

20th January 2019  
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

|          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| 20th Jan |                        |
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (said)  |
| 10.00 am | Family Communion       |
| 24th Jan |                        |
| 2.00 pm  | Pilgrim Course         |
| 27th Jan |                        |
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (said)  |
| 10.00 am | Family Communion       |
| 2nd Feb  |                        |
| 9.30 am  | Church Working Party   |
| 3rd Feb  | Candlemas              |
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (said)  |
| 10.00 am | Family Communion       |
| 9th Feb  |                        |
| 6.30 pm  | Fish, Chips and Beetle |
| 10th Feb |                        |
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (said)  |
| 10.00 am | All Age Communion      |
| 4.00 pm  | Evensong               |
| 12th Feb |                        |
| 7.30 pm  | Mothers' Union AGM     |
| 13th Feb |                        |
| 1.45 pm  | First Steps            |
| 14th Feb |                        |
| 2.00 pm  | Pilgrim Course         |

We are delighted to announce, subject to the usual administrative procedures, the appointment of a new vicar. Her name is Sally Womersley and she is currently vicar to seven rural parishes near Woodbridge, Suffolk.

It is hoped that she will be able to take up her new post prior to Easter, but this has still to be confirmed.

Please think of Sally in your prayers.

*Jan Osborne and Andy Nailor*  
(Parish reps. on the selection panel.)



**Fish, Chips and Beetle  
on Saturday 9th February  
at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm**

Please book your tickets and pay for your food by calling Angela on 07900430002 or speak to her in church (last booking date is 2nd February).

Fish and Chips – £7.50  
Sausage and Chips – £4.50



Bring your own drinks.

### Week day services

|                |           |                               |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Holy Communion | Wednesday | 10.00 am and Saturday 8.00 am |
| Morning Prayer | Monday    | 8.00 am at Christ Church      |
| Morning Prayer | Tuesday   | 8.00 am at St. Aidan's Church |
| Evening Prayer | Wednesday | 5.15 pm at Christ Church      |
| Morning Prayer | Thursday  | 8.30 am at Holy Family Church |
| Morning Prayer | Friday    | 9.00 am at St. Aidan's Church |

The next meeting of the **Pilgrim Group** will be on **Thursday 24th January at 2.00 pm at Anne's 43 Park Avenue.**

We are at present studying "The Creeds".

It is not too late to come and join in as every session stands alone.

A very big thank you to everyone who gives regularly to Christ Church via the weekly envelope scheme or by standing order.

It is time for me order the envelopes for the next financial year, starting at the beginning of April, so if you do not have envelopes at the moment but would like to have them please let me know as soon as possible so that I can order the correct number. Conversely, if you currently have envelopes but no longer want them, please also let me know.

If you would prefer to make your offering by monthly standing order from your bank then please ask me or Steve Humphries (Treasurer) for a form.

It is important that our Gift Aid details are up to date so if there are any changes in your tax status that affect your Gift Aid declaration, please let me know. Thank you

Anne Thrush (Gift Aid Secretary)

## **Churches Together in Gravesham Annual General Meeting**

on  
Sunday 20th January  
at  
4.30 pm

at  
CPC Base Camp  
9-11 Lower Higham Road  
followed by refreshments  
and

**A United Service  
for the week of prayer for  
Christian Unity**

at  
6.30 pm  
at  
CPC Maltings Warehouse  
Lower Higham Road.

All welcome



The flowers at the altar this week are sponsored by Mary Thompson and her husband to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.



The flowers by the main door are sponsored by John Hougham in memory of his wife, Peggy.

**Below are details of Christ Church's giving to charities and good causes with money donated for that purpose.**

|                |               |              |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Income         | 2017          | 2018         |
| Lent Envelopes | £2,228        | £2,366       |
| Good Causes    | <u>£1,079</u> | <u>£ 898</u> |
|                | £3,307        | £3,264       |

**Expenditure**

Mary's Meals,  
Crisis  
Air Ambulance each £660 £2,640  
Demelza House

Mercy Ships  
The Mission to Seafarers  
Shelter Box each £650 £1,950  
Gravesend Waterside Centre  
Whizz- Kidz each £325 £ 650

Emergencies 145

Emergencies £ 100

Holy Trinity CE School  
Whitehill School  
Sanctuary  
Gravesham Street Pastors  
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support  
Larchwood Grove each £87 522  
£3,307

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Christian Aid £657  
Gravesham Food Bank £520  
Embrace the Middle East £216  
Christingle £516

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Gravesham Food Bank £713.50  
Embrace the Middle East £216  
Christingle £444

**LGBT History Month**

As a member of Inclusive Church, we are pleased to be hosting a Service of Thanksgiving during LGBT History Month to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of LGBT communities throughout the ages.

Please join us at **4.00 pm on Sunday 24th February**. All are welcome

*"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of God"* - Inclusive Church



Thanks to everyone who responded so generously with Christmas treats for the Foodbank and also the staple items and money donations that come in regularly week by week.

We were very busy over Christmas and New Year but, thanks to the generosity of so many people, we were able to provide plenty for all our clients.

We are currently short of tinned rice pudding and tinned potatoes but all donations are very welcome.

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.

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)