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2020

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Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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Services of Healing

Once again, on the last Sunday of January, we will have one of our regular services of healing when we have the opportunity to pray for healing and wholeness, for ourselves, for each other, for our family and friends, and for the world -- and indeed for any aspect of our lives here on earth

At the heart of these services we are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands and anointing with the sign of the cross. Some are used to this, for others this may be a new experience. So, let's be clear. There is nothing miraculous about what we are doing here. The gift of healing and wholeness is not in our power, but it is in God's power, and when we do those things at the altar rail we are acknowledging that power and calling on it with all our heart and mind and soul and opening ourselves to God's purpose.

But we should also be clear that bringing our

problems to God does not mean that we should expect an instant response to our petitions. God knows what we really need, which may very often not be what we think we need or what we ask and pray for in the heat and pressures of the moment. And we must be prepared, when in the fullness of time God does answer our prayers, for a response which we might well not have expected but which, when it does come, is so obviously the right answer. If you are hesitant about coming forward for whatever reason, if you feel perhaps that is not for you, you may find these words helpful:

"Come, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you."

John Hougham

MUSTARD SEED AND OVER 80'S CHRISTMAS TEA

The Mustard Seed invited the Over 80s to a Christmas Tea on 12 December. Around 30 people attended and were served sandwiches, sausage rolls and savoury nibbles followed by mince pies and cakes. Lots of cups of tea were drunk and a time of enjoyable fun and fellowship was had by all. Gwynneth Charles led the carol singing and we finished with a free raffle. Our next Mustard Seed meeting will be on 16 January. All are welcome for an afternoon of tea, cake and chat.

**Do you run a local business?
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monthly magazine?**

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Recognising that this may not feel safe for those with a live experience of abuse from within the Church, a dedicated telephone helpline operated independently from the church by NSPCC has been set up.

Calls can be made free of charge to 0800 80 20 20.

Anyone can use the telephone helpline to

provide information or to raise concerns regarding abuse within the Church of England context, whether they are reporting issues relating to children, adults, or seeking to whistle blow about poor safeguarding practice.

Your concerns will be taken seriously!

COPY FOR THE NEXT 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 19 JANUARY at the very latest, or speak to Mike Cubitt - 07840343831

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.

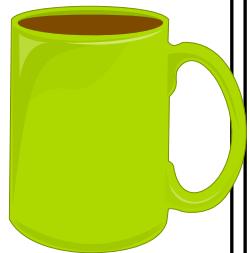
Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

**Working party is normally on the second Saturday of each month...
NOTE the next ones will be on Saturday 11 JANUARY at 9.30.**

See you there, JAN

COFFEE ROTA 2020

- 5 Jan Annie - Jill - Anne Thrush
12 Jan Sue Wilkins - Kay - Angela Kirby
19 Jan Annie - Jill - Sandy
26 Jan Annie - Jill - Pauline Marks
2 Feb Annie - Jill -



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



WHAT IS COUNSELLING?

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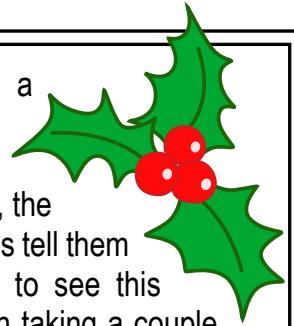
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FIRST STEPS

11TH DECEMBER 2019

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!

It is a bright sunny morning when our naughty little sheep finally drags himself out of bed. It is our First Steps service this afternoon so he rushes about to get himself ready. We're going to be telling the Christmas story, his most favourite. When we walk up to church with his friends, everyone is happy and excited. They make themselves comfortable as I begin to get ready for our little service. Jan soon arrives to help. But Linda is poorly today. We hope she is soon feeling better. Anne comes in to play our piano and when everything is ready we open our big church doors. First in today is Grandma Sarah with Oliver and Imogen. It is their first visit to First Steps and we are really pleased to see them. Abigail and Rupert come in with Mum Emma and Auntie Lisa and then Nanny Alison arrives with little Isla and Mum Kirsty. Last but not least, Granddad Stephen and Aurelia join us. So we have got a small but significant crowd. When everyone has got their jingle bells ready, I light our candles and our service begins.

Our naughty little sheep and his friends are sitting very quietly and listening to our story. Mary and Joseph are making their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Mary is expecting a baby at any moment. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are a bit anxious about her even though they know the story really well. When Mary and Joseph finally arrive in Bethlehem they can't find anywhere to stay. The little town is full of people there for the census. Joseph knocks on door after door and each time he is told that there is no room. Finally a kind innkeeper takes pity on them. He offers them a stable behind his inn to shelter in. Mary and Joseph make themselves as comfortable as they can and before long the baby is born. Mary names him Jesus.

Out on the hills nearby are some shepherds looking after their sheep. They are all huddled around a fire, keeping warm when they see a dazzling light in the sky and they hear beautiful voices singing. Suddenly angels appear and the shepherds are frightened.

The angels tell them about a wonderful baby who has just been born in the stable down the track. He is God's own son, the Saviour of the world. The angels tell them to hurry as fast as they can to see this precious child. So off they rush taking a couple of lambs with them, making sure that the other sheep are safe first, of course! Creeping silently into the stable, they fall on their knees, worshiping this heavenly king. Mary and Joseph must have been surprised!

Meanwhile a beautiful bright star has appeared in the sky. Three wise men from distant lands had been following that star for ages and it seems to have led them right to this stable. How strange! The shepherds and their lambs have long gone when these three strangers also creep into the stable with bated breath. Bowing low they offer three very special gifts to this holy child, gold, frankincense and myrrh, something else to puzzle Mary and Joseph. Finally they too leave, returning to their own lands, their hearts full of joy to have been part of this wonderful unending story.

Everyone has been listening really well and there has been lovely singing and jingling bells. We are quiet for our prayers and then our service is over. Into the hall we go for tiny mince pies, biscuits and chocolate lollies for the children. Our naughty little sheep and his friends tuck in, too. It has been so nice to see everyone and spend some precious time together. We hope that everyone will join us again for our next First Steps service on 8th January as we step into a brand new year.

Wishing everyone a happy and holy New Year

God Bless
Rosemary Austin



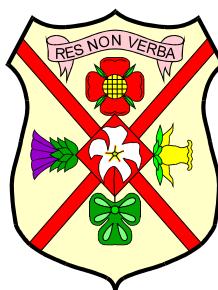
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New research findings published on clergy flourishing

A new set of findings from a 10-year study into the well-being and flourishing of ordained ministers in the Church of England has been published in December 2019

The Living Ministry programme tracks the progress of groups of clergy ordained in 2006, 2011 and 2015 and women and men who entered training for ordination in 2016, seeking to understand what helps clergy to flourish in ministry.

The latest research from the project includes responses from 579 ordained clergy and 113 people training for ordained ministry in the Church of England.

The quantitative study includes research into physical and mental, relational, financial and material and spiritual and vocational well-being as well as responses to questions about ministerial effectiveness.

The Rt Revd Dr Chris Goldsmith, Director of the Ministry Division of the Church of England said: "This 10-year programme is providing valuable long-term insights into the experiences of our ordained clergy from initial training and curacy and throughout ministry.

"The findings will help inform the dioceses and theological education colleges and courses in their vital work in the selection, formation and long-term support of ordained clergy."



Dr Liz Graveling, who is overseeing the research programme for the Ministry Division, said: "I'm pleased to release this next stage of the Living Ministry research, which has allowed us to look in more depth at specific areas of clergy flourishing and start to build up a picture over time. As we follow our participants into the next chapter of their ministry, we are continuing to explore some of these themes in the ongoing qualitative work, which is due to report next year."

Further information:

Living Ministry was set up in 2016 by the Church of England with the aim of helping support the dioceses, theological education institutions and national church in the selection, training and long-term support of clergy.

Living Ministry is a mixed-methods, longitudinal study. This report presents the findings of Wave 2 of the panel survey, which took place in early 2019. The survey built on the exploration of clergy wellbeing in Wave 1 (2017) by both monitoring this and including questions on ministerial effectiveness.



Fitness League

Movement for Life In Christ Church Hall
Every Tuesday From 2-3.15 pm
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GRAVESEND 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 Liquids/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



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December was a busy month for Christ Church Brownies. We visited Edward Moore House where it was lovely to see the residents join in carol singing with the Brownies. Some of the Brownies entertained the residents by singing Christmas songs and reading Christmas poetry. Although it was a rainy evening the following week we went for a walk around the roads near Christ Church to admire the Christmas lights. Our four newest Brownies made their Promise in front of

the lights in Dandelion's garden. On returning to the hall we celebrated with hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream, cakes and biscuits and other sweet treats. Our flag was carried at the December all age service. We ended the term with a Christmas party at which we were delighted to welcome guests from Christ Church and Girlguiding. The party was organised by one of our oldest Brownies as part of her Brownie Gold challenge. Games and refreshments were enjoyed including cup cakes decorated on a Charlie and the Chocolate factory theme by one of the Brownies who was completing her Baking badge.



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

HOLY BAPTISM

20 th October	Fredrick Brian Heath Joshua Brendan James Maude Ollie Hedges Young Leo Hedges Young
3 rd November	Cindie-Lou Nora Jack-Sibon
17 th November	Henry Matthew Ballantyne Florence Wenban
8 th December	Saffron Rose Karen Peggy Apps Aubree Maud Taylor Emmie Ellelene Taylor

RENEWAL OF VOWS - GOLDEN WEDDING

25 th October	Peter and Susan Banks
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REST IN PEACE

9 th September	Ronald William Frederick Sims
2 nd October	Evelyn Mary Hastings-Prosser
26 th October	William Henry Bright
31 st October	Nicholas Perryman
23 rd November	David Anthony Croydon

CHRISTINGLE



A selection of the flowers in Church for Christmas and from the Nine Lessons and Carols service held on Sunday 22 December



Mustard Seed and Over 80's Tea Party

On 12 December Central Ward Councillor Steve Thompson called in to the Mustard Seed and Over 80's Christmas Tea to wish all members and helpers a happy Christmas. He also had the opportunity to meet and talk again with member Ivy Woolcock who at 108 is the oldest person residing in Central Ward.



The Visitors

Although Bethlehem was full to bursting with people, the fields around the city were quiet and empty, except for a few shepherds and their flocks of sheep. As usual, the men were spending the night under the starry sky, taking turns at sleeping and watching.



Suddenly the night sky above blazed as if it were on fire. It was like trying to look into the full glare of the scorching desert sun. Then a figure appeared, and began to speak. "Do not be afraid, I have news that will bring great joy to everyone on earth. Today in Bethlehem, a saviour has been born who is Christ, the Lord. You will find Him wrapped up in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Then the sound of countless singing voices filled the air, and the heavens were filled with angels. "Glory to God in the highest", they sang, "and peace to His people on earth." Then suddenly the singing died away and the light faded. The dazed shepherds were left staring up at the sky. The gleaming moon and stars now seemed only an echo of the real beauty of the heavens, which they had glimpsed for a while and had now disappeared.

The shepherds hurried off to Bethlehem, leaving only a couple of men behind to guard the sheep. They searched from place to place in the packed town until they heard the crying of an infant coming from a stable behind an inn.

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph huddled over the manger, attending to a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes.



"It is indeed the Saviour! Christ, the Lord!" the shepherds gasped, approaching the little family and falling to their knees. They told the startled parents about the visit from the angels and what they had said. They stayed some time with Mary, Joseph and the baby, then left, singing praises to God as they went. Mary and Joseph began to wander and marvel at everything that had happened.



When the baby was eight days old, Mary held a naming ceremony according to God's laws. From then on, the baby was called Jesus, just as the angel had told Mary He should be. Then, according to the custom, Mary and Joseph travelled from Bethlehem to the temple in Jerusalem to present Jesus to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice of two doves or pigeons.

Meanwhile, in a far off country away to the east, some learned priests were puzzled to see that a very strange star suddenly appeared one night in the sky. Not only was it a star they had never noticed before but it shone brighter than all the others. The wise men hurried off to consult their writings. They agreed that the brilliant star was an unmistakeable sign. The saviour had been born. Now all they had to do was find him.

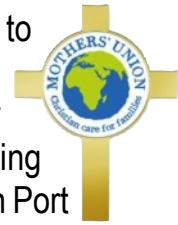


MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

On 10 December a group of Mothers' Union members and guests had their Christmas meal at Bartellas which was enjoyed by everybody.

On 14 December we held a coffee and mince pies morning in the church hall. A raffle was also held. The sum of around £200 was raised towards Mothers' Union funds. The Christmas Toy raffle was also drawn, this raised £73 and was won by

Audrey who very kindly donated them to the Crib Service Toy appeal.



Our next meeting is on 14 January which will be a film night showing Fisherman's Friends, This film is set in Port Isaac in Cornwall (also familiar to Doc Martin fans!) and is based on the story of the Fisherman's Friends folk group. This is open to all.

Below: Just a few of the pictures taken during the coffee morning in the hall



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 8 JANUARY 2020.



Congratulations Christ Church you are record breakers! 71 shoeboxes – our highest number ever delivered to Blythswood Care last month. On arrival stacks of brightly covered shoeboxes in three large lock up storage facilities were being scrutinised by volunteers to pass customs checks. Excess packaging eg. toothpaste boxes removed, extra small items added and Christian calendars, story and colouring books included. Sorted boxes are then packed into large travel cartons for shipment to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas delivery where they are always gratefully received. Very many thanks to Christ Church congregation, families and friends, work colleagues, Singlewell Stationers and Gravesend Flower Arranging Society for joining in this years

appeal and helping to achieve such a great result. As you will know empty shoe boxes are always in demand especially around appeal time so please collect from now ready for another record in 2020. Thank you for all your hard work. Veronica”



We need **VOLUNTEERS**
for the ADSS café at Safeharbour in Coldharbour Road.

The café is open during the week between 10am and 2pm for the public and is also used by our day centre. The days we need volunteers for are

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Anyone interested should contact **Katie Antill** on **01474 533990** or speak to
ANGELA KIRBY
for further information.

Alzheimer's & Dementia
SUPPORT SERVICES

Ifield & Singlewell: isolated & separate

– the story of an obscure parish (illustrated talk)

Speaker: Christoph Bull

On: Wednesday 15th January 2020

At: Marling Cross Library, Mackenzie Way, Gravesend

Begins: 2pm

Cost: £4 includes refreshments

Booking required by calling into any Gravesham branch library or by phoning 0300 413131. Payment needed before the event.

Come and hear about the complicated and surprising story of Ifield and Singlewell and join in celebrating Marling Cross Library's 50th anniversary with local historian and former chief librarian Christoph Bull.

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Church of England launches Everyday Faith campaign

From putting the load in a washing machine to entering data and answering emails – the Church of England has launched a new series of reflections and prayers highlighting the value of every day work.



The *Everyday Faith* campaign aims to help people live out their Christian faith wherever they may be, emphasising how much even the smallest and most routine aspects of our working lives – both paid and unpaid - matter to God and make a difference to others.

The three-week programme starting on January 12 will offer a daily Bible reading, a book of reflections and prayers on the themes of love, faith and hope from authors including the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek.

The reflections highlight how the Christian faith has inspired and provided support to people in their working lives, telling the stories of people including a London Underground worker, a teacher, a hairdresser, plumber, a nurse and police officers as well a retired couple.

Launched on Plough Sunday, the traditional start of the agricultural year when many Christian communities ask for a blessing on human labour, the campaign will make use of an app, social media posts and animations.

The campaign is encouraging churches to take part, with suggestions such as a regular '*This Time Tomorrow*' slot at services for Sunday worshippers to hear fellow congregation members talk about faith and their working lives.

The Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, said: "Living and sharing a Jesus shaped life, that's what everyday faith is all about. It's being with people in the places where they are, places of pain and struggle as well as places of ease and joy."

Dr Nick Shepherd, Director of the Setting God's People Free programme, said: "Going to church is a vital part of a living faith, but so is going to work or school, going on the school run or helping with a community project as a volunteer.

"The *Everyday Faith* campaign is about highlighting the vital ministry that we have Monday to Saturday through our ordinary lives."

For more information and to sign up to receive campaign emails, see www.churchofengland.org/everydayfaith

Carol singing to raise funds for Christian Aid took place in St Georges Centre on 14th December 10am - 2 30pm. Christ Church sang from 12-12 30pm. By the end of the event £666 was raised.



Christ Church

Fish, Chips and Beetles



Saturday 8th February 2020
at 7pm

Entry + Fish & Chips £7

Entry + Sausage & Chips £5

Contact Angela Kirby on
07900 430002
for tickets by 1st February

Charity No: 1130741

£ 6

Your Parish
Magazine
for 2020

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

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 £4.60 for New Daylight and £5.05 for "Bible Reflections for older people"

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.

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

Monday morning prayer 08:00

Holy Communion (said)

Saturday 08:00

Wednesday 10:00

and evening prayer 17.15

For further information

Contact

The Church Wardens

Office hours

Registered Charity no. 1130741

Friday 18:30 until 19:30

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

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)



Church Magazine Vacancy

After ten years in the post our current editor is stepping down.

We are looking for someone to take over editing and producing the Christ church parish magazine. If you have a flair for design and are interested in publishing, or have a background in this area then you would not find this too difficult to pick up and run with.

The vacancy needs to be filled before April 2020 as this is the date that the present editor steps down, but is available to help or show anyone interested in how the current magazine is put together.

A use of and/or knowledge of a publishing software would be an advantage, and ability to work to a fairly tight deadline and on own initiative, as copy does not always arrive until the last minute.

The person taking on the role will also need to gather information on their own initiative, and the use of the Internet is at times essential for getting copy to publish.

There must be an awareness of copyright laws when using third party copy and illustrations.

Christmas Carols to entertain you

Over 25 members of Christ Church went and sang Christmas carols at Larchwood and then at Nelson Court on 20th December.



CALENDAR JANUARY 2020

Sunday		5 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	12 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	19 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion Sally's last service at Christ Church	26 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Monday		6 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	13 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	20 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	27 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES
Tuesday		7 18.30 Semiquavers	14 18.15 Semiquavers MOTHERS UNION 19.30	21 8.30 Semiquavers	28 18.30 Semiquavers
Wednesday	1 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	8 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer 13.45 First Steps	15 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	22 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	29 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday	2 Choir Practice	9 Choir Practice BROWNIES	16 Choir Practice 14.30 Mustard seed	23 Choir Practice BROWNIES	30 Choir Practice BROWNIES
Friday	3 18.30 Office hours	10 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	17 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	24 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	31 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW
Saturday	4 08.00 Holy Communion	11 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Work party	18 08.00 Holy Communion	25 08.00 Holy Communion	

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