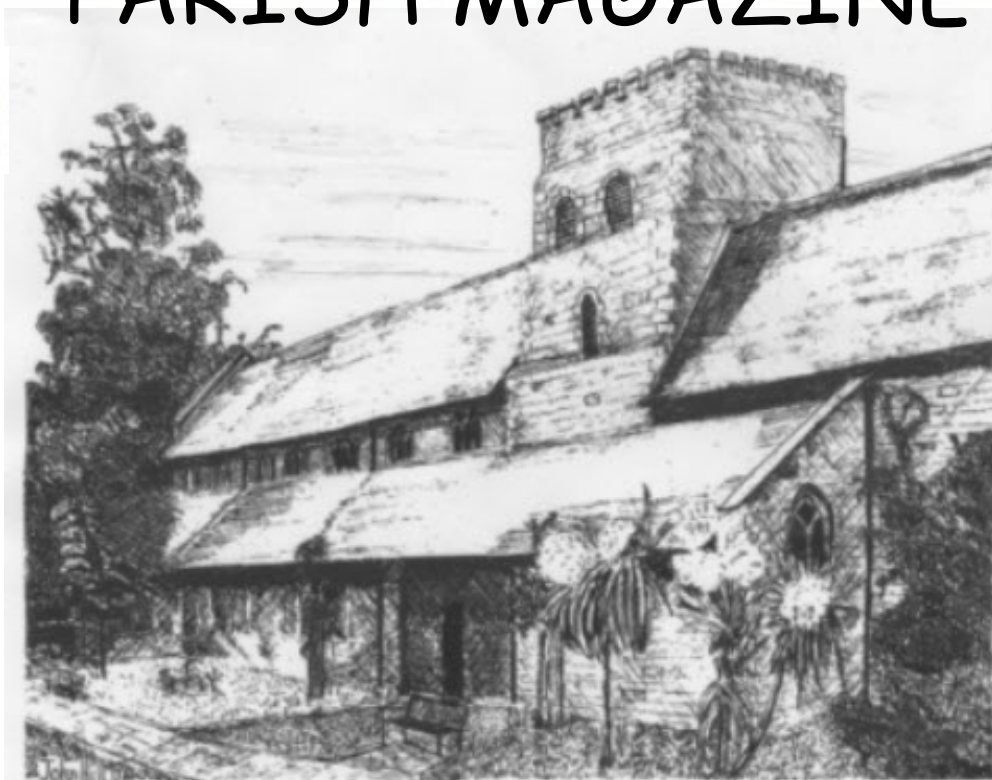


CHRIST CHURCH MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

PARISH MAGAZINE

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Tea@3
3rd August



John Hill 2007

All Age service
and barbecue
8th August



First Steps
and Teddy Bears'
Picnic
11th August



Hall Cleaning
19th August
20th August

30p
or
donation

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Afternoon Tea
26th August

**August
2010**

Deadline for August magazine:

Sunday 22nd August.

Put on peg in the vestry,
or hand to a Churchwarden,
or email:

ianbbrown@phonecoop.coop

Christ Church Hall
is available for hire.

Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett

01474 568585

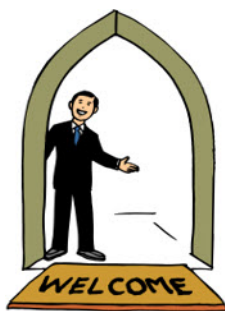
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suitable for meetings
and children's parties.

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Reader	Betty Martin	352696			
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443			

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What a lot of exciting things are happening during August, MU garden parties (to raise funds for overseas projects), Teddy Bears' Picnic, All Age Service with barbecue afterwards, over 80's party - how are you going to fit all that in and have a holiday as well (answers on a postcard to editor!).

July was also an exciting month, we had a visit from the Street Pastors, Georgia was presented with her blue ribbon as a senior chorister and the world cup final.

Editor



Check out the music day - see page 6 .



Have you an artistic talent? Like to use it? Speak to Sheila Brown about designing "Back to Church" boards or to Veronica Read about displays in the church.



HALL SUMMER SPRING CLEAN

Can you help?

Thursday 19th August
9.30am - 3pm

Friday 20th August
9.30am - 12noon

With a short break for lunch

Please sign on the list at the back of the church. An hour or two of your time will help us do all the jobs which cannot be done on an everyday basis. There will be a list of jobs needed to be done and you can choose whichever you feel able to do. If you sign on and off when the job is completed we will avoid duplication.

Thanking you



Joan

Any resemblance to anyone in church is purely coincidental.

Summer with the

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

TEA @ 3

Members of the Mothers' Union invite you to "tea@3" on Tuesday 3rd August in Christ Church Pleasance from 3pm. Admission 50p.

Tea, cakes, raffle, bring and buy. Sit and chat or join in the activities.

All ages welcome.
Proceeds to MU overseas projects.

Afternoon Tea

Thursday 26th August 2pm - 4pm
afternoon tea at Julie's
(34 Whitehill Road).

All welcome: members, partners
and friends

Proceeds to MU overseas
projects.



EllenorLions Hospices
'without them we would have been lost'

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

Cold Harbour Road
10 am to 12 pm

COFFEE MORNINGS

Friday 24th September

Friday 29th October

Friday 26th November

Friday 10th December

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

1st Aug	Week 9	Jerry & Sally Higgins, Marylene Ewin
8th Aug	Week 10	Pauline Marks, Margot Edwards, Angela Kirby
15th Aug	Week 11	Rita Smith, Jean Stoddart, Sheila Knight
22nd Aug	Week 12	Sylvia Brown, Margaret Davies
29th Aug	Week 1	Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson
5th Sept	Week 2	Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoesmith, Joan Bennett



Maureen Fittill



First Steps

14th July 2010

My goodness me, isn't this year just whizzing by? It's the 14th July already and the day of our First Steps service dawns rather cloudy and grey, with a forecast of possible storms! Oh no! But my lips are almost sealed because you know how our naughty little sheep moans at me if I talk about the weather and it has been lovely over the last few weeks, hasn't it? So I mustn't complain! And we do need the rain. As our naughty little sheep, his friends and I walk up to Church, it may be a bit dim and doomy but it's actually quite warm, so that's a plus! We've been discussing our service and, as we're thinking about taking care of God's World, we're going to hide some pictures of birds and animals and trees and things, in the church for the children to find. The animals decide that they'll choose special pictures for themselves, and then hide with them. Penguin chooses one of snowy crocuses; our naughty little sheep chooses one of lambs and unicorn chooses a picture of a horse and soon all of the other pictures have been chosen too and everyone is well hidden and very quiet, though quivering with excitement.

Anne and Isabelle arrive to help me set up, bringing special biscuits that Isabelle has chosen. She won't be able to come to First Steps anymore because she'll be going to big school in September and so she wants everyone to have a treat. Isn't that nice! After much moving of chairs, bringing out of toys and putting out of cups, saucers and biscuits, etc we're ready and Mums, Grannies and children slowly begin to arrive; many that we know well and some new ones too. Even a Dad has come along today. Isn't that great? The weather may be looking a bit dull and doubtful outside but in the church we have lots of lovely smiley faces to brighten our day. With jingle bells at the ready, we begin our service, lighting special candles for all of the children who will be going to big school in September. There are seven of them altogether. My goodness we are going to miss them!

Because the summer holidays are just about to begin and we're thinking about God's

beautiful world, we sing "Here we go to the beach again" looking forward to the great times that we're going to have, making sandcastles, splashing in the sea and having yummy picnics but remembering to make sure that everything is clean and tidy when we go home. God has given us such a beautiful world to live in and it's up to us to take good care of it. And it's time to find those sneaky animals and their lovely pictures and the children soon round them all up. The pictures are a reminder to us of some of the lovely things that are around us every day; birds and flowers, trees and even a creepy crawly caterpillar, each beautiful and marvellously made. And we must help to take care of the people who live in our world too by being generous and sharing some of the good things that we have with those who don't have enough. And so we sing, "Share it round." and "Jesus' love is very wonderful!" because it is! And we thank God for sending Jesus to be our Saviour.

It's still looking a bit doubtful outside so we sing, "I love the sun" with lots of jingling bells, hoping that it will encourage the sun to come out! Grace asks for her favourite song, "My God is so Big" so we sing it twice with enthusiastic actions. Oh what fun! Then with prayers said, the last of our songs sung and the candles carefully blown out, it is time to wander out into the hall for a cuppa and those special Isabelle biscuits. Yum! Our naughty little sheep's friends find their favourite places on the hatchway while our naughty little sheep goes with Mollie to find her little sheep Jessie and say "Hallo". He's certainly going to miss Mollie when she goes to big school! The children all have a lovely time playing and the Mums, Grannies and Dad have a chance to chat and before we know where we are, it's time to go home. As always we've had a great time together and we hope that everyone will be able to join us for our annual Teddy Bears Picnic on 11th August. It's always great fun and not to be missed, whatever the weather!

God Bless

Rosemary Austin

For further information see the Christchurch Website
www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Saturday 25th September 2010

Come & Sing

The first musical event specifically for the youth of Christchurch and beyond. If you are aged between 7 and 18 and love to sing, then come along and join us in the performance of the year.

Together we will learn some new songs, and look at some old favourites and prepare to WOW Gravesend with our talent! We will also experience a drum workshop, share a picnic and most importantly HAVE FUN! We are expecting a good audience for the concert, and you will also have the opportunity to perform some songs in church on Sunday 26th September "Back to Church Sunday"

Please register in advance to guarantee a place

Cost per singer is £3

Family rates £6

Concert ticket price FREE!

Bring a packed lunch, drinks and biscuits will be supplied

Start time 9.30 am Concert time 5pm

Contacts Deborah Carter & Helen Osborne

Family Barbecue

8th August



Christ Church family barbecue
Come and join us for food, fun,
games and chill out,

after the 10 am All Age Service on Sunday 8th August
(come to the barbie even if you do not come to the service)
in the Church Pleasance (garden behind the church).



Please sign the list at the back of
the church to indicate numbers.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

11th AUGUST



We start in the church with our First
Steps service at 2pm and then go to the
hall and pleasance for the picnic and fun, food and activities.

Calling all Over 80's

Have you received your invitation to
the party in the church hall on the
17th August????

If not contact Margot Edwards
352365

Invitations are at the back of the
church - please take one for your
children or grandchildren.

Quotable quote:

The church is like a swimming pool.
All the splashing goes on at the
shallow end.

Robert Runcie, Former Archbishop.



Children's Nearly New Sale

Great quality used baby and kids stuff at bargain prices

Saturday 25th September 2010

2.30pm – 4.00pm

Holy Trinity Primary School

Trinity Road, Gravesend, DA12 1LU

Only £1 entry (free for under 16's)

Parking available

Stuff to sell?

Do you have toys, baby or kids clothes, maternity clothes or kids equipment that you would like to sell?

No commission, just a £15 table fee

Table provided

Fun indoor family event

Pass your items on to a good home

**To book a table or for more information on future sales call
07956 461905 / 07833 146137 or email littlepiggysales@hotmail.com**

You can also find us on Facebook – just search for Little Piggy Sales

Tables are taken on a first come first served basis!



Sunday 22nd August
Circular historical walk
"Megalith Meander"
of the Medway Valley

with Gravesend Historical Society.

Meet: 2.30pm in lay by opposite Lower Bell
public house, Bluebell Hill (ME20 7EF).

Guide: Nicholas Miskin 01474 832301.

Free - no need to book, sensible footwear
needed.



Sunday 5th September

Circular walk from Shorne Country
Park to Cobham

with Gravesend Historical Society.

Meet: 2.30pm at Shorne Country
Park - the walk is free but there
are parking fees in the country
park itself. No need to book.

Guide James Elford 07939 300831.



Jazz Night

on Saturday 4th September
with the Southfields Stompers.

Begins at 6.30pm at Chalk Church's
St Mary's Woodlands, Church Lane,
Chalk.

Tickets £5, family tickets £15, bring your own
chairs, refreshments etc.

Chalk Parish Bonfire Night - Saturday 6th
November at Chalk Church, Church Lane,
Chalk.

Gates open at 6pm, bonfire lit 6.30pm, fire
work display. Entrance price on gate.

Details Heather
Bull 01474 320156.

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Winter Warmer Walk with Gravesend Historical Society.

Monday 27th December: a guided historical walk with Christoph Bull (Local historian and
District Manager of Gravesham & Dartford Libraries).

Meet: 10am at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Lower Higham.

Walk is free, no need to book, sensible footwear

essential. Walk off the Christmas excess and find out about your landscape, folklore and
history.

Details Christoph Bull 01474 320156.

CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

5th Sept	First meeting of the new year - Hall 6 - 8pm
12th Sept	Planning for open meeting - Hall 6 -8pm
19th Sept	Games evening - Venue to be confirmed
25th Sept	Saturday - Youth Singing Day

The Youth Club starts again in September on Sunday 5th with a new look! We meet on Sunday evenings, some meetings in the church hall from 6 - 8 pm, other Sundays will be different venues.

On Saturday 25th September a Youth Singing Day will be the meeting for that week, so check out the advert on page 6 for more details.

During the summer the youth club discussed how we could encourage more participation by young people - the young people themselves thought that an open meeting would be a good way. During the first two September meetings we will look at organising the open meeting and how to publicise it.

Ian

Look out for further details at the end of August and in the Parish Magazine.



At the successful AGM and Quiz Night on Friday 2nd July, thanks were given to leaders and supporters for their hard work and commitment over the years. Paul Rushbrook is now the new District Commissioner with Richard Painting taking the reigns as Group Scout Leader, Vi Rushbrook

has retired as Cub Scout Leader and cub assistant leaders Mandy and Leanne are moving on. Simon Singer has passed the mantle of Group Chairman to Sandy Taylor.

The Cub Scout section are looking for adult help to keep the Pack growing - if you think you would like to help as a scout leader contact Sue Brewer or Ian Brown.

From Christ Church Magazine - January 1994.

After the morning service the church treasurer addressing the congregation saying, 'I have a piece of bad news, then a piece of good news, followed by some more bad news.'

'The bad news is that we require a new roof and it's going to cost quite a bit of money.

The good news is that we already have the money. The bad news is, it's in your pockets!'

Thanks to Betty Martin for this snippet originally spotted in the Reader's Digest by Rene Moir.



We are well into the Wedding Season now and are kept busy with many weddings.

We are very pleased that Georgia has now received her dark blue ribbon and medal and is now a Senior Girl Singer. Georgia is a very faithful member of the choir, she enjoys singing and has a great willingness to learn new music together with excellent attendance and good behaviour.

RSCM EVENTS

Later on in the autumn there will be an opportunity for choir members to attend the following:

The ADULT CHORISTER COURSE 25-27TH OCTOBER AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The DIOCESAN CHOIR'S FESTIVAL EVENSONG ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH AT TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

The ADVENT COMPLINE SERVICE ON SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER WHICH IS AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS YEAR

The ADULT CHORISTER AWARDS OCTOBER 12TH IN BROMLEY

The DEANERY CHOIRS FESTIVAL WILL BE ON OCTOBER 24TH AT ST AIDENS THIS YEAR

It is good that there are opportunities for the choir to join with others choirs in the Deanery and the Diocese. Those of us who have attended these events in the past have enjoyed the days both with the joy of singing and meeting like minded people from other churches.

Pam Kilby

With summer here, and many of our group on holiday, we are just rehearsing for the 2nd Sunday in August. We will resume full rehearsals in September ready for Harvest, and dare I mention it, Christmas!

That said Helen has put together a choir to sing several songs at the Soroptomist Musical evening in October. Most of the Music Group are involved along with members of the Choir and several members of the congregation. We are rehearsing a couple of times a month, it is hard work but great fun! Watch this space for more information.



Gill Campbell

GARDENING TIPS FOR AUGUST

July has been a good growing month. The weather has remained hot and this combined with any watering you have done will have resulted in colourful garden displays.

To maintain your plants in good condition during this month, continue to water as much as possible even if it does rain, extra attention being given to the watering of containers. Container grown plants will thrive with an application of plant food preferably on a 14day cycle. Give three feeds this month at the recommended dosage rates.

Deadheading the flowering plants regularly will keep the display at it's optimum level. If you have not been able to water grass areas they will now be browning off. Do not attempt to cut them or feed them. They will return to green swards after a period of sustained rainfall.

Wisteria is now a commonly grown climbing plant requiring pruning back this month. Prune back all the long growth to two buds from it's emerging point on the main stem.

ADAM

HOLY BAPTISM



6th June

Amelia Rose Logan
Paige Louise Susan Martin
Oliver Lubomir Franz

20th June

Abbie Elizabeth Norris
Emily Louise Easter
Ben Joseph Easter
Harrison Cordner
Emily Louise Kemp

27th June

Tola Sunvan Mao
Rebecca Jane Hopkins
Natasha Sue Barclay
Chloe Megan Barclay
Jamie Lewis Barclay

4th July

Charlie Michael Gundry
Charlie James Brett
Ophelia Rose Sofia Pettis
Solly Jay Whalin

10th July

Max Simon Collins
Imogen-Rose Hannah Martin

18th July

Megan Lottie Victoria Taylor
Kai Lewis William George Taylor
Tyler John Lewis Williams
Tanai Louise Howard

CONFIRMATION



4th July

Debra Ann Barden
Rebecca Jane Hopkins
Tola Sunvan Mao
Elizabeth Jane Ripley
Harry John Kingsbury
Daniel Ronald Frank Ludlow

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

4th July

Babs Gertrude Lesley Acott
Andrew Ify Mudamai

HOLY MATRIMONY



28 th May	Daniel Neil Hayes and Charlotte Beth Exeter
29 th May	Oliver Thomas Birch and Sophie Charlotte Hill
5 th June	Jeffrey Marshall Kim Ann Cooper
26 th June	Wayne Howes and Caroline Bailey
26 th June	Paul Burman and Claire Lisa Pryor
3 rd July	Joseph Paul Dicken and Gemma Louise Deakins
10 th July	Darren Christopher Simms and Samantha Helen Reynolds
17 th July	Aron Wayne Peak and Leanne Marie Chiles

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

5 th June	Paul Anthony and Carole Elizabeth Titshall
10 th June	Ray and Eileen Rose Moore

REST IN PEACE



22 nd May	Peter Britton
22 nd May	Grace Snelling
31 st May	Muriel Blanche Quick
9 th May	Elsie May Brown
27 th June	Patrick Henry Carden
27 th June	Winifred Eileen Norris
2 nd July	Alan John Rowland
2 nd July	Maureen Patricia Morgan
13 th July	Eva May Dickinson

Julie Hill

GOD'S GANG!

We hope you are all having a good Summer Holiday from school.

For the Sunday's in August, we are staying in church during the 10 o'clock service and there will be some colouring and worksheets to do on tables in the children's corner at the back of the church.

There will be a special All Age Service on August 8th all about treasure so make sure you come, sit near the front where you can see and join in and play the musical instruments.

See you there and afterwards with your families at Christ Church BBQ in the garden behind the hall. It should be really good fun with games and toys and of course lots of yummy food!

Sheila, Linda, Anna Marie, Jill, Barbara, Chris, Kathryn and Martin.



Georgia being presented with her blue ribbon as a senior chorister.

August

Highlights this month !

Tea@3 Family Barbecue
Teddy Bears' Picnic

Sunday 	1	8 8 am Service 10am All Age Service and Family Barbecue	15 8 am Service 10 am Service	22 8 am Service 10 am Service	29 8 am Service 10 am Service
Monday 	2	9	16	23	30 Bank Holiday
Tuesday 	3 MU TEA@3	10	17 Over 80's Party	24	31
Wednesday 	4 10am service	11 10am service First Steps Teddy Bears' Picnic	18 10am service	25 10am service	
Thursday 	5	12 Choir Practice	19 Hall Cleaning 9.30-3 Choir Practice	26 MU Afternoon Tea Choir Practice	
Friday 	6 Parent & Toddler Office Hours	13 Parent & Toddler Office Hours	20 Hall Cleaning 9.30-Noon Parent & Toddler Office Hours	27 Parent & Toddler Office Hours	
Saturday 	7 Football Season starts	14 Working Party	21	28	

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 "New Look" All-Age service

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

Wednesday
10 am service

Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Music Group; Brownies

Tuesday Cubs

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

