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Easter

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he church wardens are pleased to confirm the appointment of Sally Womersley as the new vicar for Christ Church.

Sally will be installed into her new office as vicar of Christ Church on Saturday 13 April, 2019 at a service to be held in the church at 14.00.



Sally Womersley Vicar elect of Christ Church, Milton-Next-Gravesend

The Institution By The Right Reverend James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester.

Induction and Installation by The Venerable Andrew Wooding Jones, Archdeacon of Rochester. Assisted by The Area Dean Nigel Bourne.

The service will be attended by the His Worshipful the Mayor of Gravesham, Cllr David Hurley, and other local dignitaries.

Parishioners and members of the congregation are urged to take their place in church early as space will be at a premium.

Following the service everyone is invited to retire to the church hall where refreshments will be provided to celebrate this occasion.



The Rt Rev James Langstaff
Bishop of Rochester



The Ven Andrew Wooding
Jones
Archdeacon of Rochester

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 Friday 5 and Saturday 6 APRIL at 9.30.

See you there, JAN

FIRST STEPS 13TH MARCH 2019 THE LOST SHEEP

We are all up to a very blustery March morning. There are clouds and signs of brightness with the threat of heavy showers. Our naughty little sheep isn't really sure what to make of the weather. Is it going to be nice or is it going to be wet and horrible? We just don't know. When he, his friends and I walk up to church for our First Steps service in the afternoon, it is still very windy though we haven't had any rain yet. In church and they all find themselves a comfortable spot to sit as and watch while I busy myself getting thing ready for our service. Linda and Jan come along to help, followed by Anne who is going to play the piano for us. When we are all ready we wait to see if anyone will come to join us. At last Katerina and little Annabelle arrive. Annabelle is wearing a very nice woolly hat, orange with a big pompom and Katerina has a very fetching navy beret, sensible for keeping out the wind. Where is everyone else? Have they been blown away by the wind or are they toasty and warm indoors?

Annabelle has found several jingle bells, one of which she has kindly given to me. So when we are all ready, we begin our little service. Our story today is about the lost sheep and it is one of our naughty little sheep's favourites. He and his friends listen intently as we hear about the shepherd on the hillside looking after his sheep. Though he's got lots and lots, he knows each one of them and he loves them all. They are very important to him. The shepherd knows that a lot of danger for his sheep to face on the hillside and so he looks after them very carefully. At nigh time there are dangerous animals prowling about, so he makes sure that they are all safe in their sheep pen.

Horror of horrors, one night as he counts them all in, he realises that one is missing. How can

that possibly have happened? There is only one thing that he can do. Out he goes into the dark night to find the one that is missing. He peers into the gloom and listens as hard as he can. He wanders up onto rocky crags and down the steep sides of the hills and eventually he hears a tiny sound like that of a frightened little sheep. The shepherd reaches down and picks up the trembling sheep, carrying it over his shoulder until he can put it safely back into the sheep fold with the others. And when he catches up with the other shepherds he tells them the tale of his lost sheep and how pleased and happy he is to have it back once again. Jesus is telling us how precious and special we are to God and if we stray from His path, He will always come and look for us until we are back safely with Him again. Our naughty little sheep thinks that it is such a lovely story with a very happy ending and he does love a happy ending. Annabelle has been such a good girl, jingling bells and making very good sheep noises, "Baa baa" Once again we have sung some of our favourite songs about our beautiful world, the people we love and we've even sung about frogs! When we have finished saying our prayers it is time to go into the hall for a drink and chocolate caramel biscuits. Yum! Our naughty little sheep and his friends ask very

nicely if they can have two. In Lent! Surely not! They have really enjoyed watching Annabelle play in the cars and with the other toys. She has even coloured in a picture for her Mum. And we've all had a chance to chat, too.

We do hope that a few more will join us for our next First Steps service on 10th April but we have all had a lovely time together this afternoon. Quality time!

God Bless Rosemary Austin.

LENT 2019 "ENCOUNTERING GOD IN THE STILLNESS"

Come and experience different ways to pray and enjoy some peace & stillness during Lent.

Session 3 Praying with the Bible Wednesday 27 March – 7pm for 7.30pm start

Session 4 **Multi-sensory prayer**Wednesday 3 April – 7pm for 7.30pm
start

Session 5 **Using my imagination**Wednesday 10 April – 7pm for 7.30pm
start
Refreshments available from 7pm

Please ensure you arrive before 7.30pm to avoid walking in during a time of silence & stillness.

Finishing approx. 8.30pm
You are encouraged to attend as many sessions as you can, as we share the journey together.

Rev Karen Seggie: (01474) 362654 or karenseggie16@gmail.com

Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

Our next meeting is on 26th March 2019

at Christ Church Hall Old Road East, Gravesend DA12 1NR (Parking in Church Car Park or in Park Avenue)

Starting at 7.00 p.m.

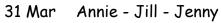
A Speaker on Hypnotherapy and Self Hypnosis

Followed by

A Solicitor Talking about Powers of Attorney and Wills



COFFEE ROTA 2019



7 Apr Annie - Jill - Sheila Knight

14 Apr Jan - Linda Parsonson - Maxine

21 Apr Annie - Jill - Sally Higgins

28 Apr Annie - Jill - Jenny Shoesmith



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



ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 7 years the Electoral Roll has to be revised. At the end of this month we shall begin the process of revising this current Electoral Roll which is hopelessly out of date due to people moving or passing away.

Everyone will have to re-apply to be included on the new Flectoral Roll.

This means that you will have to fill up one of the forms at the back of the church and hand it to a priest or churchwarden. This will give us a realistic picture of current membership. Those on the Electoral Roll are, of course, eligible for election to the various church offices.

So don't forget to sign up!
You will receive plenty of reminders.

Michael Charles Electoral Roll Officer

Christ Church Echo Square



Saturday 4th May 2019 from 7pm In the church hall

Tables of 6 - 8 people £5 per person

To book a table please email gillandduncan@aol.com

Bring your own refreshments Raffle prizes to be won on the night!

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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.

Sally Womersley: Biography

I grew up in Blackpool, Lancashire (later defecting to Yorkshire!). After leaving school I studied Drama and Theatre Arts joining the local repertory company. After several years in various roles in the customer service industry, I joined custodian English Heritage as Brodsworth Hall in South Yorkshire. Later, I was able to combine my love of history and my role as sacrist in the church when I became verger at Canterbury Cathedral (a happy and spiritually enriching time for me).

After several years at the Cathedral I was appointed Community Outreach worker in Highwoods, Colchester. During this time, I gradually became aware that God might be calling me elsewhere and I spent a year as Pastoral Assistant at St Matthew's, Westminster exploring vocation to ordination.

I trained for ordination at Westcott House, Cambridge and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University. I returned to Canterbury diocese and was ordained in 2008 serving my title post in a cluster of 7 rural parishes in Ashford deanery. After curacy, I joined the chaplaincy team at Canterbury Christ Church University (a happy and fulfilling time among students and staff). I am coming to you from my post as Team Vicar of 7 lovely rural parishes in the Benefice of North Hinckford (north Essex), in the diocese of Chelmsford.



In my spare time I like to socialise, and my interests include the creative arts; I enjoy live theatre, and film. I have an eclectic taste in music and love singing and dancing (though, not usually at the same time!). I enjoy travel and visiting historical places (I have a particular passion for Italy!)

Thank you for already making me feel so welcome. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know you all here at Christ Church, and meeting friends and colleagues from around the deanery and diocese.

Sally.

Fitness League

Movement for Life In Christ Church Hall **Every Tuesday From 2-3.15 pm** Light remedial exercises Fully qualified teacher

Ladies why not join us! For more information please Phone 01634 255759

THE FELLOWSHIP OF DIOCESAN PRAY-ERS

Invite you to a **QUIET DAY**

On

Saturday 11th May

9.30am for 10.00 to 3.pm

Led by the Revd Canon Gordon Oliver on 'Mud, Glorious Mud'

at

St Michael & All Angels Church, 2 High Road, Wilmington DA2 7EH

This is open to anyone with a heart for prayer

Please bring your own packed lunch.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Cost £15 (non-refundable) by 26th April

To Book: http://bit.ly/2SshdpM or with your Deanery Rep, or through Diocesan Office: training@rochester.anglican.org

COPY FOR APRIL 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 TUESDAY 23 APRIL at the very latest, or speak to Mike Cubitt - 07840343831



Sunday 7 April 10.00 PASSION SUNDAY

Traditional Bible readings, hymns and choral items as we listen to the story of Christ's Passion.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Thursday 18 April - Maundy Thursday

08:00 Said service of Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday

19.30: Informal Holy Communion and Watch

Friday 19 April - Good Friday

10:00 Hot Cross Bun Service

A special service and craft activities to explore the meaning of this Holy day, followed by Hot Cross Buns.

For children of all ages and their carers.

12 noon - 15:00 Good Friday service - 'The Seven Last Words of Jesus'

This service is in half hour sections, so you can stay for the duration or arrive and leave on the half hour during a hymn.

HE IS RISEN!

Services for Easter Day

Sunday 21 April

05.30: Lighting of the Easter fire and Service of Light - followed by breakfast

08.00: Said Holy Communion

10.00: Celebration Holy Communion with Easter eggs and refreshments.

16:00: Festal Evensong







Kent Fostering Service Kent Carers for Kent children

There are over 1000 children living in foster care with our 700 Kent County Council fostering families.

Our fostering families come from a wide variety of backgrounds which is needed because our children come from a range of backgrounds too Foster carers can be single, in a relationship, married, gay or straight, 18 years and over. Carers do not need to be home owners, but our carers do need a spare bedroom, have good physical and emotional health, energy, commitment, time, the motivation to make a real difference to a child's life and previous experience of caring for or working with children and young people.

The Kent Fostering Service particularly need homes for older children, brothers and sisters who need to stay together and disabled children (both long term and short breaks carers).

Short breaks carers provide short term care for disabled children- training is provided to meet a child's specific health and developmental needs. Some children and young people just need a short-term foster home whilst others need longer term homes and care until they are ready to live independently. Our young people deserve a sense of belonging to a family whilst also maintaining links with their birth family.

Emergency bed carers and assessment bed carers are needed for children and young people with complex presenting behaviours for a time limited period whilst plans are made for the young person's ongoing care.

Kent need foster carers for parent and child placements, which requires a particular skill set where additional training can be provided to build upon existing skills.

Our children and young people

Our Children and young people need caring families to meet their health, emotional, social and educational needs and to support them to develop a sense of identity and confidence in their own abilities. Many children are successfully returned home with their birth families whilst some children with more complex needs remain living with their foster family.

Fostering with Kent County Council provides a paid career offering the choice to complete a variety of training courses up to diploma level. Kent foster carers are self-employed and earn from £264 to £446 per week (including a maintenance and reward element) with enhanced fees paid for children with higher level disabilities and additional needs and combined rates for parent and child placements. Foster carers receive generous tax relief (see HMRC)

Kent Foster carers have their own fostering social worker, support groups, access to out of hours support, membership to Fostertalk, Kent Foster Carers Association, access to specialist services such as Kent's Sense of belonging service (psychological outreach support and activity days for children), Kent virtual schools, the Children and young people's council and participation and appreciation events and all new carers have a foster carer buddy to offer guidance and support.

The fostering assessment process takes 6-8 months. Kent information events provide an opportunity to learn more about fostering and meet our foster carers.

For information please contact Kent's initial enquiry team on 03000 420002 and visit our website www.kentfostering.co.uk or follow Kent fostering on Facebook.



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Christ Church Brownies completed a "Strike a light" activity. They decorated flower shaped wooden tea light holders. After learning how to strike a match safely and discussing how to stay safe they each had a turn striking a match and lighting their tea light. They then enjoyed eating toasted marshmallows. The Brownies agreed the activity was good fun. For some it was the first time they had struck a match.











No prizes in this occasional feature, but give it a try just for

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SPRING CLEANING

"We will be spring cleaning the church on **Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April** starting at 9.30 am. This is an enormous job so please come and give a hand even if you can only spare an hour or so".

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



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

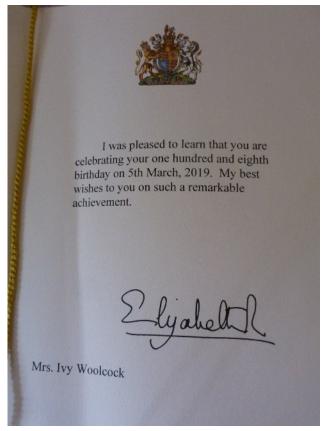








Ivy Woolcock who was 108 on 5th March received a birthday card from HM the Queen.



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If you would like details of costs and how you could contribute to Christ Church through advertising please

contact **07840343831**

or email

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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 10 APRIL 2019.



Best Friends





David came to stay at the palace after he killed the giant. King Saul had a son - Prince Jonathan. As soon as they met, Jonathan and David were friends, best friends. They promised to be friends forever.

King Saul had bad moods and David cheered him up. Every day, David played his harp and sang for the king





Suddenly, the king threw his spear at David - he only just escaped!

The king was jealous of David. David was a hero because he had killed Goliath. People loved David more than they loved King Saul.

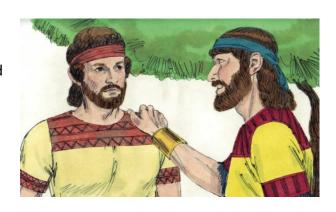
King Saul was so jealous, he wanted to hurt David. Jonathan was worried. "Why do you want to hurt my friend David?" Jonathan asked his father. "Didn't he fight Goliath for you? He might have been killed.

The king was ashamed of himself. "You are right," he said. "I won't hurt David. I promise." But one day King Saul threw his spear at David again. That night David escaped from the palace. David's place at the table was empty. "Where is he?" Asked the king" he's gone away," said Jonathan.

King Saul did not like Jonathan taking sides with David. He flew into a rage.

Jonathan went to the friends' secret meetingplace. "The king really means to hurt you," he said to David. "You must go right away. It's not safe to come back."

They hugged and cried as they could not be together now. But they were still best friends and stayed best friends for ever.



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

Alzheimer's & Dementia

We are the local specialist dementia service for Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley. We empower people affected by dementia to carry on their chosen lifestyle. We equip people with the knowledge and practical support to live well with dementia. If you are affected by dementia, we are here for you. The services you can choose from are:

One to one information and guidance to support you with living with dementia

Peer Support Groups

Memory Cafes

Singing Groups

Advocacy

Carers Peer Support Group

Carers Learning Groups

The Beacon Day Support

Support at Home

Support at Home Care Service

To find out how we can help you, contact us on

01474 533990

info@alz-dem.org

Safeharbour Memory Wellbeing Centre, Coldharbour Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AE

If you are interested in volunteering with us we would love to hear from you, please contact us to find out more.

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

Registered Charity no. 1130741

Office hours

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

Mothers union and Semiquavers

Wednesday Guides

First Steps

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)



CALENDAR APRIL 2019

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Sunday		7 PASSION SUNDAY 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	FIRST SERVICES WITH SALLY WOMERSLEY 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	EASTER SUNDAY 05.30 Service of light 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	08.00 Holy
Monday	1 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	8 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	15 08.00 Morning Prayer	22 08.00 Morning Prayer	29 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES
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Thursday	4 BROWNIES Choir Practice	BROWNIES Choir Practice	MAUNDY THURSDAY 08.00 Holly Communion 19.30 Holly communion and watch	25 Choir Practice	
Friday	5 09.30 Work party 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	12 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	GOOD FRIDAY 10.00 Hot Cross Bun service 12.00 - 15.00 the seven last words of Jesus	26 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours	
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