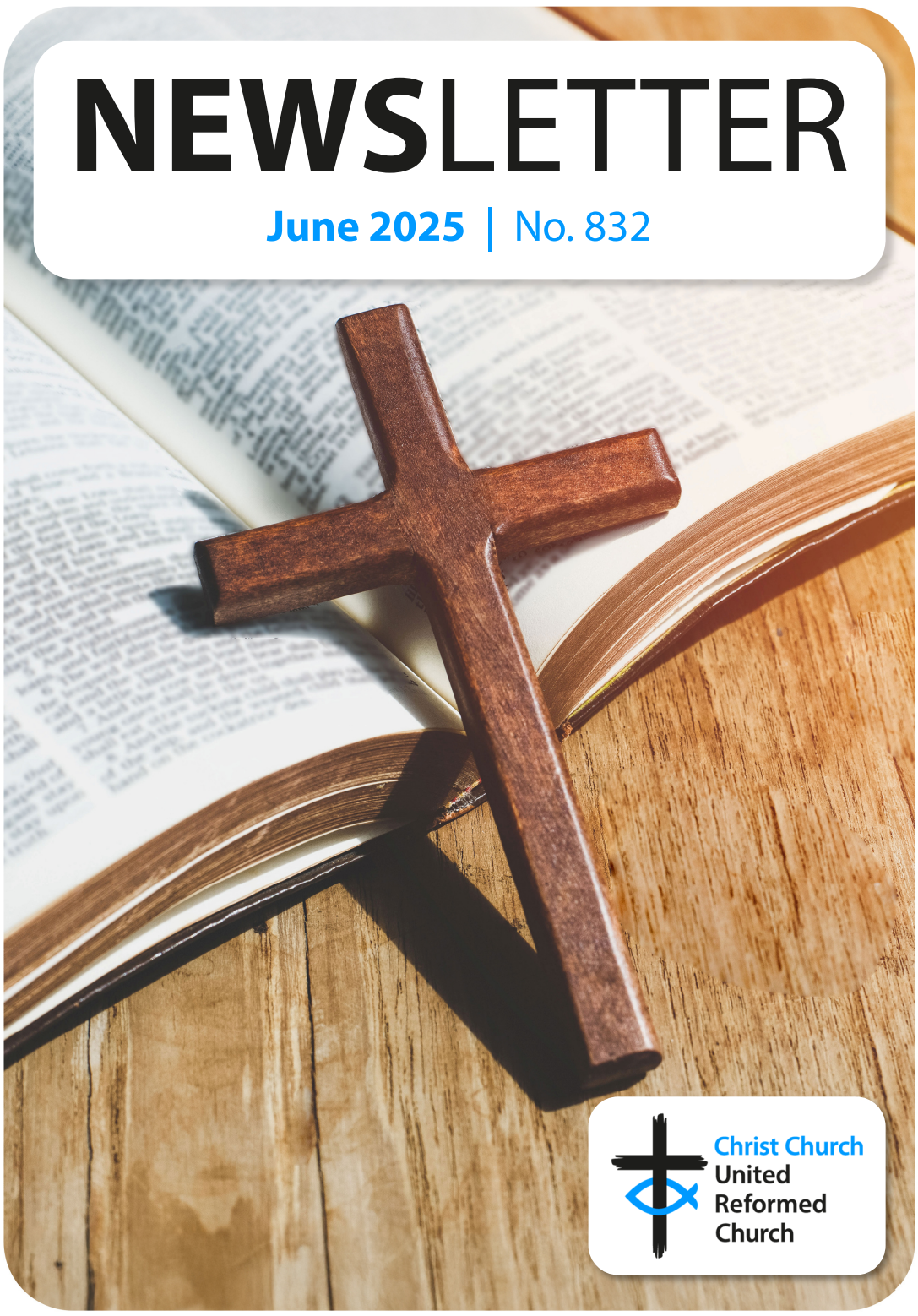


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Pastoral Letter June 2025

Hello,

June has arrived - it's officially summer!

Have you noticed that people tend to be happier when the sun shines? Is it the warmth that makes people feel better? Is it because things look brighter and full of life?

Creation is at its best all around us during the summer and we see the benefits from all the pruning and nurturing done earlier in the year. Lessons can be learnt from creation for our own lives: "...ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you." (Job 10:8)

Pruning seems harsh, doesn't it, but it's necessary to get the best results in the garden. The same goes with our lives. Life can be so full. Now if it's full of the things that build us up that's one thing and is beneficial but if our lives are full of things that cause us stress and we feel overwhelmed that's very bad. It's not just bad for the person overwhelmed but also for those around us who feel the effect; yes others feel our stress.

We need to take responsibility for what we take on and say yes to. When we spread ourselves thinly, nothing can reach its potential or be done properly without a cost. That cost could be to ourselves, our family, our work colleagues, our church family, for example.

In our previous garden down in Hampshire, I replanted a budlea plant

in a new place that I had found self seeded in the garden. It was happy there in its new space because the blooms, when they appeared, were enormous. When it came to the time to prune again I didn't want to touch it because the plant now filled the gap in the hedge I wanted it to fill and the blooms had been fantastic; I expected the same the following year. However the following year the blooms were tiny and less resplendent and received less visits from the bees. So when pruning time came along again, it had a very harsh 'hair cut', which resulted in the next round of blooms that appeared being better than ever.

We need to prune everything from our lives that stops us being the people God intended us to be. We live in a world full of distractions that take our focus off God, even in church. Not everything we do in our own lives and even in church brings glory to God. However, those who remain in Christ will be fruitful. We may need to let go of much in our own lives and our own churches' lives to allow God to use us to be fruitful for his kingdom.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." (John 15:1-4)

A tree is made of many branches and church families are made of many people. When we are all connected to 'the Vine' and all do our

bit, no longer will the few get overwhelmed. In our own lives too, if we listen to what God wants us to do we will not be burdened (Matthew 11:30) and we will be fruitful.

As we walk through this month may we be refreshed by that same Holy Spirit that gave birth to the church at Pentecost. May we be listening to God, the Father for his direction and looking to Christ our Saviour for compassion, mercy and agape love to share with all those we meet.

God bless,

Ruth

Weekend of prayer

Come and share in a weekend of prayer - this will be an exciting time for the Church in Enfield with lots to pray and think about.

Lancaster Road URC will be open for prayer on Friday 27 & Saturday 28 June, from 10:00am-8:00pm on both days. There will be points for prayer (prayer stations) and it will allow time to think mainly about God's love for us and our love for others, including a 'chill out tent'. It will include activities for all ages and refreshments will be available until 7:30pm.

At the North Enfield Pastorate service on Sunday 29 June at 11:15am there will be teaching on prayer.

Communion offering

This month's collection is to support the Friends of KSN Hospital. KSN is a mission hospital in West Bengal, India, which is also has a training school for nurses and a hostel which provides safe accommodation for local girls whose families are struggling to care for them. The hospital does amazing work within the local rural community, with limited resources. At the instigation of the Revd Melanie Smith, the Friends of KSN CIO, a UK charity, was formed in 2021 to promote fundraising efforts in the UK. Rosemary is one of the trustees, as is Laura Marlow at Lancaster Road URC.

Funds raised by KSN CIO have been used to purchase items of medical equipment, fund Eye Camps to deal with the removal of cataracts (a major problem in India), to pay for the support of girls at the hostel and to fund the training of student nurses.

A collection plate will be at the back of the church after the service, and any donations would be most gratefully received.

Lancaster Road URC Holiday Club

Lancaster Road URC's Holiday Club (for children aged 5-11) will be heading to 'Psalm Tree Island' on Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August! Details of how to register and further information will follow in due course. If you have a child in this age range and would like to find out more or register interest, please email **holidayclub@lancaster-road-urc.org.uk**

Friendship Club programme

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

New members are very welcome at any of these meetings - for more details please speak to Sylvia Coombs.

Forthcoming meetings in the remainder of 2025 will take place as follows:

- **16 June:** Linda Clarke paints us a picture
- **21 July:** Who would be a volunteer? - Sylvia Coombs
- **18 August:** Summer tea - The Revd Ruth Dewis
- **15 September:** Our favourite poems
- **20 October:** Songs of Praise - The Revd Ruth Dewis
- **17 November:** Quiz time - The Revd Mandy James
- **15 December:** Christmas programme including a bring and share tea - The Revd Ruth Dewis

Zoom Bible Study Group

The Zoom Bible Study Group will be meeting on Saturdays 7 and 21 June at 9:30am. The group will be continuing a series of studies based upon the Gospel of Luke.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Rosemary Milns for more information and for joining details.

Christ Church 150th anniversary

Our 150th anniversary celebratory events and dates for 2025 are:

- Lunchtime @ Christ Church on the following Saturdays - 14 June, 9 August and 11 October, all 12:00pm-2:00pm. If you are able to organise or help at any of the lunches, please sign up on the lists by the coffee area, under the yearly planner for 2025.
- Youth Organisations' Fun Day - Saturday 21 June, 9:30am-11:30am. Keep an eye out for posters with more information.
- Open Day - Saturday 13 September, 10:00am-4:00pm. In the evening there will also be a concert by Rony Padillo (times TBC).
- Enfield Choral Society Concert - Saturday 8 November, 7:30pm.
- Anniversary Service led by the Moderator of Thames North Synod, the Revd George Watt - Sunday 16 November, 10:45am. This will be a North Enfield Pastorate service at Christ Church.
- 'From Zion Chapel to Christ Church: A story of Congregationalists in Enfield' - Wednesday 19 November, 3:00pm at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane. This is an illustrated talk by Stephen Gilburt organised by the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. All members and friends from Christ Church will be welcome.

Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to those who delivered envelopes to local streets and also to those who supported the Christian Aid lunch on Saturday 10 May. Details of how much was raised will follow.

New Christian communities

It has been said many times that it is not that the church has a mission but rather that the mission of God has a church and we are part of that as we seek to use God-given resources for mission in our area. You may be aware that Thames North Synod is seeking to progress its vision for creating new Christian communities and raising up and resourcing local workers to lead in this work. They have shared at previous synod meetings about the offer of one of the new SCM pioneer ministers.

They would really like to mobilise the support, prayer and feedback from all people, churches and groups around the synod, and so are planning an open prayer meeting on Wednesday 4 June from 11:00am-12:00pm at Lumen URC (refreshments will be provided). It will also be possible to join online. If you would like to find more, make comments or see a paper by the Revds George Watt and Eddie Boon on the topic, please email us on **mail@ccurc.org.uk**

Aspiring to More

‘Aspiring to More’ is a Thames North Synod training and learning programme for those who want to become preachers or worship leaders, or who wish to explore Christian faith and worship in more depth. Taster sessions will be held on Saturday 12 July from 10:30am-3:30pm at Lumen URC (88 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RS) and Tuesday 2 September from 7:30pm-9:30pm on Zoom. Find out more and register interest by emailing **training@urcthamesnorth.org.uk**

Boys' Brigade update

On Saturday 3 May our younger members had a great day joining with others from across Enfield Battalion for a trip to Chessington World of Adventures, seeing plenty of different animals and going on lots of rides!



Thursday 8 May marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day. To celebrate, 25 of our young people, leaders and family members joined thousands of others for a celebratory concert on Horse Guards Parade which was televised on BBC One, enjoying a range of musical, acting and dancing performances, as well as hearing powerful stories from some of those who experienced World War II first hand.



On Saturday 10 May our Juniors had a great time at a Fun Day organised by the BB in London at Honeyhill Activity Centre in Kent, taking on a range of 'It's a Knockout' activities including inflatables, water games, team challenges and lots more.



Back in February our Company & Seniors lads took part in the Top

Team Challenge, a national competition run by the BB. Within it there is also a competition run by the BB in London, with a prize awarded to the highest placed team in our area. Congratulations to our A Team - Austin, Joe K, Tyla and Yianni - who won the London event!

On Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 May three of our Seniors (Joe K, Max and Tyla) took part in the Main Event of the Waltham Walk, a challenge expedition in the Essex countryside where teams navigate between a series of checkpoints, take on team challenges at each one and have to set up camp and cook for themselves.



They did absolutely brilliantly all weekend and won the competition, the first time in its 55-year history that a 3rd Enfield team has done so. A huge well done to them all!

On Monday 19 May we held our Awards Evening. The event saw around 125 badges, trophies, certificates and special awards presented to members of all of our age groups, and it was wonderful to be joined by lots of family members and Church friends as we recognised all the fantastic things our boys have been doing.

The Discovery Award is the Major Award of the Company age group, which we presented three of - to Moisis, Sunny and Tinos. Each of them now move up to the Seniors, and we hope they will make their next step which is working towards the President's Badge.

It was wonderful to have been able to present six President's Badges -

to Austin, Joe K, Max, Nathan O, Tyla and Yianni. We are extremely proud of all of them, and it has been an honour to be a part of their journeys, witness all they've put into gaining their awards and see them grow into fantastic young men. The President's Badge is the second-highest award in the BB, and we hope they will soon begin working towards the King's Badge - our highest award.

Well done to all of the boys and congratulations to the winners of our trophies and special awards:

Anchors Best Boy: Ellis

Juniors Best Boy: William P

RL Plowman Trophy: Micah

TR Plowman Trophy: Yianni

Frank Head Trophy

(Company Best Boy): Sunny

Chris Bullock Memorial

Trophy (Seniors Best Boy):

Austin

George Page Sports Cup: Tyla

Elsie Hart Centenary Cup: Joe K

President's Badge (second-highest award in The Boys' Brigade):

Austin, Joe K, Max, Nathan O, Tyla & Yianni



Find out more about our trophies at 3rdenfieldbb.co.uk/history

As we move further into the Summer term we will be trying to get outdoors a bit more on Monday evenings, as well as taking part in a range of activity days, camps and other events.

Tom

Enfield Choral Society

Charity Number: 293997

Summer Concert 7:30pm Saturday 21st June 2025



Joseph Haydn
Nelson Mass, Mass for Troubled Times

Karl Jenkins
The Armed Man - A Mass for Peace

Conductor Mark Sproson

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Orchestra**

**Bishop Stopford's School
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Let's get together!

You've decided to have a party for your extended family who come from different areas. You don't see them that often but when you do, you all realise how good it is to be together, it helps you realise you are part of something bigger than just your immediate loved ones.

So you send out the invite for them to join you, it's the fifth weekend of the month, you always choose the fifth weekend of the month for these parties because then it's not too regular. You make sure that you've bought the best coffee, tea, biscuits and even cake!

Anyway the day arrives, you are so looking forward to seeing your extended family. Your immediate family start to arrive and then a few of the extended family come through the door, which is lovely because they are the few who regularly come to these dos and you're really getting to know them better.

However there's a tinge of disappointment because not all the extended family attend. You realise that actually a lot of the extended family just haven't bothered because you didn't organise the party at their place. They always turn up to the parties held at theirs. You've made so much effort to make them welcome as well!

To be honest you don't blame them really because when the parties have been at there's you haven't always gone - well it meant going out of your way and you took the opportunity to do something else; you didn't think they'd notice but you've noticed they are not here and you were so looking forward to seeing and being with them.

You've decided that next time it's at theirs, you'll definitely go because you've realised it's so disappointing when people don't turn up.

All across the country there are groups of churches who have joint services so that the people can all come together to worship. However, all sorts of reasons not to go to each others churches are given. It is God's desire for unity and he gives us one another as a brothers and sisters to walk alongside each other. Let's make the most of this opportunity to be a pleasure to God when we come to worship him together.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in Unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

Anonymous

Thames North Synod Eco Day

The next Thames North Synod Eco Day will take place on Saturday 7 June from 10:30am-4:00pm at St Albans URC, Watford Road, St Albans, AL2 3HG. It will explore the topic of 'Using Our Buildings and Land for Climate Justice' and include the opportunity to hear from guest speaker David Britton from Operation Noah. For more information and to book please email Colleen Fraser on **modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk**

Luke

The Zoom Bible Study Group, which usually meets at 9:30am on the first and third Sunday of each month, has just started a new series based upon the Gospel of Luke using Tom Wright's Bible study guide.

The earliest gospel in the New Testament is that of Mark, which was probably written around AD 70. Matthew and Luke's gospels date from up to 20 years later and made extensive use of Mark's gospel. They both added stories about the birth and childhood of Jesus (Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2). They also incorporated material from a written account of the teachings and sayings of Jesus, which is known as Q. This included the Beatitudes (those verses beginning happy or blessed) which are in Matthew 5:3-11 and Luke 6:20-23. They are part of what in Matthew is known as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and in Luke as the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-49). Other teachings and sayings of Jesus from Q are in Luke 11:2-4, 9-13 and 34-36, Luke 12:22-34 and 57-59 and Luke 13:24-27. They had been found to be particularly effective and were well remembered by Jesus' followers.

With the growth of the early church the stories of Jesus were brought to a wider audience. Although many of the early converts were Jews, Christianity increasingly spread to non-Jews (the Gentiles), and to all classes of Roman society. It particularly appealed to the poor with its messages of equality and an afterlife. There were also Roman officials who wanted to learn more about a religion which gave its followers such courage and joy, despite the persecution because they refused to worship the Roman Emperor. One such official was Theophilus, to

whom both Luke's gospel and its sequel the Acts of the Apostles were dedicated (Luke 1:1-4).

Unlike the other gospel writers, Luke was a Gentile, probably a Greek from Macedonia, who joined Paul on his second missionary journey in Greece (Acts 16:9-10). In his letter to the Colossians (4:14) Paul refers to Luke as his "dear doctor". In his second letter to Timothy (4:11) Paul mentions that Luke visited him when he was in prison in Rome.

While Mark's gospel was a powerful record written without regard to literary style, and Matthew's gospel was written primarily for Christians brought up in the Jewish tradition, Luke aimed to meet the needs of an educated Gentile public. He wanted to show that Christianity was a religion of kindness, brotherhood and joy. One of the most attractive features of Luke is the emphasis on the breaking down of barriers between Jews and Samaritans and between Jews and Gentiles. Luke's gospel gives a prominent place to women and stresses how much Jesus cared for the poor and outcasts. Luke explains how Jesus found the strength and inspiration he needed for his mission through prayer and meditation. It is only in Luke's gospel that we can read about the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:8-32) and the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

Stephen

A version of this article originally appeared in the September 2024 newsletter.

The Temptations of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13

Matthew, Mark and Luke's Gospels all record that at the beginning of his ministry Jesus was tempted by the Devil. First when he was hungry in the desert Jesus was tempted to turn stones into bread. Jesus replies to the Devil "Humans cannot live on bread alone but need every word that God speaks." (Matthew 4:1-4)

The Devil then takes Jesus to the highest point of the Temple in Jerusalem and tells him to throw himself down because God's angels will hold him up. Jesus replies "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." (Matthew 4:5-7)

Finally the Devil takes Jesus to a high mountain and promises to give him all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus worships him. Jesus replies "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." (Matthew 4:8-11)

The Temptation of Christ in the Temple and *The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain* are two of originally nine scenes painted in egg tempera on poplar showing Jesus as a teacher, minister and performer of miracles. They formed a predella along the base of the back of the *Maestà* altarpiece created by Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255/1260-1319) and his assistants for Siena Cathedral in Tuscany, Italy between 1308 and 1311. One panel, possibly depicting the Temptation of Christ in the Desert, is missing.

In *The Temptation of Christ in the Temple* the black winged Devil and

Christ dressed in red and blue converse on the balcony of a polygonal building which is reminiscent of the Romanesque baptistries of Florence and Pisa Cathedrals. The interior, seen through the doorway on the right, recalls the black and white striped interior of Siena Cathedral. The painting belongs to Siena Cathedral Museum.

In *The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain* there are two angels behind the figure of Christ who is facing the Devil on a mountain top. Around Christ are images of various miniature cities with architecture suggestive of Siena, with terracotta roofs, castellated towers and herring bone tiled paving. The painting belongs to the Frick Collection in New York.

All eight of the surviving scenes on the life of Christ may be seen until 22 June at the National Gallery's fine exhibition of Sienese religious art between 1300 and 1350 (see May 2025 newsletter for more information).

You may see full colour versions of Duccio's *The Temptation of Christ in the Temple* and *The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain* on page 27.

Stephen

Friendship Club update

We have enjoyed lots of fun, laughter, interest and good memories in our Friendship Club meetings this spring.

In our February meeting the Revd Mandy James shared another of her amazing presentations which she entitled "More or Less". Each of us was given two small pieces of card, one yellow and the other pink, as we came in. Her presentation on screen then included a large number of hugely varied topics with lots of facts and figures about each one. All we had to do was to decide whether there were more or less than the numbers which she gave us so, for example, she suggested a number for the words in the Bible. If you decided that there were more you had to hold up your pink card, or if less, your yellow card. Of course, most of us were simply guessing about such statistics but it was great fun and no doubt we all learnt something. There were songs included for us to join in with too.

In March, Alison gave a second instalment of her time in Zambia. She spoke about what was, to her, normal life. All the houses she lived in had inside taps, though none actually had running water. At times nearby standpipes had running water for about an hour once or twice a day. Mainly she had to send people to fetch buckets of water for daily use, which was then stored in large containers in and around the house. When you had to collect for all your needs you realised how much was needed each day. Power was also a problem, often going off for no reason. Cooking was then an issue as it meant using charcoal on a brazier, rather like a BBQ. Alison explained that even with fire lighters it was not easy to start a fire and wait for it to

become hot enough to cook on.

She spoke about times when she encountered snakes - a green mamba in her entrance hall, a black mamba in her bathroom one night in another school, a spitting cobra right outside the back door and then several poisonous snakes along the veranda in the last school in which she worked. Normally she tried to keep her doors closed to avoid those unwanted visitors. Rats were also a problem at times, as were bats in her final house. Alison spoke of getting up at night to use the toilet and frequently finding bats splashing around in the pan. She would use a broom for the bat to crawl onto and then take it out of the house, all by torch light.

House spiders were ignored so they would continue to eat the mosquitoes and other insects. Ordinary ants were just a nuisance, though fire ants were a different matter. The “fire” was in the pain from their bites. They moved in large colonies in straight lines through any buildings in their way. They were not pleasant to deal with during the day, and could be a real problem when over a hundred girls in a dormitory were woken by ants during a rainstorm and power cut! All they could do was find a friend in another dormitory to share with until ants had moved off later in the morning. Alison continues to give thanks that here in Enfield, now, electricity is available at the flick of a switch and both cold and even hot water are available when taps are turned on.

Then in April, on Easter Monday, our Minister, Ruth, began with a Bible reading for the season, the story of the walk to Emmaus from Luke’s Gospel, then after a very short AGM, Margaret led us with

memories of Enfield which many people were able to join in with. She took us on an imaginary walk along Chase Side and Lancaster Road in particular, and we discussed what we would have been able to see and visit at the time when many of us were growing up in the area around the end of the war and shortly afterwards. Those who had come to live in Enfield later in their lives learnt what it had been like here and were quite interested and surprised.

Our thanks go to those who gave us such interesting programmes in spring. As you read this, Rosemary Randall will have just told us about the work of the Bridge of Hope project in Uganda at our May meeting, and on 16 June Linda Clarke will be back again to paint us another picture. All are welcome to join us for these. We meet in the hall at 2:15pm and conclude with a time for fellowship, tea and cake!

Sylvia

Prayer diary June 2025

- 1 Pray for KSN Hospital as we support them with our Communion offering this morning.
- 2 Pray for the Anchors as they meet this evening.
- 3 Pray for the local community around Christ Church.
- 4 Give thanks to God for his unending love for us.
- 5 Pray for the work of the Enfield & East Hertfordshire Local Area Group, of which we are a part.
- 6 Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.
- 7 Pray for the Zoom Bible Study Group as they meet this morning.

- 8 Pentecost: Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- 9 Pray for the Juniors as they meet this evening.
- 10 Pray for Ruth and Stuart.
- 11 Pray for anyone you know who is suffering from sickness or ill health.
- 12 Pray for the new Pope, Leo XIV, and the wider Roman Catholic Church.
- 13 Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening.
- 14 Pray for today's Lunchtime @ Christ Church.
- 15 Father's Day: Give thanks for fathers and fatherly figures, and give thanks for God as our heavenly Father.
- 16 Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet this afternoon.
- 17 Pray for those who are new to the Christian faith.
- 18 Pray for peace in areas of the world where there is conflict.
- 19 Pray for the residents of Gordon Hill.
- 20 Pray for the Guides as they meet this evening.
- 21 Pray for the Zoom Bible Study Group as they meet this morning, as well as today's Youth Organisations' Fun Day.
- 22 Pray for Terry Silvey as he leads our service this morning.
- 23 Pray for the Company age group as they meet this evening.
- 24 Pray for all those who work at Chase Farm Hospital.
- 25 Pray for the work of our emergency services.
- 26 Pray for our Elders.
- 27 Pray for the Rangers as they meet this evening.
- 28 Give thanks for the (hopefully!) better weather as we move into summer.
- 29 Pray for friends from across the North Enfield Pastorate as we worship together at Lancaster Road URC this morning.
- 30 Pray for the Seniors as they meet this evening.

Church diary June 2025

Sunday 1 June

10:45am

Martin Wells

Holy Communion (offering for Friends of KSN Hospital)

Duty Elder - Sarah Harry

Saturday 7 June

9:30am-10:30am

Zoom Bible Study Group (see page 7)

Sunday 8 June

10:45am

The Worship Group

Pentecost

Duty Elder - Sarah Harry

Saturday 14 June

12:00pm-2:00pm

Lunchtime @ Christ Church (see page 2)

Sunday 15 June

10:45am

The Revd Ruth Dewis

Father's Day

Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Sunday 15 June

12:15pm

Church Meeting

Monday 16 June

2:15pm

Friendship Club

Linda Clarke paints us a picture

Saturday 21 June 9:30am-10:30am
Zoom Bible Study Group (see page 7)

Saturday 21 June 9:30am-11:30am
Youth Organisations' Fun Day

Sunday 22 June 10:45am
Terry Silvey
Duty Elder - Alison Gibbs

Sunday 29 June 11:15am
The Revd Ruth Dewis & Clare Harris
United Service for the North Enfield Pastorate (at Lancaster Road
URC - no service at Christ Church)
Please note the location and later start time for this service

July & August 2025 Newsletter

The **July & August 2025** edition of the Christ Church Newsletter will be published on **Sunday 22 June** (a week earlier than usual as there is no service at Christ Church on Sunday 29 June). Items intended for inclusion in this issue should be with the Editor by Sunday 8 June. Any late submissions may be held over to the following issue.

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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.

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A related article by Stephen Gilbert can be found on pages 18-19.



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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

