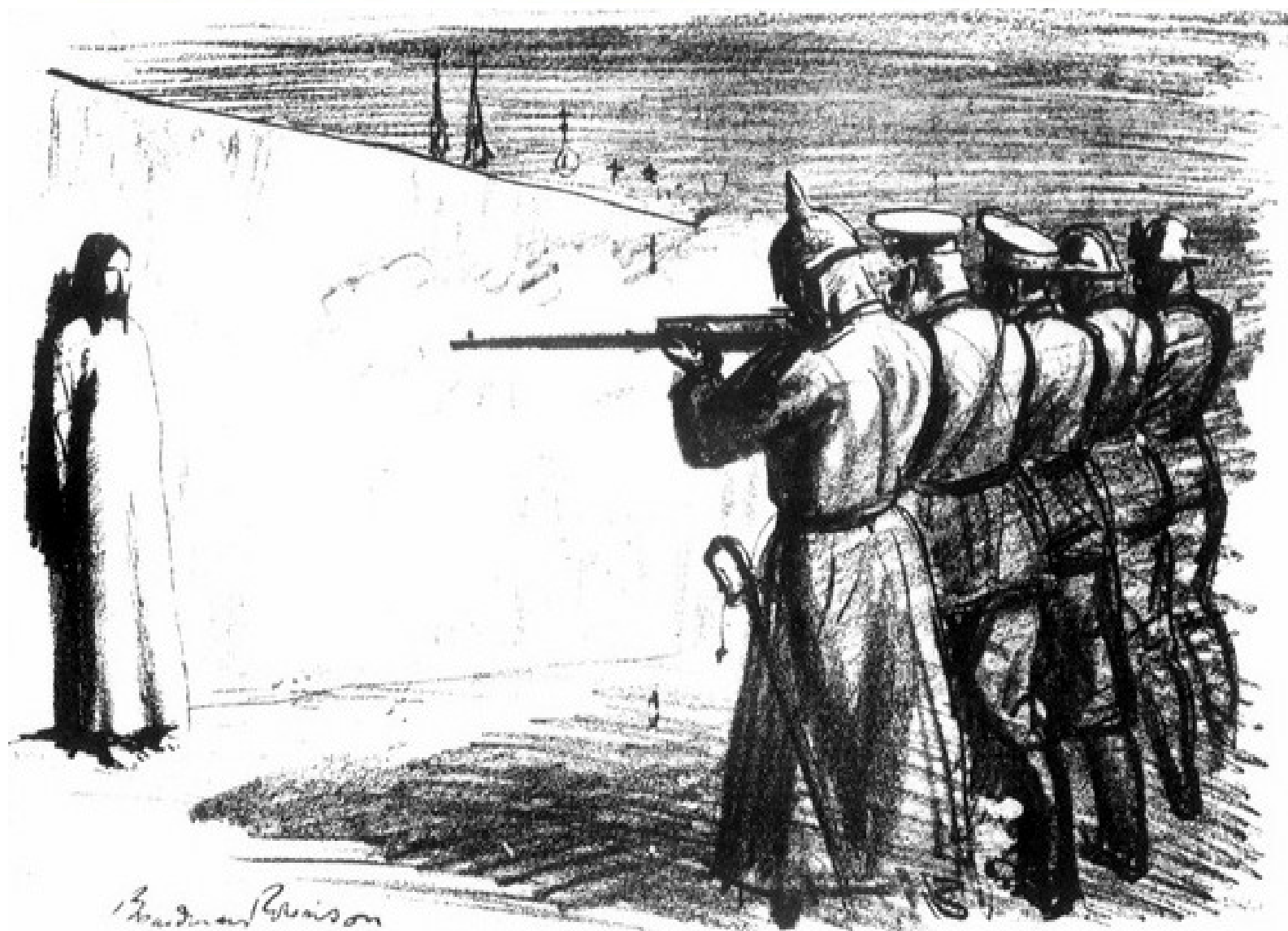




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# WW1

## Lest we forget

We, together, may be seen to commemorate the beginning of World War 1, but let us not celebrate a conflict that left millions dead, wounded, homeless and misplaced, thousands of families left torn apart, and many with memories of actions that left them scarred for the rest of their lives.

In England we have been fortunate that in the events of two world wars our homeland, whilst coming under attack, has never been an occupied land.

So many lives have been lost, both at home and away at the war fronts, but the atrocities that befell so many of the countries across Europe have been spared from the peoples of our shores.

Although we may have been taught some of the history of World War 1, we were most likely spared the knowledge and the images that show the many innocent civilians that were massacred just for being the wrong nationality or in the wrong place at the time. **As shown on page 16.** If a person's conscience or belief meant that they could not and would not take part in the senseless killing and maiming, that was to be carried out through misguided belief of being right, often led those people to be placed against a wall and shot, being labelled cowards.

In the events of the First World War, 15 to 18 million were killed of which between 4 and 5 million were civilians and another 2.5 million had their lives ended through crimes against humanity.

This figure does not take into account the 22 to 23 million who were wounded in

action or the numbers from all nationalities that were shot as deserters or objectors, **as our front cover depicts ALL sides in this conflict would no doubt have stood Jesus in front of a firing squad.**

Almost every family, hamlet, village, town and city in the country was affected by the needless acts of brutality and the decisions made by the "educated" leaders of the allies armies engaged in the conflict. Often said to be "**Lions led by donkeys**" a phrase popularly used to describe the British infantry of WWI and to blame the generals who instructed them. The contention is that the brave soldiers (lions) were sent to their deaths by incompetent and indifferent leaders (donkeys).

It was not only on the lands across Europe, Africa and Asia that the battles were fought out, but also on water, an added dimension to battles at sea was set upon the brave men and women of the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy along with the Marine Corps and innocent civilians, including men women and children who were on one or another vessel at sea, with the introduction of submarine warfare.

In many villages and towns across France the church bells are rung every day in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in both World Wars that blighted the people of Europe.

What was intended as a strictly limited war - a brief war - between accuser and accused, Austria-Hungary and Serbia, rapidly escalated into something that was beyond the expectations of even the most warlike ministers in Berlin.



**Over the next months the magazine will carry items that reflect time during World War 1**

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 13 August.**



**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



3<sup>rd</sup> August Jasmine Humphries, Steve Humphries, Jill Goodwin

10<sup>th</sup> August Kay Page, Susan Wilkins, Rosemary

17<sup>th</sup> August Colin Parsonson, Linda Parsonson, Sarah Bush

24 August Sally Higgins, Jerry Higgins, Annie Southwick

31 August Pauline Marks, Margot Edwards, Angela Kirby



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



# FIRST STEPS

9 JULY 2014

## HAPPY SUMMER DAYS

The sky is looking overcast and grey when our naughty little sheep rushes out of bed this morning. We've been so lucky with the weather for our First Steps services lately and our naughty little sheep wonders if our luck has finally run out! But he needn't have worried because when he and I and his friends walk up to church a bit later, the sun has come out and it looks like another lovely summer's day. Hooray! When we get into the church our naughty little sheep's friends decide that they are going to hide from those eagle eyed children. So off they rush to try to find really good hiding places while I get everything set up in church. Then the church doors are opened and we wait hopefully!

First in again are Reuben and Cecily, closely followed by Grandma Barbara. How lovely to see them all. Then others begin to arrive too and soon we have a lovely, lively, happy crowd. With jingle bells at the ready it is time for our service to begin. Our candles are lit and our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon are standing very still on our little altar. They don't want their wool or glittery bits singed, do they? Today is the first anniversary of the day that Ollie's Mum Kate went to heaven to be with Jesus and so we light a candle as we remember how precious and special she was and how much she is loved and missed by her family and her friends. We know that she is safe in God's keeping. Then dear little Freya reminds me that it is going to be her birthday very soon, so we light a happy birthday candle for her.

Today we're thinking about happy summer days and the very many good things that God gives us to enjoy. But first the children go off to find those hiding animals, because we don't

want them to miss out on our service, do we? And they do so love to join in with the singing. When they've all been scooped up and everyone is sitting comfortably again, we sing about butterflies fluttering about in the sunshine and about what fun it is to make sand castles at the seaside and splash in the sea. And we all love a picnic on the beach, don't we? With chips on the side to make it really special! Reuben says that we have to be careful to clear up afterwards and not to leave our rubbish lying on the beach. And of course he's right. God has given us such a beautiful world to enjoy and it is up to us to take care of it! And we sing, "My God is so big" and Mums, Grandmas and children all join in with the actions. It's quite a sight to see, I can tell you!

Now it's time for our prayers and everyone is very quiet. Then Ollie and his cousin Riley come up to blow out Kate's special candle. Freya blows out her birthday candle and our service is over. Out into the hall we go, for a drink and a fancy Belgian biscuit (or two!) Of course our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon are first in the refreshment queue but their friends have decided to stay quietly in the church, after all the excitement of hiding and being found. Later I discover poor little Snowy Bear still hiding behind a radiator! Oops! Didn't she do well? It's really lovely outside, so out we go out into the garden. As usual we've had a great time together. It is lovely to see the children and babies getting bigger and bigger. Some of our children will be going to big school in September. How the time flies! Our naughty little sheep tells me how much he's going to miss them. And I will, too! But in the meantime we hope that everyone will come along to our First Steps Teddy Bears Picnic on 20<sup>th</sup> August, not forgetting their teddy bears, of course!

God Bless

Rosemary Austin





'Reflection from Sue's Sabbatical leave'

## Welcome to the feast

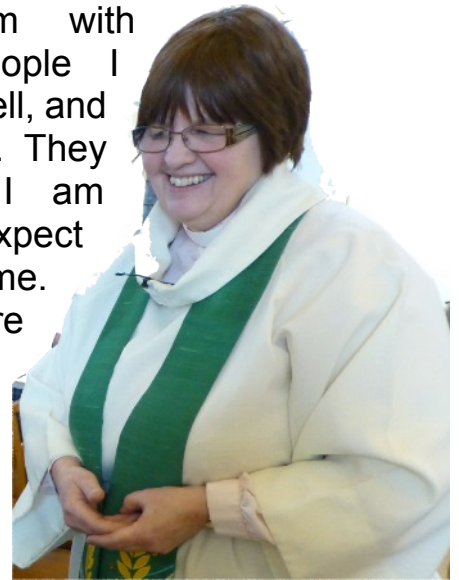
*Jesus said to them 'come and have breakfast'*

I am getting into the habit of making my way to the Cathedral for Morning Prayer at 8am, and Holy Communion at 8.30am. Although it is surprising how often this desire is compromised. Workmen mostly want to call early in the morning, and I have to make a conscious effort to leave this precious time free or else it is eaten away by the need to be somewhere else.

Why is this time precious? It starts the day off well. It is a peaceful time with no expectations on me at all. I can let the familiar words lift me, and it is someone else's responsibility to remember that it is the feast of the Annunciation and we use the order for Christmas Day, or whatever.

Also, I am with friends... people I know quite well, and like quite well. They know why I am there, and expect nothing of me.

There are strangers as well... people who are clearly 'regulars' but I don't know them. A distinct 'Wednesday morning crowd' of lay people, who would embrace me into their number if I wanted it. A disturbed lady, searching for something, who stays for a short while during one Morning Prayer and then abruptly leaves. It is good to be embraced in a community. Not to have to feel that I am alone or have alienated myself.



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## 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 9 August at 9.30.**

**See you there, Sue**

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And in that precious hour I hear scripture... 4 distinct passages every morning, plus the psalms. As an extra bonus, they have started reading a short section from the Rule of Benedict before the prayers at Morning Prayer each day. A link between these prayers and the focus of my sabbatical time.. a link with the rest of my day.

In addition to all of this, the day begins with an invitation to feast. To share bread and wine with Christ and others. To feel gathered in and fed.

Today there is a good crowd for Morning Prayer. As usual, most of them drift away at the end of the daily office, to the commitments of the day ahead. As Jean Kerr comes in to celebrate the Eucharist there are just 2 of us remaining, as well as her. Me, and a man opposite me. He clearly knows his way through the service, he has been here before. Maybe he works at the Cathedral. But he doesn't know me and I don't know him.

Jean, however, knows us both. She knows who we are and she knows why we are there. She sees the individuals in front of her, and the feast which is a meal of communion and unity, and she sets about creating community from individuality, and interdependence from independence.



She encourages us to introduce ourselves further at the peace. And then she looks at the space between us all... her at the altar and Alan and I on different sides facing her, and she invites us to come and join her around the table. Between the 3 of us, we create fellowship and we make room for God in the middle. Although I don't realise it until afterwards, we have created the shape, the image, of the Icon of the Trinity by Rublev... a welcoming circle, an invitation to the feast... where God is present in the midst.

By being mindful, and by being intentional. By celebrating the eucharist with such carefulness, it has become what it truly is. A feast of communion and unity.

## 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 £4.25 (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.







## Bowling and Burgers

On Sunday 6 July twenty two children from Christ Church had an exciting afternoon at the AMF bowling in Gravesend organised by the Children and Youth Committee.

Their ages ranged from four to fourteen and they had great fun bowling for over an hour, some with more success than others! For those who had difficulty holding and throwing the heavy bowling balls a moveable metal ramp was at hand. Soft drinks were provided and there was an opportunity for the adult helpers to have quick peeks at the Wimbledon Men's Final which was being screened on the big televisions.

After their games the children enjoyed a selection of food in Harry's Kitchen and a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to all the adults who helped with the afternoon and especially to Steve who organised the event.



## **A Strawberry Tea**

in aid of the EllenorLions Hospice will be held at  
St John's Church, Hermitage Road, Higham,  
on Tuesday 5th July at 2pm.  
Admission £5

## ***Cuppa for our cause***

Many thanks to all those who supported Sandy and Ted's event.

Such amazing support, despite the weather not being perfect, helped them to raise

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## **Thanksgiving for 20 years of Women Priests in the Church of England**

You are invited to a Thanksgiving Eucharist

**on 16th August at 2 30pm  
at Christ Church, Echo Square,**  
at which some of the women ordained as priests in 1994 will be taking part in the service.  
There will be refreshments in the church hall after the service

## **WW1 Commemoration Service in Christ Church 10pm on 4th August**

There is also going to be a Gravesham Borough Commemoration at the  
**War Memorial, Clarence Place  
at 9 30pm and ending by 10pm.**

## **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
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- Perform at concerts and services

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- **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**

# Stories of WW1 and memories passed down the years

I can't remember when I first learned that my grandmother, Eva, had been married twice. Her second husband, Edward, was my maternal grandfather.

My mother, Peggy, had an idea that Eva's first husband had been called Cook, possibly David, but she had no other information and nothing had ever been discussed in the family.

Last winter I decided to do some research spending hours online trawling through the marriage records for Barnstaple, North Devon and did indeed find that Eva Blanche Darch had married Alfred John Cooke in the spring of 1915.

I wondered if perhaps he had been killed during the First World War and so typed his name into the internet not really expecting to find anything, but there he was, on the War Memorial in Ilfracombe.

329016 Bombadier Alfred J Cooke of the 159th (Devons) Heavy Battery, the Royal Garrison Artillery, son of John Hill and Ellen Cooke of Ashley Terrace, Ilfracombe. Born in Ilfracombe in 1892. Died 6 February 1917 aged 25

Next I looked on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website and found that he was buried in Lesbœufs Guard's Cemetery on the Somme.

This June, on our way home from our French house, Martin and I found the

cemetery, small by comparison with many World War cemeteries and beautifully situated on the crest of a hill over looking the plains of the Somme. We laid flowers from the French garden on Alfred's grave, roses, lavender and a sprig of rosemary for remembrance.

Mum died four years ago but how she would have loved to have learned this story and how strange it was for Martin and me to stand at the grave of Alfred, knowing that because he died in the mud of the Somme I am here.

**Christine Sewell**

## First World War - at Home

My grandparents lived in a Victorian cottage not far from Echo Square.

It was a warm day and the front door had been left open, when Grandfather saw a soldier taking his uniform off in the hallway and putting Grandfather's suit on.

Grandfather said to the family "let him go", because if he was caught, the poor devil would only get shot!

**Sheila Bodle**

## The first ship sunk in WW1

My dad joined the Navy in 1913 and became a Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class. He was on board the HMS Formidable when she was sunk at 02.00 on 1 January 1915, in the English Channel.

Having survived the war, he came out of the navy in 1922 and was sixteen years on the "reserve list" but was too old to serve in WW2. He died in June 1929 aged 88 years. *See story on pages 14/15*

**Audrey Price**



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## Peter Shearan reflects on advertising in 1914

In the course of writing a story about a lady who was the church caretaker during the First World War, I have come across a website that lets me read newspapers of the day. I have been reading the Daily Mirror - which was the first national newspaper to carry photographs, and had just been changed from being a ladies-only publication to one for both sexes - the Daily Express and the Kent Messenger. Like today, all newspapers relied on advertising for their livelihood, and like today they used advertisers from all kinds of businesses. I have chosen a few from 1914, just before the war began.

One of the earliest I spotted was for Grape Nuts, which had just been 'invented', and which can still be bought today. Another breakfast cereal, which many older people might recognise, was for Post Toasties - 'A Jolly Good Day follows a Good Breakfast'. Bird's Custard ('No custard so pure and so nutritious as Bird's') was another well advertised product.

There was no Trade Description Act then, so the advertisers could let rip. Health, as now, made good copy. Several of the products had extravagant sales

pitches. Scott's Emulsion, 'Health after Illness' insisted that the product - *Builds up wasted tissues, enriches the blood, revitalises waste nerve cells and quickly restores the vigour, plumpness and strength of glorious health...*

and all from a bottle! Eno's Fruit Salt was 'the ever-popular household remedy'; whilst Beecham's Pills were 'Sold everywhere in boxes 1s 1½ d for 50 pills'. The curiously-named Zam Buk, an antiseptic balm, was sold as 'A surgery in a 2 inch box'.

Large adverts were for the International Stores ('the biggest grocer in the world') which together with the Home & Colonial, were the Tescos of the day; and for Raleigh Bicycles, whose ad boasted that they were 'guaranteed for ever'. There may well be some of them still in cycle museums, perhaps?

An oddity being advertised in June 1914 was for Boots Egg Preserver. In the days long before home refrigeration, probably, but the 'one small tin costing sixpence will preserve 150-200 eggs for over six months' said Boots. How would you use 200 preserved eggs?

Finally, my uncle-my mother's brother-had bought a car at the end of the 1920s which was very similar to the one being advertised here. The £275 quoted would have had the same purchasing power as £12000 today.

KENT MESSENGER, JUNE 13, 1914

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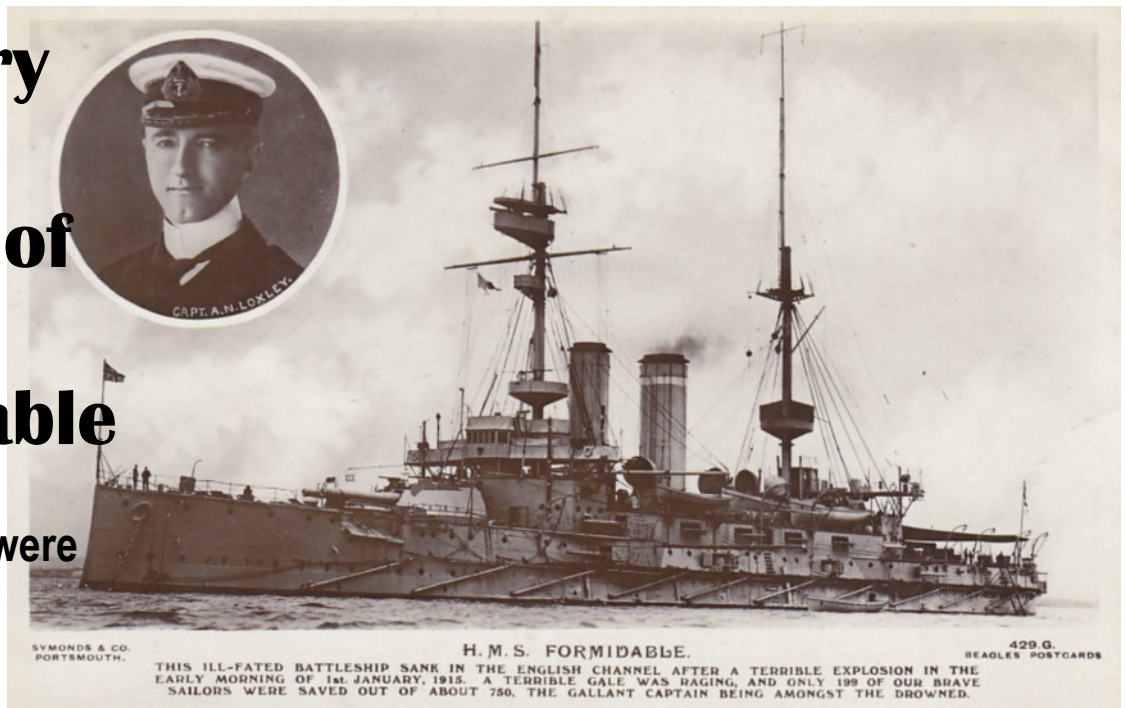
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# The story of the sinking of HMS Formidable

Only 199 men were  
saved out  
of a total of  
about 750



At the beginning of the First World War, Formidable and the 5th Battle Squadron were based at Portland and assigned to the Channel Fleet to defend the English Channel. After covering the safe transportation of the British Expeditionary Force to France in August 1914, Formidable took part in the transportation of the Portsmouth Marine Battalion to Ostend on 25 August.

On 14 November, Formidable and the other ships of the 5th Battle Squadron were re-based at Sheerness because of concern that a German invasion of Great Britain was in the offing. The squadron was relieved by Duncan-class battleships of the 6th Battle Squadron and transferred to Portland on 30 December.

Under the command of Vice-Admiral Commanding, Channel Fleet, Sir Lewis Bayly, the 5th Battle Squadron spent 31 December participating in gunnery exercises off the Isle of Portland, supported by the light cruisers Topaze and Diamond. After the exercises, that night the fleet remained at sea on patrol even

though submarine activity had been reported in the area. With rough sea conditions and the wind increasing, submarine attacks would have been difficult to carry out and so were not thought to be a significant threat. Formidable was steaming at 10 kn at the rear of the squadron off Portland Bill just 20 nmi from Start Point, when at 02:20 on 1 January 1915 a torpedo from U-24 struck the number one boiler port side. It was thought that she might be saved by reaching the coast but by about 02:40 she had taken a list of 20° to starboard and the Captain Noel Loxley gave the order to abandon ship. Darkness and worsening weather made it difficult to get the men and boats over the side; some small boats being thrown into the water upside down.

At about 03:05, Formidable was struck by a second torpedo on the starboard side. Amidst a 30 ft swell the pinnaces and launch along with other boats were launched and the two light cruisers came

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alongside and managed to pick up 80 men in the deteriorating weather. By 04:45, she seemed in imminent danger of capsizing and a few minutes later she rolled over onto many of the men in the water and sank quickly. Captain Loxley remained on the bridge along with his Fox terrier Bruce, calmly overseeing the evacuation of the ship.

In rough seas near Berry Head, a Brixham trawler Provident, under the command of Captain W. Piller picked up the men from one pinnace before it sank, saving 71 members of the crew. The second pinnace took off another 70 men, of which 48 were brought ashore alive after it was eventually spotted from the shore the following night, 22 hours after the sinking. The loss of life of Formidable was 35 officers (including Captain Loxley) and 512 men from a complement of 780. The body of Captain Loxley's dog Bruce, a war dog washed ashore and was buried in a marked grave in Abbotsbury Gardens in Dorset.

***The excerpt below was given to me by Audry Price whose father, a Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class, was on board at the time of the sinking.***

Forty-nine men were landed alive at Lyme Bay. Six arrived dead in the boat a three died after landing. One had also died on the journey and had been put over the side into the sea by his comrades. The men are all very high in their praise of the men who acted as coxswain of the pinnace, Mickie Carroll. One of the witnesses to the landing said he was the only man who was physically capable of doing anything, all the other men being exhausted.

One of the survivors, interviewed later, said the boat which came into Lyme Bay was only launched with the greatest diffi-

culty as the very heavy sea which was running made the battleship rick at such a rate the the boat swinging in the derrick was constantly being smashed against the bridge. Eventually she was got into the water and brought round but they had no sooner arrived there than a second explosion occurred amidships, throwing a great mass of matter into the air, which pitched onto the boat.

One of the officers still on Formidable shouted to them to make for one of two liners, the lights of which could be seen some miles away. They had attempted to do this but were unable to find any liners in the pitch blackness and then all they could do was to keep the head of the boat to the wind. It was a terrible task, for the seas were constantly breaking over her and the hardships of the men were added to by the fact that, with the exception of a few men who happened to be on watch, the rest were simply in their night clothes. The situation was made more perilous by the fact that during the launch, a big hole had been stove in at the stern of the boat. The survivors had no food or water but were fortunate to possess a few blankets. Some of these were pushed into the hole to keep the water out but owing to the violence of the sea, the boat was in peril of sinking at any time. All they had to bale out the water were two sea boots and one of these got lost overboard.

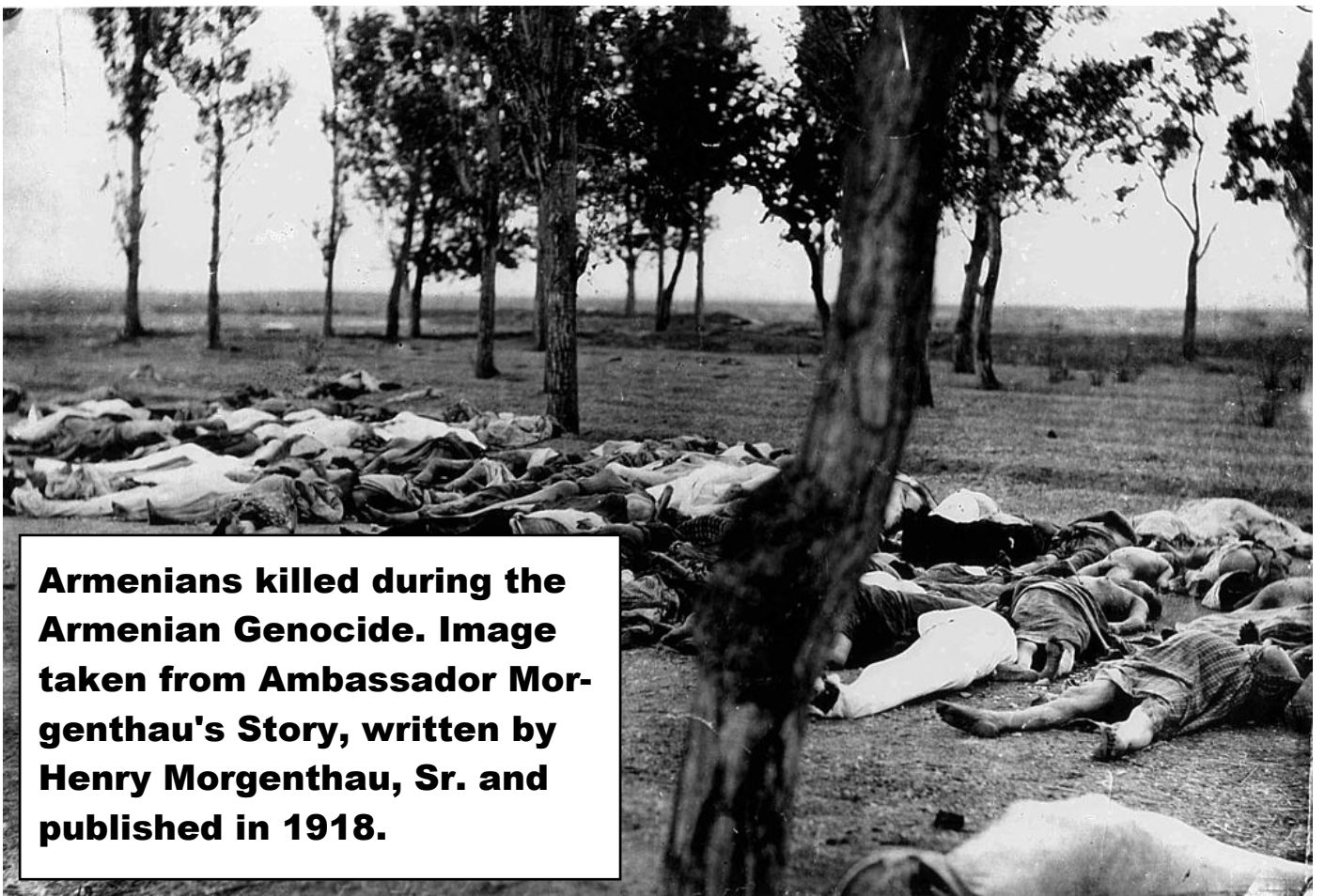
At nine o'clock on Friday evening, Petty Officer Bing shouted to the coxswain that he could see a light. The men raised a cheer and Bing called out "where there is life, there is hope lads!" There was a great struggle to get in as far as the breakwater and four hours elapsed before we felt the beach scrape beneath the boat.

***Further information can be found at Devon Heritage.***

# Genocide and ethnic cleansing



**Austro-Hungarian soldiers executing men and women in Serbia, 1916.**



**Armenians killed during the Armenian Genocide. Image taken from Ambassador Morgenthau's Story, written by Henry Morgenthau, Sr. and published in 1918.**



## **ARE YOU AN EX-MERCHANT SEAMAN?**

### **HAVE YOU WORKED ON THE RIVER?**

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GRAVESEND MERCHANT NAVY ASSOCIATION?**

We are a small group of ex-seamen (and their wives) - all of whom either worked on the river or on merchant ships in some capacity or who had some type of contact with the sea or river, i.e. training cadets, We meet on the last Saturday in each month in the restaurant at The Waterloo public house, Wellington Street, Gravesend at 13.00 hrs.

We would be pleased to welcome you to our meetings

We organise many trips during the year and all enjoy a group Christmas lunch. We are all volunteers and enjoy meeting together. We are quite active and visible in the town of Gravesend but many of our members come from other parts of the country and even Canada!

If you are interested then come along and perhaps meet old shipmates.

**The next meeting is Saturday 3 August at 13.00 hrs.**

**Wednesday 3 September is Merchant Navy Day and there will be a short outdoor service at Bawley Bay at 10.30 am to which you are invited**

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## *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.



# Choir Sunday 6 July







**Thanks to all who came to the Semiquavers concert where we were able to raise £815 towards the cost of risers for the children to stand on, we have also received £500 match funding from LGIM.**



## **Circular walk from Istead Rise to Northfleet Green and Southfleet**

**Sunday 10th August 2014:**

**Meet: 2.30pm at Parade of shops, Istead Rise DA13 9JF**

**Leader: Nicholas Miskin 01474 832301**

This is a footpath walk with uneven surfaces – sensible footwear will be needed (Gravesend Historical Society event).

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## **Family tour of Gravesend with children's quiz**

**On: Wednesday 27th August 2014**

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

**Guide: Christoph Bull 07702287147**

**Cost: £3 per adult – children under 12 free**

Come and enjoy a tour through Gravesend's murky past – a quiz is available for children to do on the tour itself. The event is organised by The Gr@nd Healthy Living Centre – a small prize for the winners will be available- more details from Carl Dowsing-Webster 01474 320123.

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## **Guided tour of Northfleet**

**On: Friday 12th September 2014**

**Meet: 11am outside St Botolph church lych gate, The Hill, Northfleet**

**Guide: Christoph Bull 07702287147**

**Cost: £3 per person – no need to book just turn up.**

Optional refreshments at the Coach and Horses, The Hill, Northfleet.

Discover the fantastic story of Northfleet – one of Kent's "Mother" parishes – and its role in industry and the Civil War.

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## **Local History and Chips – illustrated talk on Princess Pocahontas (not the Disney version)**

**On: Monday 15th September 2014**

**At: Reliance Fish Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend – by ticket only – booking required – phone Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593**

**Time: Meal begins at 6pm sharp, talk to follow.**

**Speaker: Christoph Bull**

**Cost: £12 includes fish and chip supper and talk**



# 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**

**9 August from 16.00 - 7 Warrior Avenue**

**23 August 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 21 August**. 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**

# 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**




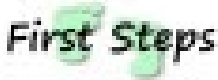

## Office hours

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:-

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 AUGUST 2014

<b>Sunday</b> 	31	3	10	17	24
	08.00 Service 10.00 Service <b>11.00 BBQ and Farewell Party for Rev. Jo Drew</b>	08.00 Service 10.00 Service	08.00 Service 10.00 Service	08.00 Service 10.00 Service	08.00 Service 10.00 Service
<b>Monday</b> 		4	11	18	25
		08.00 Service 16.45 Service <b>22.00 WW1 service of commemoration</b>	08.00 Service 16.45 Service	08.00 Service 16.45 Service	08.00 Service 16.45 Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 		5	12	19	26
		07.00 Service 16.45 Service  18.15 Semiquavers	07.00 Service 16.45 Service  18.15 Semiquavers	07.00 Service 16.45 Service  18.15 Semiquavers	07.00 Service 16.45 Service  18.15 Semiquavers
<b>Wednesday</b> 		6	13	20	27
		10.00 Service 16.45 Service	10.00 Service <b>13.45 First Steps</b> 16.45 Service	10.00 Service 16.45 Service <b>13.45 teddy bears picnic</b>	10.00 Service 16.45 Service
<b>Thursday</b> 		7	14	21	28
		07.00 Service 16.45 Service  Choir practice	07.00 Service 16.45 Service  Choir practice	07.00 Service 15.00 Mustard Seed 16.45 Service  Choir practice	07.00 Service 16.45 Service  Choir practice
<b>Friday</b> 	1	8	15	22	29
	13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office hours	13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office hours	13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office hours	13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office hours	13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office hours S
<b>Saturday</b> 	2	9	16	23	30
	08.00 Service	08.00 Service  <b>09.30 working party</b>	08.00 Service <b>14.30 Service</b> Thanksgiving for Women Priests in the Church of England	08.00 Service	08.00 Service

