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Lesley Johnson

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of a long serving member of the choir and servant to Christ Church.

'Les' was a well known and much admired member of the Gravesend Operatic Society, where he loved to part of the Gilbert and Sullivan performances with his late wife Evelyn.

He passed away on March 27 with the funeral here at Christ Church on 18 April. RIP



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.

COFFEE ROTA 2016

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| 1 May | Lucy Hornby, Maxine, Marg Elali |
| 8 May | Sarah Bush, Kay Page, Susan Wilkins |
| 15 May | Rita Smith, Jean Stoddart, Annie |
| 22 May | Colin Parsonson, Linda Parsonson, Jill |
| 29 May | Jerry Higgins, Sally Higgins, Annie |



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





HOLY BAPTISM

21st February

Kyran John Kevin Ludlow
Jack Victor Mark Wonnacott
George William Smith

20th March

Rosina Star Wood
Ava Lily Braddick
Oluwatoniloba Anthony Hackett

9th April

Leo Stephen Stapley

10th April

Harry Thomas Kendrick
Alice Elora Jones
Oliver Peter Ray Jones

HOLY MATRIMONY

9th April

George Daniel Fisher
and Jade Melissa Street

REST IN PEACE

2nd February

Jennifer Margaret Selves

11th February

Isabella Robyn Burdett

18th February

Brenda Marjorie Williamson

4th March

David William Bennell

8th March

John Smith

27th March

Colin Stanley Liley

27th March

Leslie John Johnson

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

13TH APRIL 2016
THE BIG PICNIC

I'm up in good time this morning only to discover our naughty little sheep gazing out of the window at blue skies and sunshine. It looks as if we could be in for a lucky day! The sun is still shining as he, his friends and I walk up to church for our First Steps service. Don't the weeks fly by? Some of our naughty little sheep's friends weren't able to join us for our last service because they were poorly. They're all feeling much better now and raring to go! In church and they all make themselves comfortable while I get bits ready for the service. They are such lazy lumps though our naughty little sheep says that they just don't want to get in the way. Ho hum! Jan and Linda come in and get busy in the hall and soon it's time to open the doors. In first today are Cheryl with Oliver and Harry. Great stuff! The boys quickly make their way to the jingle bells to test them out. Then Grandma Barbara arrives with Cecily and others follow behind and soon we have a lovely lively crowd. Last in is CT and his little boy Callum. They have just come back from visiting family in South Africa so it's nice to see them again.

When everybody is sitting comfortably, we light the candles and our service begins. Today we are thinking about Jesus and his big picnic. We all love picnics don't we? We hear that Jesus has been out and about, very busy talking to people, hearing about the things that matter to them, healing them when they are poorly, so a great crowd has gathered. The time just slips by and the disciples notice that the sun is going down. They ask Jesus if they should send the people home to eat because they can't provide food for them all. Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon, who are both sitting on our

little altar, are very interested to discover what is going to happen next.

Jesus says that the people must be fed. The disciples find a boy who has got five small barley loaves and two small fishes. Jesus asks the boy if he's willing to share his food and he says "Yes!" That's very kind of him, isn't it? So Jesus asks the disciples to tell the people to sit down in groups and when Jesus has blessed the food, the disciples hand it round for the people to share. And when everybody has eaten as much as they want, there is still food left! Imagine that! Wow, that is a miracle, isn't it? Our naughty little sheep and all of his friends are very impressed. And so should we be, too! We've been singing about fish and bread, that lovely picnic; about eating and playing and love; and about sharing because that's what the boy did with his food, didn't he? He is an example to us all. Now it's time to say our prayers and we thank God for the good things that He gives to us each day; for His love for us; for Jesus who came alongside us and for the happy times that we spend together. Oliver helps me blow out the candles and then it's time to go into the hall for a drink, a munch and a chat. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are there in a flash, ready for their refreshments. Then they get themselves sorted so that they can watch the children play. It's their favourite thing after eating! We've had a lovely time together as always. Karen our curate will be leading our next First Steps service on 11th May because I will be indisposed. I hope that everyone will come and join her then. Hopefully I will be back in harness for our service in June.

God Bless,
Rosemary Austin



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th May 10 45 am Christian Aid Coffee Morning in choir vestry
Bring and buy and a raffle.

8th May 08.30 am Christian Aid Breakfast in the church hall

8th May 18.30 pm Sanctuary Celebration Evening,
Gravesend Methodist Church

10th May 19.00 pm Mayor Making
Civic Centre Windmill Street, Gravesend

15th May 18.30 pm Pentecost Praise and Prayer
at Northfleet URC, Dover Road

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.



“CAN YOU HELP?”



Veronica is doing a display celebrating the past 90 years of the queens reign and would like to link it to events in Christ Church over the same period. Do you have any articles, magazines, information, photographs which you could lend or photocopy about our church and surrounding area ? Please look NOW and let me have them as soon as possible so that I can prepare the display by the end of May. You can contact Veronica on 01474 534857 or veronica@which.net I really would appreciate your help. Thank you.”

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 second Saturday of each month...
NOTE the next one will be on 14 May at 9.30.**

See you there, **Sue**



**Two pages
showing the
helpers, flower
arrangers and
much
appreciated
floral displays
that brightened
the church on
Easter Day**





Debt is a grinding, destructive, negative thing which gnaws at health and sleep. It often destroys families and can even cause deep depression and suicide.

There is the endless cycle of demands and repayments while – as often as not – the debts continue to grow. It is, literally, soul-destroying.

That is why Christians Against Poverty – **CAP** – was set up. **CAP** will help anyone in debt – Christians of all denominations and people of all other faiths and none. **CAP** is never judgemental and simply wants to help. Over 100 trained Debt Counsellors are helping over 16,000 people right now. **CAP** frees 10 people a day from debt.

Its Patron is the Archbishop of Canterbury and its work is warmly endorsed by Prince Charles and the Prime Minister, David Cameron, amongst others.

CAP does not repay all or part of any debt. Instead, **CAP** gives active and expert help in renegotiating the amounts and terms of debt so that they can actually be repaid and cleared. Advice is also given on budgeting and managing money so that a new life with new hope and new horizons can begin. **CAP** even supports those who have been damaged by debt – long after the debt has been cleared – to prevent any recurrence.

Dartford has a CAP service. So has Medway.

Gravesend, which has much worse problems with debt than either Dartford or Medway, doesn't.

That needs to change, urgently.

The small church of St. Margaret's, Ifield (near Gravesend but on the other side of the A2) are pledged to work with local churches and other local groups and individuals to set up a **CAP** Debt Centre in Gravesend in 2016, to complement the Make Money Count service offered by Michael Coveney at CPC.

If all churches can make a regular annual or monthly donation to support **CAP**, it will give all the assurance needed that a support group can survive and thrive here for the long term. When started, it needs to be sure the service will go for at least 5 years - hopefully indefinitely – as debt problems will not go away. It does need more pledged, reliable commitments before embarking on this service locally.

Donations never go to repay debt. It only supports the network of **CAP** and its expert negotiators and advisers.

Very recently, there was the tragic, lonely suicide of a young, local woman overwhelmed by debt. What a dreadful waste – and had there been a **CAP** service in Gravesend, one that might well have been avoided. If you are not in debt – and one in twelve people in the UK are in serious debt - but can understand the utter misery it brings, please get involved as a gesture of thanks. Help us to set up a **CAP** debt service in Gravesend as a matter of urgency.

If you would like more information, Just contact me by email and I will arrange to come and tell you more about this vital initiative. Or you can visit <https://capuk.org/i-want-help/cap-debt-help/introduction>

Yours in Christ's service

Rev Richard A Martin

Email: ramartin@talktalk.net



The Gravesend Deanery have adopted the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre as a shared Deanery project.

This means we need all to make our congregations aware of what CAP is about, how it works, and appeal for help of various kinds.

How can you help? We need...

Prayer Regular, committed prayer for CAP locally and nationally and its clients

Money ... especially a regular commitment by Standing Order over 5 years, which ensures CAP's security for the long term

Befrienders ... People who will befriend clients and support them with the occasional visit or phone call. (full training and support is given for this)

A Champion ... Each Church needs to have a 'CAP Champion' who will act as communicator between the parishes and the CAP Debt Centre – could that be you?

This is a long-term shared Deanery Project – a way for us at Christ Church to offer a helping hand to those whose lives are blighted by debt. Your help is needed - please speak to Sue Brewer and let us know what you can do to help.

CHRIST CHURCH MOTHERS' UNION



12TH APRIL 2016

This evening about 45 members of Christ Church Mothers' Union and their guests got together to celebrate the 90th Birthday of her Majesty the Queen. And what a gala event it was, attended by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mike Wenban and the Mayoress Fiona Striker. The church hall was festooned with bunting for the occasion and tables were laid with pretty table cloths and fancy serviettes. There were even a few little chocolates scattered on each table, little sweet things to enjoy and an indication that Lent is long gone! It had been suggested that those attending should wear something red, white and blue. All very patriotic! Priest Jacqueline came wearing a very fetching Union Jack jacket. There were paper crowns to decorate, with all kinds of twinkly bits, provided for the purpose. Oh what fun it is to get in touch with your inner child!

David Williams, aided and abetted by his partner Martin, was responsible for the catering and we surely had a feast. A garden party at Buckingham Palace would have had to try hard to beat it! There was a variety of delicious sandwiches and I can hardly begin to describe the cakes, but I'll try! There were so many to choose from; strawberry and fresh cream sponges, coffee and walnut sponges, lemon drizzle cake, sherry and almond cake, honey and spice cake, cherry cake, dinky little coconut Madeleine and homemade biscuits. It was hard not to try them all, they looked so tempting. And there were several different teas to try too, if you were feeling adventurous.

There wasn't only food and drink to keep us busy, there were two quizzes to test us, too. One with

anagrams of royalty through the ages was courtesy of Julie Hill and the other was a picture quiz with different aspects of royalty to identify, conjured up by Veronica Read. There were queens to name and put in consecutive order, royal personages and royal residences to recognise. Veronica had put a lot of effort in to fool us. We all tried really hard but it is true that you so often recognise people and places but can't necessarily name them. However we all had great fun trying and the winners each got a small prize for their efforts. Martin Sewell won the anagram quiz and Jasmine Humphries won the picture quiz. Well done to them!

The Quartet from the Semi Quavers also came in to entertain us and they sang beautifully. For their last song "Lean on me" they were aided and abetted by Helen, Debbie and Emma while we clapped along in time to the music. We ended our evening by singing the National Anthem, all standing to attention of course, followed by a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" to her Majesty. We had had a lovely evening with lovely food and excellent company. Our thanks must go to all those who played a part in making the evening such a success.

Our next Mothers' Union meeting will be in the church hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th May when Maureen Fittill, one of our members, will be telling us all about the happy times she and her late husband Jim have spent over the years, travelling around in their caravan. She will be sharing happy memories of summer days in interesting and fascinating places. We hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be another good evening.

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GOOD FRIDAY





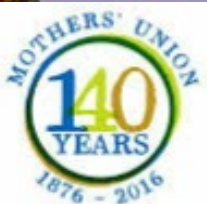
The invitations went out and the guests arrived on Tuesday April 12 to join with members of Christ Church Mothers' Union to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II





Party time to celebrate a very special birthday!

Plenty of sandwiches tea and cakes for a proper early evening tea-time with the MU.



Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

The next meeting of the Group is on

Tuesday 3rd May 2016

at

**Christ Church Hall
Old Road East, Gravesend DA12 1NR**

Time: 7.00 p.m. Entry £2.00

**Take Every Opportunity
A Talk by Ann West M.B.E**

followed by

**Stella Scrivener
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**There will be a raffle
Tea/coffee and biscuits**

Everyone Welcome!

**Contact the Chair for
Further Information
01474 564234**



Christchurch celebrating children's literature in

**The Big Summer Fair on Saturday 18th June 2015 at 2.30p.m..
We are collecting these items for the fair on the following Sun-
days:**

Date to be brought to church

8 MAY

Items being collected

**All children's books but especially by
Beatrix Potter, AA Milne & Roald
Dahl**

**(Peter Rabbit etc.; Winnie the Pooh;
The BFG etc.)**

15 MAY

**Pre-loved and collectables (was nearly
new!) and children's books**

22 MAY

**Children's games & toys & all jigsaw
puzzles and children's books**

29 MAY

**White elephant &
entertainment(CD's, DVD's,
records) NOT VIDEO's NO
ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

5 JUNE

**Wrapped (in date) chocolates for
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Tombola and children's books**

**12 JUNE
anything**

**Books for adults and Bottles of
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18 JUNE (on the day)

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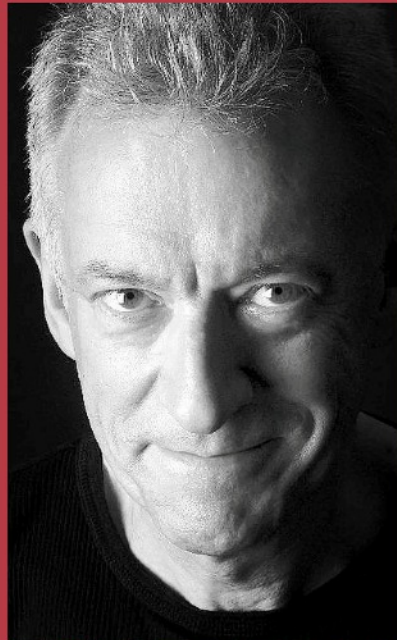
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Awards ceremony held at Lambeth Palace

The first recipients of a new set of non-academic awards for outstanding service to the church were recognised in a ceremony at Lambeth Palace.

Archbishop Justin Welby presented the new awards, which recognise outstanding service in different fields, including those of Archbishop Justin's ministry priorities: prayer and the Religious life; reconciliation; and evangelism and witness.

The new suite of awards consist of three existing Lambeth Awards – the Lambeth Cross, the Canterbury Cross and the Cross of St Augustine – and six new awards named after previous holders of the office of Archbishop of Canterbury.

Forty people received the awards, many Christians but some of other faiths. Recipients included reli-

gious, political and community leaders, musicians and others.

Opening the ceremony, the Archbishop explained why he wished to give these awards. "The first reason is that I want people who make outstanding contributions through their engagement with the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion to know that they are recognised. Of course I know that none of you here today have done what you have done with any thought of public recognition. Nevertheless I hope you will allow the Church to honour you in the way.

"The second reason for giving awards is to point the Church at large and the world at large at examples of lives and actions which embody our beliefs and values. St Francis of Assisi is often quoted as saying, "Preach the Gospel always: when necessary, use words." Your actions and your lives speak volumes."

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Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group



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Saturday 11th June 2016

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



**Admission Adults £3.00
(free for accompanied children)**

**To make sure there are enough cakes please
return the slip below.**

**Please contact Sheila on
01474 564234 for more
details**



✂.....
Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group – Afternoon Tea – Saturday 11th June 2016

To make sure that there are enough cakes, please let Sheila Knight know how many are coming:

Contact Name Tel No

Total Number attending: Adults Children

Please return to Sheila Knight, by **4th June** to 2 The Downage, GRAVESEND Kent, DA11 7NB
Tel/fax 01474 564234 E-mail sknight01@hotmail.co.uk



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 third year now, and the next gathering will be on **Thursday 13 May**. 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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For each of the last three years, South-Eastern Trains have run a charity excursion in November on behalf of the



British Legion using a 395 ("Javelin") train. The original journey was largely on HS1 or "classic" mainlines but have become increasingly more adventurous. One of the fund raising efforts during the day is, of course, the raffle and I was lucky enough to win First Prize in November 2015.

This was for a cab ride for 3 in a Class 395. So on 15th April, Sheila, Judith and



I met Paul Cooper-Hayden, the Driver-Manager at Ebbsfleet and we had a three hour cab ride up to St. Pancras,

touching 140 mph (220 kph); returning to Faversham and then back to Ebbsfleet. It

was a superb day out, Paul couldn't have been better in explanations and showing how things worked (many automatically). The contrast between speed on the High Speed line and the usual line from Gravesend to Faversham was enormous. All in all, a trip to aspire to; lets hope I win first prize in the raffle again! For the record we travelled on Unit Ellie Simmons to St.Pancras and on unit Jessica Ennis to Faversham and return.

The next Javelin tour is in May; the additional routes not traversed before by a Javelin include the risky adventure of going to Sheerness. Will the natives let us leave Sheppey back to the mainland? You will have to wait and see!

Keith Knight



Maritime Gravesend – guided historical walk

On: Friday 20th May 2016

Guide: Christoph Bull

Meet: Clarendon Royal Hotel, Royal Pier Road, Gravesend

Begins: 6pm with the tour, then two course meal with tea/coffee at the Clarendon Royal Hotel afterwards

Cost: £20 – booking essential via Royal Clarendon Hotel on 01474 362221

The Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary/Lady Day normally observed on 25th March had to be transferred this year as it was Good Friday so it was observed on 4th April. Christ Church Mothers' Union and friends gathered for a Eucharist and then went out for tea and cake.

LADY DAY



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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 £4.30 (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.

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

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 MAY.

MRS FINCH - Church Caretaker



Peter Shearan has published a book with the above title about a real-life lady who acted as church caretaker in Christ Church one hundred years ago. Her life began in 1835, when King William IV was on the British throne, and when stage coaches were a common sight passing through Gravesend; through the Great War; and only ended when she died at the age of 85, by which time she had witnessed many of the marvels of today's life (aeroplanes, motor cars and buses, and electric light to name only a few). Peter has woven the tale of what he has found to have been a remarkable woman around all the known facts: through doing so he has come to know her well (although he wishes he had known her personally!). His book is on sale now, price £10.

All proceeds from the sale will be going towards a planned commemoration of WWI in Autumn 2016.

Exciting 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



Youth choir in Gravesend

We meet weekly for Rehearsals

at Christ Church

Tuesday evenings

6.15 pm to 7.30 pm

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 Mothers Union (2nd Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Wednesday Guides

First Steps

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)

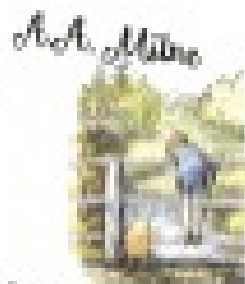


CALENDAR MAY 2016

Sunday 	1 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	8 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	15 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	22 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	29 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	30 08.00 Service BROWNIES
Tuesday 	3 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers	10 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers 19.30 Mother's Union in hall	17 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers	24 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers	31 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers
Wednesday 	4 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	11 10.00 Service 13.45 First Steps 17.15 Evening Prayer	18 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	25 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	
Thursday 	5 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	12 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	19 07.00 Service 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 15.00 Mustard Seed 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 09.30 Work party	21 08.00 Service 11.00 Baptism preparation morning	28 08.00 Service	



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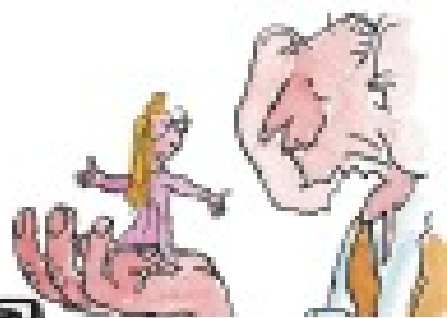


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