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A wooden cross, a crown of thorns, and a palm frond are arranged on a purple background. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is positioned diagonally. The crown of thorns is made of dried, spiky branches and is placed over the top of the cross. The palm frond is green and is placed behind the cross and crown of thorns.

North Enfield Pastorate **Lent Course**

Each Tuesday from 17 February to 24 March
10:30am in the Lancaster Road URC Church Lounge

or

Each Thursday from 19 February to 26 March
7:30pm in the Christ Church URC Hall

For more details please turn to page 5

Pastoral Letter February 2026

Hello,

Well, we are well into 2026 now. I do like to see which events are celebrated each month and this February I thought I'd share about Candlemas. 2 February will be Candlemas, when Christians in some denominations celebrate the time when Jesus was presented in the temple and Mary's purification. It is 40 days since Christmas Day - my how time flies. This account can be found in Luke 2:22-40 when we also learn about Simeon and Anna.

Simeon, who was a devout and righteous man, was prompted by the Spirit to go to the temple and as soon as he held Jesus he knew how special Jesus was and prophesied about what would happen in the future. Then in the same passage we learn about Anna, a prophetess. She never left the temple and fasted and prayed and, "She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem." (Luke 2: 37)

How amazing that Simeon saw the Messiah as promised by God and Anna also realised the enormity of this child's purpose in life. Can you imagine their deep, deep, joy? They had both been faithful over many years and were rewarded with this special experience. We live in an age where people want instant answers to everything. God does not work according to the beat of our drum; he has his own beat. However, we are called to be persistent in our prayers:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all

circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We have planned to be persistent in our prayers at the start of each service and our meetings, praying specifically for growth in our numbers, in our spiritual commitment to God and service to our local community. This is going to be a marathon rather than a sprint as they say. God will answer our genuine prayers as and when he sees fit - whenever the answers come, we know it will be at the right time. We are already seeing new people joining each of the churches which is wonderful and it is so lovely when they want to join our church families, isn't it?

Looking forward to the rest of February, we will be starting our Pastorate Lent Course which will last over six weeks on a Tuesday morning and a Thursday evening (details can be found on page 5). We will also be having a visit from the Moderator of the General Assembly, Catriona Wheeler (see more details on pages 10-11). These are opportunities for us to come together as a pastorate to get to know one another better and show our unity in Christ.

May God bless you throughout February, as we look forward to the springtime, warmer weather.

God bless,

Ruth

Zoom Bible Study Group

The Zoom Bible Study Group will be meeting on Saturdays 14 and 21 February at the usual time of 9:30am. New members are very welcome. The group is continuing with its study of the Gospel of Luke. Please contact Rosemary for more information and the Zoom log in details.

2026 Lent Course

This year we will be holding our Pastorate Lent Course on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

There will be two options, running on the following dates:

- Tuesdays 17, 24 February, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March at 10:30am in the Lancaster Road URC Church Lounge
- Thursdays 19, 26 February, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March at 7:30pm in the Christ Church URC Hall

We will follow a book entitled Discipleship written the Revd Alex Jacob, a URC minister. Each book will cost £5.

Please let Ruth know on **minister@ccurc.org.uk** if you would like to attend so she has an idea of numbers and so that she can order the correct number of books. Please do so by 7 February at the latest to give time for book delivery.

The Bible Over Lunch

Bush Hill Park URC will be starting a new group to discuss the Bible, over a light lunch of soup and a roll on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This will start from 14 April at 12:30pm and finish no later than 2:00pm.

Everyone is welcome. They can cater for any dietary requirements if notified of your intention to come a couple of days beforehand - please contact Ruth on **minister@bhpurc.org.uk** or **07592 125 027**.

Horse chestnut tree

Sadly, the horse chestnut tree by the containers in the car park at the back of the church has died. For safety reasons it needs to be removed, but as it has a Tree Preservation Order on it, the Council requires it to be replaced.

It has been suggested that we tie this in with our 150th anniversary celebrations and have a plaque placed by the tree indicating this. The new tree will cost about £300, so we are asking if people would like to make a donation towards the cost of this, their names (if they agree) being recorded as being a sponsor of the tree - something to leave for future generations.

Please contact Pam or one of the Elders if you would like to make a donation.

Communion offering

The Communion offering for February is for Shanthigramam Leprosy Village in Karigiri, South India.

Shanthigramam - literally "village of peace" - is a haven for aged, destitute persons who have been damaged by leprosy. The centre was started in 1980 by Dr Ernest Fritschi and Mrs Manorama Fritschi, who dedicated their lives to the welfare of leprosy affected people in Tamil Nadu. Rejected by their families, these differently enabled people would otherwise be dying on the streets as beggars.

The village provides a peaceful shelter for them to live and die with dignity. The residents are provided with single-room cottages with bath and toilet, built in a beautiful campus filled with trees. The idea of the cottages is to give residents a feeling that they have a home and not just a dormitory.

Most of the residents have severe deformities in their feet and hands, making even simple self-care tasks very difficult. Notwithstanding this, they show great initiative in adapting to do as much as they can. The everyday running of Shanthigramam is funded entirely by voluntary donations from well-wishers.

A collection plate will be at the back of the church at the end of the service on Sunday 1 February, and any donations would be most gratefully received.

Lenten offering

If you would like to make a Lenten gift this year, you can do so by using a Lenten offering envelope, or via bank transfer, with the reference of 'Lenten offering'. Lenten offering envelopes can be placed in the weekly collection bag, or given to an Elder. If you would like the church's bank details, please speak to Pam or Rosemary.

The Lenten offering goes towards supporting the work of Christ Church. Thank you for anything that you can give - we really appreciate it.

If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid any donations that you make to Christ Church. This will enable us to claim an additional 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. A form to do this is available from Rosemary.

Christmas greetings

Christmas messages were received from a number of friends of Christ Church who have moved away from Enfield, including the Revd David Atkinson, the Revd Chris and Rob Willis, John Badger, Evelyn Bailey, Ken and Mary Basham, Trevor and Sandra Blackmore, and Norman and Jean Griggs.

Stephen

Leading Your Church into Growth

At our North Enfield Pastorate Breakfast Service on Sunday 28 December, we spent some time in church groups thinking about all of the things we do as churches and the ways in which we reach out into our respective communities.



Prayer is of course at the heart of all that we do, and if we want to grow in numbers and commitment to God then it is important that we seek his help as we work to do so.

At the service we prayed the below prayer, which each of the three churches will pray as a congregation at the start of every service, and at the start of every Church and Elders' Meeting. Please do also consider using the prayer and reflecting on its message in your own personal prayers.

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service on 22 February

On Sunday 22 February at 10:30am, the URCs in the Enfield & East Hertfordshire Local Area Group will be joining together to worship at Trinity Church, Enfield as we will be visited by this year's Moderator of the General Assembly, Catriona Wheeler.



Trinity Church is kindly hosting this very special service and it will be a wonderful opportunity for all of the churches in the Local Area Group to come together. The service will be followed by tea/coffee and cake.

Trinity Church is located on Church Street, on the corner of Gentleman's Row (postcode EN2 6AN). It is on the edge of Enfield Town and a short walk away from Christ Church. There is limited parking at Trinity Church, or it will be possible to park at Christ Church and walk to Trinity.

The URC's website published the following article about Catriona's appointment:

Nominated by East Midlands Synod, Catriona will chair the General Assembly's November 2025 and July 2026 meetings.

Catriona was educated at Teesdale School, Barnard Castle, and read law at Birmingham University. An Elder and Church Secretary of

Trinity United Reformed Church, Lincoln, Catriona has been the Legal Advisor to the East Midlands Synod of the URC since 1997, works as solicitor practising in the areas of commercial property, corporate law and charity law, and is a Notary Public.

Her late grandfather and late mother were both URC Elders, as are both of her brothers.

Catriona conducts acts of worship and is authorised to preside at the Sacraments and is a Stepwise student (the URC's discipleship development programme). Catriona has held membership in churches across three synods, Northern, Yorkshire and East Midlands and serves as a director of East Midlands Synod Trust and Chair of the United Reformed Church Trust.

Her hobbies include gentle cycling, with the objective of seeing places, choral singing with the Lincoln Choral society; K-dramas (Korean dramas), BTS (a South Korean band), knitting and crochet.

In its nomination, East Midlands Synod said that it was delighted to make this nomination, "having benefitted from Catriona's wisdom and clarity of thought in meetings and discussions on many occasions and in different situations. Her ability to crystalise the thinking of the room and her pastoral sensitivity to all aspects of an issue are among her great strengths."

Catriona practises as a solicitor and Notary Public. Her areas of law cover commercial property and corporate law, but her particular interest is charity law.

Lunchtime @ Christ Church

Our monthly Lunchtime @ Christ Church events will be restarting in March, and will take place on Saturdays 14 March, 11 April, 9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 12 September and 10 October.

All of these events will take place from 12:30pm-2:30pm and everyone is very welcome to join us for this time of fellowship. There is no set price for the food and drink - donations are accepted.

Volunteers are needed to help with these - if you can assist, even if it's just for one of the dates, please speak to Rosemary.

Annual General Meeting

An advance notice that our Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 12 April following the morning service.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting as we discuss important church matters. Non-members are welcome to attend and speak, but cannot vote.

Leaders of church organisations are requested to send their annual reports for 2025 to the Editor on **newsletter@ccurc.org.uk** by Sunday 8 March, so that they may be included in the April 2026 newsletter.

Friendship Club programme

The Friendship Club, which is our social group for adults, meets on the third Monday of each month at 2:15pm in the hall for fellowship, tea/coffee and cake! Forthcoming meetings in 2026 will take place as follows:

- 16 February: "A funny thing happened to me..." - Sylvia Coombs & Alison Gibbs
- 16 March: Air traffic safety - Stuart Dewis
- 20 April: Linda Clarke paints a picture
- 18 May: Speaker - The Revd Mandy James
- 15 June: Chair exercise time - Rosemary Randall
- 20 July: Desert Island Discs
- 17 August: Summer tea - The Revd Ruth Dewis
- 21 September: Our favourite subjects to study
- 19 October: A volunteer in Sierra Leone - Sylvia Coombs
- 16 November: Quiz time - The Revd Mandy James
- 21 December: Christmas programme including a Christmas tea - The Revd Ruth Dewis

News of the fellowship

We are very sorry to learn that Brenda Brown passed away peacefully on 12 January. Brenda will have been known to many at Christ Church and particularly the Friendship Club, and our prayers are with Brenda's family and friends at this sad time. Funeral details will be shared in due course.

Christmas at Christ Church

To close 2025 it was wonderful to once again celebrate Christmas and the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in lots of different ways!

On Sunday 30 November we joined with friends from across the North Enfield Pastorate at Lancaster Road URC for Advent Sunday worship, and later that day volunteers from Christ Church, Enfield Baptist Church and Chase Family Church helped to serve refreshments outside our church as the Enfield Christmas Parade of Light passed by.

During December we were delighted to be able to host various groups from Chase Side Primary School, including a Christingle-making session and a Carol Service which saw us welcome along pupils, their families and teachers.



Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 December saw our Christmas Tree Festival take place, with the church open for the weekend with a beautiful display of Christmas trees decorated by church groups and community organisations. People were able to vote for their favourite tree, with Chase Side Primary School winning this fun contest, the Friendship Club coming second and the Boys' Brigade third.



Our church organisations - Boys' Brigade, Girlguiding groups and Friendship Club - held their own Christmas celebrations. You can read more about these in separate articles in this newsletter.

Worship services in the run up to Christmas included our Christmas Nativity and Service of Lessons and Carols, a Carol Service as part of the Christmas Tree Festival and Carols by Candlelight Service led by Chase Family Church.



On Christmas Eve we joined with friends from Lancaster Road URC at their church for an evening Communion Service, and again the following morning on Christmas Day to celebrate the greatest gift of all!



For our final service of 2025 we were joined by Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs for a North Enfield Pastorate Breakfast Service in our hall.



We've loved having the opportunity to welcome hundreds of people through our doors for these events, and are very grateful to all those who worked hard to make them happen - a big thank you!

Friendship Club update

The Friendship Club members and helpers had a real treat at our last December meeting when our Minister, Ruth, and husband Stuart organised and provided a wonderful afternoon of Christmas celebration and tea.

The previous weekend had been very festive for our church with our Christmas Tree Festival, open church and Carol Service, many of us and all visitors having seen all the lovely decorated trees and voting for the best one. However, we were delighted and amazed when Ruth presented the Friendship Club with a certificate for second place for our decorated tree! Well done to all our members involved in the decorating. Our tree decorations were hand made.

Ruth led us all in a collective act of worship with carols and readings with many in the group taking part with the readings.



Then with the tea tables beautifully set up with cloth serviettes and crackers, we helped ourselves to as much as we could manage of a lovely buffet and sat down while Stuart served us teas or coffees. A big variety of sandwiches, sausage rolls, chicken wings, tomatoes, dips, cakes and mince pies. Of course we pulled crackers and put on hats:

"Why was the mushroom invited to the party?"

"No idea, why?"

"Because he was a fun-guy!"

"What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?"

"What did he say?"

"Stick with me and we'll go places"

Father Christmas couldn't be there but he had left everyone a party bag of goodies, a bauble, a gift, mince pie and cake and the gift of the Christmas message to take home.

The Friendship Club would like to say an enormous thank you to Ruth and Stuart, not only for all the hard work that made that afternoon such a success, but also for their help and support throughout the year. We wish you both a very happy and healthy 2026.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 16 February at 2:15pm in the hall, where Sylvia Coombs and Alison Gibbs will give a talk called "A funny thing happened to me...". All are welcome.

Margaret

BB Build Trip to Mexico

In July 2026, a group of young people (aged 16 years) and leaders from the 3rd Enfield will take part in a 10-day build trip to Mexico, joining other BB members from across the country. Working alongside our build partner, Amor Europe, the young people will help construct a home for a family living in poverty.



This isn't just about building a house; it's about providing hope and a new beginning for a family in need.

Each day as part of the build the young people will be hands on building a home from the ground up, under the supervision and instruction of an experienced foreman onsite. During each day they will also meet with the local community including children and young people.



As well as making a lasting difference for the family in a local community in Tijuana, Mexico, this experience will have a profound impact on the young people themselves. Through the trip, they will have a wide range of opportunities, including experiencing new culture and community, developing confidence and independence,

and gaining valuable life skills. They will also explore issues such as poverty and social injustice, broadening their understanding of the world and their role within it.

Importantly, this project is not just about the trip itself - it includes months of preparation and planning, with the young people actively involved in fundraising too.

How can you help?

The cost of the trip is over £2,000 per person, and with four of our members taking part we are aiming to raise in excess of £8,000. This means there is a lot of work to do in raising the funds to cover the costs for travel, accommodation, food and of course the build costs.

If you feel able to contribute, you can donate online via our JustGiving page at **[justgiving.com/campaign/bbbuildmexico2026](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bbbuildmexico2026)** or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to donate offline please speak to Tom. Donations can be Gift Aided if you are a UK taxpayer. Whether or not you can contribute financially, your prayers are also appreciated.



As part of our fundraising efforts for the trip, we will be holding an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 29 March from 3:00pm in the hall. The cost will be £10 per person. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a time of fellowship together, to enjoy some refreshments and sweet treats, and to hear more about the Build Trip from those taking part.

Boys' Brigade update

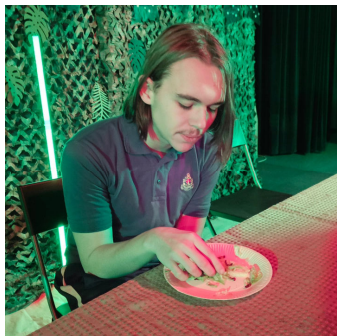
On Sunday 30th November it was great to join with 70+ children, young people and leaders from across Enfield Battalion for the annual Enfield Christmas Parade of Light.

To begin the day, our Anchors and Juniors enjoyed a trip to KB02 in Palmers Green, spending some time in the soft play area and games room as well as having lunch. Following that, we travelled up to Enfield Town for the Parade of Light which brought together members of all of our age groups.

Enfield Battalion's "Christmas Winter Wonderland" float included lots of Christmas-themed inflatables and festive music, and the group of children, young people and leaders made their way around with lights, glow sticks and more to make for a very bright and colourful display!

The next day all of our age groups took part in our I'm a Celebrity Themed Evening, working in teams to take on a range of challenges to win stars for their group. Well done to our 2025 Kings of the Jungle





- Benedict, Ciaran, William and Yuvaan (Under 11s) and David, Lillyan and Micah (Over 11s)!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who got involved in our collection for Help for Hunger. Through everyone's generous support we were able to donate hampers for three families to the appeal, and members of our staff team were also able to help with the sorting and distribution of hundreds of hampers to schools across North London at the start of December.



During our last couple of weeks of term we got into Christmas, including exploring why Jesus is the reason for the season and our Anchors & Juniors making decorations for a tree at Christ Church's Christmas Tree Festival - thank you to everyone who voted for us!



On Monday 15 December it was Christmas Party time for all of our age groups, as we finished 2025 with an evening of party games, Xbox, pool, table tennis, table football, board games, pizza and drink.



At this meeting we were delighted to be able to present our first Duke of Edinburgh's Awards for around 30 years. Well done to Joe, Tyla and Yianni who have all worked hard to complete the requirements and achieve their Bronze Awards!

Tom



Christ Driving the Traders from the Temple

Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, John 2:13-21

Doménikos Theotokópoulos, called El Greco (The Greek) was born in 1541 in Crete, which was then part of the Venetian Empire. He trained as an artist in Crete, before moving to Venice (Crete had previously been part of the Byzantine Empire ruled from Constantinople and El Greco's art shows Byzantine influences). He later moved to Rome, before settling in Toledo in Spain, where he lived and worked from 1577 until his death in 1614. The elongated figures in his paintings are a characteristic of the Mannerist style.

El Greco painted the subject of Christ driving the money changers from the Temple many times. The version in the National Gallery in London is a late work dating from around 1600. The subject may have symbolised the purification of the Roman Catholic Church during the Counter-Reformation (this was the Church's reaction to the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century).

The story is in all four gospels. Matthew, Mark and Luke set it in the last week of Jesus' life, when he was in Jerusalem for the Passover festival. John has the story near the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The traders were selling cattle, sheep and pigeons for sacrifice in the Temple. Money changers sitting at tables were converting, at a profit, Roman coins into special Jewish coins for use in the temple.

In the centre of the painting is Jesus with his arms raised having just overturned the money changers' tables, one of which can be seen at the bottom of the picture. Jesus is telling the traders to "stop making my Father's house a marketplace" and is sending them away in confusion. To the right of Jesus are his disciples including Peter, dressed in blue and yellow in the foreground. Reliefs between the columns in the background show the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden (left) and the sacrifice of Isaac (right).

Stephen

You can see a full colour version of *Christ Driving the Traders from the Temple* on page 31.

Dead Man Walking

In November I went to a performance of the English National Opera's production of *Dead Man Walking* at the London Coliseum.

The opera was first performed in San Francisco in 2000 and there have been over 80 productions around the world since, including one in a former prison in Australia. The title comes from the words spoken when a condemned prisoner is taken out to be executed. *Dead Man*

Walking has a score by Jake Heggie, whose first opera it was, and a libretto by Terrence McNally. The music was written in an accessible style with parts reminiscent of Bernstein and Gershwin and elements of jazz and American folk hymns.

The story had previously been made into a film in 1995 starring Susan Sarandon, who won an Oscar, and Sean Penn.

Dead Man Walking is based on a memoir by the Catholic nun Sister Helen Prejean. She had befriended a killer who had asked her to visit him when he was on death row in a Louisiana prison in the USA. Sister Helen urges the murderer to confess his crimes and ask for forgiveness. She has an unbreakable faith in the power of redemption and tells him, "The truth will set you free" (John 8:32). She manages to relate to him through their shared love of the songs of Elvis Presley.

The opera also shows the devastating impact on the prisoner's mother and on the parents of the teenage couple he murdered. He does eventually admit his guilt. When he is strapped down on the table for the lethal injection to be administered, he asks the watching parents to forgive him and he tells Sister Helen that he loves her.

Dead Man Walking vividly portrays the conflict between Christian forgiveness and revenge justice. This harrowing three-hour performance gripped its capacity audience and I believe that many were challenged by the issues of morality and judgement which were raised.

Stephen

Prayer diary February 2026

- 1 Pray for Evodian Fonyonga as she leads our Communion service this morning.
- 2 Pray for the Anchors as they meet this evening.
- 3 Pray for the work of Shanthigramam Leprosy Village in Karigiri, South India, who we support with our February Communion offering.
- 4 Use the prayer on page 9 as a basis to pray that our church may grow in numbers, spiritual commitment to God and in service to our local community.
- 5 Pray for the work of our newly-reformed Finance Committee.
- 6 Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.
- 7 Pray for all those who are unable to attend church events through sickness or ill health.
- 8 Pray for the members of The Worship Group as they lead our service this morning.
- 9 Pray for the Juniors as they meet this evening.
- 10 Pray for God's guidance as we explore possible future plans for our church buildings.
- 11 Pray for lasting peace in areas of the world where there is conflict.
- 12 Pray for Ruth and Stuart.
- 13 Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening.
- 14 Pray for the Zoom Bible Study Group as they meet this morning.
- 15 Pray for the Adventurers as they meet during our service this morning.
- 16 Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet this afternoon, and for Sylvia and Alison who are leading the meeting.

- 17 Pray for children and young people who are on half term this week.
- 18 Pray for God's guidance in your own life as Lent begins today.
- 19 Pray for the Pastorate Lent Course, which holds its first evening session at Christ Church today.
- 20 Pray for the residents of Horseshoe Lane.
- 21 Pray for the Zoom Bible Study Group as they meet this morning.
- 22 Pray for friends from across the URC network in Enfield as we come together in worship at Trinity Church this morning.
- 23 Pray for the Company and Seniors as they meet this evening.
- 24 Pray for the pupils and staff of Chase Side Primary School.
- 25 Pray for the external groups that use our church premises.
- 26 Pray for this evening's Pastorate Lent Course session.
- 27 Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening.
- 28 Pray for our Elders.

March 2026 Newsletter

The **March 2026** edition of the Christ Church Newsletter will be published on **Sunday 22 February** (note that although there is no service at Christ Church on this day, we are sticking to the normal schedule to ensure sufficient space between issues and we will try to ensure that copies are available to collect on this day).

Items intended for inclusion in this issue must be with the Editor by Sunday 8 February. Any late submissions will either miss inclusion or be held over to the following issue.

Church diary February 2026

Sunday 1 February **10:45am**

Evodian Fonyonga

Holy Communion (offering for Shanthigramam)

Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Sunday 8 February **10:45am**

The Worship Group

Duty Elder - Alison Gibbs

Saturday 14 February 9:30am-10:30am

Zoom Bible Study Group (see page 5)

Sunday 15 February **10:45am**

The Revd Ruth Dewis

Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Monday 16 February 2:15pm

Friendship Club

"A funny thing happened to me..." - Sylvia Coombs & Alison Gibbs

Tuesday 17 February 10:30am

Pastorate Lent Course part 1 (at Lancaster Road URC - see page 5)

Thursday 19 February 7:30pm

Pastorate Lent Course part 1 (at Christ Church URC - see page 5)

Saturday 21 February

9:30am-10:30am

Zoom Bible Study Group (see page 5)

Sunday 22 February

10:30am

United Service for the Enfield & East Hertfordshire Local Area Group (at Trinity Church, Enfield - no service at Christ Church)

Please note the location and earlier start time for this service; see pages 10-11 for more details

Tuesday 24 February

10:30am

Pastorate Lent Course part 2 (at Lancaster Road URC - see page 5)

Thursday 26 February

7:30pm

Pastorate Lent Course part 2 (at Christ Church URC - see page 5)

Church diary March 2026

Sunday 1 March

10:45am

The Revd Ruth Dewis

Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)

Duty Elder - Sarah Harry

Tuesday 3 March

10:30am

Pastorate Lent Course part 3 (at Lancaster Road URC - see page 5)

Thursday 5 March

7:30pm

Pastorate Lent Course part 3 (at Christ Church URC - see page 5)

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Christ Church URC is a part of the **North Enfield Pastorate** and the **Enfield & East Hertfordshire Local Area Group**.

Our motto: "Enter to worship, depart to serve."

Our 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.

Please note that views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the whole fellowship, nor are they representative of church policy.



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Email mail@ccurc.org.uk
for more details of regular
activities taking place at
Christ Church



You are invited...

Join us for worship on **Sundays** at **10:45am**

See diary for details of upcoming services

Adventurers (Junior Church)

During our Sunday morning service - for children aged 3+

Games, drama, craft and lots more fun activities based around a Bible theme

Friendship Club

Once monthly on a Monday (usually third Monday) at 2:15pm

Social meetings for adults for all ages - see diary for upcoming dates



Monday evenings
For boys aged 5-18
info@3rdenfieldbb.co.uk



Friday evenings
For girls aged 4-18
9thenfield@gmail.com



Zoom Bible Study Group

Saturdays (twice monthly) at 9:30am

See diary for upcoming dates

