

30th August 2020  
Notes and News



Christ Church  
Milton-next-Gravesend

A warm welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the people who greeted you at the door.

### *30th August The twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

#### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **Readings**

Exodus 3 v 1-15

Romans 12 v 9-end

St. Matthew 16 v21-end

#### **Post Communion**

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing. Grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Lent Envelopes**

If you have not yet returned your Lent envelope, could you please bring it the next time you are in church.

Thank you.

Earlier in the year, some members of the congregation sponsored Richard Martin's sleepover to raise funds for Porchlight.

If you have not given your donation, can you please do this next time you are in church.

Please address your envelope to Richard and also add your name.

Thank you.

## **Boiler renewal**

Over the past two weeks, a team of three technicians from 'C Dunphy Church Heating Ltd' from Rochdale, have been busy replacing the Church and hall boilers.

This has included removal of the old, and very heavy, oil and gas boilers that have given good service for the last forty years or so, but had come to the end of their working days. These old units have been replaced with two modern gas condensing boilers along with the associated equipment, that should make the system far more efficient.

The work is due to be completed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>, when the system will be tested and set to work, just in time for the Pre School to start their new year.



Please continue to support the Foodbank.

We do not have any specific requirements from them at present.

## **Vacancy at Christ Church Milton**

Many plans have had to change, or be adjusted, in the last few months. My hope would have been to advertise for a new Vicar at Christ Church after Easter but obviously those plans were impossible with the pressures of lockdown.

Now I can tell you that a group is preparing the Parish Profile which describes Christ Church and your aspirations for your new Vicar. The draft of that Profile is checked by the Area Dean and me and then will go to your PCC for approval.

The PCC will also elect two Representatives from the PCC, who with me and the Area Dean, will short-list candidates and interview. Once the PCC has agreed the Profile and elected Representatives we can advertise the vacancy.

Please pray for the process and for the right person to be invited to be your new Vicar.

Andy Wooding Jones, Archdeacon.

**Ride and Stride for Churches on  
12th August 10am-6pm.**

Andy and Chris Nailor are "planning a route that should allow them to visit 20 churches, starting at Northfleet then Gravesend Chalk, Shorne, Cobham, Luddsdown, Meopham, Nurstead then back to Gravesend and home. In all somewhere between 18 and twenty miles which should take them seven to eight hours."

They are looking for sponsors for their walk and any money donated will be divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and Christ Church.

If you would like to sponsor Andy and Chris please put your cash donation or cheque made payable to Ride and Stride into an envelope along with a piece of paper on which you have put your name, home address, postcode and amount donated. Please indicate if your donation can be Gift Aided which will allow an additional 25p for every £1 given to be reclaimed at no further cost to yourself.

Thank you.

**Recent Appointments.....**

Charlie (Charlotte) Lloyd-Evans (currently in Abu Dhabi) is to be the new Priest-in-Charge at Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Richard Martin from Holy Family and St. Margaret's, Ifield is to take up an appointment in Gloucester as Priest-in Charge of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney.

Karen Nelson has been appointed as Chaplain at Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham.

This post is part-time for two days a week. For the rest of each week Karen will continue in her role as Associate Priest at St. Edmund's and at St. Alban's, Dartford.

Mike Nelson, curate at St. George's, Gravesend will be the new Vicar at Holy Trinity, Twydall (Gillingham).

Cyril Showers, currently House for Duty, is to stay on as Priest-in-Charge at St. Botolph's, Northfleet and St. Mark's, Rosherville

***Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer***

***Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August St Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 651***

Morning Prayer Psalm 98, 99, 101 2 Samuel ch 11 Acts 8 v 26-end

Evening Prayer Psalm 105 Proverbs 14 v31-15v17 Mark 6 v 45-en

***Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August Giles of Provence, Hermit, c 710***

Morning Prayer Psalm 106 2 Samuel 12v1-25 Acts 9v1-19a

Evening Prayer Psalm 107 Proverbs 15v18-end Mark 7v1-13

***Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942***

Morning Prayer Psalm 110,111,112 2 Samuel 15v1-12 Acts 9v19b-31

Evening Prayer Psalm 119v129-152 Proverbs 18v10-end Mark 7v14-23

***Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher 604***

Morning Prayer Psalm 113, 115 2 Samuel 15v13-end Acts 9v32-end

Evening Prayer Psalm 114,116,117 Proverbs 20v1-22 Mark 7v24-30

***Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex 650***

Morning Prayer Psalm 139 2 Samuel 16v1-14 Acts 10v1-16

Evening Prayer Psalm 130,131,137 Proverbs 22v1-16 Mark 7v31-end

***Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August***

Morning Prayer Psalm 120,121,122 2 Samuel 17v1-23 Acts 10v17-33

Evening Prayer Psalm 118 Proverbs 24v23-end Mark 8v1-10

In the bookcase near the main door to the church you will find Bibles that you can borrow during the service. Please help yourselves and replace the Bible at the end of the service.

Gluten free Communion wafers are available at every service—please have a word with the Churchwardens or Clergy if you would like to receive gluten free wafers.