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Christ Church
United
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Church

Christmas Tree Festival

FREE FAMILY FUN

Refreshments & Children's craft

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

Saturday 5 December 2026

10am-4pm (Carols at 3pm)

Sunday 6 December 2026

10am-4pm (including Carol Service at 10:45am)

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Pastoral Letter December 2026 & January 2027

Christmas greetings to you all.

Christmas is round the corner as this magazine arrives, followed by the start of the New Year. Christmas allows us to reflect on why Jesus came to live amongst us and the New Year gives us the opportunity to put the past behind us and look forward to the plans God has for us in 2027. It's always good to have a fresh start. So why do we insist on wanting to live in the past and resist change?

People do not need to hear a list of what we've done in the past, "I've done this", "I've done that", "we've done this", "we've done that". Save all that for your CV if you are being interviewed for a job because only God needs to know what you have done (Matthew 6:3-4). All people are really interested in and need to hear from us as Christians is why we believe in God and what has he done to transform us and our lives; what difference does our faith make. Also, they want to know why we have the hope we have each day (that has been given to us by the grace of God) especially when we are going through times of trial (1 Peter 3:15). All glory should be given to God, not us.

We are living in the changing times of today and often we come against things that wobble our equilibriums. In 2027 we need to listen to God for what he wants for our three church families in the Pastorate and especially in our unique communities. That goes for us as individuals too. He might ask us to do something outside of our



comfort zones or give up something we put before our love for him. We are called to sacrificial living as Christians; our whole life is to be given to Christ.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship." (Romans 12:1)

This is what we see with Mary, a young girl at risk of being cast out and ostracised for getting pregnant with someone else other than her betrothed, but she praises God in obedience to his call on her life.

We see Joseph, at risk of gossip and ridicule because his betrothed has become pregnant with someone else but he obeys the call on his life to guard, protect Mary and bring up Jesus in the Jewish faith.

Can we praise God when we are asked to do something beyond our own ability and imagination like Mary? Are we willing to trust God with things that seem impossible like Joseph? Are we willing to do what we deem extreme to allow God to be given all the glory? Are we

willing to give everything we love up, to further the kingdom of God?

Or, do we want to stay in our comfort zone and routine because the alternative looks too difficult and means we'd have to give something up we like to do or own, like the rich man?

"Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. 'There is still one thing you haven't done,' he told him. 'Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions." (Mark 10:21-22)

All we have comes from God and all that we have can be taken away. Job learnt that lesson, didn't he?

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." (Job 1:21)

Even when losing everything (except his nagging wife) he was still focused on praising the name of the Lord. In times of trouble a good few fall away and use it as excuse for their choice to depart the faith. However, let us rejoice that God so loved the world he sent Jesus, his own begotten Son, because whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. What a wonderful reason to celebrate. We can celebrate the arrival of the Saviour of the world which means we have hope whatever troubles come our way. We can celebrate the guidance we are offered from the Holy Spirit, to lead us along the right paths in the perfect plans God has for us and we can celebrate

the promise that Jesus will walk alongside us and never abandon us.

May this Christmas be an extra special time in your walk with the Lord and may 2027 bring new wonders and blessings and good health to you all and those you love.

God bless,

Ruth

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Zoom Bible Study Group

On Tuesday 8 December the Zoom Bible Study Group will be meeting at 10:00am at the Chef's Kitchen, 78 Chase Side, EN2 6NX, for our Christmas breakfast. Please let Rosemary know if you will be coming.

In the New Year, the group will be meeting on Saturdays 9 and 30 January at the usual time of 9:30am. New members are very welcome. Please contact Rosemary for more information and the Zoom log in details.

Communion offerings

The December Communion offering (taken at the service on Sunday 6 December) is for the Bible Society.

The Bible Society believes that the Bible is God's gift to the world. They want everyone to discover its message for themselves and because of that they translate the Bible and make it accessible in people's own languages. They also bring the Bible into public spaces where its voice can be heard, for instance through the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast or The Pitch film fund. They tell its stories, for instance through the Open the Book programme with primary-age children. They encourage people who've never thought the Bible was for them to explore it for themselves, and see life through a different lens.

As part of United Bible Societies, the Bible Society is now active in around 240 countries and regions. Through their translation work, they make the Bible available in new spoken and signed languages, as well as revising existing Bibles to bring the language up-to-date.

To meet the individual needs and demands of the millions wanting the Scriptures, their production facilities not only print physical copies but also produce visual, audio and digital forms. Their distribution network takes the Bible to places it might otherwise be hard to come by, and they improve literacy by empowering people to read, using the book as a reference.

The Communion offering for January (taken at the service on Sunday 3 January) is for the Communion Fund. The Communion Fund is distributable at the discretion of the Minister to assist those in need.

A collection plate will be at the back of the church at the end of each service, and any donations will be gratefully received.

Christmas at Christ Church

We would love to see you at any of our Christmas events this December as we once again celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December our Christmas Tree Festival will take place from 10:00am-4:00pm on both days. The church will be open for you to see the building adorned with Christmas trees that are being decorated by local community groups and businesses. Refreshments will be available throughout - if you can help with these for any amount of time then please speak to Ruth or one of the Elders.

At 3:00pm on the Saturday there will be a time of carols, and the Sunday morning service at 10:45am will be a Carol Service including Holy Communion, led by Terry Silvey.

On the Sunday the Enfield Christmas Parade of Light will be taking place. We will be providing refreshments at the gate, so if you are able to help please speak to Ruth or an Elder. Help is needed from around 4:00pm, and the parade is due to pass the church at around 4:45pm.

On Tuesday 8 December the Zoom Bible Study Group will enjoy a Christmas breakfast, which you can read more about on page 6.

Our service on Sunday 13 December at 10:45am will be led by The Worship Group and is an all-age service centred around 'The Christmas Story'. At this service we invite you to bring gifts of non-perishable food, which will be given to Lancaster Road URC's Food Hub. The loose collection will be given to the Crisis Christmas Appeal.

On Sunday 20 December our service at 10:45am is our Service of Lessons & Carols, which is being led by Ruth. If you would like to do a reading on either 13 or 20 December please speak to Rosemary.

Also on Sunday 20 December, at 5:00pm, Carols by Candlelight will take place in our church led by Chase Family Church. This will include carols you know and love along with the opportunity to hear the Christmas story told through Bible readings, helping to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. Mulled wine and refreshments will be available afterwards.

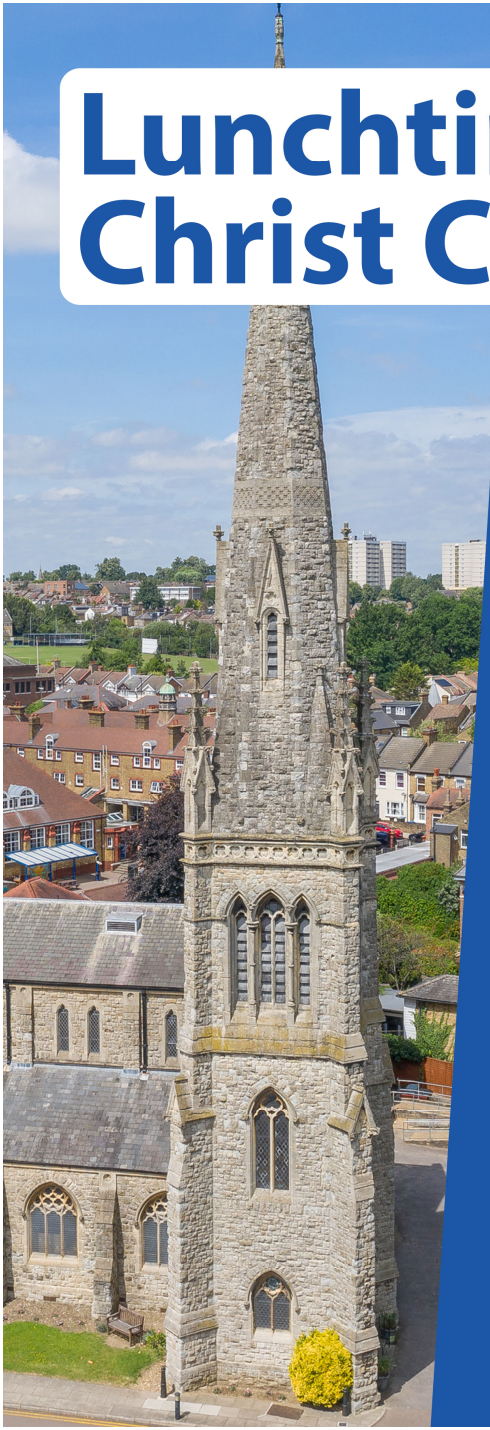
On Monday 21 December at 2:15pm the Friendship Club will meet in the hall for a Christmas programme, which will be led by Ruth and will include a Christmas tea.

On Christmas Eve at 9:30pm we are invited to join with Lancaster Road URC at their church for a Communion Service, which is being led by Ruth.

The following day we will be holding a Christmas Day Service in our church. The service is being led by Ruth and will start at 10:30am. We would love to welcome you along as we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour together!

On Sunday 27 December there will be a Breakfast Service, which will be led by Ruth and will take place in our hall. Breakfast will be available from 10:15am and the service will begin at 10:45am. We will also be welcoming friends from Bush Hill Park and Lancaster Road URCs to this North Enfield Pastorate United Service.

Lunchtime @ Christ Church



Saturday
9 January
12:30pm-2:30pm

Come and join us for a time of food, drink and fellowship together

Lunch and refreshments will be available

No set charge - donations accepted

Find us at **Christ Church URC**
Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ

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Be Bold!

Some people are natural evangelists at heart but other people struggle to know what to say about their faith to those they meet. I came across this prayer which is asking God to give us the boldness to tell others about Jesus. I hope it helps as you go into the New Year.

God bless, Ruth

Dear Lord Jesus,

I want to be bold for you. I don't want to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or afraid to speak your name. I don't want to hesitate when an opportunity arises to share your love with someone. Whether it's a stranger who's struggling, a friend who needs encouragement, or someone who simply asks me what I do on Sundays. Lord, I want to speak about you as naturally as I speak about anything else I love. Why should I hesitate to tell someone about the One who changed my life? Why should I be afraid to share the greatest news I've ever received?

Your Word says: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16)

Lord, I don't want to be ashamed either.

Forgive me for the times I've remained silent because I was worried about what someone might think. For the opportunities I've missed because I was afraid of rejection or an uncomfortable conversation.

Lord, I know I cannot change anyone's heart. Only you can do that. But I can tell them what you've done in mine. I can share the hope I've found in you. I can offer to pray. I can tell someone that Jesus loves them.

So Lord, give me courage in the ordinary moments. When I'm standing in line. When I'm talking to a neighbour. When someone shares a burden they're carrying. Help me recognise the opportunities you place before me.

When the early believers faced threats and opposition, they prayed: "Grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness." (Acts 4:29)

Lord, that's my prayer too.

Grant me boldness. Not arrogance. Not aggression. Not a desire to win arguments. But the courage to speak the truth in love. Give me wisdom to know when to speak and when to listen. Compassion for those who are hurting. Patience with those who disagree. And humility to remember that I, too, was once in need of your grace.

Your Word says: "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)

So Holy Spirit, strengthen me.

When fear tells me to stay quiet, remind me of your power. When I worry about rejection, remind me of your love. When I don't know

what to say, give me wisdom. And when I feel inadequate, remind me that you can work through ordinary people willing to obey. Lord, I don't want my faith to be something I hide. I want it to be evident in the way I live, the words I speak, and the kindness I show. And when the opportunity comes, I want to speak your name without hesitation. Because Jesus, you are too wonderful to keep to myself.

You have given me hope. You have forgiven my sins. You have shown me mercy and given me new life. And there are people all around me who have yet to hear the good news of your salvation. Lord, help me see people not as interruptions to my day, but as people made in your image, deeply loved by you. Don't let me become so busy that I overlook someone who needs encouragement, prayer, or the hope of the gospel. I don't want to wait until I feel fearless before I speak. I want to be faithful even when I feel afraid.

So today, Lord, open my eyes. Open my heart. And when you open a door, give me the courage to walk through it. Let my words be gracious. Let my actions reflect your love. Let my life point people toward Jesus. And may I never forget that the gospel is not something I need to be embarrassed about. It is the greatest news the world has ever received.

Lord Jesus, make me bold. Not for my recognition. Not for my reputation. Not for my glory. But for yours.

In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

(Prayer by Shervin Youssefian)

Boys' Brigade update







From Friday 23 to Sunday 25 October, members of our Company and Seniors age groups enjoyed an Autumn Weekend Away.

After travelling to the Leslie Johnson Activities Centre (in Staffordshire, on the edge of the Peak District) on the Friday evening, on the Saturday we spent the day at Alton Towers. Despite the wind and rain causing some ride suspensions we were able to go on lots of rides including Th13teen, Nemesis Reborn, Toxicator, Wicker Man, Galactica and more!

In the evening we had dinner on site at the Rollercoaster Restaurant, which is set below a series of mini rollercoaster tracks and sees meals travel through loop-the-loops on their way to your table, before heading back to our accommodation for some table games there.

On the Sunday morning we had a devotional time reflecting on how, just like a rollercoaster, life can be full of ups and downs, but just like

we trust those who maintain and run theme park rides we can also trust in God to sustain us through life's twists and turns.



On the way home we paid a visit to Clip 'n Climb Nottingham, where the boys were able to test themselves on the 21 different climbs of varying difficulties and had lots of fun doing so!

On Tuesday 3 November it was great to join with our friends from 10th Enfield for a Fireworks & Bonfire Night, with all of our age groups plus their families coming together for an evening which included some great fireworks, a big bonfire, sparklers, marshmallow toasting, hot chocolate, glowsticks and lots more!



On Sunday 8 November we were honoured to once again join with Enfield Battalion to take part in the Enfield Remembrance Sunday Parade, which included a Service of Remembrance and laying of wreaths at the War Memorial on Chase Green, followed by a march through Enfield Town.

This occasion is important to us as we remember all those who gave

their lives in conflict, including a significant number of 3rd Enfield members. Well done to all of our boys who took part, including Max who laid a wreath on behalf of the BB & GA in Enfield.



The following day, Monday 10 November, all of our age groups got into Remembrance themed activities as part of our regular meeting.

The younger boys painted some poppy-themed Remembrance Rocks as part of the BB's '1,000 Poppies, 1,000 Thank Yous' challenge, which has seen groups across the country collectively create poppies to say a huge thank you to all those who went before us and sacrificed so much in conflict.



Our older lads spent some time reflecting on the importance of Remembrance, including thinking about those in our own BB family who served or gave their lives in conflict, and creating a Poppy Word Art.

Tom



SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY 2027

AT CHRIST CHURCH URC HALL, CHASE SIDE, EN2 6NJ

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM FOR A 7PM START
£15 ADULTS / £8 CHILDREN (TABLES UP TO 8)

INCLUDES PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER + SOUP
(BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE DURING THE EVENING)

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE
> the adventure begins here

Supporting the work of the
3rd Enfield Company

At Christmas Time We Think of Gifts

This hymn and poem was written to help us to remember why we should be celebrating at Christmas - Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2

1. At Christmas time we think of gifts
and cards and parties too,
we like to spend some time with friends
and with our families.

2. When Mary came from Nazareth
with Joseph, to give birth,
her son was born in Bethlehem
as prophets had foretold.

3. Although there was no family
to celebrate the birth,
some shepherds and wise men had come
to see the baby boy.

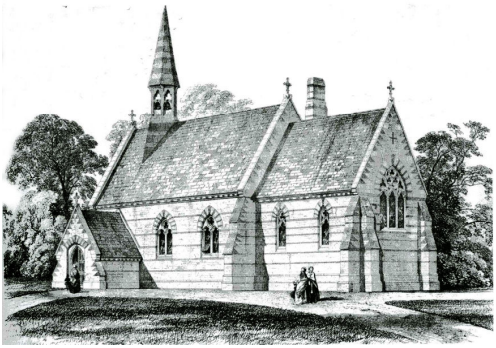
4. Today as we can celebrate
the gift of Jesus Christ,
let us remember that he came
to save us all on earth.

Stephen Gilburt

Common metre 8686 iambic
Tune 'Winchester Old' (RS 155 'While Shepherds Watched')

Sacred Images: St John the Baptist Church, Clay Hill

St John the Baptist Church was designed in a Venetian Gothic style by James Piers St Aubyn and opened for worship in 1858, as shown in the print to the right. It became a parish church in 1867.



1858 print of exterior (credit John Wright)

Stained glass windows in the nave were designed by Robert Bayne from the firm of Heaton, Butler and Bayne. It was founded by Clement Heaton at Covent Garden in 1852. Bayne's bearded features can often be seen in his designs.

This 1870 window shows on the left Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. His sisters Martha and Mary are also depicted (John 11:1-44). This story includes Jesus saying "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)



1870 window showing Jesus raising Lazarus and Jesus with Martha and Mary (photo by Stephen Gilburt)

The panel on the right shows Mary

listening to Jesus while Martha is standing holding keys and a dish (Luke 10:38-42).

This 1865 window shows on the left Jesus holding a sheep as the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep." (John 10:11)



1865 window showing Jesus as the Good Shepherd and Jesus as the Light of the World (photo by Stephen Gilburt)

On the right is Jesus as the Light of the World: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Jesus is holding a lamp - "Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). His other hand is raised to knock on a door - "Listen, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with them, and they will eat with me" (Revelation 3:20). This window was inspired by William Holman Hunt's famous 1853 painting *The Light of the World* which was widely copied in paintings and prints (see February 2024 newsletter).

The 1856 east window above the altar and reredos at the end of the chancel came from the Wailes workshop which produced stained

glass windows in Newcastle-upon-Tyne between 1808 and 1881. On the left is the Baptism of Jesus by John in the river Jordan at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22).

The crucifixion of Jesus in the centre shows Mary the mother of Jesus standing on the left wearing a blue robe, Mary Magdalene with long hair and a red robe keeling at the foot of the cross and the disciple John standing on the right (John 19:25-27).

On the right the risen Christ appears to his disciples when they were in a room (Luke 24:36-49, John 20:19-29).

Stephen



1856 east window showing the Baptism of Jesus by John, the crucifixion of Jesus and Jesus appearing to his disciples (photo by Stephen Gilburt)


Nativity Festival
Saturday 5th December 2026
10am - 4pm
Sunday 6th December 2026
10am - 4pm
At: Lancaster Road
United Reformed Church
EN2 0BS

The Nativity

Luke 2:1-20

Piero della Francesca (1410/1420-1492) was long neglected but is now one of the most popular of the 15th century Italian artists. His works in pale and soft colours have a timeless and serene air.

He was born in the small Umbrian town of Borgo San Sepolcro in central Italy and frequently returned there during his life. He is first recorded painting frescoes on the walls of a church in Florence in 1439. His style was influenced by Domenico Veneziano. In 1442 he was back in Borgo where he painted a multi-part altarpiece of the Madonna protecting humanity and later he painted other altarpieces there. In about 1452 he painted his most famous work, a fresco cycle of the *Legend of the True Cross* in the choir of San Francesco in Arezzo, Tuscany. In 1459 Piero was in Rome. In around 1472 he painted portraits of the Duke and Duchess of Urbino which is in the Italian Marches. These show a Flemish influence.

Piero's *The Nativity* in the National Gallery in London is a late work, probably from the 1480s. It was painted in a mixture of pigment tempered with egg and pigment tempered with oil onto a wooden panel. The child Jesus lying naked on Mary's dark blue cloak reflects the influence of Flemish artists such as Hugo van der Goss. The angels on the left singing and playing contemporary lutes have similar robes to those in Piero's *Baptism of Jesus* from about 1450 which is also in the National Gallery (see the June 2024 Newsletter). On the right Joseph is seated, with shepherds behind and animals in the stable.

The painting may have remained unfinished because Piero went blind in his old age.

Stephen

You may see a full colour version of *The Nativity* by Piero della Francesca on page 35.

The Role of Pastoral Care in Church Life

The event being advertised on the page to the right is being organised by Bush Hill Park URC for all of us from across the North Enfield Pastorate.

The Revd Dr Julian Templeton, Thames North Synod's Training Development Officer, will be joining us to explore practical ways to care, support and walk alongside one another in faith.

It would be fantastic to see as many people as possible. If you are interested in going and would need support with transport, please speak to Ruth or an Elder and they will see what can be arranged.

Please note that, due to this event, the Church Meeting that was due to have taken place on Sunday 31 January has been postponed. A new date for the meeting will be announced in due course.

Bush Hill Park
United
Reformed
Church

THE ROLE OF PASTORAL CARE IN CHURCH LIFE

Its Practical Application
with Revd Dr Julian Templeton

31 JANUARY 12:30

Join us as we explore practical ways to care, support and walk alongside one another in faith

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‘Do not be afraid’



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027

Local Information

Sunday 17th January 2027

Service starts at 6pm
At : Trinity Church
Church St, Enfield. EN2 6AN

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

churches together

Prayer diary December 2026

1 Pray for God's guidance at the start of a new month.
2 Pray for preparations that are taking place this week for the Christmas Tree Festival.
3 Pray for the work of 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade over 136 years as they celebrate their birthday today.
4 Pray for Rainbows and Brownies as they meet this evening.
5 Pray for the Christmas Tree Festival, which begins today and continues tomorrow.
6 Pray for today's Enfield Christmas Parade of Light.
7 Pray for the Anchors and Juniors as they meet this evening.
8 Pray for the Zoom Bible Study Group as they enjoy their Christmas breakfast this morning.
9 Pray for the work of the Bible Society, who we supported with our Communion offering earlier this month.
10 Pray for the groups from Chase Side Primary School that are visiting Christ Church at various times this month.
11 Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening.
12 Pray for the staff at Bay Tree House.
13 Pray for The Worship Group as they lead our worship themed on 'The Christmas Story' this morning.
14 Pray for the Company and Seniors as they meet this evening.
15 Pray for the work of Crisis and other charities that are working to help those in need.
16 Pray for the residents of Abbotts Crescent.
17 Pray for the external groups that use our church premises.
18 Pray that we all may stay safe from any bad weather.
19 Pray for Ruth and Stuart.

20 Pray for our Service of Lessons and Carols this morning and Carols by Candlelight this evening.
21 Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet this afternoon.
22 Pray for those who are travelling over the Christmas period.
23 Pray for all those who work for the emergency services.
24 Christmas Eve: Pray for this evening's Communion Service at Lancaster Road URC.
25 Christmas Day: Celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!
26 Pray for our friends and families.
27 Pray for friends from across the North Enfield Pastorate as we come together in worship in our hall this morning.
28 Pray for those who have had to spend the Christmas period alone.
29 Pray for our Elders.
30 Pray for peace in areas of the world where there is conflict.
31 New Year's Eve: Give thanks to God for 2026.

Prayer diary January 2027

1 Pray for God's guidance in your life in the year ahead.
2 Pray that God's will for Christ Church in 2027 may be done.
3 Pray for Terry Silvey as he leads our service this morning.
4 Pray for children and young people who are returning for the new school term this week.
5 Pray for the Government and for fair and just decision making.
6 Give thanks to God for the beauty of his creation.
7 Pray for the leaders of our church organisations.

8 Pray for all those who work to maintain our beautiful church buildings.
9 Pray for today's Zoom Bible Study Group meeting and Lunchtime @ Christ Church.
10 Pray for Ruth as she leads our worship this morning.
11 Pray for the Anchors and Juniors as they meet this evening.
12 Give thanks to God for his word to us through the Bible.
13 Pray for the work of the Lancaster Road URC Food Hub.
14 Pray for the residents of Riverside Gardens.
15 Pray for the Rainbows as they meet this evening.
16 Pray for anyone you know who is suffering from sickness or ill health.
17 Pray for the service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Trinity Church this evening.
18 Pray for the Friendship Club as they meet this afternoon.
19 Pray for the work of Enfield Council.
20 Pray for those who are considering coming to faith in Jesus.
21 Pray for those who are unemployed at the current time.
22 Pray for the Brownies as they meet this evening.
23 Pray for the courage to share our faith with others.
24 Pray for Alison Gibbs as she leads our worship this morning.
25 Pray for the Company and Seniors as they meet this evening.
26 Pray for businesses in our local area.
27 Pray for the wider United Reformed Church.
28 Pray for the work of our Finance Committee.
29 Pray for the Guides and Rangers as they meet this evening.
30 Pray for this morning's Zoom Bible Study Group meeting and this evening's 3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Quiz Night.
31 Pray for the Pastorate event at Bush Hill Park URC this afternoon.

Church diary December 2026

Saturday 5 December 10:00am-4:00pm
Christmas Tree Festival (see pages 2 & 8-9)

Saturday 5 December 3:00pm
Christmas Carols (see pages 2 & 8-9)

Sunday 6 December 10:00am-4:00pm
Christmas Tree Festival (see pages 2 & 8-9)

Sunday 6 December 10:45am
Terry Silvey
Carol Service & Holy Communion (offering for the Bible Society)
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Tuesday 8 December 10:00am
Zoom Bible Study Group Christmas breakfast (at the Chef's Kitchen - see page 6)

Sunday 13 December 10:45am
The Worship Group
The Christmas Story (All-Age Service)
Duty Elder - Alison Gibbs

Sunday 20 December 10:45am
The Revd Ruth Dewis
Service of Lessons & Carols
Duty Elder - Phyllis Shoults

Sunday 20 December **5:00pm-6:30pm**
Carols by Candlelight Service with Chase Family Church (at Christ Church URC)

Monday 21 December 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Christmas programme including a Christmas tea - The Revd Ruth Dewis

Thursday 24 December **9:30pm**
The Revd Ruth Dewis
Christmas Eve Communion Service
United Service at Lancaster Road URC

Friday 25 December **10:30am**
The Revd Ruth Dewis
Christmas Day Service
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Sunday 27 December **10:15am**
The Revd Ruth Dewis
Breakfast Service
United Service for the North Enfield Pastorate (at Christ Church URC)
Duty Elder - Phyllis Shoults
Please note that this service will be in the hall; breakfast will be available from 10:15am and the service will start at 10:45am

Church diary January 2027

Sunday 3 January **10:45am**
Terry Silvey
Holy Communion (offering for the Communion Fund)
Duty Elder - Alison Gibbs

Saturday 9 January 9:30am-10:30am
Zoom Bible Study Group (see page 6)

Saturday 9 January 12:30pm-2:30pm
Lunchtime @ Christ Church (see page 10)

Sunday 10 January **10:45am**
The Revd Ruth Dewis
Duty Elder - Phyllis Shoults

Sunday 17 January **10:45am**
Lisa Hamblin
Duty Elder - Alison Gibbs

Monday 18 January 2:15pm
Friendship Club
Speaker to be confirmed

Sunday 24 January **10:45am**
Alison Gibbs
Duty Elder - Phyllis Shoults

Saturday 30 January 9:30am-10:30am
Zoom Bible Study Group (see page 6)

Saturday 30 January 6:30pm for 7:00pm
3rd Enfield Boys' Brigade Quiz Night (see page 17)

Sunday 31 January 10:45am
The Revd Ruth Dewis
Duty Elder - Rosemary Milns

Sunday 31 January 12:30pm
The Role of Pastoral Care in Church Life (North Enfield Pastorate event at Bush Hill Park URC - see pages 24-25)

Church diary February 2027

Sunday 7 February 10:45am
The Revd Ruth Dewis
Holy Communion (offering for Shanthigramam)
Duty Elder - To be confirmed

February 2027 Newsletter

The **February 2027** edition of the Christ Church Newsletter will be published on **Sunday 31 January**. Items for inclusion in this issue must be with the Editor by Sunday 17 January. Late submissions will either miss inclusion or be held over to the following issue.

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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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Christ Church United Reformed Church

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

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here

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





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

Girlguiding

Zoom Bible Study Group

Saturdays (twice monthly) at 9:30am

See diary for upcoming dates

