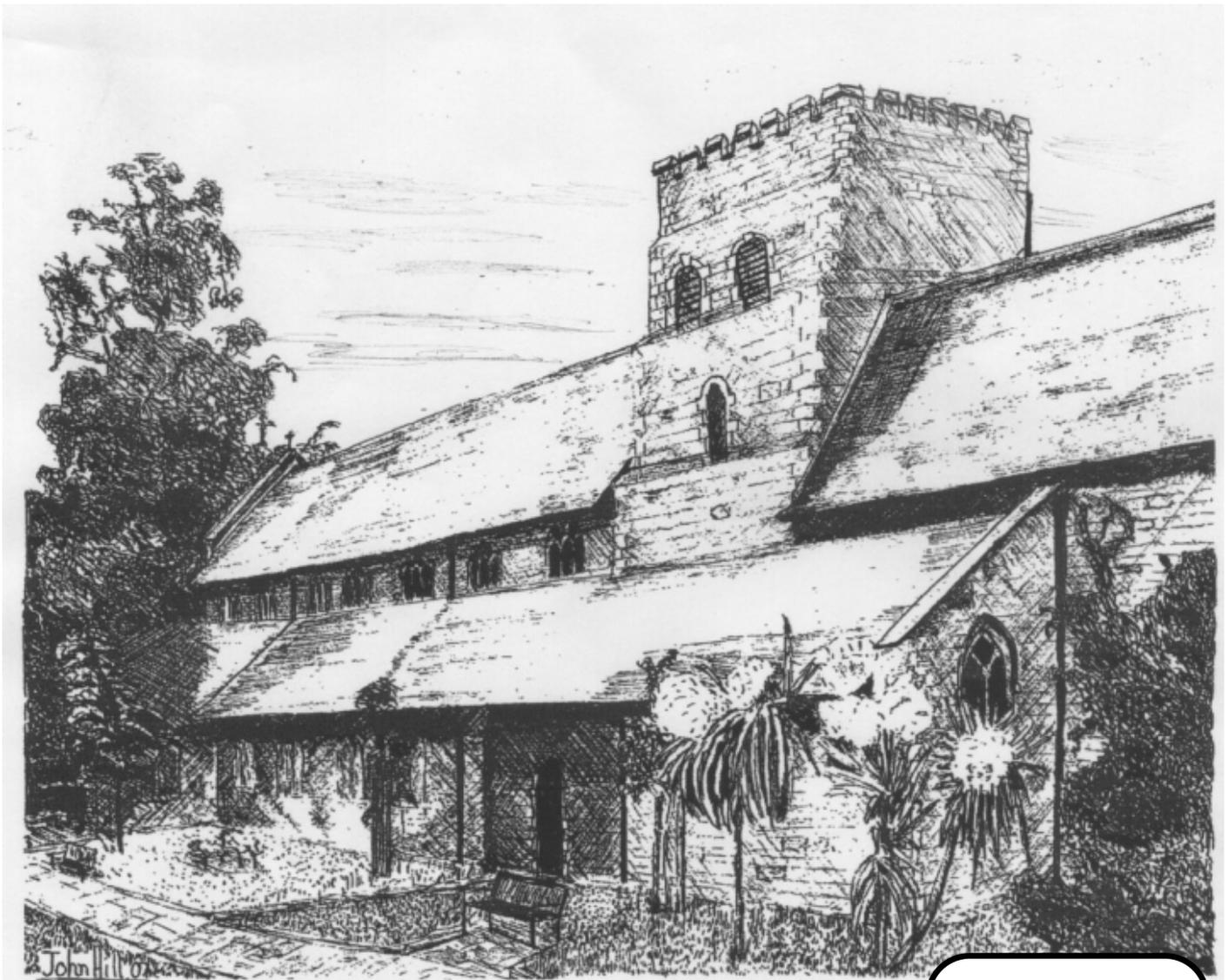




CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

PARISH MAGAZINE



John Hill 2007

Christ Church goes

GREEN

Summer Fair

Saturday 20th June

30p
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donation

June
2009

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Deadline for July magazine: Sunday 17th June .
Put on peg in the vestry, or hand to a Churchwarden,
or email: ianbbrown@phonecoop.coop

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Christ Church Hall
is available for hire.
Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett
01474 568585

Well equipped. Very
suitable for meetings
and children's parties.



Welcome to the June Parish Magazine. June is set to be busy as we have lots of visitors to Christ Church this month. It is also a time when some of us are away so we need to support the activities and maybe bring new friends to hear Wendy Ely (p. 3), Lance Pierson (p. 4), the Soroptimists (p. 10), support the hospice (p.10), and of course our Summer Fair (p. 9 & 10).

See you there!!

Editor



Bringing hope to children in Zambia



Wendy Ely

is coming to Christchurch Hall

on Wednesday 3rd June

Come for tea/coffee and biscuits at 7.30

before she tells us about this children's charity in Zambia at 8 p.m.

We shall have a secondhand bookstall (50p each) and a raffle.

Bring a book to sell on the night and buy another!



ANYONE HAVE OLD CHURCH MAGAZINES?

Peter Shearan is beginning to make a collection of Christ Church Magazines from the past, which form a very important part of the history of the church. Those collected so far go back well over eighty years, although there are huge gaps in the series. Once they are in the archives, historians can get a much clearer idea of the people in the congregation from times gone by. If you don't want to let them go completely, we can always copy them.

Please get in touch with Peter (G 566215).

Thanks

Peter



OUR NAUGHTY LITTLE SHEEP AND THE VERY LONG WALK



It's 3rd May, the day of the sponsored walk and our naughty little sheep is really excited. He's been helping me get sponsors and has even got some of his own, so well done that sheep! When we arrive at the Gravesend Rugby field there are lots of people already there, mostly wearing blue "Forget me not" T shirts in memory of Ben Johnson. The proceedings are started by Joe Pasquale and after a poem and a prayer the runners set off with the walkers coming along behind. Our naughty little sheep, snug in my backpack, is keen for me to run too. I tell him that he can run if he likes but it's going to be more of a brisk walk for me. The sun has come out after a rather cloudy start and the cool breeze is kind to hot runners (and walkers). There are a few dogs on leads going round too which makes our naughty

little sheep a bit nervous, especially when a welsh border collie gets rather interested in him. He ducks down into the backpack and pretends he's not there! There are a few strange sights on the way round, not least a very large walking banana and a big shaggy lion. Our naughty little sheep is really interested to see all that's going on and when we finally complete the whole 24 laps he is thrilled to have a medal. Everybody has had a great time and hopefully raised lots of money in aid of Leukaemia Research. Your generosity has enabled me to raise over £450, so well done to you too and many thanks. Neil, Donna and Jade Johnson are very grateful for your support.

Rosemary Austin

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota



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|------|------|---------|---|
| 7th | June | Week 9 | Jerry and Sally Higgins, Sylvia Brown |
| 14th | June | Week 10 | Pauline Marks, Joan Buss, Margot Edwards, Martin Sewell |
| 21st | June | Week 11 | Rita Smith, Jean Stoddart, Sheila Knight |
| 28th | June | Week 12 | Betty Martin, Margaret Davies, Maria Watson |
| 5th | July | Week 1 | Vena Croyden, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson, Charmaine Bultman |

Maureen Fittell

MARK'S GOSPEL

PERFORMED BY
LANCE PIERSON



12th June 2009

Christ Church,
Echo Square,
Gravesend
7.30 p.m.

Tickets £4 (Concessions £3)
including interval refreshments

On the door
or from Sally Higgins— 01474 325298

Using a modern vivid translation, actor Lance Pierson performs an eighty minute version of Mark's Gospel, bringing the story alive and close to the audience.

About the Performer:

Lance Pierson is an actor who specialises in Bible performance. He has a unique gift of lifting the written words off a page and making them come alive for his audience.

Since 1986 he has performed his one man shows in churches of all denominations and in a variety of venues from St Paul's Cathedral to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. He has presented the Bible on the main stages of the Keswick Convention, Spring Harvest and Easter People. In addition he has led workshops on reading the Bible aloud for churches, Bible colleges and at diocesan training events.

Lance lives in London and is a member of St Matthew's Church in Fulham.

He launched his one-man performance of Mark's Gospel in 2004 with the aim of bringing the 'good news' within the reach of everyone and of giving people an overview of the whole story at one sitting.

About the Play:

Lance's performance of *Mark's Gospel* is accessible, enjoyable and moving, using a modern translation (Alan T Dale's *New World*) to give the story a contemporary, relevant feel. It takes no background knowledge or technical language for granted. It is not a recital, but a one-man play performed with simple movement and characterisation.

For maximum effect he has an accompanying PowerPoint presentation with pictures of modern day Israel which acts as a backdrop and helps set each scene.

Lance feels that to hear every word of the Gospel would be too long for most audiences today. So he has selected two halves of about 40 minutes each. The first takes the chief highlights of chapters 1-10; the second tells the story of Holy Week, which is most of chapters 11-16.

www.lancepierson.org

This month I interviewed Muhunnthan at the Echo supermarket.

How long have you been at Echo Square? 6 years

Why did you choose to come to Echo Square?

The convenience store was already here so we bought the business.

What can you tell me about the building?

Not much! It used to be a Co-op shop about 20 years ago.

(Maybe some members of Christchurch will remember more about this building...?)

How many staff do you have?

One fulltime, one part time, my wife and me.

What do you offer to customers?

We are open from 7a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

We sell a wide range of groceries, milk, an off licence, ice creams, newspapers and magazines, cigarettes, videos, bakery and have a lottery and cash machine which we put in.

What is it like running a business in Echo Square?

It's a good spot to run a business because of all the schools round about.

There are 4 or 5 schools many of whose children and adults come past or

near us every day. Our phone is G 364591.

Do you feel Christchurch is part of the community?

Yes, it is a very friendly church. I know lots of people from it and many of them use the shop. Christchurch is good to the community.

You have helped Christchurch with hot cross buns and mince pies throughout the year.

Yes. I am Hindu but there is no temple near us here so we are happy to help people from another religion. My wife likes to come down to the church to sit in it about twice a week.

What about the road outside now it is one way? Has this affected business?

Some people like it, others don't as depending on where they live, they have to go further to get to the A2. It made a big difference at first. I like it though the council say they may re-open it once they have done gas works nearer Christchurch. It is not likely to be for some months yet.

Sheila Brown

Guides vs Scouts

There has been a lot in the press recently about a large increase in the number of girls joining Scouts. This is particularly in the Explorer area where girls would join the Senior Section in guides. This is the section of young women between the ages of 14 and 26 and an area which locally has been without a leader for some years. However we now have a young woman who has come forward to get this section up and running so hopefully it will be active within the next few weeks.

Personally I don't look on it as a competition which the media try to turn stories like this into. I feel that both Guiding and Scouting give young people the opportunity to do things of interest that will benefit them for the rest of their lives and it keeps them from hanging around on street corners looking aimless.

Girlguiding U.K. takes an annual census each February among every unit in the country so it is understandable that figures are not yet available for this year but the previous figures show that we are the largest voluntary youth organisation for girls and young women in the U.K. with around 575,000 members.

The area where Girlguiding and Scouting are both short is adult volunteers. Without them neither organisation can survive. I joined Guiding when my daughter was a ten year old having just started Guides. Her Guider asked me if I would like to help out which I agreed to although at that time I was involved with

Scouting. I soon realised that I was looking forward to my Guide evening each week as much as my daughter and became more and more involved. I am still involved, and enjoying what I now do within the movement, after thirty one years. I have been to places I would never have been to, done things I would never have done, and learnt, through these opportunities, skills that I would never have learnt if I hadn't become part of the movement. More than anything I have an enormous amount of fun during these years.

Maybe you were never a Brownie or Guide and feel that you don't know enough about Guiding to help out but have the time on your hands. Well I had never been a Brownie or a Guide either but once working with these young people I was very soon hooked and learnt as I went along.

Please if you can help out, if only for a couple of hours now and again, give me a ring so that we can have a chat about the options and I can put you in touch with your local commissioner. Without your help it could mean units closing down and not only the girls missing out but you too.

Thank you.

Josie
Girlguiding Thames Division
Market, Recruitment and P.R. Advisor.

God's Gang

A Friend is someone . . .



. . . who shares.



. . . who helps you out.



. . . who makes you feel good.



. . . who comforts



. . . who says *nice* things about you when you're not around.



. . . who forgives.



A Children's & Young People's festival

Aylesford Priory
June 6th 2009!

For more information
speak to Sue.



'Christ Church Goes Green'

A Summer Fair @ Christ Church, Echo Square

Saturday 20th June @2.30pm.



fun for all the
family, friends
and
neighbours

Entry 30p

Childrens' competitions

Christ Church going Summer Fair **GREEN!**

We are collecting the following items for the fair on the following Sundays.

Items being collected

- 17th May nearly new & collectables
- 24th May Children's games toys & puzzles
- 31st May Outdoor items eg. for garden, beach & BBQ & Green items
(Both items coloured green & environmentally friendly ones!)
- 7th June White elephant & entertainment (CD's, DVD's, records,
tapes, videos)
- 14th June Books and Bottles
- 20th June (on the day) Cakes and plants

Thank you, Sheila Brown





COFFEE MORNINGS

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|--------|-----------|------|
| Friday | June | 26th |
| Friday | September | 25th |
| Friday | October | 30th |
| Friday | November | 27th |
| Friday | December | 11th |

Many thanks for your continued support of
the Ellenor Lions Hospices.
Registered Charity No. 1121561



Society of Women
Soroptimist International of
Gravesend & District

Women Wartime Workers in the Munitions Industry

A Talk by Dr. Ann Kneif



Tuesday 2nd June 2009
at
Christ Church Hall,
Old Road East, Gravesend
7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Entrance £3.00
(Includes Tea or Coffee and
Cakes and Biscuits)

Raffle for President's Charities

**For More Details ring Surin on 01474
332356**

Choir

Music at Christ Church

Music Group



Life in the Choir has been quite busy, practising the music for Ascension Day and Pentecost.

We were delighted to support the Royal Marines Annual Service on May 17th. It is an occasion when we have most of the Choir members present, some of whom have been members of the Armed Services. There are always plenty of hymns to be sung, and an Anthem. It is always a very moving Service and reminds all of us of our debt of gratitude to those who gave their young lives for our freedom.

We are sad to say goodbye to Sarah Stevens who is leaving the Choir. Sarah has been a Choir member for quite a few years and Head Choingirl for some time. We wish her well in her busy life ahead as she prepares to go to College in the Autumn.

Life in the Choir promises to be as busy as usual as we will now be concentrating on preparations for Choir Sunday in July and for the Deanery Choirs Festival later in the year.

"WITH A VOICE OF SINGING,
NOW HEAR YE THIS,
JUST LET IT BE HEARD,
ALLELUIA!"

Pam Kilby

**CHRIST CHURCH
YOUTH
CLUB**

As the club year draws to a close, thank you to all who have come to enjoy each others company. A big thank you to the helpers who have made it possible. There will be some activities happening during the summer - check out the web site.
Ian

Can you sing?

Do you play a musical instrument?



Christ Church Music Group would love you to join them for twice monthly Monday rehearsals and to sing on the 2nd Sunday in the month and other special occasions. Phone Gill on 534517.

Gill Campbell

Respect

Dear God

Please help us to respect other people and always treat them the way we would like to be treated ourselves.

We should always be kind and considerate, listen to people and respect their views. Help us to accept people just the way they are.

Also help us to respect and look after all living things and the environment, especially our school environment, and be grateful for all the lovely things we have in school.

Amen

By
Hornets Class
Whitehill Primary School



First Steps

22nd April 2009

It is the 22nd April and our Pre-school children are in church again this morning with their faithful audience ready and waiting. Jake and Ethan are dressed up as policemen and Jake is looking rather serious. Our naughty little sheep tells me that it makes him feel guilty just looking at Jake because he's sure that he must have done something naughty without realising it. Policemen tend to have the same effect on me! Mrs Reilly tells us that before the Easter holidays they had some tadpoles in the Pre-school and the children are hoping to see some of them turn into frogs. Our naughty little sheep says that he wants to see some tadpoles changing into frogs too, so I'll have to take him out into the Pre-school in a couple of weeks to see if anything is happening. He also suggests that we sing, "Here come the frogs." And of course we do, loudly! Calum says that I must hold our naughty little sheep's lead in case he tries to get away but I think he's having too much fun to leave. Then we sing, "I love the sun." "Not forgetting the moon!" shouts Calum. That's his favourite bit! Last of all we sing our Marching Song with all the actions because it is our naughty little sheep's favourite song and he's been nagging me since the children came in. And of course we say "Thank you" to God for tadpoles and frogs, for the sun and the moon and our wonderful world and His love for us. And Sue gives us all a special blessing. We finish by singing "Candletime" and Ellen carefully blows out our candle. Then the children leave by way of the font so that they can see the lovely dove of the Holy Spirit painted on the inside of its lid. Our naughty little sheep wants to have a look too and he's very impressed. You must have a

look too if you haven't seen it before. Put it on your to do list!

6th May and two weeks have flown by and the children from the Pre-school are back in church. There are twenty of them this morning, so quite a crowd. Quite a crowd of on-lookers too with song books in hand. Ben is wearing wings this morning and I ask him if he's an angel but it seems not! He decides that he's a butterfly and what could be more appropriate on such a beautiful spring morning. And you'll never guess what our naughty little sheep is wearing! He's wearing the lovely shiny medal from the sponsored run/walk that he did on Sunday. With a little help from me he walked about 10 miles! Didn't he do well! And I must say that he's really pleased with himself. After singing "Candletime" we sing "The Springtime comes." because the springtime is well and truly with us now. And we say "Thank you" to God for the spring. And we think about going to the Park on a spring day and sing, "Here we go round the Park again." The children are in very good voice today and so is our naughty little sheep who loves singing and joining in with the actions. And we say "Thank you" to God for parks and picnics and the happy times in our life. And because Ben is wearing his butterfly wings we sing, "Creepy, crawly caterpillar". We finish with our Marching song once again and after a blessing, our naughty little sheep asks me if Ben can blow out our candle. (We can't resist the wings!) And the children go back into their Pre-school for more fun and games. They've all been really good and we've had a lovely time together.

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GARDENING TIPS WILL RETURN IN THE JULY MAGAZINE

In the meantime, keep an eye on your Pots and Containers,
don't let them dry out!

Keep them watered when necessary!

ADAM

HOLY BAPTISM



- 26th April Aimee-Louise Anne Harding
3rd May Emily Elizabeth Duncan
Hannah Lilly Money
10th May Mai Virginia Frances
Martin Joshua Collins
Grace Nicole Davies

CONFIRMATION



- Barbara Ann Green
James Gaywood Taylor
Anna Marie Lawrence-Lovell
Eileen Joyce Minall
Dace Sintija Letlena
Steve William Davis
Louise Victoria Russell

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS



- Angeline Hope Lupton
Deborah Claire Carter
Sarah Taylor
Pamela Catherine Kilby

HOLY MATRIMONY



- 8th May Adedamola Olaniyi Adetola and Oluwadamisi Ejilola Johnson
16th May Darren Bellamy and Michelle Stanton

REST IN PEACE



- 22nd March Robert Mark Cooter
30th March Derek Wilfred Aspinall
5th April Elizabeth Florence Wheeler
15th April David John Henderson

Julie Hill

June



Highlights this month !

Dramatisation of
St Mark's Gospel

Summer Fair

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| Sunday  | | 7 8 am Service 10 am Service 5.30 Confirmation class | 14 8 am Service 10 am Service 5.30 Confirmation class | 21 8 am Service 10 am Service AngelSpace | 28 8 am Service 10 am Service Afternoon Tea Party for young families |
| Monday  | 1 Cubs Brownies | 8 Cubs Brownies | 15 Cubs Brownies | 22 Cubs Brownies | 29 Cubs Brownies |
| Tuesday  | 2 Soroptimist Women War Time Workers | 9 | 16 MU Deanery Quiet Morning | 23 | 30 |
| Wednesday  | 3 Guides MU Meeting Church Hall | 10 Guides | 17 1.45 pm First Steps Guides | 24 Guides | 1 July MU Summer Social 8pm |
| Thursday  | 4 Beavers Brownies Church being used as a Polling Station | 11 Beavers Brownies | 18 Beavers Brownies | 25 Beavers Brownies | 2 |
| Friday  | 5 Parent & Toddler Scouts CCADS Office Hours | 12 Parent & Toddler Scouts CCADS Office Hours St Mark's Gospel | 19 Parent & Toddler Scouts CCADS Office Hours | 26 Parent & Toddler Ellenor Lions Coffee Morning Scouts Office Hours | 3 MU Wave of Prayer |
| Saturday  | 6 65th Anniversary D Day Landings Working Party Angel Fest | 13 PCC Away Day | 20 Summer Fair 2:30 pm. | 27 | 4 Working Party |

What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday Uniformed Organisations parade

Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

Weekday Services

Holy Communion (said)

Monday and Saturday 8am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Wednesday 10.00am

For further information
contact
the Church Wardens

Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Open Church

Monday to Friday
10 am until 11.30 am

Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Cubs; Music Group; Brownies

Tuesday

Wednesday Guides; Mothers Union (1st Wednesday)

First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm

Thursday Beavers; Brownies; Choir Practice

Friday Scouts; Amateur Dramatics ; Parent and Toddler

Saturday Working party (1st Saturday)

Sunday Christ Church Youth Club

