



CHRIST CHURCH

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND



PARISH MAGAZINE MAY 2018

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**Christ Church Hall is available for hire
 Contact Maxine Springett, contact numbers are 01474 746428 or 07511962277.
 Well equipped, very suitable for meetings and children's parties**

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Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Vicar		
Associate Priest	Jacqueline Littlewood	560106
Assistant Curate	Karen Seggie	362654
Pastoral Assistant	Jasmine Humphries	249106
Pastoral Assistant	Colin Parsonson	359713
Church Warden	Jan Osborne	740763
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
Webmaster	Tim McArthur	



A fond farewell

Sunday 8 May at 15.00 Christ Church vicar, Rev' Sue Brewer conducted her last and farewell service before her move to her new parish at Borstal nr Rochester where she takes up a new part-time position in July this year.

Sue reflected on the ten years service she has given to the congregation and parish of Milton nr Gravesend and her wider role across the East group of churches and her future new role.

Further pictures on page 7

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 MAY at 9.30.**

See you there, JAN

The Church Schools' Celebrations

The Church Schools' Celebrations will be held on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th June 2018.

This is the 2nd year of a 3 year rota. Priority invitations were sent out at the beginning of January to the year 2 group. The priority period finishes on the 29th January. After that invitations will be sent to all schools on a first come first served basis. Priority schools can still apply after the 29th January but will not be guaranteed their preferred date.

As you may be aware this is an extremely popular event which takes place at the Rochester Cathedral every year.

Approximately 1200 children take part over the course of the four days, various workshops are organised for them with the day finishing with a celebration service presided over by a Bishop. No two days are ever the same.

It is always oversubscribed so please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment

HGS presents
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
By Gilbert and Sullivan
VILLAGE HALL ASH ROAD
HARTLEY
WEDNESDAY 30 MAY to
SATURDAY 2 JUNE at 20.00

For tickets please phone 07594372979
or on-line at ticketsource.co.uk/hgsp
Tickets priced at £10

Christ Church Hall

Quiz Night

Saturday 5th May 2018 at 7.30 pm

Raffle prizes!



Tickets **£5** per person
Tables of up to 8 people

To book a table please call
Gill Campbell on **01474 534517**

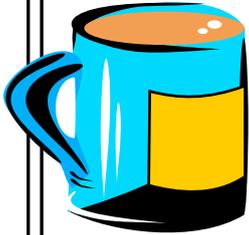
All are welcome!

Please bring your own refreshments

COFFEE ROTA 2018

6 May Annie - Jill - Vena
13 May Maxine - Lucy - Sheila
20 May Annie - Jill - Sandy
27 May Annie - Jill - Angela
3 June Annie - Jill - Rosemary

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



COPY FOR MAY 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 Sunday 20 MAY, at the very latest, or speak to
Mike Cubitt - 07840343831**

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, 2014 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 Rev Jacqueline.



Hot cross bun service



FIRST STEPS

11TH APRIL 2018

EASTER AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

We are up to a damp and murky morning with heavy grey skies. Our naughty little sheep tells me that it seems ages since we've seen the sun. He thinks that it may have gone off on holiday somewhere a long way away! Oh he is a funny little sheep and he does make me smile! In the afternoon he, his friends and I walk up to church for our First Steps service. It is still grey and murky but not actually raining though everywhere is very muddy and damp. Into church we go and they all go to find their usual places while I begin to get things ready for our service. Linda soon arrives and gets things ready for our refreshments and our play time in the hall. Jan isn't with us today because she is busy so we are short handed. But we'll manage! When we open our doors Mums Olivia and Claire arrive together with Amber and Ralph, and Lucy and Holly. How lovely it is to see them all, in spite of the weather. And it was little Holly's first birthday yesterday so many very happy returns to her. Others soon follow and then we begin our little service. Our naughty little sheep, his hedgehog friend Audrey and the glittery dragon are all sitting comfortably on our altar, being very careful when I light the candles! Today we are thinking about the promise of new life that we are given at Easter. We all remember that Good Friday was a very sad day when wicked people killed Jesus. Some of our children came to our Hot Cross bun service and heard the sad story. Those wicked people couldn't overcome God's love, could they? He raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Day. It is always such a happy day for us, full of His promise of new life, now and for always. We sing some of our favourite songs, about the seasons of the year, Mother Hen and baby chicks and eggs, and about our God who is

so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that He cannot do! Everyone is jingling their bells and singing along. Amber and Lucy are feeling very lively today, and dear little Abigail loves running up and down the length of the church. It is such fun! We thank God for fun times together, for Mother Hen and baby chicks and for our beautiful world with its rivers and mountains and starry, starry skies. Aren't we so lucky to be part of it all, even when the weather is a bit gloomy? God has given us so many wonderful things to enjoy, hasn't He? Our naughty little sheep and his friends agree! It is a very happy thing, isn't it? Everyone is very good and quiet when we say the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer and then our service is over. It is time to blow out our candles and there is a special one for Holly, too. It is time to go into the hall for a drink, a biscuit, a chat and some time to play. Once again our naughty little sheep and his friends rush in and get to the front of the queue. How rude! They say that they are thirsty and starving after all the singing and jingling. The children must be, too! It's jolly hard work!

Then those sneaky animals make themselves comfortable and watch the children play, As always we have had a lovely time together. We hope that everyone will come and join us again on the 9th May for our next First Steps service. Perhaps the sunshine will join us, too! We can only hope!

God Bless
Rosemary Austin



Nomination of Suffragan Bishop of Tonbridge: 27 March 2018

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Venerable Simon David Burton-Jones, MA, BTh, Archdeacon of Rochester, in the Diocese of Rochester, to the Suffragan See of Tonbridge, in the Diocese of Rochester. He succeeds the Right Reverend Brian Colin Castle, MA, PhD, who resigned on the 30 November 2015.



HOLY BAPTISM

4 th March	Lillie Victoria Summerfield Tobias Oscar Atkinson
11 th March	Isabel Charlotte Brewer
18 th March	Alice Poppy Maisie Summerfield Nancy Grace Edwards Sheree Fadil Reyman Fadil
15 th April	Marian Gweneth Friend Bobby Michael Eve Frankie Charles Arthur Sargeant

HOLY MATRIMONY

24 th March	Daniel Louis McNamara and Danica Liene Mace
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REST IN PEACE

7 th January	Thomas Golding Letten Davis
25 th January	Sebastian Russell Burdett
18 th February	Benjamin James Johnson
21 st February	Marie Jacqueline Tinton
3 rd March	John William Purdy
10 th March	Margaret Clarke
15 th March	Kenneth David Sewell



Passion Sunday

The choir was joined by the alternative music group at the 10.00 service on Passion Sunday



Do you or a member 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 two years please let Mike Cubitt know.

We are hoping to get enough copy to enable a different story to be produced in the magazine during the four years anniversary period.

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





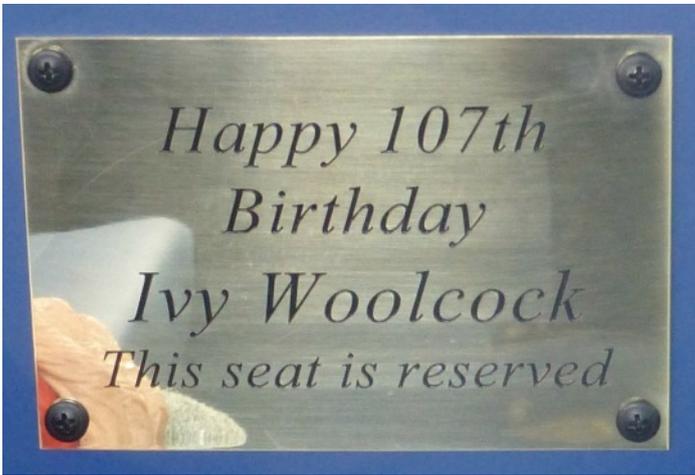


A BUS NAMED AFTER OUR IVY



Ivy Woolcock had her 107th birthday on 5th March and Darren Bow Operations Manager- Northfleet thought it would be appropriate to have a bus named after her. On 5th April the bus was named by the Mayor of Gravesham, Councillor Harold Craske and Ivy helped him to cut the red ribbon that was across the bus entrance and Revd Jacqueline Littlewood blessed the bus.





After the ceremony Darren and his colleagues took Ivy, her daughter Elizabeth and guests for a bus ride to the BW Manor Hotel where they had a delicious Afternoon Tea.

Pictured at afternoon tea, Ivy and her daughter Elizabeth Darren Bow and his Arriva colleagues





Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who arranged flowers inside the church on Holy Saturday morning and to person who planted Spring flowers in pots outside the main church door



**ROLL UP!
ROLL UP!**

**Entry 60p
Children Free**

The

CIRCUS

is coming to

CHRIST CHURCH

Come & join us on

Saturday 16th June 2018

from 2.30pm

for our Summer Fair!

**Refreshments, Children's Games,
Raffles, Stalls & Lots More!**

Charity No: 1130741

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

*This month associated with everyday
employment/professions*

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**CARPENTER
JOURNALIST
ELECTRICIAN
LABOURER
ESTATEAGENT
PLUMBER
GARDINER
POLICEMAN
GASFITTER
RETAILER
GROUNDSMAN
SOLICITOR**

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

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**Youth
choir in Gravesend
We meet weekly for
Rehearsals
at Christ Church
Tuesday evenings
6.15 pm to 7.30 pm**

Church cooking competition championing Kent food now open!

A Church of England cookery competition to champion Kent produce is now seeking entries.

Open to all primary-school aged children across Kent, the Kent is Delicious Cookery Competition has been organised by the Communities and Partnerships Framework at the Diocese of Canterbury, and is very easy for any primary or junior school, home-school group, or Rainbow, Cub or Scout pack to get involved with.

All that those wanting to take part need to do is to create a breakfast dish that uses as many local and seasonal ingredients as possible. Entries can be made online or by post.

With a 1st prize of £300, 2 runners-up prizes of £100 (given in vouchers) to put towards a cookery or gardening project, and a chance to cook at the Kent County Show up for grabs, it's well worth stepping up to the 'hot' plate to get involved.

The lucky finalists get to recreate their dishes at the Kent County Show and then have them judged by an expert panel of local food and farming producers and experts.

With so much of Kent dedicated to farming and food production, the competition was developed as a way to support and show the value of the sector, as well as giving young people an opportunity to develop new skills and grow in self-esteem, learn more about where they live and have fun! Canon Caroline Pinchbeck, Director of the Communities and Partnerships Framework, says that with a survey by the

British Nutrition Foundation last year showing that nearly a third of the five to seven-year-olds they asked thought that cheese came from a plant, the competition couldn't be more relevant:

"With so much confusion among young people about where their food comes from, Kent is Delicious is a really fun way for children to get hands-on with their food and to learn about the produce grown on their doorstep.

"We know from previous years what fun the young people have when they take part and the personal development they gain. It would be great to see parents and carers use some of their own pester power to encourage their child's school or group to sign up."

Anyone interested in finding out more should visit the competition website at: www.kentisdelicious.org You can also email kentisdelicious@diocant.org. **Entries must be received by Friday 25 May.**



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 9 May 2018.

The Jealous Brothers

Joseph had a brand new coat, given to him by his father, it was a coat of many colours – red and blue and yellow. It was a very special coat, not supposed to be worn every day, but Joseph wore it all the time.

“Look at me,” Joseph said to his brothers. “Look at me in my new coat!”

“Dad’s always giving you presents. He loves you more than us. It’s not fair!” his brothers shouted. Joseph had ten big brothers and one little brother. But none of them, not even the little brother had a new coat so special.



Their father, Jacob loved Joseph best, and it wasn’t fair. The brothers were jealous.

One day, when his brothers were minding the sheep in the hills, Jacob said to Joseph. “Go and make sure they are all right.” So Joseph set off to find them, wearing his special coat. They saw him coming from a long way away. His coat stood out with its many colours.

“Here comes Dad’s favourite,” they said. “Now’s our chance to get rid of him. We can tell Dad a fierce wild animal killed him.” They were so spiteful, they wanted to kill Joseph. But



one of the brothers tried to save him. “Throw him down this well, instead. No need to hurt him,” he said. So they tore of Joseph’s coat and threw him down the well. “Let me out! Please let me out,” Joseph begged. But they pretended not to hear.

After some time a few men came riding by. Their camels were loaded with precious things to sell in far away Egypt. “Let them have Joseph,” another of the brothers said. “They can sell him, too.” So Joseph was taken far away to Egypt. The brother made Joseph’s special coat all dirty and messy. Then they went home.

Looking at the coat, Jacob the father said. “A fierce wild animal must have killed him. He cried and cried. He thought he would never see Joseph again.



But God had a special plan for Joseph.

To be continued.....

Your Parish Magazine for 2018

£6

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 February 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

Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

Our next meeting is on
22nd May 2018

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

(Parking in Church Car Park or in Park Avenue)

Starting at **7.00 p.m.**

From Pakistan to the UK
by Farida Usman

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



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

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.

Charity Golf Event

Southern Valley Golf Club

Friday 8 June

www.southernvalley.co.uk



**9.15 - 9.45am registration, Tee off from 10.00am,
coffee on arrival. £38 per golfer incl. golf fee
and a 2 course lunch at end of play**

Enjoy a Golf Event and support local charities at the same time.
Please contact Dave Young - tel 01 474 814706 mob 07816 964964
or email david.young3@btinternet.com



Support local charities



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

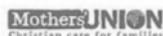
Registered Charity no. 1130741

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

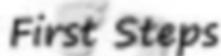
Regular activities and youth organisations

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
	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm
	Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)
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



Dates for Church Fair stall donations

We are collecting donations:

6th May `puzzles and any shiny,
sparkly toys and gifts for a Barnum
Bling tom bola

13th May White Elephant

20th May `unwanted gifts and
collectables and shiny, sparkly toys
and gifts

27th May Toys and games

3rd June Bottles

10th June Adult and children books

16th June Plants, cakes and
preserves

Update your details

Are your organisations details
correct on Christ Church website?
Can organisers and leaders let Tim
Mccarther know if anything needs
altering on the Church website,
contact:-

tmcarthur@tjmcomp.co.uk

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.



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



CALENDAR MAY 2018

Sunday 		6 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 15.00 Farewell service for Sue Brewer	13 08.00 Service 10.00 All Age Service 16.00 Choral Evensong	20 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	27 08.00 Service 10.00 Service
Monday 		7 08.00 Service BROWNIES	14 BROWNIES	21 08.00 Service BROWNIES	28
Tuesday 	1 18.15 Semiquavers	8 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	15 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	22 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	29 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 	2 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	9 10.00 Service 13.45 First Steps 17.15 Evening Prayer	16 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	23 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	30 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	3 Choir Practice	10 Ascension day 08.00 Service BROWNIES Choir Practice	17 14.30 Mustard Seed BROWNIES Choir Practice	24 BROWNIES Choir Practice	31 08.00 Service Choir Practice
Friday 	4 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours	11 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	18 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	25 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	
Saturday 	5 08.00 Service	12 08.00 Service 09.30 Work party	19 08.00 Service	26 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.



SHOW YOU care



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

