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The French military cemetery at the Douaumont ossuary, which contains the remains of more than 130,000 unknown soldiers. *pic: Ketounette*



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# **Church Grounds**

## **Maintenance**

We are currently looking at ways to maintain and improve our church grounds and as I see it we have two main options:-

- a) Pay for the work to be done – currently over £1000 a year  
or
- b) Do the work, or most of it, ourselves, in house.

It would like to think that we could muster up enough volunteers to do the latter and would like to hear your views.

Do you enjoy working outside in the garden?

Can you spare a little time on a one off, or a regular basis, or as part of a working party group, to help maintain and improve our church grounds?

The following gives you some idea of the things that need to be done:-

- 1) Mowing the lawns and trimming the edges.
- 2) Trimming the hedges and minor tree pruning.
- 3) Weeding the borders and flower beds.
- 4) Weeding the stone chipping areas around the base of the church.
- 5) Sweeping the paths – especially in the autumn when the leaves fall.
- 6) Treating the wooden benches.
- 7) Keeping the compost area behind the sheds tidy.
- 8) Any other general maintenance tasks as and when they arise.

Are you interested? Can you help in any way? Can you take responsibility for just one small area, eg the treating of one bench.?

If you think you can please let me know by either contacting me at church, or by leaving a message in my church pigeon hole or on my home answer phone ( 01474 749945 ) and I will get back to you.

**John Thrush** (on behalf of the gardening committee)

## **LEST WE FORGET**

### **MEDWAY'S FIRST WORLD WAR**

#### **Exhibition and Installation**

**2 OCTOBER - 9 DECEMBER 10.00 - 16.00 Daily**

**Lady Chapel, Rochester Cathedral**

**The Precinct, Rochester**



**Lest We Forget: Medway's First World War is an installation and exhibition where visitors may explore the stories of local soldiers from WWI look at the objects which have been loaned by members of the Cathedral Community and reflect on their own family story.**



## **Archbishop Justin invites young people to spend year praying at Lambeth Palace**

Archbishop Justin is opening up Lambeth Palace to adults aged 20-35 to spend a year living, praying and studying together as a radical new Christian community. Launching in September 2015, the Community of St Anselm will gather a group of adventurous young adults from all walks of life, hungry for a challenging and formative experience of life in a

praying community.

The Community will initially consist of 16 people living at Lambeth Palace full-time, and up to 40 people, who live and work in London, joining part-time. The year-long programme will include prayer, study, practical service and community life.

Members of the Community will live in a way the ancient monastics would recognise: drawing closer to God through a daily rhythm of silence, study and prayer. But, through those disciplines, they will also be immersed in the modern challenges of the global 21st century church.



**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**

**First Steps**

## **FIRST STEPS**

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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 12 November.**

# FIRST STEPS

**8TH OCTOBER 2014**  
**AUTUMN COMES**  
**HARVEST**

Our naughty little sheep wakes up to heavy grey skies and pouring rain and his heart sinks. Oh no!! It's our First Steps service this afternoon and he's afraid that no one will come if the weather is horrid. Poor little chap, he does look down. He and his friends all get together for a group hug to cheer each other up. It's quite a sight but I'm not sure that it's working. However it's a different story when we all walk up to church later, because the clouds have begun to part and the sun is peeping out. Everywhere looks lovely covered in sunshiny rain drops!

Into church we go and our naughty little sheep's friends feel in need of a bit of reassurance, so they go off to find themselves a seat, hoping that when the children finally arrive they will all get a big hug. With everything set up and ready we wait patiently to see who will brave the changeable weather to come and join us. First in is Mum Kelly with Megan who's snugly wrapped up in her buggy but she's soon out testing the jingle bells. Big sister Freya is now in big school and we'll miss her. Other children arrive to join Megan and soon lots of jingle bells are being tested. They certainly work!

When everyone is sitting comfortably it's time to light our candles and begin our service. Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon are standing very quietly on our little altar watching the children, and their friends are having lots of cuddles, so everyone is happy. We light two special candles, one for Joseph, celebrating his 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and one for Bowen who was baptised last Sunday. Isn't that lovely?

Today we're thinking about the autumn and harvest, and our first song is about the seasons, giving us a chance to think about the beauty in each season and thanking God for the harvest, for all His good gifts to us and for beauty that surrounds us all year round. We sing about the sun and the stars, the rain and the wind remembering that God made them all and He made us, too. Our naughty little sheep whispers to me that he knows all about the rain and the sunshine, too, of course! We need the rain and the sunshine, for the plants to grow for our harvest, don't we? And we thank God for the many blessings that He gives to us each day, not least the gift of life itself! Then everyone, even our naughty little sheep and his friends, stand up to sing and do the actions for "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty"! Oh it's great fun with lots of arm waving involved. After all the noise and jingling it's time to be really quiet for our prayers. Shh!! Then we blow out our candles and our service is over. I think it's been a tiny bit quieter today, now that our big children have gone to big school, but I'm sure that won't last!

Out into the hall and it's time for play; a chance for Mums and Grandmas to have a cuppa and a chat, as they watch the babies exploring the toys. The bigger children are rushing around having a great time and our naughty little sheep and his friends are keeping a close eye on them all. They so love watching the children enjoy themselves and they hope that everyone will be able to join us again for our next First Steps service on 12th November. And so do I!

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



# Sabbath Rest

*'The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath'*

I had announced as part of my plans for this Sabbatical that I was planning to share in worship in different churches each Sunday. I had ambitiously said that this would give me new ideas to bring back to the congregation at Christ Church. My intention was to move around the churches of Rochester Deanery, sharing with their weekly worship. So far it has not worked out as I had planned.

There have been 4 Sundays so far. For various reasons, I have only managed to get to church on one of them.

And so to the fifth Sunday! I am on my way to Canterbury for a retreat. I will be

worshipping in the Cathedral on Sunday evening and several times a day all week. I agonise about Sunday morning.

Logistically today is a nightmare.

Jeremy is playing golf.

There is packing and

the dog and the cat to deal with... and a train to catch. I research the various churches... they all have something on (it being Palm Sunday) that will make the service longer than usual.

In all the agonising about this, I tell myself that I am on Sabbatical. That every day is Sabbath. That I am not short of shared

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## 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



## New youth choir in Gravesend

**We meet weekly for**

**Rehearsals**

**at Christ Church**

**Tuesday evenings**

**6.15 pm to 7.30 pm**

# Sabbath Rest

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worship, or shared communion, or time spent in God's word, or prayer, or fellowship. Over the last five weeks I have been rich in all of these. What can be so important about Sunday morning in particular? Isn't it more important to spend quality time with Jeremy and with friends? To de-stress and stop and smell the roses?

And yet... there is a disease within me. A dissatisfaction with myself, and a feeling that something is missing. Is it that Sunday worship is so engrained in me that I can't shake myself free from it? Or is it something else?

In the Benedictine cycle of prayers... prayers which happen 9 times every day and involve the reading of the whole book of psalms every week, as well as other scripture... Sunday still has a special importance. This despite the fact that the Sunday community are the same community who have gathered in the same way throughout the days and the nights all through the previous week.

Sabbath time is time set apart for God. Prayer in the midst of daily living is vital. We need to continue to see that God is part of our daily lives. That he never leaves us. That he fills our work, and our leisure. But Sabbath time is time set apart for God. Used aright it can be a blessing. It truly sets us up for the rhythm of the week to come.

Every week Sabbath worship is a weekly remembrance of creation and resurrection; a celebration of new life. For once each week it sets our sights above the daily. It re-states the basics of our faith and gives meaning to the rest of the week, which will also be prayerful. Each Sunday we ask for the energy of grace to carry on;

we acknowledge the failings of the last week and bring with us the expected struggles of the next week, we remind ourselves of God's utter faithfulness and we take the opportunity to publicly declare that we desire God before anything else. Finally we offer our whole lives in thanksgiving. Sunday, says Joan Chittister in the book I am reading, is a 'soul-splitting commitment to go on'.

No wonder I am missing it. Sometimes it takes enforced absence for you to realise what you have missed. So often for the Vicar Sunday is rush and last-minute emergencies; responsibility and organisation; and everyone wanting a bit of you. I think of the 'shut ins' – those who will never again be able to worship with the gathered community on Sundays because of frailness or sickness. I am profoundly grateful for that rhythm of Sunday worship, both the choice and freedom of the worship during sabbatical and also the privilege of bringing God's people to that same place week by week at Christ Church.

I make a fresh commitment to go on...

## Advent Traveller's

**The Advent Traveller's (Mary and Joseph figures) will be visiting Gravesend during December.**



Forms will be at the back of the church from October, if you wish to welcome the Traveller's this year, please return the form to either Jan Osborne or Paula Cuffley by 09 November 2014 (Remembrance Sunday) with your details.





**Picture here shows just a small portion of the poppy field laid at the Tower of London to commemorate the anniversary of the outbreak of war in August 1914**



# 'Walking Backwards to Christmas'

A chance to think about the meaning of Christmas over the 4 weeks of Advent, through the eyes of 9 characters who played an important part. Every Wednesday in Advent (26th Nov, 3rd/

10th/ 17th Dec) at 11am at St George's Church (following their Holy Communion service at 10am and ending with a bread and cheese lunch at 12) and in the evening at 7.30pm. Evening sessions are 26th November – St Marys; 3rd December – Holy Family; 10th December – St Aidan's; 17th December – Christ Church.



## HOLY BAPTISM

17 <sup>th</sup> August	Olivia Jessica Kirby
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Oliver James Martin Olivia Ellen Parbery Finley Noel Phillips
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Georgia Rose Heath Ollie Allenby Wright Grace Emily Head Narjes Gabrielle Smythe-Salmi
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Jessie Rhoda Janes Evelyn Rae Davies Beatrice Amelia Lappage Bowen Arthur Dixon

## HOLY MATRIMONY

23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Peter Ronald Tapsell and Sharon Jean Cox
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Robert Daniel Wallis and Kerry Anne Waghorn
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Scott William White and Rachel Louise Scudder

## REST IN PEACE

5 <sup>th</sup> August	Peter Fitzsimons
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Celia Mary May Thompson
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Stanley George Hayes
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Gwendolyn Joyce Parrett
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Dennis Turner

# The Soldier,

*by Rupert Brooke*

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is forever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;

A dust whom England bore, shaped,  
made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways  
to roam,  
A body of England's, breathing English  
air,

Washed by the rivers, blest by the suns  
of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by  
England given;

Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as  
her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and  
gentleness,

In hearts at peace, under an English  
heaven.

## In Flanders Fields

*John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



**John McCrae in uniform circa 1914**

# **Autumn – a time to remember**

As Winter draws in, the leaves fall from the trees, and the end of another year approaches, we can take an opportunity to look back. To share together memories of the past, and to give thanks for the gifts and lives of those no longer with us.

The Church offers a number of opportunities for grateful reflection during the Autumn...

## **All Souls Day - A service of Holy Communion**

**at 16.00 on Sunday 2nd November**

A requiem during which the names of loved ones departed will be read

## **Service for the Bereaved**

**Sunday 9 November at 16.00**

A more informal service to remember loved ones. Again, the names will be read out and there will be space to reflect while candles are lit. Followed by tea

## **Remembrance Sunday**

**Sunday 9 November 10.00**

there will be the usual service of Remembrance at Christ Church

Also at the

## **War Memorial in Clarence Place,**

**at 11.00 am**

and

**Bawley Bay**

**at 12.30**



## **Remembrance Day**

**11/11/11 at 11.00 Community Square Gravesend**



# Arthur's War

Well worth a visit is the newly opened World War 1 exhibition at Scotney Castle, which includes some of the National Trust's best preserved resources from the period.

In what appeared to be no more than an ordinary metal box, abandoned in one of the attics of the house, volunteers discovered a treasure trove of memorabilia from the personal collection of Brigadier-General, Arthur Hussey, who from 1914 - 1919 was the Commander, Royal Artillery, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division.

As you move from room to room, on the ground floor, the exhibition takes you through the collection that includes letters, diaries, photographs and battle plans.

The exhibition gives an insight of the life of not only an officer but also some of the men of Lamberhurst village who lived on the estate and enlisted to fight on the front line.

Complimentary to the exhibition, artist Vivian Pedley has created portraits of

these local men, which are on display in the restaurant.

The exhibition is open daily from 11.00 - 16.00 until 22 March next year, normal property entry charges apply, but National Trust members are free.

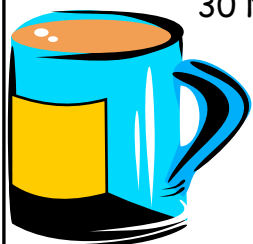


**Brigadier-General Arthur Hussey**

Photo credit: National Trust / Glynn Roche

## COFFEE ROTA 2014

02 November Jill Godwin, Annie Southwick, David Williams  
09 November Colin Parsonson, Linda Parsonson, Ann Lennard  
16 November Sally Higgins, Jerry Higgins, Annie Southwick  
23 November Pauline Marks, Margot Edwards, Angela Kirby  
30 November Rita Smith, Sheila Knight, Jean Stoddart



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







**Just two of the flower arrangements expertly put together by the volunteer ladies of Christ Church who regularly give their time to keep the church looking so wonderful throughout the year**





# Through the kitchen door

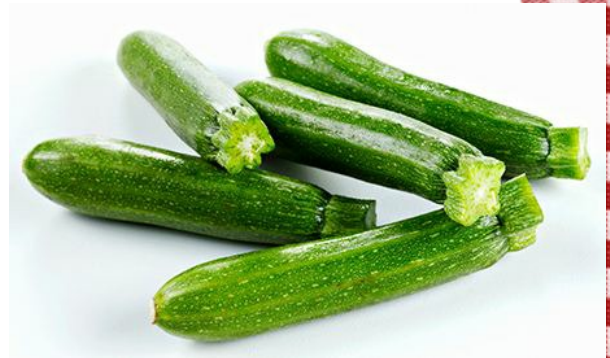
Recently chatting with a couple of sides-man colleagues I was asked to put in one of my more recent recipe try outs, and I can assure you this is as good if not better than carrot cake!

## COURGETTE CAKE

- 3 medium eggs
- 125ml vegetable oil
- 150g caster sugar
- 225g self raising flour
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 250g courgettes, finely grated

### For the icing

- 400g cream cheese
- 175g icing sugar
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 40g pistachio nuts, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon lime zest



### METHOD

1. Pre-heat oven to 180 C /160 fan / gas 4, and grease and line two 21 cm sponge tins
2. Beat together the eggs, oil and sugar in a large bowl until creamy. Sift in the flour, bicarb and baking powder and beat well. Stir in the grated courgette until well combined. Divide the mixture into the cake tins.
3. Bake in the middle of the oven for 25 - 30 minutes
4. Remove the cakes from the oven and carefully turn out onto a wire rack. Carefully peel off the lining paper and allow to cool.
5. For the icing, beat the cream cheese in a bowl until smooth. Sift in the icing sugar and stir in the lime juice.
6. Use a bread knife to level one of the cakes if necessary. Use 2/3 rds of the icing to sandwich the two cakes together, the levelled one on the bottom, and use the remaining icing to cover the top of the cake.
7. Sprinkle with the pistachio nuts and lime zest

If you have a recipe to share e-mail it to [ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk) or hand it to a church warden or the editor, Mike Cubitt





**Our picture shows from left to right Becky, Ellie, and Jack**

## Charity half marathon success raises £1500

Sunday 12th October dawned fine and dry after a week of rain, which meant that the conditions were ideal for the Royal Parks Half Marathon. Ellie, Becky and Jack ran this half marathon for the National Osteoporosis Society.

They chose this charity as I have had osteoporosis for the last 5 years. I am

very proud to say that they all finished - Ellie in 2 hours 28 minutes (she was determined to finish in under 2 hours 30 minutes) and Becky and Jack came in just behind in 2 hours 41 minutes.

Their sponsorship money was an amazing total of £1500. Thank you to all at Christ Church who sponsored them so generously. Ellie hopes to now enter the London Marathon in 2015 if the training goes well. She will again be running for the National Osteoporosis Society, more of that later if she goes ahead with it.

**Sheila**

# Many hands make for expensive repairs!

Repairs to the sound system are extremely expensive. We have recently had to pay several hundred pounds because the speaker on the wall in the choir vestry had been adjusted, presumably by someone seeking to change the volume. The effect was to send too much power through a system that was not designed to cope with it, causing the whole system to shut down. There is a team of volunteers who have some knowledge of how the sound system works – if you want any adjustment made please speak to one of the team. Please don't move any knobs if you don't know what they do!

## ADVANCE WARNING

Crib Service at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This year we invite all children to come and be part of our nativity tableau.

We need shepherds, angels, kings (or queens) and animals... so come dressed up as you choose and be part of the story. We will also, as usual, be collecting toys and gifts for North Kent Women's Aid at this service.



## **CHRISTINGLE** at Christ Church

**Sunday 7 December at 16.00**

Arrive at 15.30 for craft work in the hall  
**a magical start to Advent for all the family,  
with oranges, sweets and candles**

The meaning of Christingle: the orange represents the world God created, and the sweets all the good things in God's creation. The candle represents Jesus, the light of the world, and the red ribbon the love of Christ for his world

**This year we are collecting funds for**



**Save the Children**





# WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE A LIFE WITH A TOOTH BRUSH?



Do you have a toothbrush, soap, socks, a hairbrush and comb and underwear? Some of the simple items we take for granted BUT make up a shoebox of basic items we take for granted and you can change the life of a child, a teenager, and adult.

The gift of a shoebox can change the life of someone living in desperate poverty in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania or Serbia. Blythwood Care add Christian storybooks, leaflets and calendars to the boxes to be delivered in time for Christmas.

Last year 118,000 gift boxes were delivered! **YOU CAN CHANGE A LIFE THIS YEAR** - make up a shoebox. Leaflets explaining exactly what to do will be in church soon - make sure You pick one up and act on it.

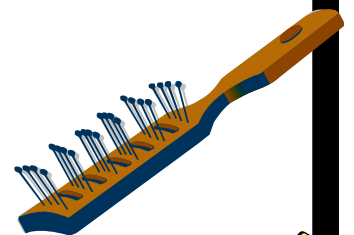
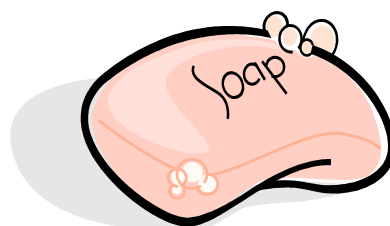
Filled shoe boxes must be back in church by **WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER FOR Christmas delivery.**

CAN YOU CHANGE A LIFE? YES YOU CAN!

**PLEASE HELP - if you need to know more look at the display in church**

**or speak to Veronica**

**(01474 534857)**





# Please donate one hour of your time

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is organising two bucket collections in your area. Funds raised will help to care for and re-home the many dogs and cats that arrive at their doors every day. But these events aren't possible without volunteers lending a hand for one hour, and they need your help.



Collections take place on:  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Asda Greenhithe – 10am until 5pm**  
and  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at The Priory Shopping Centre, Dartford - 10am until 4pm**

All materials will be there waiting for you and volunteers will be briefed prior to the event. So all you need to do is arrange your collection time and then show up on the day and grab a bucket!

If you'd like to make a difference for animals in this fun and simple way, please contact Battersea's Regional Community Fundraiser, Victoria Lawrence on 07590 173456 or at [v.lawrence@battersea.org.uk](mailto:v.lawrence@battersea.org.uk).

Thank you.



The annual service to commemorate

## St Andrew

will be held on

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 14.30 p.m.**

**in St Andrew's Mission Church/Arts Centre,**

**Bawley Bay, Gravesend**



## COFFEE MORNING

**FRIDAY 31 October, 10.00 - 12.00**  
**COLDHARBOUR ROAD, NORTHFLEET**

Admission 80p including tea or coffee

# Table top sale





**Banners created by the children who attended the Harvest Craft Workshop on Saturday 11 October**





# Alan and Denny

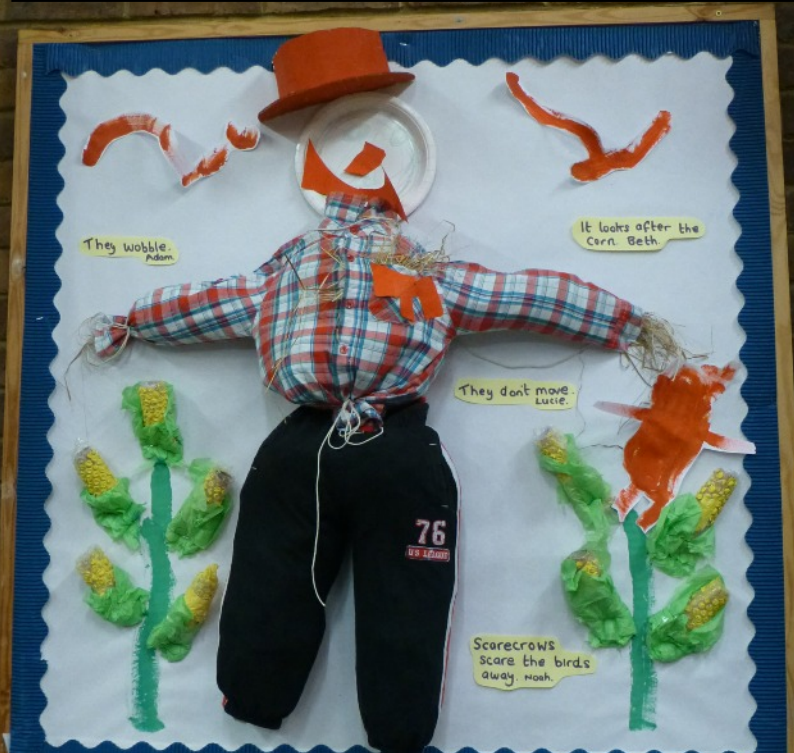
Those of you that missed the Harvest Supper, also went without seeing our entertainment for the evening in the shape of ventriloquist Alan and his friend Denny.

The evening was attended by around eighty-six people who enjoyed supper amongst friends.

**One of the table flower arrangements and our entertainers**



**Autumn collage created by the children at Christ Church pre-school**



**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**

# **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)**





# WALKING BACKWARDS TO CHRISTMAS

## A COURSE FOR ADVENT

### Based on the book by Stephen Cottrell

Join us on a journey as we discover Christmas from a different aspect.

Starting with Anna and Rachel and leading up to the birth of Christ we

enter into the Christmas story through the eyes of nine characters who

all play a part in the greatest narrative of our time.

\*Painting – Nativity with Burning Bush by Albert Herbert

## Dates and Times

The course runs for four weeks as follows;

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Wed 26<sup>th</sup> November  
11am @ St George's  
Church Street DA11 0DJ  
followed by a soup lunch  
7.30 @ St Mary's  
Wrotham Rd DA11 7LL

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Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
11am @ St George's  
followed by a soup lunch  
7.30 @ Holy Family  
Palmer Avenue DA12  
5DQ

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Wed 10<sup>th</sup> December  
11am @ St Georges  
followed by a soup lunch  
7.30 @ St Aidan's  
St Aidan's Way DA12 4JL

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Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December  
11am @ St Georges  
followed by a soup lunch  
7.30 @ Christ Church  
Old Road East DA12 1NR

**A very warm welcome  
awaits you all. For more  
information or to book a  
place please contact  
[info@stgeorgesgravesend.org.uk](mailto:info@stgeorgesgravesend.org.uk)**



# Band concert

# Quiz Night

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
7.30 p.m.

at St Georges Church Hall  
Church Street, Gravesend

Teams of 6  
£4.00 per head  
Raffle

Bring your own drink and nibbles

Book with Sheilah: (01474) 534901

[sheilahcooper@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheilahcooper@hotmail.co.uk)

Proceeds to the upgrade fund  
for Kay's Garden Campsite and  
St Georges Church.



# Safeguarding

If you work in any capacity with the children in our congregation on a regular basis, ie; God's Gang, creche, SemiQuavers, Christ Church Tots, First Steps, etc. you are asked to attend some training.

The next course is on Saturday 15 November and the organisation running is excellent.

If you wish to book on-line then this is the website,  
[www.rochester.anglican.org](http://www.rochester.anglican.org)

Thank you for attending,  
Veronica



## CHARITY CONCERT

In Aid of

**MacMillan Cancer Support  
and Gravesend Street Pastors**

**MUSIC \* SONG \* and**

**The Amelia Appleby School of Performing  
Arts Dancers**

**Friday 7 November at  
19.45**

**The Salvation Army Hall  
The Grove, Gravesend**

Tickets £5

Bookings at 01474 813106



The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory  
Group in partnership with Churches'  
Child Protection Advisory Service  
(CCPAS)

Invite you to attend

## **FACING THE UNTHINKABLE**

**Saturday 15 November 2014  
At Christ Church**

**Charterhouse Rd, Orpington  
9.00 am to 1.30 pm**

Attendance is free to all those with a relevant parish responsibility, but we reserve the right to charge £20 per person towards the costs of the seminar to those booking places who fail to attend without prior notice





## **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**

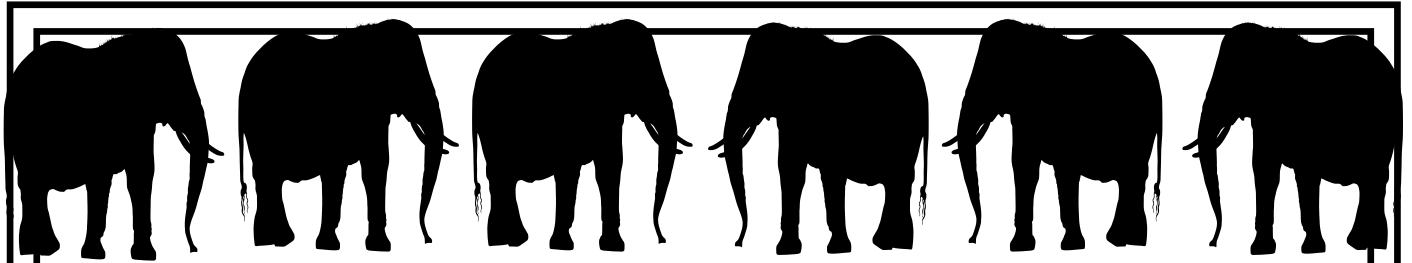
**No appointment needed!**

**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)**





## **DON'T FORGET**

**To take part in our Blythwood Care shoe box appeal this year!**

COMPLETED SHOE BOXES MUST BE IN CHURCH FOR  
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

**There are leaflets explaining all the steps in church, or  
speak to Veronica**

## **PEACE CANDLE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT WENT BEFORE**

You may well have seen the 'Peace Candle' that was used at the WW1 commemoration service on 4<sup>th</sup> August, now in the sanctuary. The candle will remain in place throughout the 4 years of commemoration and will be lit at each Sunday and Wednesday service, as a reminder to us all to pray for

peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world. When you see the candle, please remember to pray for those caught up in conflict.

The sign near to the candle records the areas of conflict most in our prayers at any given time (though there are other 'hidden' conflicts that rarely appear on our televisions). If you would like an area of the world added to the list, please speak to Revs Sue or Jacqueline.







# Celebrating Black History Month

With the congregation and other members of the community with a musical journey through the history of “Negro Spirituals” with Dr Kimberly Hawkins.

Pictured below members of the community prepare to march from Community Square to the African Market





## **FAIRTRADE LUNCHSTOP**

**Sandwiches, Toasted sandwiches, Homemade  
cakes, Fresh fruit, Snack bars, Fruit juices, Hot chocolate,  
Tea, Fresh filter coffee**

The cost of your lunch will be what you consider to be a "Fair" price for what you eat

Come and enjoy a Fairtrade Lunch at

### **EMMANUAL BAPTIST CHURCH WINDMILL ST. GRAVESEND**

**28 OCTOBER**

**12 noon to 2.00 p.m.**

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

## **Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 29 October**

**10.30 - 11.45**

**Bring and Buy and Raffle**

**Christ Church Hall**

**After the 10.00 service**

**Come along and support this  
worthwhile cause**



**EllenorLions Hospices**  
*'without them we would have been lost'*



## **Christmas Fair**

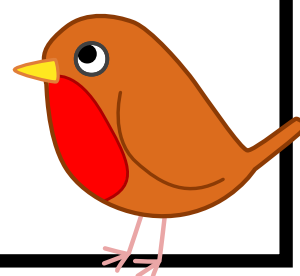
**ELLENORLIONS HOSPICE**

**Coldharbour Road, Northfleet**

**Saturday 29 November**

**10.00 - 15.00**

**Entry £1**







# THE MUSTARD SEED

**Don't miss an afternoon  
entertained by Harry!**

Harry Green, that well known Scot from our congregation, is coming along to Mustard

Seed on 20<sup>th</sup> November to give us his entertaining take on the origins of the First World War and how the facilities for rehabilitation available to service personnel, have changed in the intervening years. Harry will also tell us a bit about his own amusing experiences in the army.

We do hope that you'll all be able to join us at 3 p.m. for a pleasant afternoon listening to Harry amuse and enlighten. We might even be able to rustle up tea and cake. It will be too good to miss!

For further information about the Mustard Seed, speak to Colin Parsonson or Pam Kilby, in church, alternatively contact us by phone as follows:

**Colin Parsonson 359713**

**or Pam Kilby 332693**



## **Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group**

**Our next meeting is on  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
at Christ Church Hall  
Old Road East, Gravesend  
DA12 1NR**

**(Parking in Church Car Park or in Park Avenue)**

**Starting at 7.00 p.m.**

**Kent Police Presentation  
on Crime Prevention  
(Personal Safety, Scams and  
Property Security)**

**Entrance for Visitors £2.00.**

**For more information please contact  
the Chair on 01474 564234**



## **OASIS BOOKSHOP**

**Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Windmill St Gravesend**

**01474 568498**

**[oasisebc@hotmail.com](mailto:oasisebc@hotmail.com)**

**Come and browse**

**Mon-Fri 10.00 - 14.00**

**Saturday**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**10.00 - 13.00**

**BOOKS AND CARDS \* MUSIC \*  
DVDs**

**JEWELLERY \* ORNAMENTS**

## **Archbishop Justin joins multi-faith peace vigil for Iraq**

Archbishop Justin stood with other faith leaders in solidarity with the people of Iraq. Archbishop Justin joined faith leaders and representatives from faith-based NGOs for a vigil showing solidarity with the people of Iraq and affirming the message that #WeAreAllHuman.

Archbishop Justin joined Imam Ibrahim Mogra, Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner and Ayatollah Dr Sayed Fazel Milani at the vigil outside Westminster Abbey by the Innocent Victims Memorial.

Speaking at the vigil, Archbishop Justin said he joined the other faith leaders in “unreservedly” condemning the way that minority faith communities are being “wiped out” in ISIS-controlled areas.

## **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 8 November at 9.30.**

**See you there, Sue**





**Our photos show work being carried out on the concert staging as the risers were put together, and above:- “semiquavers” trying out the new assembly**



# **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**

**1 November from 16.00 - 7 Warrior Avenue  
15 November from 16.00 - 7 Warrior Avenue  
29 November from 16.00 - 7 Warrior Avenue**

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

For more information contact:

**Lusa 01474 352500**

[lusansenga@googlemail.com](mailto:lusansenga@googlemail.com)

**Sue 01474 352643**

[suec@brewer86.plus.com](mailto:suec@brewer86.plus.com)



## **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 20 November**. You are so welcome.

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



# Iris Barnes

I would like to sincerely thank Revd. Jacqueline and Anne Thrush for their support and visits to mum not only in hospital but now whilst she is at home. Mum is very weak and she probably doesn't say a lot during the visits but is grateful for Anne's visits, also to John and Anne who take mum Holy Communion and also to John for keeping her garden under

control. We are sincerely grateful for all the help, it enables us to spend time with mum and to try to improve her eating etc. Mum also thoroughly enjoyed her flowers from the Harvest Festival service.

Thank you once again to all her friends at Christ Church

Kind regards  
Barbara

## *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.



**GRAVESEND FLORAL  
ARRANGEMENT  
SOCIETY**



**Invites you to see the Club's Annual  
Show of Competition Work**

**The Magic of Christmas**

**at Christ Church, Old Road East  
DA12 1NR**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014  
open Noon to 5.00 p.m.**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014  
open Noon to 5.00 p.m.**

**In the Hall on Saturday only :  
Sales Tables, Tombola,  
Refreshments**



## **Guided historical tour of Greenhithe and Ingress Park**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014:**

Meet: 2.30pm on corner of Station Road and High Street, Greenhithe

£3 a head - no need to book just turn up.

Guide: Christoph Bull 0770 2287147.

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## **The Kaiser's War – the alternative view of the Great War 1914-1918.**

**On: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7pm**

At: St Mark's Church, London Road, Rosherville, Northfleet

Speaker: Christoph Bull 07702287147

Details: Mike McCloud 01474 395212

Cost: Donations welcome – refreshments for sale afterwards

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## **Ask the Experts Local History Afternoon – Swanscombe and Greenhithe**

**On: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Meet: 1.30pm at the Heritage Hall, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe

Speakers: Christoph Bull, Lesley Howes and Chris Hester talk about World war One and the local area with a local history question and answer session.

Contact: phone: 07900 846298 for details.

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## **Pocahontas – not the Disney version – illustrated talk**

**On: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014**

Meet: 2pm at St George's Church, Gravesend

Speaker: Christoph Bull 07702287147

Cost: £5 includes light refreshments

Come and hear how Pocahontas is the link between different peoples and continents and the darker side of the supposed "love" story.

No need to book just turn up. Gravesham Town Twinning Association event.



# 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

## 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 NOVEMBER 2014

<b>Sunday</b> 	<b>30</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 14.30 ST ANDREWS DAY SERVICE Bawley Bay	<b>2</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service <b>16.00 Service for                      All Souls Day</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Remembrance Day</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service <b>16.30 SERVICE                      FOR BEREAVED</b>	<b>16</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	<b>23</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service <b>FLOWER SHOW IN                      CHURCH</b>
<b>Monday</b> 		<b>3</b> 08.00 Service <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>10</b> 08.00 Service <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>17</b> 08.00 Service <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>24</b> 08.00 Service <b>BROWNIES</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 		<b>4</b> 07.00 Service  CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	<b>11</b> 07.00 Service  CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	<b>18</b> 07.00 Service  CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	<b>25</b> 07.00 Service  CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers
<b>Wednesday</b> 		<b>5</b> 10.00 Service <b>20.00 Mother's                      Union</b>	<b>12</b> 10.00 Service <b>13.45 First Steps</b>	<b>19</b> 10.00 Service	<b>26</b> 10.00 Service
<b>Thursday</b> 		<b>6</b> 07.00 Service  BROWNIES Choir practice	<b>13</b> 07.00 Service  BROWNIES Choir practice	<b>20</b> 07.00 Service 15.00 Mustard Seed  BROWNIES Choir practice	<b>27</b> 07.00 Service  BROWNIES Choir practice
<b>Friday</b> 		<b>7</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	<b>14</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	<b>21</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	<b>28</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours SCOUTS
<b>Saturday</b> 	<b>1</b> 08.00 Service	<b>8</b> 08.00 Service  <b>10.30 CHRISTMAS                      BAZAAR</b>	<b>15</b> 08.00 Service  <b>19.00 BRASS                      BAND CONCERT                      &amp; Semiquavers</b>	<b>22</b> 08.00 Service  <b>FLOWER SHOW IN                      CHURCH</b>	<b>29</b> 08.00 Service



# Bazaar