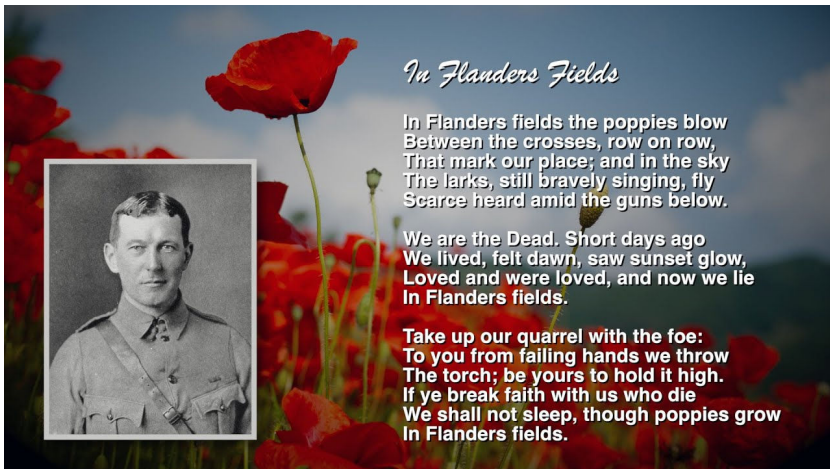


Lancaster Road United Reformed Church



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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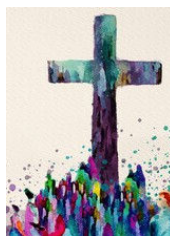
Hello,

I started writing this letter as I sat on a train travelling to Stockholm from Oslo. Visiting another country always stirs me to reflect on my own country. It's easy to feel the grass is greener on the other side isn't it? You see the good things in a different country on a short visit because you're not there long enough to see the 'not so good' bits.

A fact pointed out to us on a tour around Oslo, is that the Scandinavian flags all bear a cross, a sign of the Christian faith, the predominant denomination being Lutheranism. It made me reflect on how there's been a lot of debate over the flying of flags in our own nation recently? Sadly, it wasn't just a pride in our nation that generated the love of our flag, there were the undertones of prejudice too.

There's really only one banner worthy of being raised across our nation and that's Christ's - not just in the UK but across the whole globe. It reminds me of the song by Noel Richard's,

'We want to see Jesus lifted high
A banner that flies across this land
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven'.



The problems we face these days isn't just the fault of the politicians or even society, it's equally the fault of the Church. We should have been preaching about Jesus' love, his justice and God's judgement with more urgency and passion. We have not wanted to 'upset' people though have we?

We have not been tasked with placating society and the desires that are in fashion. We are called to join the mission of spreading God's good news of salvation for the world. The way we live should be the living example of our faith, for example the way we care for creation, how we help in the community and how we love people as Jesus loves us remember all people are made in the image of God. Every need of the world can be met through Jesus. When we talk about Jesus, we are preaching about a love beyond

our imaginations - agape love. A love that gives itself for others.

Our faith should not be dictated on how we feel. How we feel from day to day is not something we can rely on. We need to put our faith in the One who is our Creator, Provider and our ever present Refuge and Strength.

When we preach Biblical justice and truth it translates as loving our neighbour as ourselves. It should motivate us to encourage one another to walk on the path of righteousness and holiness.

If we preach about God's judgment, which is a fair and just judgment, retribution would be no business of ours because it would remind us that we will be judged as we judge - that in itself is a very good reason to leave things in God's hands.

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins". (Matthew 6:14-15).

But we can't help ourselves can we? We insist on 'preaching' our own agendas, the things we are passionate about, rather than being passionate about God's agenda and His will. Then when people disagree with us, or we are challenged, we have a tendency to make our disapproval personal. Look at the recent death in America of Charlie Kirk? Whether we agreed or disagreed with his views, it exemplified how one side's disapproval of the other can lead to a unnecessary tragedy. Which ever way you look at it, many lives changed forever in a moment of hatred that day. There's a young family without a father, a wife without a husband and a young person whose life will be spent incarcerated or ended prematurely with the death penalty. God insists on unity for a very good reason - division that leads to hatred and intolerance has devastating results.

The Church in Britain is on the platform of a 'train station'. Do we get onto the train, to follow God's travel plans and reach His intended destination for us in the power of the Holy Spirit? Or, does the Church just watch the train leave the station and watch society continue to fall into chaos

because we just couldn't be bothered to get on it and so stand there watching the train go out of sight? Going to church on a Sunday alone will not save our country but sacrificing our own desires for Christ's mission will certainly help,

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land",
(2 Chronicles 7:14).

God is quickening his steps and we need to keep up with Him in his strength (not ours) and by His Grace. You may think to yourself, "but I can hardly walk, never mind quicken my steps". Well the good news is (apart from the Good News of the Gospel), even the bed bound can pray. Prayer is our most powerful weapon against the works of the devil, whose mission is to lie, steel, kill and destroy our hope of an eternity with God and our involvement in God's mission.

"The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". (John 10:10).

You may not physically be able to bend your knee in prayer but I encourage you to metaphorically do it and pray that the Church in this nation will climb aboard God's 'train' and that this country will truly turn back to God, because people need all the prayer we can offer them and they need us to guide them to the one true Saviour who promises to make all things new.

God bless you all,
Ruth

Our Church Mission Statement.

"As a Church our desire is to worship God and grow as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. To show and nurture love, joy, peace and justice in our fellowship, community and to all people through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Induction and Installation of Rev Staffan Dawkins as Vicar of St Michael & All Angels



Ruth & Martin attended the installation of the new vicar of St Michael and All Angels on Sunday 12th October. The service was conducted by the Rt Rev'd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Bishop of Edmonton, and Ven John Hawkins, Archdeacon of Hampstead. The Mayor of Enfield was in attendance.

Important Dates and Services Changes:

- The 9 lessons and carols at St John's is now on Sunday 14th
- December in the evening.
- The service on the 21st December also at St John's is a
- Blue Christmas service.

Lancaster Road are invited to join both.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 3 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 Small Hall | 4 Bible Study Church Lounge 8.15pm | 5 Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm | 6 |
| 10 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 Small Hall | 11 | 12 Bible Study Church Lounge 9.45am Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm | 13 |
| 17 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 Small Hall | 18 Bible Study Church Lounge 8.15pm | 19 Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm | 20 |
| 24 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 Small Hall | 25 | 26 Bible Study Church Lounge 9.45am Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm | 27 |

| | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | <div>7</div> <div>Shoppers Coffee</div> <div>in the church</div> <div>10-2pm</div> <div>With lunch</div> | <div>8</div> | <div>9</div> <div>Remembrance Service</div> <div>10.45am</div> <div>Led by the Boys Brigade</div> |
| | <div>14</div> <div>Shoppers Coffee</div> <div>in the church</div> <div>10-12pm</div> | <div>15</div> <div>Supper for those in need</div> <div>6-8pm @ Arm-field Road</div> | <div>16</div> <div>Christ Church Anniversary Service</div> <div>10.45-11.45am</div> <div>Evening service</div> <div>6.30pm @ LR</div> <div>Led by Revd Martin Legg</div> |
| | <div>21</div> <div>Shoppers Coffee</div> <div>in the church</div> <div>10-12pm</div> | <div>22</div> | <div>23</div> <div>Morning service</div> <div>11.15am</div> <div>Led by Revd Amanda James</div> |
| | <div>28</div> <div>Shoppers Coffee</div> <div>in the church</div> <div>10-12pm</div> | <div>29</div> | <div>30</div> <div>Pastorate Service</div> <div>11.15am</div> <div>Led by Revd Martin Legg</div> |

The 1st Enfield Boys' Brigade Remembers

The 1st Enfield BB would like to prepare for Remembrance Day by sharing things that we know about a few more of our "old boys" who were once part of the 1st Enfield BB Company and the fellowship at Lancaster Road. We hope that by us all knowing a little about them, their sacrifice is more meaningful to us all.

Dennis Pruden DFC: Dennis, or Den as we knew him, was born on 12th February 1912. Den grew up living in Cannonbury Road. Den joined the 1st Enfield in 1923 and was a member until 1929 having reached the rank of Colour Sergeant.

During his time with the 1st Enfield Den was in our Ambulance (First Aid) team, he was a section commander in the 1st Enfield drill team and took part in the Enfield Battalion Educational Exam (this appears to be some kind of a book review, the book was the "The Citizen Reader") where Den scored high marks. He came 3rd in the all London NCO Proficiency Exam of 1929, Den was a member of our 1929 Royal Albert Hall Physical Training item (Indian Clubs demonstration), and Den gave a short talk at the 1929's NOC's Bible Class.

By 1939 Den was the Secretary and Chief Cashier of a private bank. Den had married and was living in Westcliff-on-sea Essex. During the war he served in the RAF as a pilot and reached the rank of Squadron Leader. In January 1945 Den was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy, and for setting a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

On 11th April 1945, Den was flying a mission over the Kattegat Sea (near Denmark) to stop U Boat and enemy shipping when his Halifax Bomber and all crew were lost. Den was 33 years of age. Den, alongside of more than 20,000 others, is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial for Commonwealth Air Forces' personnel with no known grave.

Howard Kendall: Howard was born on 7th September 1912 and lived on Riddler Road. Howard was a member of the 1st Enfield from 1927 to 1930, and reached the rank of Lance Corporal.

During his time in the BB Howard was in our drill team that won the Enfield Battalion Colours, but his real talent was football. He excelled at football, representing the 1st Enfield and also the Enfield Battalion. In 1930 Howard played for Enfield Battalion in the semi-final of the London District Football Competition, Enfield beating South London Battalion 3 -1 with Howard scoring our opening goal. Enfield Battalion then progressed to the London Football

Championship final in May 1930, where Enfield Battalion played North Middlesex Hertfordshire Battalion at Tottenham Hotspurs White Hart Lane stadium. Enfield Battalion won 4 – 0 with Howard scoring two of Enfield's goals.

After his time in the 1st Enfield Howard married Gwendoline and remained living in Enfield. During the war Howard served as a corporal in the 1st Battalion of the Royal East Kent Regiment (known as The Buffs). By April 1945 The Buffs, serving as a part of the 56th Division of the British 8th Army were in Northern Italy and involved in the final offensive of the Italian Campaign. On 12th April Howard and the 56th Division started a manoeuvre to outflank the German and Italian forces by crossing a large flooded area of land to the east of the city of Bologna. It was somewhere here on 13th April that Howard died. He was 32 years of age. Howard is buried at the Argenta Gap War Cemetery along with 624 other Commonwealth soldiers.

Will Jones: Will was born on 26th April 1902 and live on Lynn Street. Will joined the 1st Enfield BB in 1914 and was a member until 1919, Will reached the rank of Sergeant.

While Will was in the 1st Enfield he was one of a group of NCO's who helped to edit and produce the news articles for the 1st Enfield Magazine. We have nearly all of these magazine issues still today, they have been a great of source information for details that we have shared about those ex members of the 1st Enfield who lost their lives due to war.

Our magazines record that when Will was about 17 years of age he was one of the helpers with our Boy Reserve (now called Junior Section). We also know that Will represented the 1st Enfield in football matches - I believe he played in defence. Will was a good gymnast and did well at sports winning several running and jumping events.

In January 1919 Will completed all requirements for the Kings Badge, the first ever member of the 1st Enfield to achieve this award.

After leaving the 1st Enfield Will married and we believe lived in Twickenham. During the war Will served in the Royal Army Service Corps. We do not know the circumstances, but Will died in Belgium while with the Service Corps on 19th August 1945. Will was 43 years old. He is buried in Brussels Town Cemetery.

Please pray for all of those who gave so much that we could be free.

Keith Goodwin (Lt 1st Enfield Company)

Further Adventures in Another European Extravaganza, part 5, aka 'Travels with My Daughter'

One of the advantages of staying with people you know is being able to see not only the tourist areas, but also their own locality. This is definitely the case with Emma and Sam, and they know me well enough to know my 'likes' and 'not so likes'. Therefore, not only did I benefit from seeing well-known destinations, but also the lesser known and simpler pleasures, i.e. watching beautiful sunsets from high up in Montevécchia, and just sitting on their balcony watching bats swooping in the evenings against a back-cloth of the distant mountains. Also, daytime woodland and lakeland walks, admiring the local flora and fauna. (We even came across an ostrich in a field with sheep and goats one day!)

However, as on my previous visit, I think my biggest highlight (literally high!) has been the Swiss Alps. This wonderful vast range of mountains is within relatively easy reach in a car from Emma and Sam's house. I had seen on TV, read about, and chatted to people who knew about the Bernina railway line that runs through part of the Alps. So, we set off, not to travel on the train, but to see these iconic trains and the scenery they offered.



It was a beautiful day, 19° on low ground, the sunshine lighting up the lush green grass. As we travelled upwards, we could feel the lower temperatures, and several times en route we felt compelled to pull over to admire more and more snow appearing. When we eventually stopped to eat our packed lunches and walk, the temperature was a mere 3°! The sky was still a magnificent deep blue and cloudless, contrasting brilliantly with the thick, deep snow and ice that we were now walking on.

It was breathtaking! Previously when I had seen pictures of the Alps in glossy travel literature, I had assumed the photos had been superimposed with filters or other editing methods. They just looked too good to be true, but now I knew, the photos were not lying. I had never imagined scenery could be as wonderful as this. God's amazing creating, His world. No man (or woman) could possibly have created such beauty as this! I crunched my way over the snow and ice, in total awe of my surroundings! Our homeward journey took us through the popular ski resort of St Moritz. From the road we could see the hotels and bars, etc, that welcome the intrepid skiers for their 'apres ski' following the different types of skiing that are offered – nursery slopes, then more advanced, some offering parachutes attached, and on lower levels, cross skiing. Everyone appreciating this incredible area! And the Bernina line? Yes, we did see the trains, brilliant red, contrasting to the shining white snow and ice.



But the mode of transport that we saw that appealed to me most was a pony and cart close to our quiet lunch spot. This was driven by a local friendly family. They all appeared so happy in their simple, uncommercialised vehicle, with their pony trotting along happily in an unspoilt, natural area, well away from the bustle of the skiing, and car and train journeying tourists. They all gave us a friendly wave and smiles and wished us 'good day'. They blended in beautifully with the naturalness of this wonderfully created area.



A simply marvellous way to wind down towards the end of this fantastic, un-dreamed of holiday!

The following day we walked through local woodland to the peaceful lake of Lago de Sartirana and ate pizza (left over from the previous evening) in Emma and Sam's secluded quiet garden, followed by an evening coffee on their balcony, watching bats.

Perfect! I know opinions differ, but personally I fail to believe that a human being, science or evolution could have ever created a world as wonderful as this. To me, this is definitely God's creation, and it is up to us all to take the best possible care that we can to preserve our planet. It is the least we can do!

Marion Burdett

Summer news



As summer comes to a close, we'd love to share some of the highlights from our busy season here at APAP and keep you updated on what's been going on!



Our Volunteers

Since welcoming our new Volunteer Coordinator, we've also gained some amazing and dedicated volunteers who have become a huge part of our work. They've been helping with everything from cooking and serving hot breakfasts for our rough sleepers, to preparing hot lunches for anyone experiencing

homelessness, to supporting clients in accessing fresh clothes, showers, and laundry facilities.

We're also fortunate to have a volunteer who is a former English teacher. She has been offering incredible support to clients in a variety of ways. Below, you'll find a beautiful poem she wrote after speaking with a client who enjoys drawing in his spare time.

If you're interested in volunteering your time and sharing a skill that could make a difference, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with us at info@allpeopleallplaces.org

This summer, we hosted a fantastic fundraiser featuring a BBQ and a lively pool tournament! It was a wonderful day filled with community spirit and generosity.

- **£220 raised** through the raffle — with some amazing prizes on offer, including a signed Spurs pennant and a stadium tour!
- **Donations of men's clothing and shoes** poured in, helping us provide essential support for our rough sleepers.

We're so grateful to everyone who joined in, contributed, and made the day such a success.

Alexi's Story

We wanted to share one of our client's journeys with you, so you can see the real impact of the work happening every day at APAP

Image by Ella Rielly



Alexi came to the UK from Bulgaria to work in construction. When the pandemic hit, he struggled to find work, and after Brexit he was entitled to apply for EU Settled Status, but had no idea how to begin. With no income and no right to work, Alexi sadly ended up rough sleeping.

When Alexi came to APAP's day centre, we were able to provide him with emergency accommodation in our night shelter, giving him a safe place to sleep while we supported him out of homelessness.

His Project Worker connected him with RAMFEL, our immigration advice partners, who guided him through the complex process of applying for Settled Status. This required gathering a range of documents, including letters, bank statements, work and medical records — a daunting and often expensive task. Thankfully, with APAP's support, Alexi was able to collect everything he needed.

Alongside this, Alexi shared that he had experienced childhood trauma and was in recovery from substance dependency, so we made sure he was linked with the right support services to help him rebuild.

After submitting his application and enduring an anxious wait, Alexi was finally granted Settled Status. With renewed hope for the future, he worked with his Project Worker to secure his own permanent accommodation.

Now in a much better place, Alexi often says he would have given up if it weren't for the support of APAP. We are over the moon that he can now move forward with his life



A Celebration of Christmas

Presented by Enfield Concert Band
In aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice
Suggested donation £10
Saturday 29th November 2025 at 6pm

Lancaster Road United Reformed Church
Lancaster Road Enfield EN2 0BS




Christ Church 150th anniversary

Christ Church 150th anniversary celebratory events and dates for 2025, including a couple of updates and additions, are:

- 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.
- Christmas Tree Festival - **Saturday 13 December.** Further details to follow.

Enfield Choral Society

Charity Number: 293997

Celebrating 150 years of Christ Church URC

Chase Side Enfield EN2 6NU

7:30pm Saturday 8th November 2025



Including

Vivaldi: Gloria

Parry: I Was Glad

Elmer: Psalm 46

(World premiere)

Conductor Mark Sproson

Tickets: £16 in advance, £17 on the door
£7 (under 25s in full time education),
free for accompanied under 16s.

Book via any choir member
or phone 07864 061755
or scan QR code
or visit enfieldchoralsociety.org.uk



Friday Coffee Morning Rota:

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| October 31st | Shivane |
| November 7th | Marian and Brenda |
| November 14th | Marilyn and Graham |
| November 21st | Terry |
| November 28th | Viv and Martin Legg |
| December 5th | Shivane |
| December 12th | Marilyn and Graham |
| December 19th | Marian and Brenda |
| January 2nd | Terry |

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

We are suggesting again this year that members of our church family may like to put their Christmas greetings in the December edition of the Newsletter instead of sending Christmas cards to church friends and donating the money that they would have spent on them to 'Crisis at Christmas'.



The greetings need to be sent electronically to the editor at newsletter@lurc.org.uk or written on a piece of paper and given to Clare (Church Secretary) by 17th November.

There will be envelopes available for your donation which can be put in the offertory plate or bags during one of the weekly services.

Thank you

| Duty Elders for November 2025 | | | | |
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| Date | 11.15 a.m. | Notes | 6:30 p.m. | Notes |
| 2 nd | Chris/Graham | <i>Holy Communion</i> | | |
| 9 th | Martin | <i>Remembrance 10.45am</i> | | |
| 16 th | Christ Church Ann | <i>LR Closed</i> | Graham | <i>Joint Service LR lead</i> |
| 23 rd 30 th | Beryl Clare | Joint Service LR | | |

| Duty Elders for December 2025 | | | | |
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| Date | 11.15 a.m. | Notes | 6:30 p.m. | Notes |
| 7 th 14 th | Beryl/Chris Chris | <i>Holy Communion Toy Service/Parade</i> | Carol Service | <i>St Johns</i> |
| 21 st 24 th | Graham | <i>Christingle</i> | Beryl | <i>Communion 9.30pm</i> |
| 25 th | Clare | Christmas Day 10.30am | | |
| 28 th | CC Joint Service | <i>Breakfast @ 10.30am</i> | | |

Elders marked in **BOLD** are responsible for reading notices at that service. Please let them have any notices 10 minutes before the start of the service. Elders on duty at a **Communion Service** must ensure that the person presiding at Communion informs the congregation of the Charity/Organisation receiving the Communion Offertory and that the collection plate is on the Communion Table. Thank you

Flower Rota

November 2nd. Beryl and Paul Woolley in memory of Maisie

9th. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

16th. -----

23rd -----

30th. Marilyn Carlisle in memory of her parents.

December 7th Mary and Terry Dawson for their Wedding Anniversary

Youth & Childrens work Activities In the Church Hall Armfield Road.

Toddler group – 0-4 yrs

Monday morning 9.30 – 11.30am. Just come along, refreshments provided.

Boys Brigade and Girls Association (boys and girls) – 5 – 11 yrs.

Monday 6.15 – 7.30 pm.

Contact Vivienne Legg 1stenfieldbb@gmail.com

5th Enfield Rainbows - Girls 4-7y rs -

Thursday 5.30pm - 6.30pm :

Contact Sumita Biswas 5thenfieldrainbows@gmail.com

5th Enfield Brownies - Girls 7-10 yrs -

Thursday 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Contact Mary Dawson 5enfieldbrownies@googlemail.com

5th Enfield Guides - Girls 10-14 yrs

Thursday 7pm—8.30pm

Contact Allison Duggal guides5thenfield@hotmail.co.uk

5th Enfield Rangers - Girls 14-18 yrs

Thursday 7pm—8.30pm

Contact Nansi Ellis guides5thenfield@hotmail.co.uk

YPCF – 5 -11 yrs **Sunday 11.15 – 12.15 (in the church).**

Contact Chris Marlow ypcf@lrurc.org.uk

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