

23rd December 2018

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.

*Looking ahead*

23rd Dec  
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
10.00 am Family Communion  
24th Dec Christmas Eve  
3.00 pm  
and 5.00 pm Crib Services  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass  
25th Dec Christmas Day  
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
10.00 am Family Communion  
31st Dec  
New Year's Eve Party  
1st Jan New year's Day  
10.00 am Holy Communion (sung)  
6th Jan Epiphany  
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
10.00 am Family Communion  
8th Jan  
7.30 pm Mothers' Union  
9th Jan  
1.45 pm First Steps



HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS  
TO  
EVERYONE

There will **not** be any week day services between Christmas and New Year.

On **New Year's Day at 10.00 am** there will be a **sung service of Holy Communion.**

We are back to normal with the 10.00 am service on Wednesday 2nd January.





Toys given at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve will be donated to

Sure Start.



Please note all toys must be brand new and unwrapped.



Thank you



In the new year Karen will be taking her day off on Friday instead of Monday.

## MANY THANKS

to everyone who took part in the 9 Lessons and Carols last Sunday. It was such a beautiful service.

Also many thanks to those who braved the cold weather and sang for Christian Aid in St. George's Centre.



It was well received by the shoppers and £706.61 was raised by singers from all the churches.



The flowers on the table by the main door this week have been sponsored by Dorothy in memory of her husband who died at this time of the year.



On Sunday 13th January the Rev. Richard Martin (currently Priest in charge) will be installed as Rector of Holy Family and St. Margaret's, Ifield. The service starts at 3.00 pm at Holy Family Church.

To enable members of our congregation to attend, there will not be a service of Evensong in Christ Church on that day.

Please support Richard at this service.

Everyone welcome

## Back by popular demand!!



Fish and Chips and Beetle on **Saturday 9th February**

Please put this event in your new diary and come along and join in the fun.



# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## Christmas Eve

### 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm Crib Service.

Please bring your children and grandchildren at whichever time suits you best.

Children please come dressed as shepherds, wise men or animals.



**11.30 pm Midnight Mass.**  
Please join us for this beautiful service



## Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
10.00 am Family Communion with carols

Please come



### “Follow the Star”

This Christmas we shall engage with a national initiative called “Follow the Star”. At our Christmas Services we shall be offering a small booklet which encourages us to observe the 12 days of Christmas between Christmas Eve and Epiphany (6th January) through a daily theme, a reading, an image, a reflection, a challenge and a prayer. Each day’s material is easily accessible.



Please accept your gift as an opportunity to deepen engagement with the promise of the coming of Jesus. Martin



Please remember to bring your old mobile phones, phone cards, spectacles, Canon and HP printer cartridges (*no other ink cartridges, thank you*), stamps, foreign coins, postcards, etc. for re-cycling.

Please put them in Priest Jacqueline's box at the back of the church.

We support Ellenor, Demelza House, The Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, RNLI and Cancer Research UK.

Your contributions provide valuable support to hard-pressed charities and are very gratefully received as well as doing something for the planet.



***Many thanks to everyone who supports the food bank.***

At present they need -  
Christmas food and treats  
Custard

Sponge puddings

Blue long life cartons of milk

Small jars of coffee

Cartons of long life juice

Bottles of blackcurrant squash

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.

Items for the news sheet should be sent to [juliehill34@aol.com](mailto:juliehill34@aol.com) or left on the clip in the lobby. Items for the website should be sent to [ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk](mailto:ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk)