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Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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Additional needs: Churches have a huge ministry opportunity

By Dave Hall

Three organisations will exhibit under the Churches for All banner at CRE 2018 – each committed to improving universal access to church buildings and programmes.

The initiative comes at a time when 10 million adults in the UK have a recognised disability – about one in five of the adult population. A further 700,000 children have one or more disabilities.

Exhibiting on stand B5, Churches for All is a partnership of UK Christian disability organisations. Count Everyone In, The Lodge Trust, and Torch Trust, all members of the association, will be at CRE offering visitors a breadth of experience and depth of knowledge on disability issues.

Churches for All's Mark Arnold has a son with additional needs.

'Additional or special needs parenting is tough because there is so much more to cope with,' he says. 'An increasing numbers of diagnoses in

children at one end of the age range, coupled with an increasing older population at the other, present a huge ministry area for churches that is growing all the time.

'Everyone, including those with additional needs and disabilities, should be included and valued in church. I hope to inspire CRE visitors as their churches plan to become fully-inclusive.'

Gordon Temple, executive officer for Churches for All, says: 'CRE presents a great opportunity to support and encourage churches as they strive to welcome, include and involve people living with disabilities in every aspect of church life.'

The Torch Trust is promoting Sight Loss Friendly Church, a new initiative to enable churches to become more inclusive of people with sight loss. Count Everyone In aims to enthuse local churches about being more welcoming and relevant to people with learning disabilities through their new Know and Grow training while the Lodge Trust provides spiritual support to adults with learning disabilities.

• **Mark Arnold and team will speak on Churches for All at 12pm on Tue 16 Oct**

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 ones will be on 13 OCTOBER at 9.30.**

See you there, JAN

COFFEE ROTA 2018

7 Oct Annie - Jill - Lucy
14 Oct Sue - Kay - Maxine
21 Oct Annie - Jill - Jenny
28 Oct Annie - Jill - Jan
4 Nov Annie - Jill - Vna



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



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.

The Parishes of the Gravesend Deanery

a gathering to unite us in service and worship

Reflecting on the Cross of Nails

4 October 2018 - St Francis' Day

7.30pm St Mary's Church, Wrotham Road



A Meeting & Service of Holy Communion for Members of All the Churches

***Join us at 7.30pm for Refreshments & to Discover More about the
Cross of Nails and the Healing, Creative Peace to which God Calls Us***



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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.

Are you a member?

Why not think seriously about joining and helping your church

Contact

**JOHN THRUSH
200 Club Secretary
Christ Church**



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

semiquavers

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

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.



CHRIST CHURCH ECHO SQUARE

Christmas Frost Fair

Saturday 10th November 2018

Doors Open at 10.30am

Santa's Grotto, Stalls, Raffles,

Refreshments & Lots of Seasonal Fun!

Entry 60p
Children Free

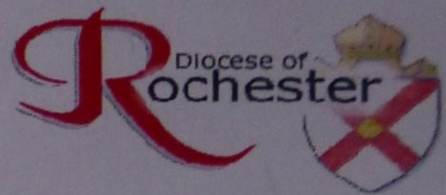
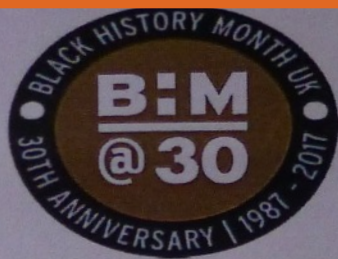
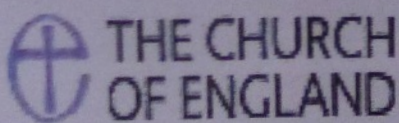
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BIBLE NOTES

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.

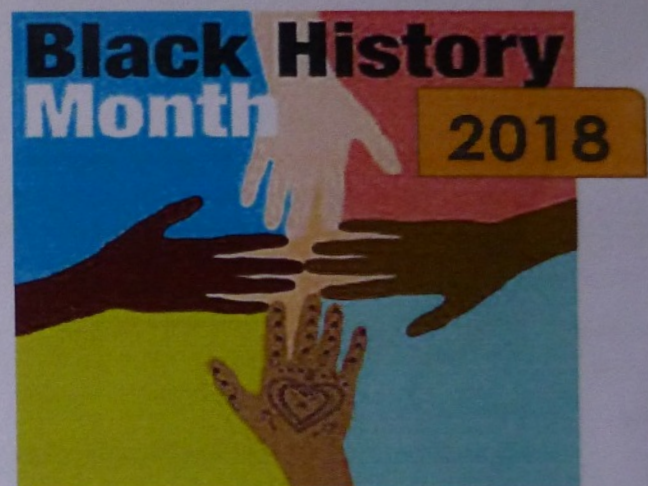


Second Annual Service of Thanksgiving

Sunday 21 October
2018

at 3.00pm

Place: **CHRIST
CHURCH, Old
Road East, off
Echo Square
GRAVESEND**



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY IN NORTHFLEET AND GRAVESEND

Contact – Jellina Davies (07947 510888) OR Simon Rowe (07932 832833)

Celebrating our Diversity Makes Us Better

Report on Meeting of the Christ Church PCC on 18 July

The meeting opened with a discussion on the Black History Month event provisionally planned for Sunday 31st October at Christ Church. The ecumenical service will celebrate our diverse cultures in a Christian tradition and build on our heritage and the discussion was led by two guests who had led the inaugural service at All Saints, Perry Street, in 2017. We had applied for a grant of £1,000 which was expected to be awarded. The plan was unanimously approved.

The Meeting received an update on the Vacancy. After various delays outside our control, the Advertisement for a new Vicar was going ahead, and is now published on the Diocesan Website at:

<http://rochester.anglican.org/diocese/vacancies/archdeaconry-of-rochester-vacancies/>.

By the time the October magazine is published, interviews should have taken place.

The Financial position was satisfactory, and we had received a Gift Aid tax return of £12,696. The Vice-Chairman underlined the value to Christ Church of members of the congregation Gift Aiding. We are to receive a visit from the Diocesan Architect in October, who will assess the condition of the church buildings. Our photocopier contract expires in October and we are exploring alternatives.

New regulations for Data Protection have been published and we adopted a Policy to protect data belonging to members of the congregation and other relevant church users.

There was extensive discussion about ensuring the church membership pulled together during the vacancy. Members were unanimous that we should be positive and work in a unified way, with an ethos based on tolerance, especially during the Vacancy. We need to look for a new Church Warden for next year when Jan Osborne retires, and a new PCC Secretary as Peter Read has made clear his tenure is only for the time of the Vacancy. John Hougham proposed that at the next Annual Church Meeting we consider making all Readers, including those over 70, should be ex-officio on the PCC. Currently the over 70's, who have the status of 'Permission to Officiate' are excluded and need to be elected.

Reports of the Community & Social Events and Pastoral & Social Committees were received. There was discussion about insurance difficulties when offering lifts for the elderly and vulnerable. These need to be arranged on an informal basis. There was also discussion on DBS (police) checks to confirm the suitability of those who work with children. These should only be applied for when necessary.

Peter Read

PCC Secretary

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WW1 Family memories

Battery Sergeant Fred Fairhall M.M.

My Great-Uncle Fred was a somewhat austere and imposing figure of a man. As a small boy I was very much in awe of him and particularly fascinated by his eyebrows, which were extremely large and shaggy. To digress for a moment, when I take what is left of my hair on infrequent visits to the barber I am invariably asked if I want "Something off the eyebrows?" I always say yes, not only to get my money's worth but also in memory of Great-Uncle Fred.

As with so many who survived the Great War, he never spoke about his experiences. I saw photographs of him with the very large guns for which he was responsible - he was in the Royal Garrison Artillery - always surrounded by acres of mud, water-filled shell holes and skeletal trees. It was this terrain which led to his being awarded the Military Medal for bravery.

It was only after his death that I heard the story of how he led a party of men into no-man's-land after dark to retrieve a heavy gun which had become stuck



Fred Fairhall pictured with his bride at their wedding

in the mud. Typically, this had never been talked about during his lifetime. Years later, when I did my military service, I too found myself in the Royal Artillery. My Great-Aunt, Fred's widow, gave me his RA cufflinks, not particularly valuable but I treasure them in memory of one of the many unsung heroes of the Great War. I have worn them at every Armistice Day service and will be doing so again this year.

John Hougham

Greenbelt 2018

Well, Lucy and I thought you might like the edited highlights - but then again you might like the unedited version, so here goes.

Greenbelt is a festival of arts, faith and justice and was established way back in 1974 and has hosted an annual festival every year since. Greenbelt isn't just another 'festival', it is an idea, a way of seeing, a gathering of the clans – part movement, part moment. Its genius is that it defies easy description. You have to be there. I first learned of Greenbelt when I received a leaflet through the post from One Body One Faith last year, and I decided to go for it and went for my first festival, on my own, in August 2017. I came back from that so encouraged and buzzing from the experience, I was determined to go again this year. I was amazed and extremely pleased when Lucy told me she had booked a ticket as well – I would have someone to share the experience (and the tent erection) with! It was a true blessing having a friend from my church family with me and I am so grateful that Ryan, Eliot, Cameron and Eden gave her a pass to attend. The children will definitely be coming with us next year.

The festival is held in the beautiful grounds of Boughton House, Northamptonshire and the fun began with the car journey. Lucy came along to Christ Church after her eldest daughter Elliot joined Semiquavers several years ago, as you will all know, all three of her children have now been baptized and Lucy is currently one of our Church Wardens, what a blessing this family is. We drove around the M25 and up the A1 and did not stop talking for the whole journey, what an opportunity to get to know each other that bit better. Lucy had never been camping, so was excited and perhaps a bit nervous about sleeping under canvas. When we arrived and got our obligatory Greenbelt wrist bands we found our pitch and in rather high winds put up a huge tent! We could then explore the site, and went immediately to the glitter tent! That

evening we heard fantastic music from Huz, a two-piece band, listened to folk music performed by other Greenbelters, then as a complete contrast Dream Nails an all girl punk band! We then had the pleasure of seeing comedian Mae Martin (Radio 4's Mae Martin's Guide and Netflix's Live from the BBC). That first night we went to bed with smiles and looking forward to the next day).

Dawn breaks early when you are camping, especially when you are near the porta-loos.... let's just say I think Lucy would probably have given camping 2 out of 10 that first night, but things did improve. There are many great things about Greenbelt and one of them is the variety and availability of fantastic food from across the globe. During the course of the weekend we ate everything from French crepes to Goan fish curry, burgers and of course the full English roll. Those worried about our waistlines should not fear, we walked, and walked for miles over the course of the weekend, so felt totally vindicated in our extravagance. The festival is ecologically minded and there were no plastic bottles for sale on the site, festival goers are encouraged to bring reusable drinks bottles and cups, and in the festival pubs, the Jesus Arms and this year the Prairie Rose, an airstream bar next to the Canopy, drinks were sold in re-usable beakers.

Saturday saw us listening to more music, experiencing drag queen story time (hilarious and very family friendly, with a few for the adults thrown very high above short heads), more music in the canopy and finishing up with We are Scientist in the Big Top that night. We heard a moving interview with Vicky Beeching, a Christian music artist who experienced hatred and rejection from Christians once she came out as Gay, finishing her music career in the states. Her journey and forgiveness of those who have hurt her are inspirational and her story reinforced to me our need as a church need to be accepting of everyone. Not only do we need open doors and windows, we need open hearts.

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Vicky has a book titled *Undivided* which details her story, and we have a copy which you can borrow once we have read it.

One of the things I love about Greenbelt are the conversations you have with people, complete strangers, that are totally eye opening and enriching. One woman sign posting us to the great food being served in the Christian Aid tent that was being sourced from food that would have been thrown away as waste, a young woman with three boys, juggling a two year old who wanted his own pizza, and others who came to Greenbelt year after year, to meet friends from across the country who used the event as a focal point. This year's theme was Acts of the Imagination, but for me it was more to do with inclusivity and healing. We heard the music of rapper Lowkey, who for the first time made me realise that rapping could be positive thing, fusing politically charged lyrics and deft dissection of topics such as race, war, global poverty and politics with anthemic choruses and unrelentingly energetic performance, Lowkey later formed part of the panel in a discussion Grenfell, faith, community and justice. One of the most powerful moments of the festival for me was a child of around 10 raising his hand to ask the panel a question – or more accurately to make a statement – that he found it unbelievable that people had profited from Grenfell, talking specifically about the company that had undertaken testing and been paid thousands for the results, only to say afterwards that those results had been incorrectly stated. Out of the mouths of babes, this child spoke so wisely and the panel were grateful for his support and contribution. When asked what we could take from Grenfell, the panel encouraged us to strengthen our communities, at is was the community, including the churches and mosques, that came together that terrible night, and to take the anniversary of the tragedy as an opportunity to create community events and build strong links together, something we at Christ Church can and should do in the future, with the Gurdwara and

other faith and non-faith based groups across Gravesend.

Sunday morning is in some ways the climax of the weekend, although it does go right through to Tuesday morning, but the communion in the Big Top was an extraordinary experience. The theme was Windrush and Carnival, continuing the theme of inclusion and reflecting on the 70th anniversary of the arrival of the Windrush at Tilbury, bringing the first wave of migrants from the Caribbean in 1948. Again we were challenged through this service. Are we as a church welcoming to all no matter their race, language, marital status, social circumstances or sexual orientation? We know that back in 1948 although it served Britain to encourage people to the “Mother Country” the welcome they received was less than warm for many. We have come a long way since then but we must stay awake. At this service we met people who opened their arms to us, we sang along with the gospel choir in the rain and we shared communion in small groups in a mass of thousands. You don't forget experiences like that easily, and that memory is very special to me, although we did have to talk it through a bit, sometimes you need to talk things through to work out your feelings and thoughts. This highlighted another thing – we need to talk more! Not just about the music or the worship, or the tea rota, or the cake stand, but about the things that matter and how we feel about them. We need to challenge ourselves and push our church community to do the things we have said we want to do, reaching out into the community and encouraging everyone's spiritual journey.

We took shelter on Sunday afternoon and then watched the children play Quiddich on the lawn, more music and then an 11pm another communion service to end the day, specifically for the LGBTQ+ community and allies whose presence is very strong at the festival. We both found this “Outer Space” service beautiful, and after a challenging day, very familiar and calming. We sang songs

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Helen and Lucy pictured during their visit to the “glitter tent”

we sing regularly at Christ Church and received gluten and alcohol free communion, the opening call to worship read “with friends and strangers, with believers and seekers, with those who feel at home here, and those unsure why they came, we gather in the quietness to worship God”.

This service reminded me that God meets us as, and where, we are. During the morning communion we had sang the words “When Jesus says yes, nobody can say no”. The worship at Greenbelt served to remind me again and again that all are welcome in God’s eyes and ALL must be welcome in our Church.

On Monday morning we packed up our kit (the tent did try to fly away but we caught it!) did some last

minute memento purchasing and after losing my nut (on my trolley) and then repairing it with help from someone with their cutlery draw including tin opener and knives.. no spanner when you need one. we left Greenbelt and travelled home. During the course of the weekend our hearts and eyes were opened and we were recharged. We had massage, we talked about boilers with green Christians, we experienced a meditation app www.taketime.org.uk we sang, we talked, we listened, we danced and we could have done a whole lot more. But that’s why we can start to look forward to Greenbelt 2019 there is so much more to come.

Deborah Carter



Mothers' Union met in the hall for their September meeting. Jacqueline opened with prayers and around 20 people heard our speaker, Jocelyn Wright talk about the work of the Mothers' Union. Jocelyn was Diocesan President but is now involved in fundraising and communication and sits on the Mothers' Union Board of Trustees. She explained how MU operates throughout the world supporting mothers and families, the aim of Mary Sumner who founded the MU. She spoke about the various ways we can help from fundraising for the various projects that Mothers' Union are involved with to praying for the branches throughout the world. She

suggested that we become more computer literate so we can receive information through newsletters. We then split into groups and with the aid of a street map discussed our local community finding schools, churches etc. and areas that were neglected and derelict. Margot thanked the speaker and the meeting ended with refreshments and conversation.

On Saturday 29 September we will be holding Coffee and Croissants, a social morning at 10 am. This is so members and others can have a chance to come and find out about the Mothers' Union as an alternative to our evening meetings.

Our October meeting will include an interesting talk about the work of the RNLI which has a local base in Gravesend.

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

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This month associated with everyday employment/professions

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- POLICEMAN**
- GASFITTER**
- RETAILER**
- GROUNDSMAN**
- SOLICITOR**



Coffee Morning

Wednesday 24th October
10 30am-11 45am
in Christ Church hall

Tea, coffee, cakes, raffle, Bring
and Buy

Alzheimer's & Dementia **SUPPORT SERVICES**

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services, based in Northfleet is a local charity for local people and here to offer help, advice and support to those living with Dementia. We can offer help in a numbers of ways:-

- v Day care,
- v Befriending
- v Support at Home/Support at Home plus/One to One Support
- v Carers Support Groups
- v 24 Helpline (0800 500 3014)
- v Singing for Brain
- v Dementia Cafes..... and so much more.

If you or someone you knows need help please contact us via our website, www.alz-dem.org or by telephoning us on 01474 533990 or by writing to **Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services, The Basement, Dene Holm House, Dene Holm Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8JY. Email: alz-dem.org.uk**

As with most charities nowadays we also need volunteers to help us. We have volunteer vacancies in all the above areas and of course in our fundraising efforts. If you would like to support us by becoming a member or raising funds for us, in sponsorship, holding an event, coffee morning or whatever you feel is appropriate, please do let us know and contact us.

**CELEBRATING 25 years of Blythwood Care bringing
HAPPINESS to someone in need at Christmas!
Christmas may seem a long way off but if you support the
2018 shoe box appeal you need to start NOW.
Leaflets telling you exactly how to do this will be
available in church and related organisations from
1st OCTOBER.**

**Fill a shoe box with simple items to bring HAPPINESS to
someone in need this Christmas. To do this ACT NOW
Completed boxes have to ready for delivery by
SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER.**

**H- Hope
A- Aid
P- Prayers
P- Presents
I- Independence
N- New generations
E- Education
S- Support
S- SHOE BOX**



-for someone in need this Christmas.

**Look for information in church or contact Veronica
(01474 534857).**

PLEASE HELP

**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@yah
oo.co.uk**

First Steps

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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 OCTOBER 2018.

The big adventure

There was a big noisy party. Everyone sang and danced. It was the best party ever. God's people were safe at last – safe from the king of Egypt. "Thank you, thank you, God!" they sang as they danced.



When they left Egypt, Moses and the people had to walk all the way. They took their pots and pans, and food and clothes and blankets to keep them warm during the cold desert nights. They had to carry everything.



All the sheep and goats and cows went too – the big boys and girls took care of them. "Shoo! Shoo! Hurry, hurry!" they said. The sheep would stop to nibble the grass. The goats would stop to chew the leaves. The cows would stop to drink the water. The little children soon got tired. Their mothers and fathers had to carry them. "Hurry, hurry!" they said. "We aren't safe yet."

And they weren't safe yet, for the king sent his soldiers chasing after them. But God was with his people. God was showing them the way. God was keeping them safe.

They reached the water. It was far too wide to cross and the soldiers were catching them up. What would they do now? That night God sent a wind. It blew and blew – and it drove the water away.

Next day the people walked been. But God did not let the were safe on the other side! sang. "Thank you, thank you,



across where the water had soldiers follow them. The people That's why they danced and thank you, God!"

They were going to a land of their own, the land God promised. They were going on a journey: a journey through the desert; a journey through the mountains; a long, hard journey. But God was going with them, and God would show them the way.

At night they put up tents to sleep in. The next day they would take them down again and move on. They had to find food for their animals, they had to find water too. When they found a good place, they put up their tents again. It was hard to keep moving on.



Soon the food ran out and the people were hungry. They grumbled at Moses. "We had plenty of food in Egypt," they said. "God will give you food," Moses answered. That night a flock of little birds flew in. they had come a long way and were very tired and easy to catch. So the people had meat to eat.



In the morning the ground was covered with frost white flakes. They tasted like biscuits made with honey – delicious! The people called this new food "manna". Soon the water ran out and the people were thirsty. They grumbled at Moses again. "We had plenty of water in Egypt." "God will give you water," Moses said. Then he hit the rock with his stick, and good fresh water came out.

For every day of the long journey, God gave the people manna to eat. For every day of the journey, God helped the people find water. God took care of his people all the time.



Donations for the Frost Fair at Christ Church

10th November 2018



We welcome donations for all the usual stalls but suggest:

7th October: Toiletries and gifts and candles

14th October: Jewellery and chocolates for a tombola

21st October: White Elephant and toys

28th October: Puzzles and Games and Books

4th November: Bottles and children's books

10th November: Cakes and preserves



Please note we cannot accept electrical goods, knives or sharp items
Nor cassette or video tapes.



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



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, we would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities.



GRAVESEND
ENTERTAINMENT
and MUSICAL
SOCIETY
PRESENTS...

OH! WHAT A LOVELY WAR

Guild Theatre, Vale Rd, Northfleet,
Gravesend, Kent DA11 8BZ

Thursday, November 8th to Saturday, November 10
Matinee Sunday, November 11, 2018
Show times 7.30pm and matinee 2.30pm

CALL 01474 832464

TICKETS £12.50

gravesendentertainmentandmusicalsociety.org

” Winter Shoes? Autumn is coming; sandals will soon be redundant- need some winter shoes? If you buy new shoes for the new season please save the box for our Shoebox appeal for Blythswood Care which will start in October. While you are in the shoe shop if you can acquire more than one shoebox that would be wonderful as many organisations ask for them later in the year. If you can bring them to church just leave them at the back near the Mothers’ Union table or contact Veronica (01474 534857) who will collect them. If you are good at covering shoe boxes in Christmas paper several members of our congregation find this difficult so once again if you can help that would be really appreciated. Happy shoe shopping !”



This years HARVEST THANKSGIVING is on Sunday, 14th October at 10.00am and for the whole church family. You are invited to bring harvest gifts to be donated to the Foodbank and ‘Choices’, a refuge for mothers and children. Please join us to celebrate all God’s gifts to us.

The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Please bring some food to share and bring your own drinks and glasses. There will be activities for the children and Tom, our organist and Choir Director, will be assembling a flash choir. You don't have to be able to read music, just enjoy singing. So, any of you who would like to join in will rehearse for an hour or so and then give a performance either just before or just after lunch.

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.

Monday 8 am.

Wednesday 10 am and 17.15 pm

For further information

Contact

The Church Wardens

Office hours

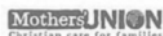
Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Registered Charity no. 1130741

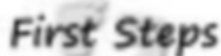
Regular activities and youth organisations

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
Wednesday	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm
Wednesday	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



CALENDAR OCTOBER 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 BROWNIES	8 08.00 Service BROWNIES	15 08.00 Service BROWNIES	22 08.00 Service BROWNIES	29 08.00 Service BROWNIES
Tuesday 	2 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	9 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	16 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	23 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	30 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 	3 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE	10 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE 13.45 First Steps	17 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE	24 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE	31 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE
Thursday 	4 BROWNIES Choir Practice	11 BROWNIES Choir Practice	18 14.30 Mustard Seed BROWNIES Choir Practice	25 BROWNIES Choir Practice	
Friday 	5 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	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	13 09.30 Work party	20	27	



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

