



CHRIST CHURCH

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND



FEBRUARY 2015

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Have you signed up for the Lent Course yet see the notice on page 9

Safeguarding Children at Church see item on page 7

Don't get a ticket see page 11

Archbishop Justin welcome kids saving scheme see page 15

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Hand to a Church Warden or Mike Cubitt

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Christ Church Hall is available for hire

Contact Rachel Pace

01474 249508 or 07960 024917

Well equipped, very suitable for meetings and childrens parties

Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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| Reader | Sheila Brown | 356339 |
| Reader | John Hougham | 352138 |
| Reader | Betty Martin | 352696 |
| Reader | Martin Sewell | 745443 |

Welcome to the Lord's Table

We will soon be beginning classes to prepare children over the age of 7 and under the age of 13 to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

There will be an initial meeting for children who might be interested and their parents on Friday 6th February between 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm in the church hall.

If you are unsure, or have questions, this meeting is an opportunity to explore the process and decide if you might be interested.

The meeting will be followed by a course of preparation, leading to a special service to admit the children to Holy Communion during the Summer.



If you are interested, please let Sheila Brown know by email:

sheilae@phonecoop.coop or by phone 01474 356339; or come along to the meeting.

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

- **Or call 01474 534517**

Join the

semi quavers

New youth choir in Gravesend

We meet weekly for Rehearsals

at Christ Church

Tuesday evenings

6.15 pm to 7.30 pm



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

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 ROYA 2015

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| 1 Feb | Jenny Shoesmith, Chris Gibbons, Sarah Smith |
| 8 Feb | Barbara Bunyan, Audrey Price, Bianca Mcarther |
| 15 Feb | Jill Godwin, Annie Southwick, Ann Lennard |
| 22 Feb | Rosemary Austin, Rita Smith, Jean Stoddart |
| 1 Mar | Colin Parsonson, Linda Parsonson, Ann Lennard |



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



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 February.

FIRST STEPS

14TH JANUARY 2015

STEPPING INTO A NEW YEAR

We are up to a bright, sunny, cold winter's morning. Our naughty little sheep is so pleased to see the sunshine. He'd heard on the news that there may be snow on the way and as usual he is anxious because it's our First Steps service this afternoon; the first one of this brand new year. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are excited and looking forward to seeing the children again though they do complain about the cold as we walk up to church. Luckily the sun is still shining. Our naughty little sheep's friends tell me that they've heard a rumour that they're going to hide today, but they don't really feel like it because they want to sit with the children again. It is their favourite thing at the moment, so when we get into church they all find themselves seats. When our little altar is ready, our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon make themselves comfortable there, too.

When everything is ready and our doors are open Mum Mel comes in with dear little Baxter who finds himself some jingle bells. Soon other Mums, Grannies, children and babies come in to join us and it's time for our service to begin. We light two special candles today, one for Bowen, who is going to be a big boy of two and one for his Mum Angela, who can't be with us today because she is really poorly! We all hope that she'll be much better very soon. Today we're thinking about stepping into a brand new year, like putting the first footsteps into newly fallen snow. Lovely! We remember that God in Jesus Christ walks with us every day whatever comes, whether times are happy or sad. We sing that Jesus is our friend, remembering that he died for us and is now King of Kings, with God in heaven, and his Holy Spirit is with us, now. The jingle bells are all working well. We

sing that the Father Himself loves us and I even remember the actions. Everyone is doing really well and I can see those cuddly creatures jigging about in time to the music. We continue our theme of love and friendship when we sing about Jesus' wonderful love. My goodness we are so very blessed, aren't we? Surrounded by his life affirming love!

It is very important that we show God's love to the world around us by the way that we live each day, isn't it? Part of that is being loving and generous and sharing some of the good things that we have with those who aren't as lucky as us, and we sing "Share it round", a favourite of our naughty little sheep, who is still standing very still on our little altar, well away from those candles. Well we don't want any singed wool, do we? I know that he needs a bath, but that is a step too far! Everyone is really good and quiet for our prayers and we have so much to thank God for, haven't we? Then it's time to blow out our candles and our service is over.

Out we all go into the hall for a cuppa, a chat and time for play. Our naughty little sheep and his friends make themselves comfortable and they have a lovely time watching the children play. It is their second favourite thing after having a cuddle! As usual we have had a great time together and we hope that everyone one will be able to come and join us again on the 11th February for our next First Steps service when we will have crept a little further into 2015.

God Bless
Rosemary Austin



Perry Street's Got Talent

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION



on the theme of



PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

painting

photography

poems

cross stitch



Friday 13th February 11.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 14th February 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Sponsored Hymn Sing

Friday 13th February 7.00 p.m.

All Saints Church, Perry Street, Northfleet

**Donations to
Coventry Cathedral Cross of Nails
and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

*Part of the Gravesend Deanery Commemoration
of the Centenary of the First World War*

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

"FACING THE UNTHINKABLE"

Saturday 25 April 2015 at

St Nicholas Church, Upper High Street, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HX

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 this seminar to those booking places who fail to attend without prior notice.

Given the sensitive nature of the subject please note that children will not be admitted to the seminar



Do you help with Children's activities in Christ Church?



Have you attended Child Protection Training?

If the answer is no to the above question you should seriously consider going on this course - even if you have done some training at work. This course is especially designed for church workers.

Even if the answer is yes to the questions above you may need to find out more.

Speak to Veronica Read or Sue Brewer, or book on-line at www.rochester.org-safeguarding

A free OSTEOPOROSIS educational event

Have you or one of your friends/family been diagnosed with Osteoporosis?

Would you like to know more, have the chance to hear from medical experts in the field and learn about support available?

Date: Saturday 7th February 2015
Time: Doors open at 9:30am for a 10am start
Venue: Christ Church Hall, Old Road East, Gravesend DA12 1NR

- 9:30 - 10:00** Refreshments and opportunity to browse the stands
- 10:00** **Welcome and introductions**
Sheila Knight Chairperson
Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group
Fiona Rochford, Regional Development Manager
National Osteoporosis Society
- 10:10 - 10:30** **Osteoporosis: overview including risk factors**
Dr Manpinder Sahota, GP
Pelham Medical Practice, Gravesend
Medical Advisor, Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group
- 10:30 - 10:50** **Osteoporosis: diagnosis and treatments**
Dr Colin Weekes, Consultant Physician & Orthogeriatrician
Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
- 10:50 - 11:10** **Lifestyle advice: keeping active, avoiding falls and eating well**
Gwen Worcester
Until recently Gwen was the Osteoporosis Specialist Nurse at Medway Hospital
- 11:10pm - 11:30** **How the National Osteoporosis Society can support you**
Fiona Rochford and Sheila Knight
- 11:30 - 12 noon** **Questions to the speakers**
- Please join us for a light sandwich lunch**

National Osteoporosis Society
Camerton, Bath BA2 0PJ
Tel: 01761 471771 / 0845 130 3076
Fax: 01761 471104
Helpline: 01761 472721 / 0845 450 0230
Email: info@nos.org.uk
Website: www.nos.org.uk

PLACES ARE LIMITED
Reserve your **FREE** place now:
Tel: Sheila Knight 01474564234
or
Email: sknight01@hotmail.co.uk

Lent Study Course

This year our Lent study course will be shared with other churches of the East Gravesend Group.

We will be following the course 'Challenging Poverty' produced by the Diocese of Rochester.

Bishop James Langstaff and Bishop Brian Castle are asking the diocese to focus on Challenging Poverty in 2015. This lent course helps us look at some of the complex issues around poverty and justice in the light of the gospel.

It will take place on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm:

24th February 7.30pm at Holy Family Church, Palmer Avenue

3rd March 7.30pm at St Aidan's Church, St Aidans Way.

10th March 7.30pm at Christ Church

17th March 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Wrotham Road

24th March 7.30pm at St Paul's URC Church, Singlewell Road.

All the sessions will be repeated on Wednesdays at 11am at St George's Church, followed by a soup lunch.

Ash Wednesday Services

There will be services of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes, at 10am (said service) and at 7.30pm (with hymns).

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.

Volunteers needed.....

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

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

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



Christ Church 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**



Parking near the church

Unfortunately a number of people have received parking tickets while parking in Park Avenue during the 'controlled parking' interval between 1 pm and 2 pm on weekdays.

It seems that there has been a change of personnel at Gravesend Council, and the special status of the church is having to be re-negotiated.

For the time being it is important that you park legally and take notice of the 'controlled zone' to avoid receiving a ticket.

Every effort is being taken to re-instate the special status as soon as possible.

iSparc

Ifield Foundation Special School in Cedar Avenue have a significant fundraising campaign underway, now that the KCC have agreed outline planning permission for a state-of-the-art disability sport, arts and cultural centre to be called iSparc. The centre will be built in the grounds of the school and will be used by the children, their families and the Community.

To support the project, why not come along to the Charity Gala Night at The Orchard Theatre, Dartford. Call the box office on 01322 220000 for tickets. For more information on the iSparc project visit the school website at www.ifieldschool.com/

Deanery Peace Initiative

The churches of Gravesend Deanery are marking the passing of the centenary of WW1 with events organised by each church on the theme of 'Peace and Reconciliation'. These events will take place over the next 4 years. Money raised will go to a charity chosen by the host church, and to the Coventry Cathedral Cross of Nails Community of Reconciliation. The next event is 'Perry Street's got Talent' – an arts and crafts exhibition.



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

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

WINDMILL ST.

GRAVESEND

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

12 noon to 2.00 p.m.

Police notice

Kent Police has received reports of theft in this area.

Individuals are being targeted near **cash points** by someone pretending to be lost.



The offender may produce a map and ask for directions to distract the person. A second offender will then steal cash or other belongings while the member of the public remains unaware.

Protect your property

- Always keep your money and valuables in plain sight
- Don't feel compelled to stop and speak to someone you don't know
- When using a cash point, keep your pin hidden.

For more crime prevention advice or to speak to your local officers, call **101**. Dial **999** in an emergency.



**Kent
Police**



Lent campaign launched to learn about heart of Christian worship

The Bishop of Exeter, Robert Atwell is encouraging the church to use one of the latest titles in the popular Pilgrim Course for study in Lent this year.

The Pilgrim Course, published by Church House Publishing, offers an approach of “participation, not persuasion” and is written to help people explore what it means to be a Christian.

Across six sessions, The Eucharist explores why Holy Communion stands at the very heart of Christian worship and invites us to consider the place of worship in our own lives.

A social media campaign will run on

Twitter (@PilgrimCourse and #LentPilgrims) throughout Lent to support and encourage churches and individuals to follow the course and share stories. The accounts will include resources to inspire anyone considering running the Pilgrim Course:

- videos introducing each session
- audio reflections,
- links to sample sessions and notes
- quotes and prayers throughout each session.

Bishop Robert, one of the authors of the course, said:

“The disciples Jesus met on the road on the first Easter Sunday recognized him in the breaking of bread. This Lent as we journey towards Holy Week and Easter, this course offers us a unique opportunity to explore how Christians encounter God in worship and above all in Holy Communion.”

Archbishop of Canterbury receives honorary degree from Durham University

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has received an honorary degree from Durham University “in recognition of his ministerial achievements and devotion to his parish communities.” Archbishop Justin, who trained for ordination at Durham University’s Cranmer Hall, received a doctorate in divinity in front of hundreds of students attending the University’s Winter Congregation Ceremony at Durham Cathedral.

He was presented with the degree by Acting Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, Professor Ray Hudson.

Archbishop Justin said: “To receive this unmerited honour is yet another gift from one of the Church of England’s main partners and greatest supports in theological education. I am hugely grateful.

“Durham is one of the greatest centres of Christianity, and I have received its riches again and again. From the wonderful teaching and training of my time at Cranmer Hall, through to the extraordinary privilege of being its Bishop, the home of St Cuthbert has been a blessing to me as to so many.”

GRAVESHAM FOOD BANK

Many thanks to those who support the food bank.

Below is a list of items required at the moment

Milk (UHT) - Custard
Toothpaste - Hot chocolate
Shampoo - Sweets/treats
Breakfast cereal (not porridge) - Marmite
Fruit juice/squash - Toilet roll
Sponge pudding - Deodorant
Tinned potatoes - Laundry liquid/tablets

This list is only a few of the items that can help those less fortunate than ourselves, any tinned or non-perishable items are most welcome

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 Cubitt know.

We are hoping to get enough copy to table 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.

Archbishop Justin welcomes government boost to get kids saving

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has welcomed the announcement that the government will fund a pilot programme to help children develop good financial habits at a young age by setting up savings clubs in primary schools in partnership with credit unions.

Research indicates that children develop their attitudes towards money long before they reach secondary school age, with the Money Advice Service suggesting that most children have formed their financial habits by the age of seven.

The 'LifeSavers' project, which is led by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Task Group on Responsible Credit and Savings, will seek to equip children with good financial habits by educating them about the benefits of saving at an early age. It will also introduce children to credit unions, which play a key role in providing financial services to more than a million customers across Britain.

The project will pilot in six schools in its first year in South East London (Lewisham/Bromley), Bradford and Nottingham, before rolling out to up to 100 schools over the next four years, benefitting up to 30,000 pupils.

Archbishop Justin Welby said:

"It is great news that the government has announced this funding for the 'Lifesavers' pilot programme, enabling us to begin a programme of establishing savings clubs at church schools across the country. This project has the potential to help establish sensible, positive attitudes to money and the habit of saving in children and young people - habits we hope will stay with them for life. I am immensely grateful that HM Treasury has endorsed the 'Lifesavers' approach by providing this invaluable practical support."

Find out more about the Archbishop's initiative to create a fairer financial system at:

www.toyourcredit.org.uk

Communications Training

Get your Church Noticed - 4th March

Due to popular demand, Neil Pugmire, author of '100 Ways To Get Your Church Noticed', will be holding a second workshop based on the principles of his successful and newly re-published book, teaching how to put together a coherent communications strategy for your church. Giving a whistle-stop tour of tools to put your church on the map – including branding, noticeboards, magazines and new media – by the end of the day you will have learned how to give your Church communications a makeover.

Spaces very limited, book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information, please contact: comms.training@churchofengland.org

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

Archbishops propose programme of reform and renewal

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to members of the Church of England's General Synod proposing a "programme for reform and renewal" for the church.

The statement came ahead of the publication of a series of reports and papers proposing reforms that were published on the CofE website ahead of the meeting of the February meeting of the General Synod

The reports have been released alongside videos and blogs on the Church's communications blog.

The first paper, Developing Discipleship, was published alongside a video interview with the Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft reflecting on the vision for the Church in discipleship.

Bishop Steven said:

"The Church is called to be and to become a community of missionary disciples. Discipleship is not just about learning, it's also about service and being equipped for God's service in the world as Christ sends us out. And growing the Church is about making disciples in obedience to Jesus's commission in Matthew 28. Serving the common good is about equipping every Christian disciple to make a difference, in the wider world, in their workplace, in their family, in their community, so that the Church as a whole is a blessing to God's world and a channel of his grace and love."

The second paper published was entitled 'Simplification' and in the accompanying

video interview, the Bishop of Willesden, Pete Broadbent introduced the work of the group:

"The remit of the Simplification Task Group has been to identify hindrances to mission. We asked bishops, archdeacons and dioceses – "What is it that prevents you from making changes that will enable parishes, churches and congregations to flourish and new initiatives to take shape?"

The third paper, 'Resourcing Ministerial Education', was published with another video with the Bishop of Sheffield who introduces the work of that Task Group: "The way we encourage, prepare and form lay and ordained ministers is critical for the future mission of the Church of England.... Are we recruiting and training the right numbers of clergy and lay ministers with the right gifts for the future? Are we offering them the best possible formation and training to equip and support them in their ministry."

Finally, two papers were published together on 'Resourcing the Future'; and a paper from Andreas Whittam Smith, First Church Commissioner entitled 'Church Commissioners' Funds and Inter-Generational Equity'.

Canon Dr. John Spence, Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council, who introduces 'Resourcing the Future' in an interview, said:

"We are here to help every parish, deanery and diocese achieve its goals. The totality of the reports published this week represent a coordinated response to a proven and vital need....the need to respond to those dioceses who have asked for us to help inject other expertise on strategy to help turn their ambitious plans to reality."

All of the blogs, videos and reports can be found at:

www.cofecomms.tumblr.com

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 2nd Saturday of each month...
NOTE the next one will be on 14 February at 9.30.**

See you there, **Sue**

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 4th 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.



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**

**07 February from 16.00 - 7 Warrior Avenue
21 February from 16.00 - 7 Warrior Avenue**

WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND ALONG TO ENJOY THE EVENING

For more information contact:

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lusansenga@googlemail.com

Sue 01474 352643

suec@brewer86.plus.com

Richard 01474 249792

ramartin@talktalk.net



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 February**. You are so welcome.

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

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

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 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.

Guided tour of St Botolph's Church, Northfleet and meal at Coach & Horses public house.

Guide: Christoph Bull

Meet: Lych Gate, The Hill, Northfleet (Entrance to St Botolph's churchyard)

On Friday 27th February 2015 at 7pm (earlier than the other Coach & Horses talks)

Price: £12 – includes talk, meal and donation to St Botolph's Church
Booking essential via Sharon Duffy at the Coach & Horses on 01474 395088

Illustrated talk – Armchair guide to Swanscombe

Speaker: Christoph Bull

At: Coach & Horses, 25 The Hill, Northfleet

On: Friday 27th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Price: £10 includes talk and a meal

Booking essential via Sharon Duffy at the Coach & Horses on 01474 395088

Gravesham Town Twinning Association Quiz – open to all

At: St George's Church Hall, Church Street, Gravesend

On: Saturday 21st March 2015 – 7.15pm for 7.30pm

Tickets: £5 a head- for teams of six people – coffee/tea included

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles

Information and booking: Jill on 01474 873536

Illustrated talk- Gravesend –Gateway to the Thames (a talk about Gravesend) & guided tour of Gravesend's oldest pub.

Speaker: Christoph Bull

At: Three Daws public house, Town Pier Square, Gravesend

On: Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.30pm

Price: £14 includes talk and a meal at the Three Daws

Booking essential via The Three Daws on 01474 566869

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

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Registered Charity no. 1130741

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 FEBRUARY 2015

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| Sunday  | 1 08.00 Service 10.00 Service | 8 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 16.00 Evensong | 15 08.00 Service 10.00 Service | 22 08.00 Service 10.00 Service | |
| Monday  | 2 08.00 Service BROWNIES | 9 08.00 Service BROWNIES | 16 08.00 Service BROWNIES | 23 08.00 Service BROWNIES | |
| Tuesday  | 3 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers | 10 07.00 Service CUBS 18.130 Semiquavers | 17 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers | 24 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers 19.30 Lent Course at Hily Family | |
| Wednesday  | 4 10.00 Service 20.00 Mother's Union | 11 10.00 Service 13.45 First Steps | 18 ASH WEDNESDAY 10.00 Service 19.30 Communion and imposition of ashes | 25 10.00 Service 11.00 Lent Course at St Georges | |
| Thursday  | 5 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice | 12 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice | 19 07.00 Service 15.00 Mustard Seed BROWNIES Choir practice | 26 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice | |
| Friday  | 6 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS | 13 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS | 20 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS | 27 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS | |
| Saturday  | 7 08.00 Service | 14 08.00 Service Working Party 09.30 | 21 08.00 Service | 28 08.00 Service 10.00 Marriage preparation | |

CHARITY GALA NIGHT

IfieldSchools



Demelza
Hospice Care for Children
Registered Charity Number: 1019881



STARRING

GARETH GATES, BOBBY DAVRO, CHAS HODGES, DAVE BERRY, STAVROS FLATLEY,
PAUL BURLING, TWIST & PULSE, LENNY ZAKATEK AND A LIVE BAND.

LEN GOODMAN SCHOOL OF DANCING GROUP - JUICY.

THE NIGHT WILL BE JAM-PACKED WITH ENTERTAINMENT AND FUN!

HOSTED BY GOODMAZE AND SHED

IN AID OF

DEMELZA HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE AND IFIELD SPECIAL SCHOOL



DARTFORD
ORCHARD THEATRE

Ticket Office 01322 220000

Sunday 22 March 7.30pm
Tickets £25.00*, £35.00*

orchardtheatre.co.uk

*A £1.50 per ticket booking fee will be added to all transactions. Fee free for groups and Premiere Card.

Big thanks to all acts for appearing free. Appearance may be subject to professional commitments.