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Front cover picture: Up and away a collage of balloons in the blue sky

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Who's Who at Christ Church

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Pastoral Assistant	Colin Parsonson	359713
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Church Warden	Andy Nailor	564581
PCC Secretary	Linda Riordan	746988
PCC Treasurer	Steve Humphries	249106
Reader	Rosemary Austin	358702
Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443
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Alzheimers Awareness

We are privileged to have Julia Burton- Jones, wife of the Archdeacon of Rochester and an expert in Alzheimers and dementia care, coming to visit Christ Church for a session on relating to and helping your friends, relatives and neighbours who are suffering memory loss.

The session will be in Christ Church hall between 2pm and 4pm on Wednesday 24th January, and is open to all, including your friends and neighbours from our local community who might be interested.

If you have ever wondered how best to help someone when their memory is letting them down – what to say and what to do that will be helpful and give them confidence and assurance – then come along to hear Julia.



Our Picture above shows just a few of the congregation that attended the Service for Seafarers and St Andrew held 11.00 30 November was attended by almost 60 people including Mayor of Gravesham Councillor Harold Craske, Deputy Lieutenant Rosemary Dymond, Gravesham Councillors and Christ Church choir. The Revd Samantha Aspinall of St Paul's United Reformed Church gave the Reflection

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 13 January at 9.30.**

See you there, Sue

FIRST STEPS
13TH DECEMBER 2017
CHRISTMAS!

Our naughty little sheep is up bright and early, gazing out of the window to see what the weather is like. I think he'd been hoping for some more snow. He knows that at our First Steps service this afternoon we're going to be telling the Christmas story and he thinks that it should be snowy for that! Between you and me, I'm glad that it isn't. When he, his friends and I walk up to church in the afternoon it is chilly and damp, not very Christmassy at all! At least it is toasty and warm in church and they all go to find themselves somewhere comfortable to sit. The glittery dragon isn't with us today, He's suffering from a nasty cold, poor thing. Jan and Linda arrive to help get things ready and soon it's time to open our church doors.

First in today is Ruth with Ethan and Louis. Louis is fast asleep in his buggy. Other Mums and a Dad and children soon join us. It is so lovely to see everyone on this rather damp and gloomy day. Today we are going to tell the Christmas story as we look at our "Experience Christmas" displays. Our first stop is at Mary's house. She's had a visit from the Angel Gabriel. That must have been a bit of a shock, mustn't it. The Angel has told Mary that God has got a very special plan for her. She's going to have a baby, a very special baby, who is God's own Son. Wow, that's a lot to think about, isn't it?

Next we all walk to the big map that shows where Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem because Caesar Augustus wants to count the population. For taxes, of course! It's a very long way and poor Mary is going to have a baby at any moment. Everyone wants to hear what is going to happen next. Well, Mary has the baby, in a stable because they can't find anywhere else to stay. Our naughty little sheep is shocked. He knows the story really well but he's always shocked! So should we all be! With the

animals looking on, Mary wraps baby Jesus in a nice warm shawl to keep him warm and lays him in a manger full of straw.

Now we travel to the place where the shepherds are watching their sheep. They've got a warm fire going and some food for their supper. They're disturbed by angels, quite a surprise, telling them about this wonderful new baby that has just been born in a stable nearby. The startled shepherds make their way to the stable as quickly as they can, to find this special child, rushing down the hillside followed by some rather bemused sheep. Then we come upon three wise men who are also making their way to the stable. They've been looking for a newborn king, it seems and they've brought him special gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. They, too, bow down to worship this tiny son of God, as Mary and Joseph look on. Finally we make our way to the Sanctuary, where we find a baby lying in a manger. God's very special gift to us, His Gift of Himself. What a very special blessing for us all.

Back in our seats we feel as if we have been on a long journey. Everyone has been good and listened really well. Now we get a chance to jingle our bells and sing our Christmas songs including "Away in a manger" Everyone is quiet for our prayers and then it's time to go into the hall for special Christmas goodies including warm mince pies. Yum. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are exhausted after their long trip and decide to stay in church for a rest. The children have a lovely time playing, and Mums and Dad enjoy catching up over a hot drink and a mince pie. It's been lovely to hear our Christmas story again. We never get tired of hearing it. We hope that everyone will join us again on 10th January 2018 when we will be dipping our toes into a new year. Wishing you all everything good in the New Year ahead.

God Bless, Rosemary Austin.





3RD MILTON (ST. FAITH'S) GUIDE UNIT

The 36 Guides in 7 patrols were challenged to raise money for Oxfam.

Oxfam were asking for £3 to buy a bucket for family's who don't have running water in their homes. The bucket has a tap at the bottom and a port hole at the top to pour in water families collect from the well. Once poured in the water stays clean

as the lid can't be removed. The tap enables families to access their water when they need it. Each week at Guides a patrol spent £3 on buying things to sell at Guides.

Whiteheather Patrol made homemade sweets to sell, Poppy Patrol made stress balls and hairbands, Daisy Patrol ran guess the sweets in a jar, Thistle Patrol ran, ice your own cakes, Daffodil Patrol sold cakes and homemade purses Shamrock Patrol sold hot chocolate and sweets in a jar Rose patrol had a raffle, Young leaders sold sweets.

In total they made was an amazing £134:22

COFFEE ROTA 2018

7 Jan Annie - Jill - Vena

14 Jan Sarah - Kay - Susan

21 Jan Annie - Jill - Sandy

28 Jan Annie - Jill - Angela

4 Feb Annie - Jill - Pauline

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





Our picture shows members carol singing in St George's centre on 16th December. Singers from several churches in Gravesham took part throughout the day with each group singing for 30 minutes

Thanks to the generosity of the public £709 was raised for Christian Aid.



Left: the Christmas tree that greeted parishioners in the porch of the church, decorated with knitted angels.

Above an enlargement of the details of the tree

On 12 December Mothers' Union met for their Christmas get together.

This was a lunch held at the North Kent College. We had a choice of menu, soup or salmon mousse followed by turkey or gammon or a vegetarian option with the usual trimmings. This was followed by Christmas pudding or raspberry and chocolate roulade and we finished with tea, coffee and mince pies for those who still had room!

About 28 members and guests attended and Julia Jameson our Diocesan President was also invited. The meal was supplied by the catering students who prepare, cook and serve the food in the

restaurant which is open to the public and supplies meals at reasonable prices. Our next meeting will be on 9 January and will be a talk on Russia.

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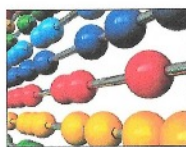


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What An Experience



Six schools, Guides, Brownies, and four Open Church Sessions.

Over 40 helpers, 800 school children, most of the Congregation making cards, lending plants, a mountain of holly and fir, a forest of pine cones, Peter's summer sandals, Sue's bathroom rug, and a genuine Shepherd's Crook, all among the items that came together to make our Christmas Experience possible.



Schools braved rain, snow and delayed lunches, volunteers on standby and last minute fill-ins, as nervous helpers suddenly became teachers and the children loved it.

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Four weeks of visitors to Christ Church, the majority of whom had not been through the door before but others with stories of their links with the church.

Learning more about the Christmas Story in an interactive way, we hope going home to tell friends and family something new about the story we all know so well.

Part of our Parish Mission Plan is to develop links with the Community – We have now just made quite a few new ones! Each child has taken a card to give to someone else, to increase that number again.

The feedback we have had has all been tremendously positive and at least two schools already want to know when they can sign up for Experience Easter – So be prepared!

None of this would have been possible without the help and support from the members of the Christ Church Family.

**Thank you: your achievement was amazing.
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BIBLE NOTES

As well as the "New Daylight" booklet of Bible notes prepared by the Bible Reading Fellowship, there is also a booklet entitled "Bible reflections for older people". This also comes out every four months and is priced at £4.99. This booklet is written by older people for older people, the reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God. Each issue contains 40 Bible reflections and prayer suggestions to use and revisit as often as needed.

If you would be interested in seeing a copy of this booklet please have a word with Julie Hill.

Do you run a local business? Have you thought of advertising in this monthly magazine?

If you would like details of costs and how you could contribute to Christ Church through advertising please contact **07840343831** or email ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk

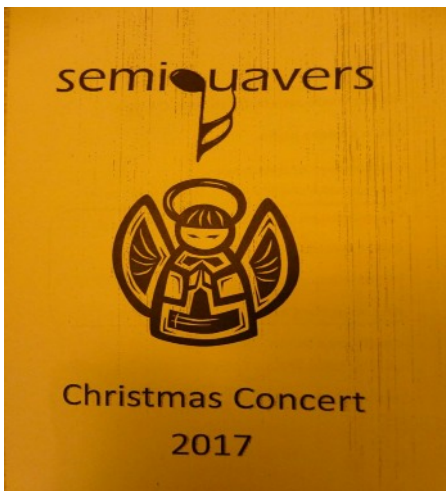
No prizes in this new feature, but give it a try just for a bit of fun

*This month associated with just a
few European capital cities*

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PARTY TIME FOR MUSTARD SEED



AND OUR OCTOGENARIANS PLUS

The two pages of photos from the Annual Mustard Seed and over Eighties pre Christmas party, in no particular order, as we mix the “not so old” with those that are aged to over a century, as they all come together to share a very sociable afternoon at Christ Church hall



Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

Our next meeting is on
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Discussion Paper On Welfare

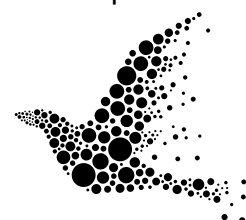
A discussion paper 'Thinking Afresh About Welfare' has been released today by the Church of England.

The paper, by Rev Dr Malcolm Brown, Director of the Mission and Public Affairs Division of Archbishops' Council, was endorsed by the May meeting of the House of Bishops as a discussion document.

Malcolm Brown said: "This is a considered response to the changing face of welfare provision, to help discussion across the church. It is not a policy paper, but aims to be a thoughtful contribution to the welfare debate."

The Discussion Paper can be found here -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-views/home-and-community-affairs/home-affairs-policy/work-and-the-economy/welfare.aspx>



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Governorship at St. George's School

On 11th December, there was a joint celebration to mark Keith's retirement after 22 years service as Governor and The Rev. Joe King's completion of 30 years as Chair of St. George's School Governing Body.

This occasion was marked by a service of thanksgiving in St. Mary's Church led by the Rev. Trudie Oliver at which both families were present along with Governors. Steve Carey, the Head of the School said how much both had given to the

School and that Keith's input would be greatly missed.

The Service was followed by a reception in the School at which both Keith and Joe talked about their lives and how they had become governors at the school.

Whilst being a governor carries responsibilities, it is also very rewarding. To see the enthusiasm of the students in the Cathedral during the Celebration of Achievement brings home the successes achieved by pupils complemented by the dedicated staff.

Sheila Knight



HOLY BAPTISM

15 th October	Nola Annie Howett
19 th November	Mason André Marcus
	Nicholas Jason Morgan
	Ralph Harley Buckby
	Lillie Anne Howell
10 th December	Shayden Fedroy Gray

HOLY MATRIMONY

21 st October	Ryan Adam Morgan and Kirsty Jean Dickman
18 th November	James Michael Partridge and Freya Louise Houlding
2 nd December	Farren Owen Buss and Samantha Joanna Kena

REST IN PEACE

20 th September	Mason Dylan Mercer
1 st October	Violet Poynter
23 rd October	Joan Buss
23 rd October	Edgar Munn
26 th November	Robert Brereton
6 th December	Peter Chittenden

Presents for Christmas

Some visitors came riding to Jerusalem. Bang! Bang! They knocked at the palace door.

‘We’ve come to see the king,’ they said, ‘the king who has just been born.’ King Herod was most upset. A new king? Instead of him? Never!

The men bowed low before him. ‘We have come from the east,’ they said. ‘We saw a bright new star, and followed it here. A new star for a new king—a king for your people, the Jews. We have come so far to see him.

Please tell us where he is.”

King Herod was MOST upset. Who could this new king be? Then he remembered something. He sent for his wise men. ‘Long ago, God promised to send a king,’ he said. ‘Do you know where that king will be born?’

‘In Bethlehem, sire,’ they answered. ‘So say the prophets of old.’

King Herod wanted to find the new king. He wanted to kill him! But he was much too cunning to say so. ‘You must go to Bethlehem,’ King Herod said to the visitors. ‘When you find the new king, please let me know. I would like to see him too.’



That night they saw the star again, and followed it to Bethlehem. It shone in the sky right over the place where Jesus was.

‘At last, we have found the new king,’ they said, as they knelt down before him.

Then out of their bags came the presents they had brought him.

‘My gift is gold,’ said the first visitor. ‘My gift is frankincense,’ said the second. ‘My gift is myrrh,’ said the third.

These gifts were costly presents for a king. Strange things to give a baby!



King Herod waited and waited. But the men did not come back. God had sent them home by another road. The king sent his soldiers to Bethlehem.

‘Kill every boy under two years old,’ he ordered them. ‘I will have no new kings in my land.’

But Mary Joseph and Jesus were not there. God had sent an angel to warn them. ‘Hurry! Hurry!’ the angel said. ‘It’s not safe to stay here.’ So they got up in the night and went to a place where King Herod could not hurt them. They did not go home to Nazareth until they heard that King Herod was dead.

3rd MILTON (ST. FAITH'S) **GUIDES AND BROWNIES** **CALLING** **"OLD GIRLS"**

3rd Milton (St. Faith's) Guides and Brownies were opened in 1928. They belonged to St. Faith's Church which was on the corner of Ferndale Rd and Central Ave. When Christ Church moved from Christ Church Crescent to Old Rd East in 1935, the Brownies and Guides continued to meet at in the same place, but the St. Faith's Church and Hall were now Christ Church, Church Halls. The Guides and Brownies then belonged to Christ Church and still do. In 1976 we moved to meet at the new Christ Church Hall. Then in the mid. 1980's Guides moved to meet at the Scout Hall, "Waterhole" in Sandy Bank Rd. Brownies, and Rainbows still meet at Church Hall. In 1979 a second Brownie pack was opened as waiting

list was so long. 11th Milton (Christ Church) Brownies are our sister Unit. 2016 3rd Milton (Christ Church) Rainbows opened.

We are having a 90th Birthday Party on Saturday 3rd March 2018 in Christ Church Hall, from 2pm to 5pm.

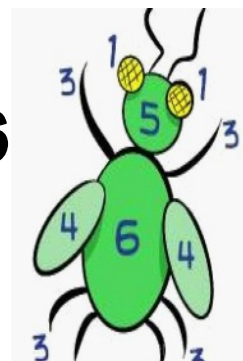
The present day 3rd Milton (Christ Church) Rainbows, 3rd Milton (St. Faith's) Guides, 3rd Milton (St. Faith's) Brownies and 11th Milton (Christ Church) Brownies are holding the party. There will be displays of badges, handbooks photos from 1928 to the present day. The girls will be cooking, hopefully having a fashion show of uniforms through the years. Come and join us for the party, including, Campfire and entertainment, refreshments and meeting old friends.

So if you were a Brownie or Guide at St. Faith's Church Halls, or Christ Church Hall or The Waterhole, please come to the party.

RSVP to Kathryn.lynch@btinternet.com



Fish, Chips and Beetles



An evening of fun and food. Saturday 3rd February 2018, at 6.30pm at Christ Church, Echo Square, Gravesend.

**Book your tickets and order your food by calling Angela on 07900430002
(last booking date is 27 January)**

£7 for fish £5 for sausage. BYO drinks.



A few pictures taken at the service of Lessons and Carols



Your Parish Magazine for 2018

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If you usually pay for your Christ Church Parish Magazine on an annual basis, then there can be no better time to make your contribution than when you collect your January copy. At just 50p per issue this represents very good value for you to keep up to date with what is coming forward, or what has happened in the few weeks that have just gone by. With the running of your church it is another way in which you can help

Volunteers needed.....

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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 1.45pm 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 10 January 2018.

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Wednesday 10th January 2018

at Christ Church Hall

Old Road East, Gravesend DA12 1NR

7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Admission £5.00 Visitors

Raffle

For further information, contact
01474 566918

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.

Contact
JOHN THRUSH
200 Club Secretary



MUSTARD SEED

Third Thursday of the month
In
Christ Church hall 2.30 – 4.00

We invite you to come and join us for tea, biscuits, cake and conversation with occasional speakers and quizzes.

Come and find out who we are and meet new people. All ages welcome

Contact: Colin Parsonson: 01474 359713
Pam Kilby: 01474 332693



What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

08.00 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)

Saturday 8 am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7 am.

Wednesday 10 am

For further information

Contact

The Church Wardens

Office hours

Registered Charity no. 1130741

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)
Monday	Music Group; Brownies
Tuesday	Mothers Union (2 nd Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers
Wednesday	Guides
Thursday	Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice: 2.30 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)
Friday	Rainbow Unit; Scouts; Parent and Toddler
Saturday	Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)

Mothers UNION
Christian care for families



First Steps



CALENDAR JANUARY 2018

Sunday 		7 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	14 08.00 Service 10.00 All Age Service	21 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	28 08.00 Service 10.00 Service
Monday 	1 08.00 Service	8 08.00 Service BROWNIES	15 08.00 Service BROWNIES	22 08.00 Service BROWNIES	29 08.00 Service BROWNIES
Tuesday 	2 07.00 Service	9 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	16 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	23 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	30 07.00 Service CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 	3 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	10 10.00 Service 13.45 First Steps 17.15 Evening Prayer	17 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	24 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	31 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	4 07.00 Service Choir Practice	11 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir Practice	18 07.00 Service 14.30 Mustard Seed BROWNIES Choir Practice	25 07.00 Service Choir Practice	
Friday 	5 18.30 Office hours	12 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	19 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	26 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	
Saturday 	6 08.00 Service	13 08.00 Service 09.30 Work party	20 08.00 Service	27 08.00 Service	

Fair trade biscuits and organic cakes

Within our collection of fair trade biscuits and cakes, you will be able to treat yourself to a range of delectable sweet and savoury snacks. For those who have a sweet tooth, you may be interested in our selection of cookies, including double chocolate cookies and stem ginger cookies. If savoury is more to your taste, our cheddar cheese oaty biscuits or our pepper and poppy seed biscuits may offer temptation.

All of our fair trade biscuits and fair trade cakes are made from the finest, ethically sourced ingredients available and are perfect for a small dessert or snack. All products are suitable for vegetarians and contain FairPalm oil.



Fair trade and organic breakfast cereal

At Traidcraft we sell only the finest quality fair trade cereal, made using only fair trade ingredients from around the world.

Both healthy and ethical, our fair trade breakfast cereal is the perfect way to start the day. If you're a fan of muesli, then you will love our GeoMuesli selection, such as Exotic Fruit and Fruit and Nut.

For those who are on the go and or require a more convenient breakfast, Geobars offer the perfect solution; compact fair trade cereal bars made from wholesome ingredients.

Organic and fair trade chocolate

Chocolate may be easy on the tastebuds, but its production is no easy task. Almost ninety percent of cocoa that goes into this delicious treat is grown on small farms in developing countries, providing a livelihood to over six million farmers. Despite offering employment to many, there are few benefits for cocoa farmers and many still live in poverty.

Buying fair trade chocolate ensures that the industry is sustainable.



Please speak with David Williams if there is anything you would like to purchase or for more information about what is available

