



# CHRIST CHURCH

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND



## JUNE 2014

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Highlights for the month

**Saturday 14 Working party 09.30**

**Sunday 8 Pentecost ALL AGE service 10.00**

**Thursday 19 Mustard Seed meet 15.00**

**Saturday 21 SUMMER FETE 14.30**

**14/17/26 VARIOUS OPEN GARDENS see page 15**

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## Who's Who at Christ Church

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## Key UN leader speaks on climate change at St Paul's Cathedral

Christiana Figueres, the Executive Secretary of the UN framework convention for climate change, has given the key note speech at an event which took place at St Paul's Cathedral. The event entitled 'Building the Will for Action' brought together the UN, churches, investors, security experts and environmentalists to highlight the importance of collective action on climate change. The event was organised by St Paul's Institute in conjunction with Shrinking the

Footprint, the Church's national environmental campaign, the Church Investors Group and Charities, Churches and Local Authorities (CCLA).

Christiana Figueres shared her views on the key challenges faced and highlighted what faith communities, the City and the UK at large can do to help.

Christina Figueres said:

"Dear friends, for the first time in history we human beings now have the power to alter the physical foundations of life on this planet. But as ever throughout history we also have the responsibility to set the ethical foundation of our global society. We have done this with slavery and with apartheid. It is time to do it with climate change."

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## Do you or members of your family have any interesting stories from World War 1

As part of the national commemorations of WW1 we are looking to reproduce stories that congregation members might like to submit of their relatives, or local men, who engaged in the conflict!

If you have a family story, perhaps with a photograph of the person you are writing about that you would like to be considered for inclusion in an edition of Christ Church magazine over the next four years please let Sue Brewer or Mike Cubbitt know.

We are hoping to get enough copy to enable a different story to be produced in

the magazine during the four year anniversary period.

All photographs will be returned, but please mark on the back your name and address.



**Members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs) tending the graves of fallen British soldiers in a cemetery at Abbeville in 1918.**

First Steps

## FIRST STEPS

First Steps

Is a service especially designed for families with pre-school children, although all children in the family are welcome to come.

We meet in the church at 1.45 pm on the second Wednesday in each month for a short service and then to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We are finished in plenty of time for parents to meet their other children from school.

Why not come along with your children, you will be very welcome.

**Next date is Wednesday 11 June.**



**Have you had a look on the Traidcraft table recently?**

**We have some new items for sale. You might see something that takes your fancy.**

**If there is something you would like to try but is not on the table have a word with John Hill**

## COFFEE ROTA 2014

1<sup>st</sup> June Margot Edwards, Angela Kirby, David/Martin

8<sup>th</sup> June Kay Page, Susan Wilkins, Jill Godwin

15<sup>th</sup> June Rita Smith, Sheila Knight, Jean Stoddart

22<sup>nd</sup> June Margaret Davies, Anthony Davies, Dorothy Oliver

29<sup>th</sup> June Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson



**Come in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 10.00 o'clock Sunday service**





# FIRST STEPS

14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014  
JESUS' BIG PICNIC

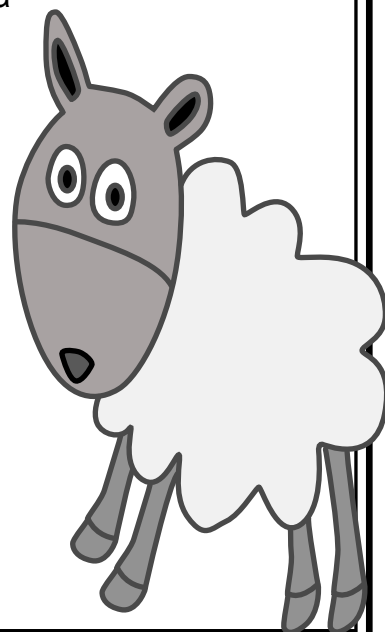
Our naughty little sheep is up bright and early this morning. It's our First Steps service later and he's so pleased to see the sun shining. Our naughty little sheep, his friends and I make our way up to the church in the afternoon and it is so nice to be out in the warm sunshine and everyone is happy and excited. In church and those cheeky animals seem to have gone off hiding. Once again they want to be at the front of the church, to watch the children and be part of it all. So when they are all sitting comfortably and everything is ready, we open the church doors. First in today is Reuben, followed by Grandma Barbara and little sister Cecily. The children try out the jingly bells to make sure that they are all working properly and soon we are joined by some mums and children who haven't come along before. Isn't that great? In the end we have a lovely noisy crowd including baby Luke who is now nearly 6 months old and awake! With everyone settled it is time for our service to begin. We light our candles including 3 happy birthday candles for Karla, Poppy and Pippa. Our naughty little sheep, who is standing quietly on our little altar with his friend the glittery dragon, tells me that he really likes happy candles.

Today we are thinking about picnics and especially the Big Picnic that Jesus had, when he fed 5,000 people with 5 barley loaves and two fishes. We all agree that it is just amazing; and it must have been the best ever picnic and the fish and bread must have tasted like special heavenly food. The people there at the time must have been a bit surprised, mustn't they? They were probably really hungry and so pleased when they were

offered something nice to eat. They may not even have realised just how special it was and Jesus didn't make a big fuss about it. And when everybody had eaten all that they wanted, there were twelve baskets of scraps left! Wow, that was some miracle!

We talk about our own picnics and the food we like to eat; sausage rolls and sandwiches; crisps and cakes and we sing about food, and fun and love and we thank God for all the good things that He gives to us each day. We sing about fish and bread and sharing, remembering Jesus' Big Picnic and how a little boy was happy to share his fish and bread. Our naughty little sheep whispers that we should all be kind and generous like that. And so we should! We thank God for Jesus and all the wonderful things that he did and for his great love for us. There has been some excellent singing and jingling but now it is time for quiet as we say our prayers. Sshh! Then, when our candles are blown out, our service is over and off we go into the hall. Our naughty little sheep, the glittery dragon and all their friends join us. They're at the front of the queue for drinks and biscuits and then they're happy to watch the children play. The children are having a lovely time rushing round in the hall and mums, dad and grandmas have got a chance to have a cuppa and a chat. As usual we've all had a great time together and we hope that everyone will join us again for our next First Steps service on 11 June. Will it be sunny again? We shall see.

**God Bless**  
**Rosemary Austin**



# Good news

Citizen Advice Bureau will be running a drop in service every Friday 10.30am-12.30pm at Northfleet Veterans Hall, starting this week. They can offer professional advice on a broad range of things such as Employment, Housing, Benefits, Relationships, Money advice.

If you know of anyone who you think would benefit please tell them about it .

More information available from

**Jackie Denton**

Community Engagement / Diversity & Equality Officer

**Tel: 01474 33 77 25**

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**jackie.denton@gravesham.gov.uk**

## BIBLE NOTES

Some people find it useful to have a set portion of the Bible to read each day.

The Bible Reading Fellowship have a booklet called "New Daylight" which sets out a short Bible reading and explanatory notes. These booklets are priced at £4.00 (they do go up each year) for a four month period.

If you would like to try one of these booklets please let Julie Hill know.

## WORKING PARTY

'In order to save on expensive cleaning and maintenance, we hold a monthly working party on a Saturday morning starting at 09.30.

Together we clean and tidy the church, do a bit of necessary DIY or gardening, have a coffee and often some home-made goodies – and finish by about 11.30.

We are enormously grateful to the few loyal helpers who turn up month after month – but we desperately need a few more.

Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

**Working party is almost always on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month...**

**NOTE the next one will be on 14 June at 9.30.**

See you there, **Sue**

# Afternoon Tea

On first Bank Holiday Monday in May, the Gravesend and District Osteoporosis Support Group held an Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment.

We were so pleased that just over 70 people said they would like to come and the Mayor and Mayoress of Gravesham were also there.

We had nine tables with eight at each table with lovely embroidered tablecloths. With thanks to our committee who supplied the crockery, each person had a matching cup, saucer and plate and each table had a teapot, milk jug and sugar bowl. With a flower arrangement on each table, it looked very attractive.

There was a variety of small sandwiches as well as tiny scones and a choice of cakes with different fillings and butter icing on the top.

The musical part was 4 adult performers and 4 children known as the Chamber Choir at Christ Church. We had a flautist, a clarinet player and a pianist who sang so beautifully. Debbie and Helen who coach the Semi Quavers sang two amusing songs. Everyone was full of praise and wanted to know if we could make it an annual event. I would like to say a big thank you to our committee and to my family who worked so hard to make the afternoon the success it was. Thank you to members of our support group and friends from Christ Church who supported us by attending.

The idea for the event was to raise funds to allow us to hold an Awareness Day in the Autumn. We hope to have professional people to talk about all aspects of osteoporosis. We raised £200 during the afternoon, which will certainly help us to hold this special day.

At the Tea our granddaughters, Becky and Ellie announced that they, with Jack, Becky's boyfriend, will be running the Half Marathon in the Royal Parks in London on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October for osteoporosis. They were eager to run and I am thrilled that they have chosen osteoporosis. You can check out their website [justgiving/jewathon](http://justgiving/jewathon). I will



**The Mayor and Mayoress of Gravesham, Councillor Derek Sales and Mrs Pam Sales pictured with Chairman Sheila Knight**

have sponsorship forms at church over the next months, if you are interested in giving.

Our next meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> July starting at 7pm in Christ Church Hall. Our speaker is talking about osteopathy and osteoporosis. All are welcome - you don't have to have osteoporosis to come along.

**Sheila Knight**







On 3rd May 2014 there was a Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral to mark 20th anniversary of the ordination of women priests in the Church of England.

The Cathedral's Treasurer Philippa Boardman was the President and Archbishop Welby was Preacher and Deacon.

700 of the women who were ordained in 1994 attended the service including our own Reverend Jacueline Littlewood pictured

Other picture of the women priests seated under the dome.

Facing page women priests on the steps of St Pauls Cathedral London



## **Guidance on challenging homophobic bullying in church schools launched**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a report from the Education Division of the Church of England “Valuing All God’s Children: Guidance for Church of England Schools on Challenging Homophobic Bullying.”

The guidance, which has been given to all Church of England schools, provides 10 key recommendations which should be adopted by schools in combating homophobic bullying as well as sample policies for primary and secondary Church schools. Published by the Church Of England Archbishops’ Council Education Division, the guidance involved consultation and involvement with a number of Church of England schools with existing good practice.

Speaking at a Church of England Secondary School at Trinity Lewisham Archbishop Justin said that the publication of the guidance fulfilled a pledge he made last July when addressing the Church of England’s General Synod.

“Less than a year ago I set out my concerns about the terrible impact of homophobic bullying on the lives of young people and I made a public commitment to support our schools in eradicating homophobic stereotyping and bullying.

“Since then an enormous amount of work has gone into producing this guidance so that commitment can be turned into action. I am extremely grateful to all those who have worked so hard to produce it and I particularly want to thank the schools and young people who have

contributed.

“Church schools begin from the belief that every child is loved by God. This guidance aims to help schools express God’s love by ensuring that they offer a safe and welcoming place for all God’s children. This is a task we are called to share and I know it is one our schools take immensely seriously. I commend this guidance as a contribution to that work.”

## **Archbishop Sentamu backs new 'Debt Trap' report**

A new report backed by the Archbishop of York identifies the effect that debt is placing on family relationships, damaging children and trapping families in a downward spiral of borrowing.

The report lifts the lid on the devastating impact debt can have on children. Their findings show that children are suffering worry and anxiety, bullying and going without essentials as their families are trapped in problem debt.

Two and a half million children live in families with problem debt, who are behind on £4.8 billion of household bills and loan repayments. A further five million children are in families that are struggling to keep up with repayments and risk falling behind.

The report coincides with The Children’s Society’s launch of ‘The Debt Trap’ - a campaign lifting the lid on the massive impact of debt on children’s lives. The Archbishop of York said:

“Parents living in poverty face incredibly difficult choices. What is to come first? Heating your home or putting food on the table? Many choose to go without themselves so they can provide the basics for their children. Parents want to make the best choices for their family, but low wages, expensive childcare and inflexible jobs make this very difficult.



## Seven new Bishops announced

Seven new Bishops, including the Diocesan Bishop of Liverpool and Bishop in Europe, have been announced.

Four Suffragan Bishops were confirmed on Friday 2nd May, with 10 Downing Street releasing the appointments of the next Bishops of Barking (Peter Hill) and Colchester (Roger Morris) in the Diocese of Chelmsford, and the Bishops of Whitby (Paul Ferguson) and Selby (John Thomson) in the Diocese of York.

The following week saw the announcements of the next Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, Robert Innes; the next Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes, and the next Suffragan Bishop of Grimsby, David Court.

Revd Nick Baines, who blessed the proceedings.

Bishop Nick said: “A century is not a long time, but only 100 years ago the world fell apart in the most violent way. This simple act of growing poppies reminds us of our past and is a very visual way of pledging ourselves to serve together in the future.”

Hundreds of packets of seeds have been sent to every church and church school by church leaders in the diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales and everyone is being urged to plant their poppy seeds this week to mark their identity as a Diocese together and remember all those who lost their lives in the Great War.



## Poppies planted in Churches and Church Schools for World War One commemoration

Tens of thousands of poppy seeds have been sown by schoolchildren, junior soldiers, civic leaders, clergy, faith groups and community organisations as a joint act of remembrance to mark the centenary of the First World War.

In Leeds, letters home from a Leeds Pal who joined Kitchener's Call to Arms were read out at a poppy planting ceremony in a city centre park. Schoolchildren, civic and faith leaders joined the new Bishop of Leeds for the newly created Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, the Rt

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# OUR NAUGHTY LITTLE SHEEP IN THE USA, AGAIN!

Our naughty little sheep has just got back for his second trip to the USA; what a lucky sheep he is! He had a wonderful time and memories of it are still buzzing around in his little woolly head, or so he tells me. He loves flying high in the sky, looking out of the airplane window to see our beautiful world below (When there aren't any clouds!) "Isn't God clever to have made it?" he says to me, and it certainly helps us appreciate our little blue and green planet set in the vastness of space. Aren't we lucky to be alive and to be part of it?

On our travels we have been to many interesting places and seen some lovely things including dogwood trees with pretty white blossom, magnolias with big waxy flowers and lots of colourful azaleas. They are a feast for the eyes. We've seen interesting animals and our naughty little sheep thinks that some of them are quite scary. He's seen alligators, snakes and snapping turtles in the bayou, and he tells me that he's glad that we don't have those at home though he was very brave and actually stroked an alligator! Something funny that he remembers are the ducks in the Peabody Hotel in Memphis. They spend their days swimming in the fountain inside the hotel, and at 5pm every evening they waddle to the lift and then they're taken up to the roof where they have their own special duck house. Isn't that amazing? And the alligators can't get them up there!

Our naughty little sheep is very good for our coach journeys and doesn't keep asking "Are we there yet?" He's been looking out of the window with beady eyes, seeing if he can find any sheep. He always does that when we're away. But there isn't a sheep to be seen, even though we travel nearly 1,900 miles! There doesn't seem to be any lamb to eat, either, though I don't mention that! However there is lots of other lovely food to try and our naughty little sheep certainly tucks in. One day he even has his dinner on a paddle steamer on the Mississippi. How great is that? And he's been very adventurous, eating all kinds of new food including fried green tomatoes, jambalaya, gumbo, hush puppies (not shoes!) and a catfish Po-Boy. He didn't like the look of grits so he passed on that but he absolutely loved the hot beignets dusted with icing sugar, that we had in New Orleans. Very naughty but nice, like our little sheep!

He tells me that there were lots of things to remind him of Christ Church and all his friends here. There were joyful Gospel singers at the

New Orleans Jazz Fest to remind him of all the good music that we have. At the Grand Ole Opry we heard a singer thank Jesus for turning his life around and our naughty little sheep said it just shows the power of Jesus' love. We passed many churches, big and small though none was quite like ours. Lots had Easter crosses outside, draped in white and it made him think of our own Easter cross with its coloured fabric, white drapes and lilies. It made him a bit homesick, poor little fellow.

Our naughty little sheep says that he has had a lovely holiday with great music and great food and it's given him lots to think about, not least where he's going next! But for now he's happy to be home with his friends and all the people that he loves. We've seen many interesting sights and met some warm and generous people. There is no doubt that we have an amazing and beautiful world and we must all do our best to take care of it. Thanks be to God for all the wonderful things that He has given to us. May we always appreciate just how blessed we are.

God Bless

Rosemary Austin

## Cuppa For Our Cause

*Northfleet and Ebbsfleet Lions*  
*Please join us!*

*You are invited to join us*

*Sandy & Ted*

*at 63 Portland Avenue*  
*Gravesend*

*Friday 11th July*

*10am - 6pm*

*As we support local charity*

*Alzheimer's & Dementia*

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

ADSS (Registered Charity No 1024385)

provides a unique range of services to people with dementia and their families in

**Gravesham, Dartford  
& Swanley**

*Bring and Buy*





## **OPEN GARDENS**

On the 14th May John Hougham was the first person to host an Open Garden as part of the 2014 season







## **Gravesham Citizens Advice Bureau**

### **New Citizens Advice Bureau Drop-in**

**Venue: Northfleet Veteran's Club, The Hill,  
Northfleet, DA11 9EU**

**Every Friday morning  
10.30-12.30**

**First session on Friday 2nd May 2014**

**No appointment needed!**

**Help with Employment, Housing, Consumer,  
Relationships, Benefits, Debt problems... and much more**

***Free, independent, confidential and impartial advice.***

**[www.graveshamcab.org.uk](http://www.graveshamcab.org.uk)**







# OPEN GARDENS

During the summer months, eight gardens will be open for you to visit.

**Saturday 14 June 2.30 - 4.00**

Peter and Marian Shearan  
44 Glen View

**Tuesday 17 June 2.30 - 4.30  
and 7.00 - 9.00**

Ted and Sandy Barden  
63 Portland Avenue

**Thursday 26 June 2.30 - 4.30**

John and Julie Hill  
34 Whitehill Road

**Friday 11 July 2.30 - 7.00**

Peter and Veronica Read  
68 Pine Avenue

**Wednesday 16 July 2.30 - 4.30**

Martin and Christine Sewell  
8 Appleshaw Close

**Saturday 26 July 10.30 - 5.00**

Lesley Harries  
5 Northridge Road

**Early September**

Sally and Gerry Higgins  
43 Sun Lane

Each garden is different but they all have one thing in common, they are tended with loving care. **The entry fee for each garden is £3 refreshments may be on offer**

# **Can you help with things for the pre-school activities**

We are short of buttons, corks and shells. The children love playing with these and they are great for craft activities and for sorting and counting, so if people can collect these again that would be great.

We are also collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's. The number we collected last year helped to buy gardening equipment and a camera.



**So thanking you all for  
your help.  
Sue x**

## **Exciting 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

**For further information visit**  
**[www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk)**

- **Or call 01474 534517**

## **Join the**

semiquavers

**New youth choir in  
Gravesend**

**We meet weekly for  
Rehearsals**

**at Christ Church**

**Tuesday evenings**

**6.15 pm to 7.30 pm**



# CHRIST CHURCH

## TOTS

### **For babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers**

Come and enjoy this fun and friendly Parent and Toddler group. We have a wide range of toys including ride-ons, trikes, push-chairs and slides

Baby area, crafts and play dough. Large garden area in good weather. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits

**Friday 1.15-2.30 p.m. term  
time**

**£1.50 per family**

**In the hall at Christ Church, Echo  
Square, Gravesend**

**[www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk)**



# 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.

## Alzheimers & Dementia SUPPORT SERVICES

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services, based in Northfleet is a local charity for local people and here to offer help, advice and support to those living with Dementia. We can offer help in a numbers of ways:-

- v **Day care,**
- v **Befriending**
- v **Support at Home/Support at Home plus/One to One Support**
- v **Carers Support Groups**
- v **24 Helpline (0800 500 3014)**
- v **Singing for Brain**
- v **Dementia Cafes..... and so much more.**

If you or someone you knows need help please contact us via our website, [www.alz-dem.org](http://www.alz-dem.org) or by telephoning us on 01474 533990 or by writing to **Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services, The Basement, Dene Holm House, Dene Holm Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8JY. Email: alz-dem.org.uk**

As with most charities nowadays we also need volunteers to help us. We have volunteer vacancies in all the above areas and of course in our fundraising efforts. If you would like to support us by becoming a member or raising funds for us, in sponsorship, holding an event, coffee morning or whatever you feel is appropriate, please do let us know and contact us.

**Sunday 8th June 2014**

## **Circular walk from Cobham Church to Luddesdown**

**Meet: 2.30pm at Cobham Church, Cobham DA12 3DB**

Leader: Derek Gray 01474 363024 (Gravesend Historical Society event)

**Monday 16th June 2014**

## **Learning about Gravesend**

(part of Adult Learners' Week) – guided historical tour

Guide: Christoph Bull

**Meet: 11am outside Gravesend Library, Windmill Street**

Cost: £3 a head – no need to book, just turn up.

A chance to learn about Gravesend's heritage quarter and Harmer Street – bring an item of your own if you wish for us to discuss back at The Bench Café in County Court building, King Street.

**Details – Carl Webster-Dowsing 01474 320123 or Christoph Bull on 07702287147**

**On: Sunday 22nd June 2014**

## **Guided historical walk around Shorne village**

**Meet: 2.30pm at corner of Forge Lane/Gravesend Road (A226) by the bus stop**

Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)

Price: £3

No need to book just turn up

Details: Christoph Bull 0770 2287147

**Sunday 29th June 2014**

## **Circular walk - Meopham to Dene & Happy valley**

**Meet: 2.30pm at Meopham War Memorial DA13 0QA**

Leader: Jenny Ellett 01474 361977 (Gravesend Historical Society event)

# CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

Youth activities for all young people—School Yrs 7—11.

**Regular meetings will be between 4.00-5.30pm  
at the 'Word on the Street' house, 7 Warrior Avenue,  
Gravesend DA12 5NA**

**14 June from 16.00 7 Warrior Avenue**

**28 June from 16.00 - 7 Warrior Avenue**

**12 July from 16.00 7 Warrior Avenue**

**WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND ALONG TO ENJOY THE EVENING**

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## THE MUSTARD SEED

THE Mustard Seed aims to provide an informal and friendly tea at 3.00 pm on the third Thursday of every month in Christ Church hall.

It is a venture that offers the opportunity to meet new friends and reminisce about old times.

The Mustard Seed, as the parable says (Mark4; 3-32) is very small - like dust - but has the potential to develop into one of the largest plants.

Please join us as we plant the Mustard Seed and assist to make it flourish. Who knows what may happen!

The Mustard Seed is in its second year now, and the next gathering will be on **Thursday 19 June** You are so welcome.

**For further details please contact any member of the pastoral care team. Pastoral assistants Pam Kilby, Colin Parsonson, Jasmine Humphries or Curate Jo Drew**



# Christ Church 200 Club

**The 200 Club** is a means of raising money for the Christ Church General Fund, which supports the Ministry and Mission of the church and Good Causes as agreed by the PCC, whilst at the same time giving members the opportunity of a small 'flutter' and the chance to win some money.

**Membership** costs £30 per year. Fifty percent of all monthly donations are given over to the Christ Church General Fund with the remainder being returned to the membership in prize money. The draw is made on the fourth Sunday of every month in the hall after the morning service.

**Payment** can be made by an annual sum of £30, a quarterly payment of £7.50 or a monthly payment of £2.50, the latter two by bankers order. Cheques should be made payable to Christ Church PCC No 3 account.

**Join** by contacting John Thrush, in church, and completing an application form. If you are not sure who John is, ask one of the sides people and they will point you in the right direction.

**Winning** chances are only limited by the amount of numbers you purchase, the more you have the better your chance of winning.

**Worthwhile** it certainly is, since its inception the 200 Club has donated over £40,000 to Christ Church to support its Ministry and Good Causes.

**Are you a member?**

**Why not think seriously about joining and helping your church**

**Contact**

**JOHN THRUSH**

**200 Club Secretary**

# 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**




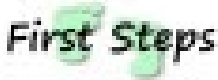

## Office hours

Registered Charity no. 1130741




Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

## Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

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| Daily   | Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)                   |  |
| Monday  | Music Group; Brownies                                   |  |
| Tuesday   | Cubs and Semiquavers                                    |   |
| 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:                       |   |
| 3.00 p.m.   | Mustard Seed (every third)                              |   |
| 2 - 3.30  | Forgetmenot Singing 2nd & 4th Thurs afternoon           |   |
| Friday  | Scouts; Parent and Toddler                              |  |
| Saturday  | Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)                  |   |

# CALENDAR JUNE 2014

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|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><br>1<br>08.00 Service<br>10.00 Service   | 8<br><b>PENTECOST</b><br>08.00 Service<br>10.00 Service<br>18.30 Choral Even-song | 15<br>08.00 Service<br>08.30 Breakfast<br>10.00 Service                                  | 22<br>08.00 Service<br>10.00 Service   | 29<br>08.00 Service<br>10.00 Service                        |
| <b>Monday</b><br><br>2<br>08.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES                                   | 9<br>08.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES                                   | 16<br>08.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES   | 23<br>08.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES   | 30<br>08.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES            |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><br>3<br>07.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>CUBS<br>18.15 Semiquavers                 | 10<br>07.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>CUBS<br>18.15 Semiquavers                 | 17<br>07.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>CUBS<br>18.15 Semiquavers                        | 24<br>07.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>CUBS<br>18.15 Semiquavers                        | 07.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>CUBS<br>18.15 Semiquavers |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><br>4<br>10.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>20.00 Mother's Union                  | 11<br>11.00 Service<br><b>13.45 First Steps</b><br>16.45 Service                  | 18<br>10.00 Service<br>16.45 Service   | 25<br>10.00 Service<br>16.45 Service   |   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><br>5<br>07.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES<br>Choir practice             | 12<br>07.00 Service<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES<br>Choir practice                | 19<br>07.00 Service<br>15.00 Mustard Seed<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES<br>Choir practice | 26<br>07.00 Service<br>15.00 Mustard Seed<br>16.45 Service<br>BROWNIES<br>Choir practice |   |
| <b>Friday</b><br><br>6<br>13.15 Parent and Toddlers<br>16.45 Service<br>18.30 Office hours<br>SCOUTS | 13<br>13.15 Parent and Toddlers<br>16.45 Service<br>18.30 Office hours<br>SCOUTS  | 20<br>13.15 Parent and Toddlers<br>16.45 Service<br>18.30 Office hours<br>SCOUTS         | 27<br>13.15 Parent and Toddlers<br>16.45 Service<br>18.30 Office hours<br>SCOUTS         |   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><br>7<br>08.00 Service  | 14<br>08.00 Service<br><b>09.30 working party</b>                                 | 21<br>08.00 Service<br><b>14.30 SUMMER FETE</b>  | 28<br>08.00 Service  |   |



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