



CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

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30p

Or donation

We Need your SHOE BOXES

Have you bought a new pair of sandals for our glorious English summer?

**Please keep the boxes for our shoe box collection later in the year
and of course any others you can acquire**

If you bring them to church they will be stored until needed

Deadline for magazine:
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November etc.

E-mail to
ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk,
hand to a Churchwarden, or
Mike Cubitt

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

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

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Who's Who at Christ Church

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Church Warden	Ian Brown	356339
PCC Secretary	Julie Hill	568265
PCC Treasurer	Steve Humphries	323515
Reader	Rosemary Austin	358702
Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Betty Martin	352696
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443



A PERSONAL PROFILE

Rev Jo Drew

My former work experience and qualifications have included nursing/care; information work; and horticulture. All of these focused on community or economic development and partnership working.

I also worked for ten years, prior to theological training, as a Project Worker employed by both Catholic and Anglican Church organisations in the Lancaster district and surrounds.

During that time I ran a church community centre; obtained funding; and set up and developed existing projects focusing, in particular, on the homeless and socially isolated older person within Urban Priory Areas.

I also worked for a Church of England rural benefice for two years. I trained at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford between 2009-2011 as a residential ordinand whilst focusing on the healing ministry with placements in hospitals, hospices, L'Arche and in a children's AIDS hospice and Townships in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

I was ordained Deacon at Rochester Cathedral in September 2011.

A CELEBRATION IN MUSIC

In aid of the EllenorLions Hospice

St Geoges Church Gravesend

Saturday 29 October at 7.00 pm

Featuring

The Medway Band

With Riverview Junior School Choir

Tickets £7

Concessions £6



God's
Gang

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YOU WILL BE KNOWN BY THE FRUIT YOU BEAR.

Matthew 7:18-20

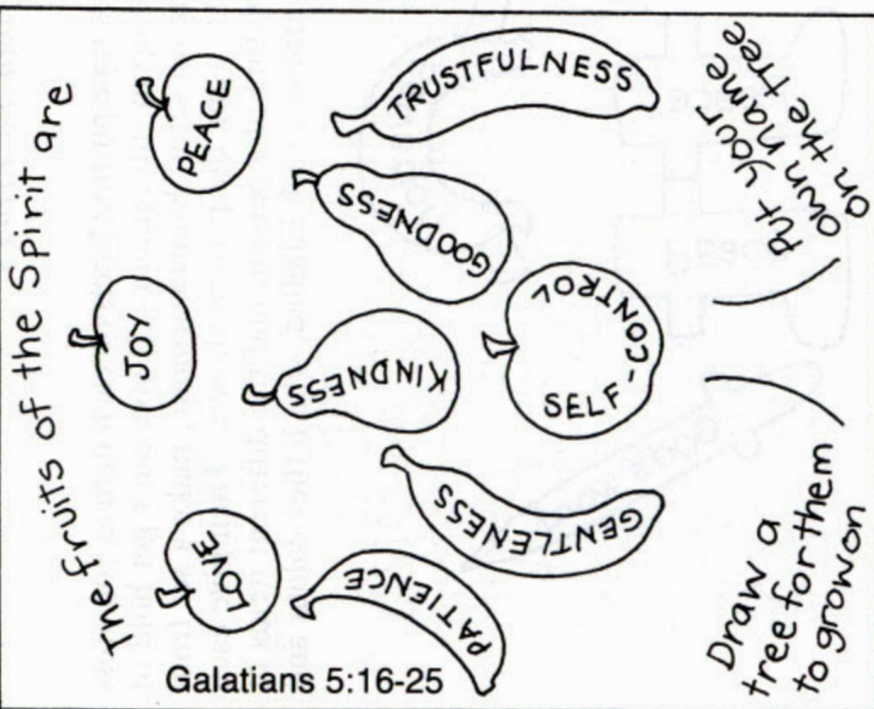
Jesus said,



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Key to the code :

John 15:16



Put your
own name
on the tree

Draw a
tree for them
to grow on

NOW COLOUR IT ALL IN!

Experience Harvest! - and Christ Church Harvest Flower Festival

Some of you may already have visited the Experience Harvest. Displays went up on 19th September and will be in situ until 13th October. Groups of adults or children are welcome - contact us by email or phone 01474 352643.

*Over the weekend of 8th - 10th October, there will be a **Flower Festival** to illustrate the harvest displays. This will be open to the public:*

Saturday 8th October between 10am - 12.30pm and between 2pm and 5pm.

Sunday 9th October between 2pm and 4pm

Monday 10th October between 2pm and 4pm

*Our Harvest Festival service for the whole family is on Sunday 9th October at 10am - the guest preacher will be **Rt Rev'd James Langstaff - Bishop of Rochester.***

New look 2nd Sundays!

The 2nd Sunday of each month is an all-age service of Holy Communion. Each month the service will reflect a particular theme and the words and music will be chosen to provide something for all, from the oldest to the youngest. We are always delighted to welcome our uniformed organisations, who join us for these services.

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota



Week 10	2nd Oct	Pauline Marks, Margot Edwards, Angela Kirby
Week 11	9th Oct	Rita Smith, Jean Stoddart, Sheila Knight, Ann Lennard
Week 12	16th Oct	Sylvia Brown, Margaret Davies, Babs Acott, Terri Allan
Week 1	23rd Oct	Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson
Week 2	30th Oct	Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoesmith, Joan Bennett

Maureen Fittill



CHRIST CHURCH BAZAAR

10.30

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



stall
side shows
an
refreshments



Admission 50p - children

A Churchwardens Notes

I'm sorry if some of you were distressed to see that the cherry tree in the pleasance has been pollarded (I know the staff of the pre-school were), but it was infected. The tree surgeons were in last week to cut out the dead wood in the big lime tree and carry out trimming on several other trees. This is just one aspect of a churchwardens duty that Christine Sewell and I do.

I can't believe it is almost 6 months since I became churchwarden and in that time I have found nooks and crannies in Christ Church I didn't know existed and that's only the buildings.

We have had a quinquennial inspection, a five yearly architectural inspection of the buildings by the diocese, (the Buildings and Finance Committee and the PCC are drawing up plans to carry out works required over the next five to ten years).

The heating system has been serviced and a few remedial works identified, which will be carried out hopefully before the full brunt of winter sets in. A churchwardens job is not all about buildings, though this takes a large chunk of time to oversee and without lots of dedicated people who give up their time to keep the buildings looking so good it would take a lot longer, it is about representing the people of the parish in the running of our church; Christ Church.

If you have any questions speak to Christine or I and we will do our best to answer them and if we can't we know someone who can.

I feel it is a privilege to serve as a churchwarden and look forward doing my best for Christ Church in the future.

Ian Brown
September 2011

Volunteers needed.....

'We always need volunteers... the church runs because of the generous service of volunteers.

If you have time and enthusiasm to spare but you are not sure where your talents can be used,

Sue would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities. •



Christ Church Organ Fund

CCOF (Christ Church Organ Fund) Events

8th October

Cookery Book - Tea Dance

19th November

Band Concert

(profit shared with Help for Heroes)

The Medway Band

'Music for Heroes'

7pm Saturday 19th November

In support of 'Help for Heroes' and 'Christ Church Organ Fund'

Featuring

Music from our Armed Forces, present and past – and music from the movies.

**Tickets available soon – enquiries to 745406,
or medwayband@googlemail.com**

or to Sue Brewer, 352643

GRAVESHAM ARTS COUNCIL'S
ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday 12th November

MATINEE SINGERS

with the

GRAVESEND
BOROUGH BAND

perform a

***Concert of
Popular Music***

in St George's Church

Gravesend at 7pm

Tickets £8

call Josie on 01474 363778 or
Christine on 01322 292778.

GRAVESHAM ARTS COUNCIL'S
ARTS FESTIVAL

Friday 4th November

MATINEE SINGERS

present a

***Concert of
Popular Songs***

at St Andrew's Arts Centre

**Royal Pier Road, Gravesend
at 2pm.**

Tickets £3 on the door

Refreshments included

GRAVESHAM ARTS COUNCIL'S ARTS FESTIVAL

Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 October

GEMS (Gravesend Entertainment and Musical Society) present

GODSPELL
THE ROCK MUSICAL

at Gravesend Grammar School for Girls

Pelham Road, DA11 0JE

at 7.45pm.

All tickets £10

Call 07530 231447

Gravesend Floral Arrangement Society
presents

Creative Cavalcade

**A Floral Art Demonstration by
Dr. Christina Curtis**

**Wednesday 12th October 2011
at St. George's School Hall
Meadow Road, Gravesend DA11 7LS
7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.**

**Ticket £8.00
To include Light Refreshments
*Sales Tables and Raffle***

*For more information and tickets, contact
Chairman on 01474 352976
Ticket Officer on 01474 564234*

COFFEE MORNING

**To be held in
Christ Church Hall
Wednesday 26 October
10.45 - 11.45
BRING AND BUY STALL and RAFFLE**

CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

We meet Sundays in term-time

5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p. m.

In Christ Church Hall

Admission £1

Autumn Programme 2011

There will be a variety of activities available, including table tennis, snooker, darts, craft and board games plus a tuck shop.

11th Sept	Steve/ Sheila/Abbie	Ordinary Club Night
18th Sept	Angela/John/Sarah	Ordinary Club Night
25th Sept	John/Les/Rachel	Messy Church -Meet at St Aidan's car park @ 4pm.
2nd Oct	Debbie/John/Neil	Ordinary Club Night
9th Oct	Steve/Sheila/Abbie	Ordinary Club Night
16th Oct	Angela/John/Sarah	Ordinary club night
23rd Oct	John/Les/Rachel	Messy Church -Meet at St Aidan's car park @ 4pm.
30th	John/Debbie/Sarah	Ordinary Club Night
6th Nov	Debbie/John/Neil	Ordinary Club Night
13th Nov	Steve/Sheila/Abbie	Ordinary Club Night
20th Nov	Angela/John/Sarah	Ordinary Club / AngelSpace
27th Nov	All leaders	10 Pin Bowling
4th Dec		Christingle Service 4pm

Club Rules

- 1. We will respect one another and Youth Club leaders, and treat one another with courtesy.**
- 2. We will respect the property belonging to the Youth Club and treat it with care.**
- 3. Once at Youth Club, we will remain on the premises until the end of the session; or inform a leader if we wish to go home.**

Arrangements for club outings, and parental permission slips, will be made available about 2 weeks before the outing.

For further details, contact:

**Rev'd Sue Brewer
01474 352643**

ccyouth@blueyonder.co.uk

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

**Sue Brewer
Vicar
Christ Church, Gravesend**

Westminster Abbey

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Saturday 15 October

09.30 Abbey opens for Pilgrims

11.30 Festival Eucharist

Preacher: The Right Reverend Michael Langrish

Bishop of Exeter

15.00 Evensong with Procession

It is not necessary for individuals to book for more details contact the Canon's secretary

Telephone 0207 6544805

All are welcome - There is no charge for the day

Brand New Youth Choir in Gravesend

If you are aged between 7 and 17 and enjoy singing then come along!

- Join a friendly group of singers
- Learn great music of different styles and
- Perform at concerts and services

Join the Semiquavers

**Rehearsals at
Christ Church**

Tuesday evenings

6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Starting from 4 October

For further information visit

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Or call 01474 534517

Music at Christ Church

After a relaxing summer the music group have been busy rehearsing for Harvest as well as the 2nd Sunday in October.

We welcome our 'extras' again; they swell our numbers to enable us to sing additional anthems etc. This time they are joining us to provide some musical entertainment after the service on October 9th (harvest)

It was good to share the singing with the choir at the all age worship on the 2nd Sunday in August and September and we look forward to doing this again in October.

Don't forget if you fancy joining us on a regular basis, or for 'extras' please speak to Helen. She would love to hear from you, especially if you are a male tenor!!

Christchurch Christmas Bazaar: **Saturday 5th November 2011 at 10.30a.m..**

We are collecting these items for the bazaar on the following Sundays:

25th September Unwanted gifts, holiday gifts, toiletries

2nd October Children's games toys & puzzles

9th October

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING THIS WEEK AS IT IS OUR
HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH.

16th October Jewellery & Candles & Christmas decorations, cards etc..

23rd October White elephant & entertainment

(CD's. DVD's, records, tapes, videos)

30th October Children's and Adult's Books & Bottles

5th November(on the day)Cakes and plants and all the above!!

Please remember the deadline for November magazine is








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Highlights this month !

**Sunday 9 Harvest Festival with
Bishop of Rochester, James Langstaff**

Sunday 23 Christian Aid Breakfast

October

Sunday 	30 8 am Service 10 am Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm	2 Experience Harvest 8 am Service 10am Mother's Union Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm	9 Experience Harvest 8 am Service 10 am All Age Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm 18.30 Choral Evensong	16 8 am Service 10 am Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm	23 8 am Service 8.30 Christian Aid Breakfast 10 am Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm
Monday 		3 Experience Harvest 8 am Service 16.45 Service	10 Experience Harvest Flower Festival 8 am Service 16.45 Service	17 8 am Service 16.45 Service	24 8 am Service 16.45 Service
Tuesday 		4 Experience Harvest 7 am Service 16.45 Service	11 Experience Harvest 7 am Service 16.45 Service	18 7 am Service 16.45 Service Cubs	25 Experience Harvest 7 am Service 16.45 Service Cubs
Wednesday 		5 Experience Harvest 10am Service 16.45 Service 8 pm Mothers Union Guides	12 Experience Harvest 10am Service 1.45 First Steps Guides 16.45 Service	19 10am service 16.45 Service Ifield Ladies Guides	26 10am service 16.45 Service Guides
Thursday 		6 Experience Harvest 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	13 Experience Harvest 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	20 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies/Beavers Choir Practice	27 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies/Beavers Choir Practice
Friday 		7 Experience Harvest 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	14 Experience Harvest 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	21 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler Scouts CCADS Office Hours	28 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler Scouts CCADS Office Hours
Saturday 	1 Experience Harvest 8 am Service	8 Experience Harvest 8 am Service 9.30 Working Party 10.00 Flower Festival 14.00 Flower Festival	15 8 am Service 14.00 Childrens Party	22 8.00 Service	29 8.00 Service

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 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

Registered Charity no. 1130741

Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Clubs

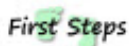
There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

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

Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)

Thursday Beavers; Brownies; Choir Practice

Friday Scouts; Amateur Dramatics ; Parent and Toddler

Saturday Working party (2nd Saturday)

Sunday Christ Church Youth Club

CHRIST CHURCH
YOUTH
CLUB



**Explore the harvest of the land and the
spiritual harvest of our lives, visit**

EXPERIENCE HARVEST AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

Christ Church, Echo Square Gravesend

September to 13 October

Open church - 28 September 11.00 - 13.00

5 October 19.30

Schools and groups by arrangement Rev. Sue Brewer

01474 352643 or suec@brewer86.plus.com

Early booking advised

