Boorman and Ady Bullock. The boys have been taking part in lots of different events throughout the year. As well as the regular Monday night programme, boys in the Junior Section also took part in the trips to Legoland Windsor and Whipsnade Zoo, as well as the Superhero Fun Afternoon. They also had events of their own including an Activity Day in January, a Skills Day in

# BOYS' BRIGADE ANNUAL REPORT continued...

March and the Enfield Battalion Weekend Camp in July. The boys also took part in the hockey and swimming competitions, winning the latter. At the end of 2014 the Anchor Boys and Junior Section held a Christmas party together where they enjoyed pizza and party games, which was good fun for all involved.

The **Company Section** and **Seniors** have maintained a good number of boys, with 10 members attending on a regular basis. The section is run by Tom Boorman and Andrew Clarke. We have continued to enter a variety of competitions, currently holding trophies for 5-a-side Football, 6-a-side Football and Table Tennis. In the summer we held a series of summer programme activities including a film and pizza evening, bowling, canoeing, laser combat, games night, raft building and a BBQ. Some of these were done on our own and others with our friends from the 10th Enfield BB. We also joined with the 10th Enfield BB and 1st Winchmore Hill GB for our Summer Camp in Sheringham, Norfolk, with a fantastic week full of various activities such as sports, water games, team challenges, trips to the beach, treasure hunt, seal trip, swimming, karaoke, go karting and a trip to Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park taking place.

One of our Company Section members, Marcus Magona, was nominated for a Jack Petchey Achievement Award in 2014 and he will be taking part in a celebration event at Kensington Great Hall in early 2015.

Events that the whole Company has taken part in include an Enfield Battalion Church Parade and Explore activity

# BOYS' BRIGADE ANNUAL REPORT continued...

afternoon in March, our Annual Display in May, the Enfield Town Show in September, our Enrolment Service in October and the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade in November. We have also taken part in a number of church events including Church Parades and taking part in the annual Christmas Bazaar. In January, we also held a Quiz Night to raise money for Company funds. In June, the Company took part in London District's Life 2 the Max event, an activity day for all sections at Felden Lodge (BB Headquarters) which attracted over 400 members from across London!

We also continue to run a combined bugle band with the 1st Enfield BB/Amicus, which rehearses on Tuesdays at their hall in Armfield Road. The band is a mix of younger and more experienced players, and in 2014 we took part in (and won) the London District Novice Band competition. Members of the band also take part in the London Massed Bugle Band, who played in the Lord Mayor's Show in November.

As we continue into 2015 we hope to be able to continue to provide an exciting programme of activities for our boys and also to continue to encourage new and existing members. During 2015 we will also be celebrating our 125th Anniversary, having been formed on 3rd December 1890. We thank the families of the boys and staff, friends of the Company and all at Christ Church for their continued support and we ask for your prayers as we continue to seek to further our Object: the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys.

Tom Boorman

On behalf of the staff of the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade



On Sunday 26th April 2015, Tom Boorman will be taking part in the London Marathon to raise money for the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade.

If you can donate towards this effort, please fill in the sponsorship form at the back of the church or visit the online fundraising page at <http://bit.ly/3EBBLM15>

Thank you for your support!



## Celebrating 125 years of the 3rd Enfield...

An evening gathering for current and former members, friends and supporters (18+) to come together socially.

Date: **Saturday 5th December 2015** from **7:00pm**

Venue: **Holtwhites Sports & Social Club** (1 Kirkland Drive, Enfield, EN2 0RN)

**Booking forms are now available.** If you would like to be sent one, please email us at [info@3rdenfieldbb.co.uk](mailto:info@3rdenfieldbb.co.uk) or fill in our contact details form at [www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk/formermembers.php](http://www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk/formermembers.php)

If you are still in contact with fellow former members of the 3rd, please encourage them to get in touch with us too. We'd love to see as many of you as possible!

# ADVENTURERS TASTER SESSIONS

## COMING SOON - ADVENTURERS TASTER SESSIONS

Adventurers is a fun Bible based children's group which runs during term time from 11:00am to 12:00pm on a Sunday at Christ Church.

Activities include games, painting, acting, singing, cooking and lots more! Come along to one of our taster sessions to find out more.

The taster sessions will take place on:

Sunday 1st March

Sunday 29th March

Sunday 26th April

Contact Rosemary on 07751 560 686 or Pamela on 07775 505 999 for further details.

## GIFT AIDING YOUR DONATIONS

It is now possible for us to claim Gift Aid on any donations you make to Christ Church URC.

If you would like us to do this, please place your donation in one of the Gift Aid envelopes (available at the back of the church) and put it in the collection bag during a Sunday service or hand it to David Fisher.

Please ensure you fill in the Gift Aid Declaration on the back of the envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, this will enable us to claim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.

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# **HOLIDAY AT HOME**

**17TH TO 18TH APRIL 2015**

**10:30AM to 4:00PM EACH DAY**

**This event is like a holiday club for adults which will be held in the Church hall. The programme will include craft activities, quizzes, Bible talks, musical items and entertainment. A cooked lunch and afternoon tea will be provided and the charge for each day is £6.**

**For further information and to book a place please contact Rosemary Milns on 020 8363 6571 or email us on [mail@ccurc.org.uk](mailto:mail@ccurc.org.uk). Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!**

**We'd also love to see you on Sunday 19th April at 11:00am for our Family Service, which is being led by Mr Terry Silvey.**

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# LEA VALLEY AREA NEWSLETTER

**Lea Valley Area of the Thames  
North Synod  
Newsletter January 2015  
Edition no 11**



*The*  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**

New Year greetings to all our churches from Area Committee! There is good news to report; but first let me tell you about some important changes which are in prospect.

As many of you will remember, until 2008 Lea Valley was a District, not an Area, and in some ways our Area Committee is the successor of the old District Pastoral Committee. We have given the new system a good try, but many of us feel that it is not working particularly well and the time has come to make changes. So consultation is now under way on proposals for a new structure, under the title “Re-Visioning the Synod”. It is intended to put them before the next meeting of Synod (on 21st March).

It would be good if we can make rapid progress towards the new structure, but in the short term it is clear that the present Area Committee has a lot of important work to do. The concerns about our membership which I expressed in the last Newsletter (October 2014) remain pressing, and we were disappointed to find that only one nomination was made to fill the three impending vacancies. Since I wrote we have received with sadness the news that Eddy Webber, who has served our churches so well, has had to resign owing to ill health, and so we do urgently need someone with an interest in building and/or financial matters to take his place. A supplementary election process is now in progress,



# LEA VALLEY AREA NEWSLETTER continued...

and I once more ask you all to consider whom you might nominate.

If you want to find out what we did in 2014, please ask your church's Synod representative to let you see the Annual Committee Reports booklet, which is issued each year in advance of the March meeting of Synod.

Now for the good news. First, we are delighted to learn that Henriette Wentink, an ordinand at Westminster College, has accepted a call to the new North Enfield pastorate, which consists of Bush Hill Park, Christ Church and Lancaster Road. Her ordination and induction will probably be in July. Secondly, we have approved the appointment of two Local Church Leaders. Chris Hall, who was until recently at Cheshunt, will now serve at Bush Hill Park, this appointment to be reviewed once Henriette has had a chance to see how the new pastorate is settling down, while Jill Nugent will serve at Cheshunt. To all three we extend our congratulations and our best wishes for fruitful ministry.

In 2015 we have further meetings scheduled for 10th March, 13th May, 14th July, 22nd September and 11th November. If there is anything you would particularly like us to consider at any of these meetings, please let me know at least a week beforehand.

With best wishes

Adrian West, Secretary

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# BB ANCHOR BOYS ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

On Saturday 17th January, 25 Anchor Boys from Companies around Enfield joined together for an Activity Afternoon at Bush Hill Park URC (2nd Enfield HQ).

The event consisted of arts, crafts and games all based around the theme 'The Armour of God', looking at the story of David battling Goliath in 1 Samuel.



# BB JUNIOR SECTION ACTIVITY DAY

On Saturday 24th January, members of Junior Section groups from Companies across Enfield Battalion joined together for an Activity Day at St John Methodist Church (16th Enfield HQ).

There were 31 boys present for an afternoon of table tennis, giant games (Connect Four, Jenga, draughts), quoits, as well as the hockey competition.

The hockey competition was won by the 1st Hoddesdon, with a joint 3rd/11th Enfield team coming third overall.

A very enjoyable day was had by all and our thanks to those who organised it.

## 3RD ENFIELD BB QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 31st January, the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade held its annual Quiz Night in the hall at Christ Church.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all those who came along. Around 90 people were there for the evening, which also included a ploughman's meal and a raffle.

We are delighted to report that a total of £695.59 was raised, which will go towards supporting the work and activities that we do at the 3rd Enfield.

We would also like to thank the local businesses who generously donated prizes for the raffle, which was very popular and well received. The details of these businesses, as well as loads of information about the 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade, can be found on our website at [www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk](http://www.3rdenfieldbb.co.uk)

## BOYS' BRIGADE SWIMMING GALA

On Saturday 7th February, members of the Boys' Brigade (Enfield, Barnet and Inner North London Battalions) and Girls' Brigade (London North District) came together at Tottenham Green Leisure Centre for the North London Zone Swimming Gala.

The evening included races for the Junior, Company and Senior age groups and a choice of strokes including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, as well as some relay races.

The 3rd Enfield took part in the Junior age group, coming fourth in that and seventh overall. The overall winners were the 1st Barnet. Well done to all who took part!

# SERVICES FOR EASTER 2015

Come and join us at Easter this year as we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ...

## **Thursday 2nd April at 8:00pm**

Maundy Thursday Service at Lancaster Road URC

## **Friday 3rd April at 10:30am**

Act of Worship at Enfield Market Place, followed by...

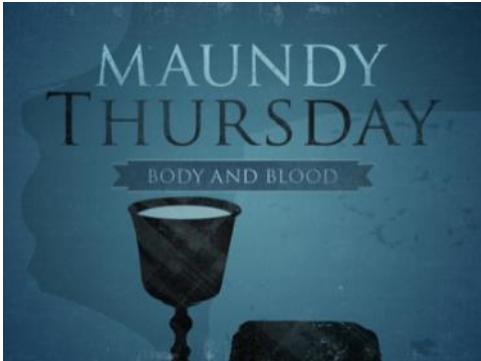
## **Friday 3rd April at 11:00am**

United Service for Good Friday at St Andrew's Church

## **Sunday 5th April at 11:00am**

Morning worship with The Worship Group (all age service for Easter Sunday, including Holy Communion)

## MAUNDY THURSDAY AT BUSH HILL PARK



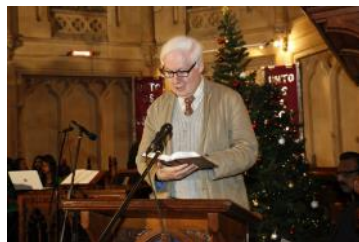
As an alternative on Maundy Thursday (2nd April), Bush Hill Park URC are holding a special Communion Service led by Chris Hall, where they will share a meal of lamb skewer kebab (cost £5 per person).

All are welcome at this service to remember Jesus' final meal with His disciples.

If you are interested in going and would like to eat, please contact Bush Hill Park URC (email [office@bhpurc.org.uk](mailto:office@bhpurc.org.uk) or phone 020 8366 5526) so they know numbers in advance.

# SPIRIT AND LIFE CAROL SERVICE

On Saturday 13th December 2014, Spirit and Life Baptist Church (who meet at Christ Church on Sunday afternoons) held a Joint Carol Service of the Sri Lankan and Indian Churches at Christ Church. Churches from across London came together for the event, where carols were sung in Sinhala, Tamil and English. Pastor Sunder Manuelraj welcomed people to the service, the Bible readings were done by pastors of the various churches and the speaker was our very own Sylvia Coombs. Following the service, a Sri Lankan dinner was provided which was enjoyed by all.



# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Following our Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 21st December 2014, a very enjoyable fellowship lunch was held in the hall. Thanks to all those who were involved in organising it!



*Editor's note: Our apologies for the inadvertent omission of the items on this page from the February newsletter. Better late than never!*

# PRAYER DIARY MARCH 2015

- 1st** - Pray for the Adventurers as they hold their first taster session this morning
- 2nd** - Pray for the Anchor Boys as they meet this evening
- 3rd** - Pray for our Elders and for their leadership
- 4th** - Pray for this morning's Joint Bible Study Group meeting at Lancaster Road URC
- 5th** - Pray for Henriette Wentink as she prepares to become our next Minister in July
- 6th** - Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening
- 7th** - Pray for the local community around Christ Church
- 8th** - Pray for our friends from Lancaster Road URC as we join them for morning worship to celebrate their Church Anniversary this morning
- 9th** - Pray for the Junior Section as they meet in the hall this evening
- 10th** - Pray for tonight's meeting of the Lea Valley Area Committee
- 11th** - Pray for the Friendship Club as they come together to enjoy lunch at the Moon Under Water
- 12th** - Pray for those who suffer persecution for their faith
- 13th** - Pray for the Brownies as they meet in the hall this evening
- 14th** - Pray for our Lunchtime @ Christ Church event, which is taking place in the church today, and the Guides Afternoon Tea in the hall which follows
- 15th** - Give thanks for mothers as our Mothering Sunday Family Service takes place this morning
- 16th** - Pray for the Company Section and Seniors as they meet in the hall this evening
- 17th** - Pray for the leaders of our youth organisations
- 18th** - Pray for this morning's Joint Bible Study Group meeting
- 19th** - Give thanks to God for His word to us through the Bible

# PRAYER DIARY MARCH 2015 continued...

- 20th** - Pray for the BB Company Section members who are beginning a weekend away at Felden Lodge this evening
- 21st** - Pray for the members of Jersey Premier Brass and North London Brass as they entertain us with a concert in the church this evening
- 22nd** - Pray for our friends from Spirit and Life Baptist Church as their Pastor, Sunder Manuelraj, leads our morning worship today
- 23rd** - Pray for the Friendship Club as they hold their AGM and a quiz today
- 24th** - Pray for our friends from Bush Hill Park URC
- 25th** - Pray for the external groups who use our church premises
- 26th** - Pray for the work of missionaries around the world
- 27th** - Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet in the hall this evening
- 28th** - Pray for the local businesses on Chase Side
- 29th** - Pray for God's guidance at our Church AGM this afternoon
- 30th** - Pray for your own faith as we enter Holy Week
- 31st** - Pray for all those who are suffering from the loss of loved ones

## 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.

## CHRIST CHURCH MOTTO

**“Enter to worship, depart to serve”**

# GETTING IN TOUCH CHURCH CONTACTS

## **Interim Moderator**

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## **Serving Elder**

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# GETTING IN TOUCH ORGANISATIONS

## **Friendship Club**

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**Joint Bible Study Group  
with Lancaster Road URC**  
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## **3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade (Junior Section)**

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## **3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade (Company Section)**

Mr Tom Boorman  
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## **3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade (Seniors)**

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## **9th Enfield Rainbows**

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## **9th Enfield Brownies**

Mrs Kathy Brown  
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## **9th Enfield Guides**

Miss Vicki Stratton  
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## **9th Enfield Rangers**

Mrs Tracy Rainbow  
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## **Adventurers**

Miss Rosemary Milns  
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# CHURCH DIARY MARCH 2015

**Sunday 1st March** 11:00am  
**Mr John Stynes**  
**Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)**  
**Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns**

Wednesday 4th March 9:45am - 11:30am  
Joint Bible Study Group with Lancaster Road URC

**Sunday 8th March** 11:00am  
**Combined service at Lancaster Road URC to celebrate their Church Anniversary (no service at Christ Church)**

Wednesday 11th March 12:30pm  
Friendship Club  
Lunch at the Moon Under Water

Saturday 14th March 11:00am - 2:00pm  
Lunchtime @ Christ Church

**Sunday 15th March** 11:00am  
**The Worship Group**  
**Family Parade Service (Mothering Sunday)**  
**Duty Elder - Stephen Gilbert**

Wednesday 18th March 9:45am - 11:30am  
Joint Bible Study Group at Lancaster Road URC

Saturday 21st March 8:00pm  
Jersey Premier Brass and North London Brass Contest Band concert (in the church)

**Sunday 22nd March** 11:00am  
**Pastor Sunder Manuelraj**  
**Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher**

# CHURCH DIARY MARCH 2015 continued...

Monday 23rd March 2:15pm  
Friendship Club  
Short AGM and quiz

**Sunday 29th March 11:00am**  
**Rev Bert Baker**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns**

Sunday 29th March 12:30pm  
Church AGM

# CHURCH DIARY APRIL 2015

Wednesday 1st April 9:45am - 11:30am  
Joint Bible Study Group with Lancaster Road URC

**Thursday 2nd April 8:00pm**  
**Maundy Thursday Service (at Lancaster Road URC)**

**Friday 3rd April 10:30am**  
**Act of worship at Enfield Market Place**

**Friday 3rd April 11:00am**  
**United Service for Good Friday (at St Andrew's Church)**

**Sunday 5th April 11:00am**  
**The Worship Group**  
**Easter Sunday and Holy Communion (offering for Shanthigramam)**  
**Duty Elder - Pamela Fisher**

# Adventurers

**Adventurers is the name of the Junior Church at Christ Church and is for boys and girls aged 3 upwards. The group meets for games, drama, craft, activities and fun, based around a Bible theme.**

**The group meets on Sundays at 11:00am in the church for the all age part of the service, and then moves to the hall until 12:00pm.**

**Further information can be obtained from Rosemary Milns on 020 8363 6571.**



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