

Palmers Green United Reformed Church

# November Magazine 2019

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# WORSHIP SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Service	Worship Leader
Saturday, Nov 2nd	10:30am to 4pm	All Souls Day Programme	Revd Melanie Smith
Sunday, Nov 3rd	11am	Communion Service	Revd Fiona Thomas
Sunday, Nov 10th	10:45am	Remembrance Day Parade Service	Revd Melanie Smith
Sunday, Nov 17th	11am	Morning Worship	Dr Paul Ashitey
Sunday, Nov 24th	11am	Morning Worship	Revd Elizabeth Welch

Morning Worship is held every Sunday and includes Holy Communion on the first or second Sunday of each month. Arrangements for additional services are publicised in advance. Christian Education for young people takes place during morning worship.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2019 SUNDAY SERVICES

3rd November	10th November	17th November
2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12 Isaiah 1.10-18 Psalm 32.1-7 Luke 19.1-10	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17 Job 19.23-27a Psalm 17.1-9 Luke 20.27-38	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Malachi 4.1-2a Psalm 98 Luke 21.5-19
<b>24th November</b> Luke 23.33-43 Jeremiah 23.1-16 Psalm 46 Colossians 1.11-20		



## CHURCH DIARY

**Elders' Meetings 2019** – 7.30pm, Margaret Russell Room

- Wednesday 4th December

**Church Meetings 2019** – 1.15pm, Burford Hall

- Sunday 24th November (Annual Forum)

**'A Place for Coffee'** is open every Saturday morning (10.30am - 12 noon)

Additional information about upcoming **Enfield URC** events can be found on pages 23 - 27 of this magazine. Please refer to the weekly **Bulletin**, available by email and at services each Sunday, and to **NewsShare** email messages, for more up-to-date information about events.



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**Please visit our website for more details -**

<http://www.palmersgreenurc.org.uk/halls.html>

### Where God's love is tangible

Driving through rural West Bengal with verdant green paddy fields rushing past you, punctuated by the bright red, yellow and oranges of sari-clad women and the film-star quiffs of young men on motorbikes riding past, you could be forgiven to think you were on a Bollywood set. As you enter a hamlet of traditionally thatched mud dwellings, with bare-footed children smiling and waving you past, you might wonder if you've been transported back to some innocent bygone era, unchanged for centuries.



But scratch the surface and you find that the stark reality is that in the Sarenga area of West Bengal, we are not in a garden of Eden, where



Women dressed in tribal saris



oxen, goats, chickens and dogs co-habit in a peaceful idyll (although they do seem to!). Villages, which appear picture-box at first sight, are places of high illiteracy, poor health and traditional customs; customs which could see a new-born's umbilical cord wiped with cow-dung to bring good luck, and hands washed in sewage-steeped mud. Added to this are high suicide rates among young men who cannot afford to pay back debts for seeds for planting on their small plots of ancestral land and old men almost comatose at 11.00 in the morning, from illicit home-brew and drug abuse. Human trafficking of children is an ever-present danger.



Mother and child born at KSN

This is the context in which United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG) are supporting a community health programme through Khristiya Seva Niketan (KSN), a 125-bed hospital run by the URC's partner church, the Church of North India (CNI). The name of the hospital, which was founded in 1914, is Bengali for 'The house of Christian service'. The USPG partnership with KSN is called CAFORD, Community Approach for Rural Development. It aims to provide appropriate, holistic and affordable healthcare that maximises community participation.

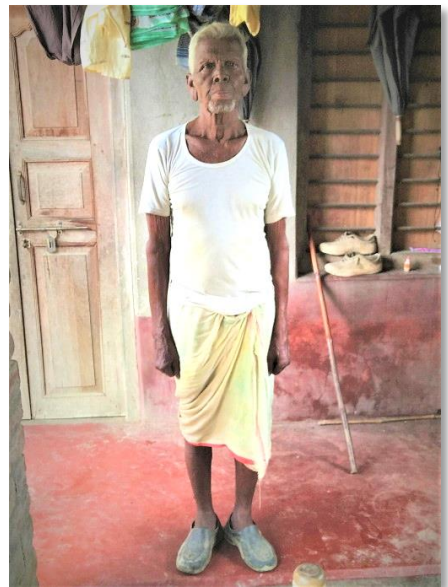
To date, CAFORD has been able to address concerns such as tackling chronic diseases, improving hygiene and sanitation, providing safe drinking water, reducing communicable diseases, encouraging employment and small-scale industry, and encouraging children to stay in school. Particular tasks of the mobile clinics include eye-screening,

testing for chronic diseases, treating minor ailments, and health education. These efforts are facilitating a health programme that is helping the hospital and the local church establish closer connections with local communities.



Project worker, Sukanyu Mandi, took those of us from our Enfield URCs on a trip to several of these communities. In one village, after being greeted by young women presenting bowls of water at our feet in a traditional welcome, we were able to watch Sukanyu demonstrating hand-washing techniques (left) to a group of local women, men and children. In communities where water-borne disease is a big health risk, such basic lessons are potentially lifesaving.

We also were able to meet several people who had received life-renewing cataract operations at KSN, after having been identified through the programme. One older gentleman (pictured right) told us that it was like seeing with the eyes of a child again. Another, when the group were about to leave the village, insisted that we visit his home, as he too had benefitted from an operation at KSN. Mothers with small children proudly presented them to us, having given birth at KSN. Much amusement was had as we tried to explain that we didn't all live on farms.





Back at KSN, we visited the classroom where women were learning how to use sewing machines (shown above), with the aim of increasing employability and possibly creating a small business.



Pictured are Team Members Mark, Melanie, Katherine, Rosemary, Chris, Laura, Nigel and Lettice at KSN.



It would be easy to romanticise the poverty, given that so many faces displayed such big smiles with light and easy laughter and offered us such a warm and generous welcome. Yet the poverty we witnessed here and elsewhere was deep and harrowing, but still there were so many glimmers of hope. There was a God-given dignity as women rushed off to dress in their traditional tribal saris, so that they could have their photographs taken with us, photographs they'd never see. God's love was tangible in the eyes and hands of those who have dedicated their lives to working with some of the most vulnerable people on the planet.

As we tell more stories of our visit to India, please do pray that the work of KSN, CNI and USPG may prosper, to the glory of God. If you would like to support this work in India in other ways, please do speak to us.

Every Blessing,

**Melanie and Mark**

**Green tip** - You may have heard of carbon offsetting for air travel and corporations, but you can off-set your food, energy-use and other travel, too. Visit [www.climatestewards.org](http://www.climatestewards.org) for information, which is the charity recommended by Eco Church.

**All Souls Day** - On Saturday 2nd November, at Palmers Green URC, there will be the opportunity for us to think about those loved ones we have lost, with prayer stations and reflection space open to the community between 10.30 and 3.00. At 3.00pm, there will be an act of worship, bringing our thoughts together. Please feel free to drop in for all or part of the day.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** - If you would like to give something to the North London Foodbank for Christmas, why not collect one item a day for 25 days in early October/November? Small packs of sweets, chocolates, Christmas puddings and biscuits etc are all welcome as treats for the Foodbank to be able to distribute in their Christmas food parcels. Collecting now means that your gifts will be able to be delivered to the Foodbank in time for the beginning of December, so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

**Editor's Note:** For those interested in learning more about KSN, USPG and CNI their website addresses are:

<https://ksnsarenga.wordpress.com/> and <https://www.uspg.org.uk/> and <http://new.cnisynod.org/>



### ‘Dodgy Dealings’

A sermon delivered by Mrs Laura Marlow (pictured right), accredited URC Lay Preacher, elder from Lancaster Road URC, and visiting worship leader at our church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

#### **Bible Readings:**

Amos 8.4-7

Luke 16.1-13

This morning we are invited to explore how we can remain true and faithful whilst going about our daily business in the world we live in.



Our first reading from the book of Amos was written during the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC and is among the earliest written texts in the Bible. What stands out is its absolute focus on God’s requirement that the people of Israel and Judah show mercy and demonstrate justice – they may be ‘God’s chosen people’, but that does not mean they are not obliged to play fair. Amos warns the people against false dealing, trampling on those in need and ruining the poor. God’s justice and covenant is shown in practical ways – giving fair prices and sharing out the goodness of the land fairly. Amos speaks out against greed. He emphasises the importance of resting on the Sabbath, a direction to put commerce in its proper place. He suggests that when we take God seriously and take the rest He offers us, we will live more justly and kindly in the world.

In our reading from Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is speaking to his disciples rather than those on the fringes or outsiders. A lot of people find this one of the strangest and most difficult parables to understand and I can see why. On first reading, the parable seems to praise the cunning shown by the dishonest manager and make it seem almost like a virtue! The disciples

must have been a bit puzzled as well when they first heard this. It is unclear who the master in the story represents and it is tempting to think that it may be God, until you realise that the master is too worldly which is why he commends the manager's shrewdness.

Verse 8 – *'..his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light'*. If only Christians were as eager and ingenious in their attempts to attain goodness as the more worldly are in their attempts to attain money and comforts – they would be much better people! If only people gave as much attention to things concerning their souls as they did to things concerning their business, that would also make them much better people. Words like 'shrewd' are very rarely used about true people of God, you never hear of 'shrewd saints', do you?

Since time immemorial it would seem that many people have spent a lot more time, effort and money on something important to them personally – a hobby, their house or garden, a sport or a car, perhaps? – rather than on their church. If they were to spend as much time on their church, not only would that be wonderful for their churches, but their faith would become much more real and effective.

Verse 9 – *'And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes'*. Perhaps we are being told here that material possessions should be used to cement friendships where real value lies. We should be generous, not just where it is expected, i.e. to family members, taking a bottle of wine or a box of chocs when invited to dinner, etc. If we are lucky enough to have money to spare, we have a choice, we can use it selfishly or we can help those in need. Throughout history, many poor but talented people have gone on to great things because of the generosity of wealthy benefactors. There are many worthy charities we can support. There is always more we can do...

Verse 10-11 – *'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?'* If we do small tasks faithfully and well, we can be trusted

with larger ones. Many of us will never do great, major or memorable things, but we should keep faithful in doing all the small things we can do. This could also perhaps mean riches on earth and riches in heaven. If we are good stewards on earth, we will be given things of value in heaven. This also takes on greater meaning if you think of stewardship of the earth to cover environmental issues – reducing plastic waste, carbon footprint, etc. We have great examples to follow in this – our ministers Melanie and Mark show us how to live in an environmentally friendly way and Greta Thunberg has inspired a worldwide movement of young people to speak out on environmental issues. There is always more we can do...

Verse 13 – *‘No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth’*. This is possibly a bit more difficult for us to understand because of the culture in which we live. Many people in this country have two jobs now, or work whilst studying, etc, but if you relate this to the master/slave relationship, which would have been commonplace in the time of Luke, it is much easier to understand. Slaves had no spare time. We should never serve God just in our spare time. Every moment of our time and all our energy should belong to God. You either serve God totally or not at all.

We live in difficult and compromised times with all that is going on (Brexit, Trump, etc). We have so much uncertainty and polarity in our own country at the moment and the world always seems to have instability and unrest somewhere, so maybe this strange and difficult story is one that we really need to hear at this time. It is easy for Christians to idolise purity and being holy – it’s no use being so heavenly minded that we’re of no earthly good! The real challenge to us is to find a way to be faithful to God in a world where all of us are caught up in unjust and unfair systems of some sort. Perhaps this parable challenges us to be clear about who our master is – money or God? It also challenges us to be realistic about how we serve the Lord.

As soon as we begin to think of our money and possessions as commodities we could own or exploit, rather than how we could use them for the good of others, we take a step away from our vocation to be God’s true children.



The real challenge to us is to find a way to be faithful to God in a world where all of us are caught up in unjust and unfair systems, to a greater or lesser degree. We need to ensure that we are faithful in our use of money, faithful to God in our hearts in our whole life and not just outwardly for an hour on a Sunday and, most importantly, faithful to the Kingdom.

**Editor's Note:** Readers will note that Laura was one of the Team Members who accompanied Melanie and Mark during their recent trip to India (see photo on page 7). More information about Lancaster Road URC can be found on their website at [www.lancaster-road-urc.org.uk](http://www.lancaster-road-urc.org.uk). Their Minister is Revd Mark Meatcher.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a group of different people looking for and finding, strength and meaning in God's love.

You will always be welcomed gladly.

We worship and pray together.

We learn about God's love and forgiveness through Jesus, the Bible and with the help of each other.

Together we will work to make Jesus present by loving actions done, and by loving words spoken, in this church and beyond these doors.

### Music Celebration Day 2019 at PGURC 'Music for our Well-being'



On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at PGURC the URC Music Network (URCMN) presented a very well-organised one-day series of three workshops and worship with the aim of discovering “how music can help bring joy and relief beyond the spiritual refreshment we should all feel during our Christian worship”. Workshop Leaders were Jennifer Kavanagh, David Tims and Anne Sardeson.



David Timms is pictured here leading one of the afternoon workshops.

Attended by approx. 29 participants, it began at 9:45am with coffee and a warm welcome from the Chairman, Revd Ray Adams. We then took part in a short worship service with a reading from 1 Samuel 16.14-23, where David plays the harp for Saul, followed by the hymn ‘In praise of God meet duty and delight’ by Caryl Micklem and Erik Routley. As part of this, a ‘surprise’ short talk and delightful organ demonstration was given by Robert Evans, who played pieces with homage to William Walton and John Strange.



The first workshop (right) was entitled 'Singing from our Silence' and was led by Jennifer Kavanagh (top left), a Quaker retreat leader, speaker and writer on the spirit-led life.

Afterwards we broke for lunch, with homemade vegetable soup and bread prepared by Tina Ashitey.

The Annual General Meeting of the URCMN was then held and this was followed by the



second workshop (above bottom) entitled 'A Musical Brain Work-out' led by David Tims, a musical director who has run 'Singing for the Brain' sessions for the Alzheimer's Society for the last six years.



We broke again for afternoon tea (right), leading into the third workshop entitled 'Do hymns do you good?' led by Anne Sardeson, a hymn writer, composer and minister in the URC currently serving as Training Officer in



Thames North Synod. During that, we sang 'I have no bucket, and the well is deep' by Paul Bateman and Brian Wren, and 'Nothing distress you' by Peter Cutts, St Teresa of Avila and Colin Thompson. We also discussed what makes good church music and how it affects us.

The programme finished at 4:15pm following closing worship and a presentation and thanks (right) by Chairman Revd Ray Adams to General Secretary Mrs Christine James (who is stepping down) for the excellent work she has done for the 'Network'. Attendees were presented with a URCMN folder containing information about the group and its activities, plus its latest magazine, 'Making a Joyful Noise', a 24-page A4 booklet full of in-depth articles focusing on the inspiration that music can provide in the church.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable day. These are some photos taken of the event, one of which appears on the front cover.

## Harry Goforth



More information about URCMN can be found on their website at <https://urcmusic.org.uk>

# PGURC Waste Recycling – a gentle reminder

The new scheme announced in our October Magazine (page 10) to improve our **recycling** effort is now well underway. Pictured right is Co-ordinator Keith Morten holding two recycling bags (yellow fabric with a red elephant), so that you know what they look like.



So, we ask you again to:  
**PLEASE PLACE ALL YOUR EMPTY GLASS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES, OTHER PLASTIC CONTAINERS, CANS AND FOLDED & FLATTENED CARDBOARD IN THE 'RECYCLE BAGS' WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE BUILDING.**

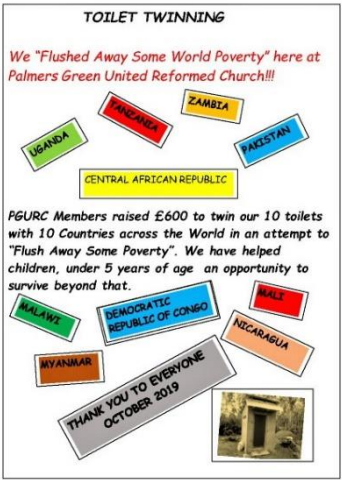
Our cleaning staff will remove full bags as necessary. However, if a bag is full or your items too bulky or too many, they can be put directly by the 'recycle station' beside the main waste bin at the side of the Church. Spare empty bags can be found in the kitchen.

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## Toilet Twinning News – Flushing away world poverty

Estelle Muller and Derek Wilcox have proudly announced the successful completion of their campaign to raise £600 for the church to donate to Toilettwinning.org, a Tearfund initiative to improve sanitation and personal hygiene in some third world countries. (see poster right). Further announcements soon.

If you would like more information about Toilet Twinning look at their website:  
<https://www.toilettwinning.org/twin-your-toilet/>.



# PGURC to host Winter Night Shelter in 2020

See notice from Estelle Müller below.

## Palmers Green United Reformed Church Overnight Respite Shelter January - March 2020

**Organised by APAP (All People All Places)**

Please help us to help those guests in need of a shelter for one night during the winter months.

PGURC are taking part for the first time and we would really like to make it a success of it for the benefit of our guests. The shelter will be running on Wednesday nights from: **3<sup>rd</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> March '20**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help out with the following:

- Evening shift (6.30pm - 10.00pm)
- Night shift (9.30pm - 7.00am)
- Morning shift (6.30 - 8.30am)
- People to cook meals for the guests

If you are interested, please contact Estelle Müller to get a Volunteer Registration Form. Mobile: 07982 235120

or Email: [estelle.muller2@gmail.com](mailto:estelle.muller2@gmail.com)





## VISITING WORSHIP LEADERS



### **‘The Dangers of Riches’ was the theme selected by Revd Emmanuel Frimpong on 29 September**

Based on readings from 1 Timothy 6.6-19 and Luke 16.19-31, Revd Frimpong (left) reminded us that ‘those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires’ Hymns we sang included ‘What a friend we have in Jesus’ by C. C. Converse and Joseph Scriven, and ‘Father I place into your hands’ by Jenny Hewer. Revd Frimpong is a retired Ghanaian Presbyterian Minister.

### **On 13 October we welcomed again Revd Dr John Parry who chose as his theme ‘Enslaved and Liberated’**

Pictured right, Revd Parry talked about the young slave girl characterised in 2 Kings 5.1-3 and 7-15b, and pointed out that enslavement is still being practiced today, even in our own country. He also drew lessons from the variety of communication used in the passage, the concept of knowing our place and God working through unexpected circumstances. Revd Parry is currently Co-Director of the London Inter-Faith Centre.



### **Revd James Fields led our worship on 25 August on the theme ‘A God with a penchant for camping out, and fun, and NOT predictable!’**

Bible readings were from Genesis 18.1-10a and 2 Samuel 7.1-17 where the Lord appeared to Abraham and Sarah and told them they would have a son; and where the Lord spoke to Nathan giving him instructions for King David to follow in building a temple. Hymns we sang included ‘Help us accept each other’ by Brenda Stephenson and Fred Kaan, and ‘The Day of the Lord shall come’ by John Bell and Graham Maule to a Scottish traditional melody. Revd Fields is pictured left with his loyal companion Sam.

## That's How It Was

By Revd Lucy Berry

It is not enough to say:  
"We will remember them.  
We will remember them!"  
We don't remember them.  
We can't remember them.  
How, in this world,  
shall we remember them,  
when what they did when  
and who they were then  
was (mostly) done - and done to death -  
so far away in time and place?  
The memories, of how it was, aren't ours.



Go to your neighbour-lady eight-doors-down  
who lost her dad in one of our big wars.  
Ring on her bell.  
Get her to her front door,  
on her slow-walking-frame – and ask her how it was.  
What was he like, your dad?  
How did he die?  
Ten-to-one she won't remember him,  
Having been too small.  
And being British she will not know  
quite how he died.  
Probably her mother neither...  
Exhausted officers, writing bad-news letters home,  
said nice things in those days like:  
He died instantly, in no pain, a hero.

She won't recall either any  
wailing or gnashing of teeth;  
the daughters of these islands

exercised just the pulling down of blinds  
and stiffening of upper lips against  
the screaming despair beneath.

Not like the daughters of Canaan  
mourning their sons, fathers and husbands.  
Or Goliath's children carrying him home,  
to his mother's door  
and the keening of Gath.  
That is how it was.  
That is how it is.

You could ask here, now,  
(in these islands),  
the exiled orphans of Rwanda,  
what they remember...  
But they are trying to forget, whilst never forgetting;  
as we are trying to remember whilst forgetting.  
That is how it was.  
That is how it is.  
Too many loud cries rise  
upon Earth's lonely hills.

Go to this land's sad towns,  
this earth's sad towns,  
anywhere where battle-clothes have been removed  
and bodies washed and gently prepared  
for lying in earth  
for what we nicely called The Long Sleep.

Go and ask the ones who know;  
and they will say: it doesn't end.  
That's how it was.  
That's how it is.

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For more about this poem, and the issues that it raises, visit  
[www.jointpublicissues.org.uk](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk) . More of Lucy's poems can also be found  
on her website at: <https://www.lucyberry.com> .

## War Memorials at Palmers Green URC

Recently I received an email from a volunteer working with the Imperial War Museum War Memorial Register, asking for photographs of any memorials in our church.

This was for a national archive he was helping to compile.

I was able to send him photographs of the 5 memorial plaques in our church, although with a little uncertainty as to where these originate from.

I'm almost certain the first two plaques in the photos are from Fox Lane Congregational Church, and so have always been in our present building. Photos 3 and 4 probably come from St. George's Presbyterian Church also in Fox Lane, although one of these could be from Bowes Park Congregational Church?

Both these congregations joined with Fox Lane over time to form our present Palmers Green URC. St George's Presbyterian was also in Fox Lane, on the corner with St. George's Road. Bowes Park Congregational was in Wood Green High Road, on the corner with Arcadian Gardens, and the building is now owned by the New Testament Church of God.



Photo 1

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Photo 2

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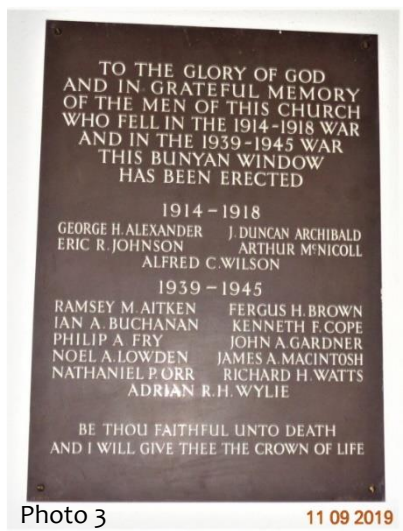


Photo 3

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Photo 4

There is a fifth memorial on the opposite wall of our church, which helpfully states that it was moved here from Wood Green Congregational Church, which I believe was in Lordship Lane, close to the current Vue Cinema.

If anybody can clarify any of this information, I'd be very grateful – although I appreciate this request will only apply to those with fairly long memories!

**Martin van Staveren**

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## ‘Love Your DoorStep’ Community Patrol Scheme

Volunteers are needed for our new Community Patrol Scheme. The Community Patrol scheme has been up and running since March 2019 to help tackle youth crime and help make our kids feel safer on their journeys to and from school. We are a peaceful scheme supported by the Metropolitan Police to be eyes and ears for the police but also if young people are feeling unsafe and need an adult. To become part of the scheme please email us: [communitypatrol@loveyourdoorstep.co.uk](mailto:communitypatrol@loveyourdoorstep.co.uk).



Photo 5



Photo 5a

At the moment, patrols run in Enfield Town during lunch times and after school, and also in Highlands School and Village area after school. It is a wonderful scheme to be involved in and volunteers currently are parents, grandparents and members of the community.

Kind Regards

**Emma Rigby**

Founder & Director

Love Your DoorStep Ltd

## NOTICEBOARD

### Upcoming Events

#### November

- 9:30am Sat 2 Nov - **Book of Job Study Day** at BHP Methodist, 135 Wellington Road EN1 2RS. Contact Nancy Hands [nmrhands@icloud.com](mailto:nmrhands@icloud.com) by 30 Oct.
- 10.30am Sat 2 Nov - All Souls Day Remembering Together at Palmers Green URC, with reflective spaces and closing worship at 3.00pm. Please feel free to drop in.
- 9.30am Sat 2 Nov - [Meeting God in the Whirlwind](#) Methodist Circuit Study day
- 10:45am Sun 10 Nov - Remembrance Sunday and Parade Service at PGURC
- 1.00pm Sun 17 Nov - Inter Faith Week event at the Civic Centre
- 5.00pm Fri 22 Nov - Patrick Regan speaking at Enfield Baptist Church  
[Honesty Over Silence](#)

See also Notices on following pages.

### Regular Events

#### Sunday Worship

- 10.30am Bush Hill Park, Ponders End, Trinity, Winchmore Hill
- 11.00am Christ Church, Lancaster Road, Palmers Green
- 6.30pm Lancaster Road (Café Church 1st Sunday), Trinity

#### Mondays

- 2.15pm Friendship Club at Christ Church (3rd Monday each month)
- 8.00pm Book Club at Bush Hill Park (1st Monday each month)

#### Tuesdays

- 10.30am Coffee Morning at Ponders End

8.00pm Bible Study at Bush Hill Park (2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month)  
8.30pm Bible Study at Lancaster Road (2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month)

### **Wednesdays**

9.30am Toddlers at Bush Hill Park  
9.45am Bible Study at Lancaster Road (fortnightly)  
8.00pm New Songs at Bush Hill Park (1st Wednesday each month)

### **Fridays**

9.30am Prayers at Bush Hill Park  
9.45am Toddlers at Bush Hill Park  
10.00am Shoppers Coffee Morning at Lancaster Road

### **Saturdays**

9.00am Breakfast Club at Christ Church (1st & 3rd Saturdays)  
10.30am A Place for Coffee at Palmers Green  
10.30am Coffee Morning at Trinity  
11.00am Lunchtime at Christ Church (3rd Saturday each month)  
3.00pm Family Film Feast at Bush Hill Park (1st Saturday each month)

Please visit our church websites to read our latest newsletters. Our churches offer a wide range of uniformed organisations for children and young people - please visit individual websites for more information.

<b>Bush Hill Park</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>Lancaster Road</b>	<b>Palmers Green</b>
<b>Ponders End</b>	<b>Trinity Methodist/URC</b>	<b>Winchmore Hill</b>	

**Don't forget!** You can be kept up to date with all the news from our Enfield United Reformed Churches by subscribing to our occasional email at <http://eepurl.com/dHm8TH> , and on Enfield URC Facebook Page

**The Cards for Good Causes Card Shop** will open at Palmers Green URC between Saturday 26 October and Wednesday 11 December. It's open each day from 10.00 until 4.00, Monday to Saturday. If you are buying Christmas cards this year, please do visit Palmers Green and look at the wonderful selection available.

## **Can you help with our young people?**

We are still looking for new volunteers to help with the young people during the service every Sunday. Two adults are required to be with the children, one who will plan an activity and one to be a second helper. We have a rota system to cover every week and we need more volunteers to enable us to continue our activities. Any amount of time you can offer will be a great help, once a month, once a year or just to be on standby if needed. If you want to plan activities, we welcome new ideas however just being a second helper would be equally

valuable. You will require a DBS check which we can arrange. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved. [ngmuller@hotmail.com](mailto:ngmuller@hotmail.com) **Nathalie Müller**

## Church Action on Poverty Regional Gathering in London

This will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 between 2:00 and 6:00pm at Lumen United Reformed Church, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS. To register to attend go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speaking-truth-to-power-putting-faith-into-action-south-east-regional-gathering-tickets-70627768557>

More information about **Church Action on Poverty** can be found on their website at <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/>.

## ‘Vision of Hope’

### Enfield Interfaith 2019 Concert at Enfield Civic Centre

Silver Street EN1 3XA

Sunday 17 November 2019

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Tickets are Free but must be booked online at:

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## ABOUT OUR CHURCH

### WE SHARE OUR PASTORATE WITH THE PONDERS END and WINCHMORE HILL URCS.

Listed below are contact details for their Church Secretaries:

**Ponders End** Church Secretary: Mrs Pat Lewis

[[pat@rapandsoulmailorder.com](mailto:pat@rapandsoulmailorder.com)]

**Winchmore Hill** Church Secretary: Vacant



We are part of the Thames North Synod in which there are 126 United Reformed churches in six Areas, headed by a Synod Moderator. The United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom has approx. 1,380 local Churches, 13 Synods and 46,880 members. It meets every two years in General Assembly and has its central offices at 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1 9RT. Through our membership of the Council for World Mission we belong to the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ. This is a Reformed and Congregational body for international exchange in Mission. The United Reformed Church is one of 32 member Churches.

We are a member of Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park (CTPGWHGP). In partnership with Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Baptist churches in our neighbourhood, we aim to explore the Christian faith together, and witness to the Gospel.

#### **Minister – Revd Melanie Smith**

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#### **Secretary - Mr Martin van Staveren**

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#### **Treasurer - Mr Brian Ball**

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**Palmers Green United Reformed Church** is at the corner of Fox Lane and Burford Gardens, London N13 4AL and online at both [www.palmersgreenurc.org.uk](http://www.palmersgreenurc.org.uk) and [www.facebook.com/PGURC/](https://www.facebook.com/PGURC/). Our magazine is published monthly and is printed by 'Office Interiors' in Palmers Green using approx. 85% recycled paper.

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