



CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

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Who's Who at Christ Church

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Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Betty Martin	352696
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What have you got in your sights this Christmas?

Are you looking to give help to those that have left the land of their birth, giving persecution as the reason? Or are you looking to give aid to the many economic migrants that have left their own country to try and build a better life elsewhere? Or will you support the worlds poor?



Every year here at Christ Church, through the good offices of Veronica and her band of volunteer helpers, a large number of shoe boxes are filled with items that are not readily available to many of the poor families and children that choose to stay in the country of birth.

The plight of these poor people is ongoing and is often overlooked, and even gets pushed to the edge of the media coverage, but these people are just as needy or more so than the many economic migrants that have the money to pay to be smuggled into a new country, often seen with mobile phone in hand to ensure fresh arrangements can be made for their next move.

The majority of the people that receive a shoe-box, that has been filled with love, along with the many basic gifts, would get nothing if YOUR generous gifts were not sent to them.

Many live without running water or sanitary provision, but despite these trials and tribulations they work hard to eke a meagre living from the land or other menial work. One thing is definite, they are so appreciative of the gifts they receive in the shoe-boxes **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE THIS YEAR!**

COFFEE ROTA 2015

04 Oct Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Angela Kirby
11 Oct Jill Godwin, Tim Mcarther, Sarah Bush
18 Oct Barbara Bunyan, Audrey Price, Rosemary Austin
25 Oct Jill Godwin, Annie Southwick, Dorothy Oliver
01 Nov Jill Godwin, Annie Southwick, David Williams



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





JOY

What gives you Joy? - Children, family , a great experience, good health, a toothbrush, a bar of soap!

Yes I did say a toothbrush and a bar of soap, but to children and adults in large parts of the world very small basic items bring great joy.

Please make up a Christmas shoe-box with items that can be delivered in time for Christmas, to places like Bulgaria, Pakistan, Serbia and many other areas. Leaflets will be available in church, nursery, uniformed organisations and Semiquavers, soon telling you exactly how to make up a box.

Filled shoe-boxes must be back in the Church by Wednesday 11 NOVEMBER to ensure Christmas delivery

Bring JOY at Christmas - Please fill a shoe-bix as an individual, a family or even a group of friends

If you need further information, look for the display in church or contact Veronica- 01474534857

If you have spare empty average size shoe boxes people are often looking for one to use. - Thank you

COPY FOR THE MAGAZINE

This is your magazine, and every effort is made to include items supplied by you, our readers.

The one thing that would be most helpful, when submitting copy, is that you e-mail this rather than put a typed sheet on the hook in church.

As I am not a touch typist, it takes considerable time to re-type any copy and is open to me making errors. **Send copy to the address on page 2 by 20th of the month, or speak to Mike Cubitt - 07840343831**

FIRST STEPS

9TH SEPTEMBER 2015

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

The clouds are looking dark and dreary and there are spits and spots of drizzly rain when our naughty little sheep gets up this morning. It makes him a bit sad, poor little chap! You know how he loves the sunshine and it has been in rather short supply lately! I fear that Autumn is already here. However the clouds begin to break a little when he, his friends and I walk up to church for our First Steps service, so we're a bit hopeful.

We get everything ready for our service and as usual our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon make themselves comfortable on our little altar, while the other animals sit so that they can see the children. Soon it's time for our doors to open and first in today is Lisa with Brennan, closely followed by Sarah and Chloe and before we know where we are, we have a lovely lively crowd. Adam, Holly and Lily have been into big school this morning and they're all looking very smart in their school uniforms. Our naughty little sheep is really pleased to see them but he knows that they will be in school full time next month so we'll have to make the most of seeing them while we can!

Our candles are lit as our service begins and we light a special candles for each of those three big children. Beginning school is a very exciting time but it can be a bit scary, too. The candles are to remind them that the light of Jesus goes with them. Today we're telling the story of Jesus and the Children. St Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is always surrounded by crowds of people, wanting to see and hear him, needing to be made better by him when they're ill. The disciples are worried that he's getting tired so when some mothers bring their children to be blessed by Jesus, they send them away, telling them not

to bother Jesus, But when Jesus hears about this he's a bit cross and he tells his disciples off! It isn't easy to image Jesus being cross but sometimes he is, just like we are! He tells his disciples and other people who are listening that the children are very important and must be allowed to come to him. And unless his listeners become trusting, loving, and pure in heart, just like the children, then they will never be part of God's Kingdom. He asks the Mums to bring their children to him and lays his hands on them and blesses them.

We sing some of our favourite songs about the people we love, about Jesus' love, the seasons of the year and our great big wonderful God who created us and all things. There is lots of happy jingling, some excellent actions and every one is having a lovely time, including our naughty little sheep and all his friends.

Ssh!! It's time for our prayers and everyone is very quiet as we thank God for the gift of life and love and we say the prayer that Jesus taught us. Then we blow out the candles and our service is over. We all make our way into the hall for a drink and a biscuit and time for a chat. The sun is out now and some of the children go out into the garden to play, enjoying it while they still can. Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon are having a lovely time watching the children play and the Mums and Grannies chat. The other animals are still sitting in the church, having a bit of quiet time, I think! Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon and all their friends hope that everyone will join us again on 14th October when it will be well and truly Autumn.

**God Bless,
Rosemary Austin**





HOLY BAPTISM

5th July

Noah Jack Rekert
Tyler James Gibson
Gabriella Lily McKay

26th July

Elsie Kitty Howden
Isla Lynn Calvert
Summer Ashleigh White-Cook
Adam Michael Wilkins

2nd August

Katie Ann Finch
Taylor Jaxon Finch
Chloe Anne Deadman
Rafferty Thomas Ezra Birch
Erin Grace Dixon

16th August Lily Valentine Sargent

Ava Mairead Tate
Jude Alan Youens
Hope Karen Youens
Millie Anne Pettman
Emilia Ridley

29th August

Frankie Robert Newton
Lloyd James Waite

6th September

Matilda Mary Hope Logan

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

5th July

Alex Kevin Brown
Lucy Rose Cuffley
Eriife Keziah Denloye
Elliot Rose Hornby
Olasubomi Nicole Lagunju

Tamryn Jessica McArthur
Matilda Louise Osborne
Nancy Mabel Page
Harry Joseph Parsons
Erin Jennifer Wilkins



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.



CONFIRMATION

12th July Alex Kevin Brown
Lucy Marie Hornby
Kay Maree Page
Maxine Springett
Susan Wilkins

HOLY MATRIMONY

26th June Darren Andrew Lingham and Diane Rachel Ellis
25th July Adam Charles Hughes and Claire Louise Medes
31st July Tony Steven Hutton and Joanne Tester
1st August Christopher John Wynn and Linda Jane Diane Gaskin
22nd August James Herbert Frederick Eves and Catherine Louise Lord
28th August David John Seabrook and Emily Kim Barker
29th August Anthony Charles Carrington and Lisa Jane Reid
5th September Matthew Stephen Deadman and Kellie-May Owen

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

27th July Alastair and Anna Marie Lawrence-Lovell

REST IN PEACE

9th June Elsie Alice McKee
13th June Amy Alice Bright
18th June Colin George Edwards
30th June Margaret Ann Payne
3rd August Horace Victor Spencer



Come to Harvest Festival

Sunday 11th October.

All-age service at 10am (bring gifts of food and toiletries for the Women's refuge and the foodbank)

followed by activities and a shared lunch. Also harvest Evensong at 6.30pm



TRAIDCRAFT

Sorry to say but it's time to think about Christmas again

Please look at the Traidcraft stall before you buy ALL your cards or stocking filler's. Have you thought about A Gift of Life for that person who has everything

For the Children how about a Real Advent Calendar
Browse the Catalogue – leave your orders in the cash box or get them to me

Many thanks for your continued support

David Williams – 01474 331 061



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 David Williams

Our pictures are a small representation from the service held at Bawley Bay to commemorate merchant navy day on September 3 this year



The Likely Lads?



Archbishops encourage the Church to welcome those seeking sanctuary

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have spoken out on the refugee crisis affecting tens of thousands of people.

In a statement on his website, Archbishop Justin urged a compassionate response and called for joint action across Europe to help those in Need.

“This is a hugely complex and wicked crisis that underlines our human frailty and the fragility of our political systems. My heart is broken by the images and stories of men, women and children who have risked their lives to escape conflict, violence and persecution.

“There are no easy answers and my prayers are with those who find themselves fleeing persecution, as well as those who are struggling under immense pressure to develop an effective and equitable response. Now, perhaps more than ever in post-war Europe, we need to commit to joint action across Europe, acknowledging our common responsibility and our common humanity.

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34), and to seek the peace and justice of our God, in our world, today.”

In response to the Prime Minister’s statement on Syrian refugees in the House of Lords, Archbishop Justin highlighted work done through the overseas aid budget and the work of the Royal Navy. But he

said that the Government’s commitment to receive 20,000 refugees over the next five years was “still a very slim response in comparison to the figures given by the UNHCR and the European Commission, and to the other needs we see.”

He also encouraged the Government to consider the implications of not dealing with the conditions in the camps. The Archbishop of York also wrote personally reflecting on his circumstances of seeking sanctuary within the United Kingdom.

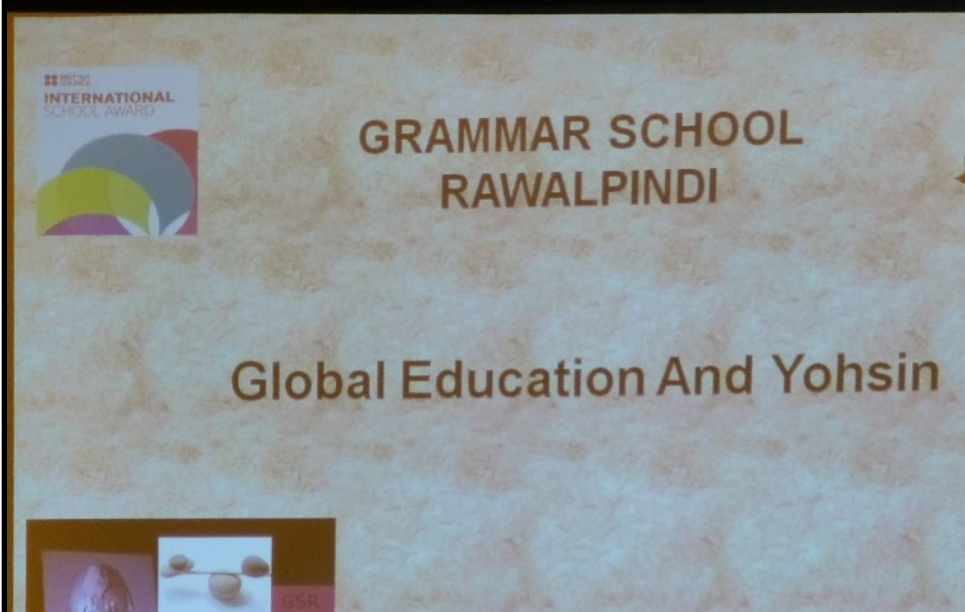
“Having spent 41 years of my life in this country - more than in the country of my birth, I have become more than what I once was – a sanctuary seeker from a country torn apart by a brutal dictator... The current situation has rightly been described as a refugee crisis. But it is also a time of opportunity for us as a country and for our wider continent. The opportunity before us is to rise above narrow self-interest, however defined, and to embrace the highest parts of our humanity.

We have a golden opportunity to demonstrate to the world that at a time of crisis it is not only possible but it is achievable to respond in way that shows generosity, compassion and most of all self-sacrificing love are virtues upon which policy response can be built.”

“As individuals, as a nation and as a continent we have an opportunity to do great things in response to this crisis. Now is the time. Let our leaders show they have heard us. May they respond with a compassionate heart and a cool head. May they not only pull people out of the water and save them from drowning but also go to the source and stop those who are pushing them in. Those countries people are fleeing from and the people smugglers and human traffickers must be held to account. The International community must be engaged!”

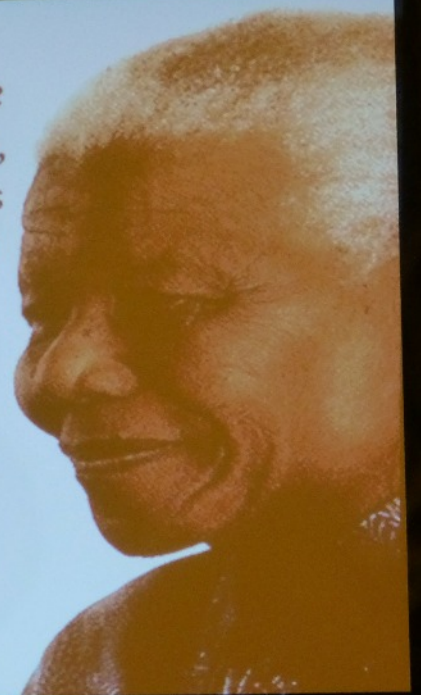


On Friday 4 September
Christ Church hosted
Nasreen Iqbal who gave
an informative talk on the
Philosophy of Islam



No one is born hating
another person because
of the colour of his skin,
or his background or his
religion. People learn to
hate, and if they can
learn to hate, they can
be taught to love, for
love comes more
naturally to the human
heart than its opposite.

Nelson Mandela



Another Sponsored Ramble

On 16th July we set out to walk from Gravesend to Gravesend, starting from the Alzheimer's Support Centre and turned up 4 weeks later at the Ellenor Hospice on Wednesday afternoon 12th August. We achieved the objective of raising funds for both organisations. Vena 'volunteered' as OIC – Transport, taking us there and back most days.

'There and back' meant driving all round the Kent Coast, starting with a stroll from Gravesend and on to Medway where Angie told Richard and I that she/we had walked 10 miles and burnt off 56 calories! At that rate it seemed that over the next month I might just about burn off some 1200. The answer – walk faster! Anne joined us for the stretch along the Medway riverside to the Country Park – Sittingbourne loomed with a rather horrid stretch on a very narrow footpath along the A2 on Sunday morning. Whilst I persuaded a 'used car' business to provide finance as advertised and left with a cheque for £25, Richard successfully worked over a gentleman cleaning his caravan in his front garden! Faversham beckoned and we met up with Liz at Teynham and had a cross country day devoted to scrumping our way through the orchards. (Angie and Liz Jewell are both with Alzheimer's Support.) Next day, joined by Anne and Alan, I walked along the flat lands from Seasalter through Whitstable to Reculver where my ex business partner, Jonathan



David and Richard

Rowland, and an old school friend, Alan Blatchly, joined me to Margate and up over the cliffs to Ramsgate where our solicitor, Giles Ford, and our accountant, Richard Abel, joined us to walk to Sandwich. We borrowed John Hougham's flat at Deal – (he went home!) – where we stayed overnight with our eldest son Peter and Karen before we set out the next day to walk across the golf course on to Deal. It was at the point of no return when we got to the sea that the rains came, the wind blew, we got saturated and didn't dare warm up in anywhere half respectable. The first day of Deal's Carnival was washed out. We dripped as we drank coffee in the only café we could find with plastic seats, before heading on past Walmer Castle to Kingsdown, where we hoped we might get a late Sunday lunch – failure – and back to Sandwich for excellent fish and chips.

Richard Aucott continued to clock up the miles, joining me almost every other day and keeping me out of mischief! Monday saw us heading up and over and down to St Margaret's Bay, with a stop at the café, which has an absorbing museum showing how the area was destroyed by shelling from across the Channel during the last war. After a short stop to refresh ourselves, we set off for the NT White Cliffs Experience. On the way I got ready to mug – financially – a gentleman in the distance heading over the hill towards us – and John Thrush joined us for the rest of the day! From the cliffs we could see at least 4 ferries coming in and out of the harbour all the time.

Dover was virtually locked down. The police were stopping all lorries outside the town until there was a ferry to take them. With Alan and Anne we saw a continuous line of static HGVs on the main road all the way from Dover to Folkestone and later on in the day virtually all the way up the M20 to Maidstone. From Rochester onwards, along the way, a young lady with a dog collar kept popping up with her camera – her company was delightful but I am not sure about the photos! Need I say who it was?

Ted and Sandy gave me stalwart support. We very quickly realized that Ted is a master at getting money out of anyone who might be susceptible, or not so reasonably susceptible, to being mugged for money. We had only just sat down for coffee before setting out from Hythe and before it arrived he had 'worked' the entire café – the customers were all ladies and they all, so it appeared, fell for his charms! He almost missed out on the cake!

The cafes/small businesses/garages in the whole area around Dover/Folkestone said they were very badly hit by Opera-

tion Stack and the lack of tourists – some said they were 60% plus down for the time of year.

The shingle area around Dungeness is classified as the only desert in the British Isles. Andrew, Christine and I had the longest day at nearly 14 miles as we had to go back inland to Lydd to avoid the power station, having had a lunch stop at



the little café on the beach at the end of the light railway. As we approached Camber, Andrew kept in regular mobile contact with Vena. Every half hour he persuaded her we were nearly there – we weren't! When we did eventually reach the agreed car park, we all got a different right one!

Steve joined us, I now realise, merely to assess the possibilities of the golf course before we headed into Rye harbour and out past the wildlife reserve and onto the shingle shore line. We had an overnight stop at Winchelsea with Richard, just to break up the daily travelling. The station for the privately-operated inshore lifeboat at Winchelsea beach was open and we were not only shown the lifeboat but the tractor that has been converted to launch and recover it. Vena asked the lady running the Saturday morning stall which of the crew was her husband – easy! – the fellow with one arm and one eye.



Top at Capel-le-Ferne

Bottom left at Heathfield

**Bottom right passing through
Matfield**





Vena obeyed instructions, which were to meet us in the Old Town at Hastings by the drying sheds and the Jerwood Art Gallery. She would probably have mutinied had she known that the spot I had carefully chosen was also the spot designated for the start of the annual Carnival. Richard and I could hear it way

was able to talk to myself, apart from a brief stop with Jackie at the lovely old village of Mayfield, and on to the superb Garden Centre at Mark Cross for tea with Jackie and a last quick stroll into the Pantiles at Tunbridge Wells. En route I took a lift for 3 miles from Jackie as there was no reasonable cross country route



back on the cliffs! Some excellent refreshment in the Old Town calmed the driver – she had only been able to park about a mile away up and out of town! A repeat visit to the café the next morning before we set off for the next venue at the pre-war ultra-modern Bexhill Pavilion, once again in gale force winds. Overnight with my cousin Sally and her husband Peter at Eastbourne, with the following day meeting part way at Pevensey by the wrong church by the remains of the castle – yet again! Finishing at Polegate so that our youngest son, Robert, could join us the next morning for a trek along the Cuckoo Line – the old railway track. We met a few people to mug and 3 young heifers, who got out of the way faster than the people or than we could. Heathfield to Tunbridge Wells was the only day that I walked on my own so I

and no footpath on the horrendously busy A267. I reckoned this was compensated for by some of the extra mileage elsewhere.

The Pantiles again on the last Sunday morning – coffee outdoors with Rob Plant, our great friend and builder from Somerset, Duncan and Charles Reeves. This was where charity ran true to form. Richard and I had stopped on the first Sunday morning for a cup of tea at the Tuck Inn on the A2 – rather like Nell's Café – and with permission, I collected very generous donations from every table. I repeated the exercise at our café in the Pantiles, where the proprietor was very generous, but not the well-dressed/heel'd customers – they all made it especially clear they wouldn't contribute a penny and were not interested!

Journey's end and with the generous donations received over three fundraising expeditions David has raised over £33000



We were now heading for home and ready to leave Sussex. The Chaser PH facing Shipbourne green looked delightful, but provided an abysmal snack at lunchtime for Mike Lee and our middle son Mike. Mike and I initially met briefly when doing our National Service stint at Paderborn.

It started to rain and at 2.28 the Golding Hop - smothered in hanging baskets and looking a picture – beckoned. We were met at the door by the publican – “we are closed” – so on to Borough Green by the back roads. Next day up the North Downs with Alan B again and grandson John.

The last day (!!) and Richard and I set off from the café at Trosley Country Park, having been seen off by Jackie. I just had time to get kitted out and collect one donation while Jackie had lined up a large party of walkers who all had their money ready! Cross country on the North Downs Way to Luddesdown, mobiles at the ready, as Phil was arranging to meet us at the Railway Tavern at Sole Street with 2 ladies from the Hospice team, who walked back to the Hospice with us, one of whom knew the route through the orchards to Cobham. What better than arriving back via Morrisons car park to the Hospice and tea and cakes with a good contingent of the walkers and friends who had all made the exercise so enjoyable and worthwhile.

We walked for 23 days, with 5 rest days, and covered 220 miles. To date we have raised in excess of £6000, taking Gift Aid into account, and this is still due to go up. As I now believe that I qualify as an Octogenarian, I think I have ‘decided’ I won’t set out again. At least that is what I have said.

However, I have now officially walked 920 miles on 3 fund-raising expeditions and have raised over £33,300 so far. At a walking speed of, say, 2 miles per hour, this equates to about £36 per mile or £72 per hour. It could be better than working! Thank you to all of you who made the journey so enjoyable and worthwhile and not forgetting your donations.

*ellenor.**

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 30 October at 10.00 a.m.
The Hospice Coldharbour Road, Northfleet
Please support your local Hospice

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 10 October at 9.30.

See you there, **Sue**

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

Christchurch Bazaar

Saturday 14th November 2015 at 10.30a.m.

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

Date to be brought to church Items being collected

4th October

Unwanted Christmas decorations, tinsel, wreaths etc. (not lights)

11th October Harvest

18th October

Children's games & toys; Jewellery, Candles and holders

25th October

Chocolates : bars, boxes, any size but in date until Christmas! jigsaw puzzles

1st November

White elephant & entertainment(CD's, DVD's, records, tapes,videos) Toiletries

8th November

Books: children's and adults and Bottles Gift stall-unused, unwanted gifts

14th November

on the day) Cakes, preserves etc.

First Steps

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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 14 October.



Pictured left is our own Betty Martin after receiving her certificate as Reader Emeritus on September 7 this year

75 years on the country joined together to remember those airmen that took to the skies to help save our country at a time of war.

Many of these made the ultimate sacrifice and didn't return to their families





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 15 October**. You are so welcome.

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



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Service for the Bereaved



A service to remember all our loved ones departed.

This service will be at 4pm on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.

Contact Revd Sue Brewer if you would like to hear someone's name read out at this service.

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 enable a different story to be produced in the magazine during the four year anniversary period.

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



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



Long may she reign

**Our pics show the
choir with Jacqueline
Littlewood**

**And the Mayor and
escorts**

**At the service to
Commemorate the reign
of Queen Elizabeth**





A day to celebrate the induction of new members into the Christ Church Mother's Union

Our pictures show new members joining, affirming their Christian commitment and finally groups leaving for refreshments in the hall



Northfleet's secret history (Illustrated talk)

Speaker: Christoph Bull

On: Saturday 3rd October 2015

At Dene Holm Methodist Church Hall, Dene Holm Road,
Northfleet

Time: 2.30pm

Cost: £4 – includes light refreshments

**Booking/information via Sharon on 07840 096385 or Christoph
Bull 077022 87147**

**The Kaiser's War (World War One from the German
perspective – illustrated talk)**

Speaker: Christoph Bull

On: Monday 5th October 2015

At: Reliance Fish Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Time: 6pm for meal and talk at 7pm

Cost: £14 – includes talk and fish and chip supper

Booking essential – Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

**Grim Gravesend – Un-illustrated talk about the mad, bad
and sad of Gravesend's grimmest history
(Repeated by demand)**

Speaker: Christoph Bull

On: Monday 19th October 2015

At: Reliance Fish Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Time: 6pm for meal and talk at 7pm

Cost: £14 – includes talk and fish and chip supper

Booking essential – Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

**Ghosts over North West Kent for Halloween
(un-illustrated talk with dramatic readings)**

Local ghost stories and legends.

On: Friday 30th October 2015

Start: 7.30pm

Speaker: Christoph Bull

At: The Coach & Horses public house, The Hill, Northfleet

Cost: £10 includes the talk and a meal.

**Bookings via Sharon Duffy c/o The Coach & Horse, The Hill,
Northfleet on 07800 777955**

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




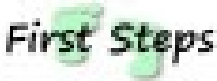

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Office hours






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)	
Friday	Scouts; Parent and Toddler	
Saturday	Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)	

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2015

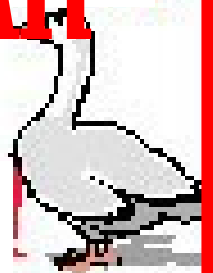
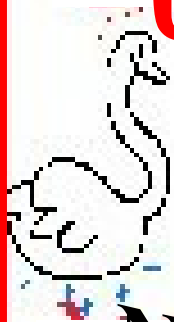
Sunday 		4 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	11 HARVEST FESTIVAL lunch 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 18.30 Evensong	18 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	25 08.00 Service 08.30 Christian Aid breakfast 10.00 Service
Monday 		5 08.00 Service BROWNIES	12 08.00 Service BROWNIES	19 08.00 Service BROWNIES	26 08.00 Service BROWNIES
Tuesday 		6 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	13 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers	20 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	27 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 		7 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer 19.30 Mothers Union	14 10.00 Service 13.45 First Steps 17.15 Evening Prayer	21 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	28 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	1 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	8 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	15 07.00 Service 15.00 Mustard Seed BROWNIES Choir practice	22 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	29 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice
Friday 	2 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	9 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	16 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	23 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	30 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS
Saturday 	3 08.00 Service	10 08.00 Service Working Party 09.30	17 08.00 Service	24 08.00 Service	31 08.00 Service



On the First Day of Christmas . . . Go to
CHRIST CHURCH

Echo Square, Gravesend

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



SATURDAY 14th

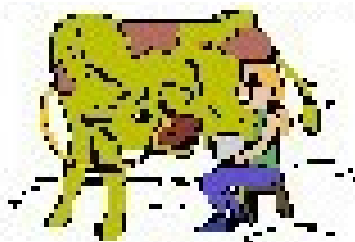
NOVEMBER @ 10.30 A.M.

jewellery
gifts

Fun & games for the
12 Days of Christmas

competitions
refreshments

decorations
cakes



Entrance 60p children free