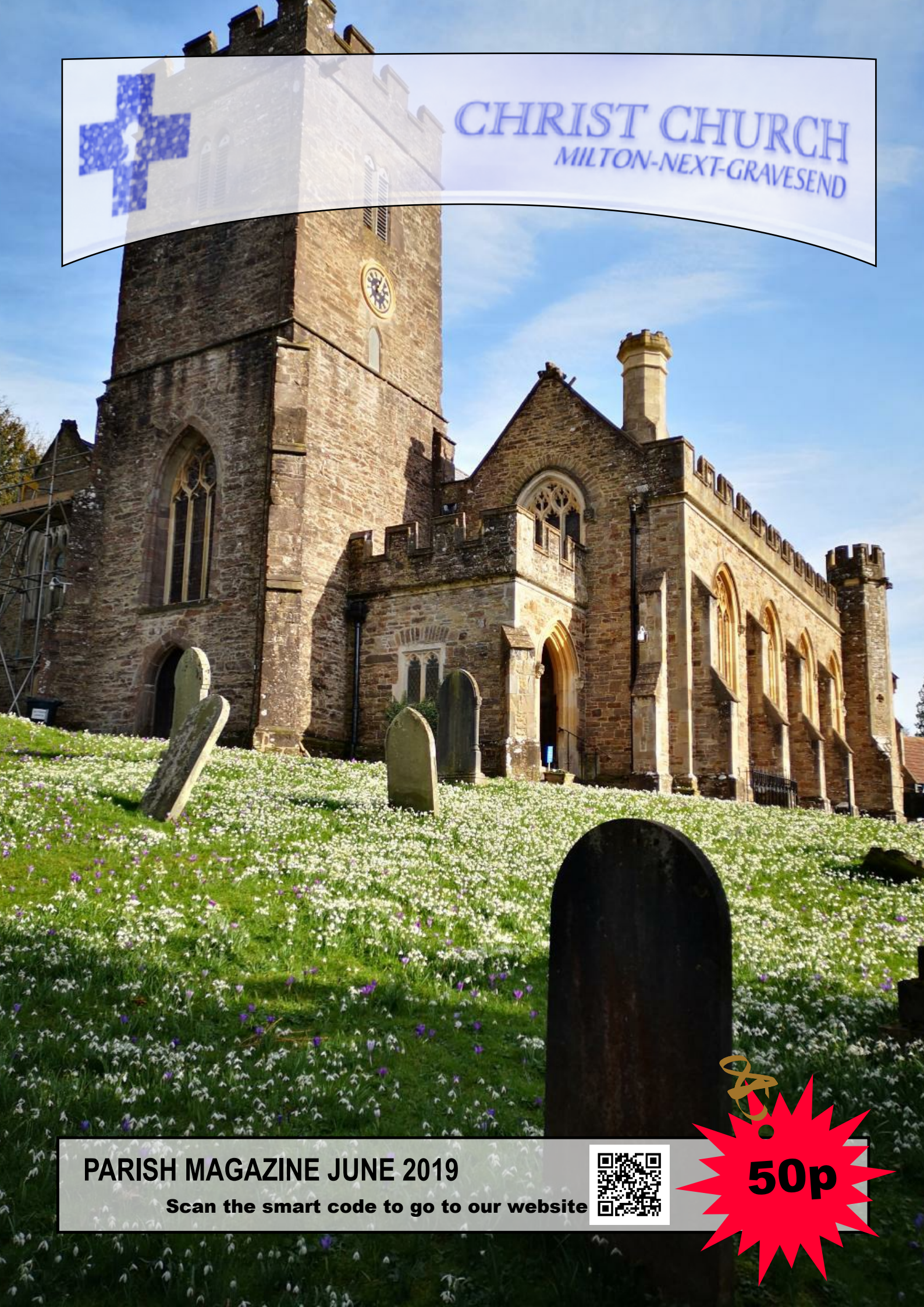




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www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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FIRST STEPS 8TH MAY 2019

A PICNIC ON THE BEACH

Our naughty little sheep is bitterly disappointed when he wakes up this morning to discover that it's pouring with rain. Yuck. It's our First Steps service this afternoon and he does like it to be sunny. It's still raining when our naughty little sheep and his friends and I walk up to church after lunch. Everyone is a bit damp by the time we get inside. As usual the animals find a comfortable seat while I begin to get things ready. Soon Jan, Linda and Anne come along to help. In no time at all we are all ready and when the big church doors are open, we wait to see who will brave the weather and join us.

First in today is Mum Kelly with Amber, who recently celebrated her third birthday. She is getting such a big girl and she's wearing sparkly pink wellies, very sensible. Next in is Granny Alison with Jack, soon followed by Mum Kirsty and Isla, three months old tomorrow. It is Isla's first visit to First Steps and everyone is really pleased to see her. She is lovely, smiley baby. Others join us and soon we have a lovely, lively crowd. When our candles are lit, our service begins. We hear about Jesus' disciples out in a boat on the lake, fishing. They'd been out all night and they hadn't caught a single fish, not even a little tiny one! Our naughty little sheep thinks that they must be very cross. They see a stranger standing on the shore and he calls out to them, suspecting that they've been out of luck. I think that they must look a bit fed up. He suggests that they throw the net over to the other side of the boat. When they do, they find that suddenly the net is full of fish. So many that they can't haul it onto the boat. The disciple whom Jesus loves realises who the stranger must be. This is after Jesus' resurrection and he has appeared to them a couple of other times, too. They don't seem to be able to recognise him

straight away. Our naughty little sheep is a bit puzzled by this.

Do you know what Peter does next? He quickly puts his clothes on and jumps overboard, swimming to the shore. He is so excited to see Jesus. The boat follows on behind. The disciples discover that Jesus has made a fire. He asks them for some of the fish that they have caught and he cooks it for their breakfast with some bread that he has brought with him. I bet that it is the best ever barbeque on the beach. Our naughty little sheep and his friends want a barbeque on the beach the next time that they go to the seaside. Is it allowed? Jesus wants the disciples to leave their fishing boats and go out to tell his story, showing the power of God's love in all that they do. And they must have done, otherwise we wouldn't know anything about it, would we?

We have had some lovely singing and jingling of bells. We've said our "Thank you" prayers and everyone is very good and quiet when we say "The Lord's Prayer." Rupert has been a happy smiley boy today, too. He and Matthew and Amber have all had birthdays, so we sing, "Happy Birthday" to them all. Then our service is over and we all go out into the hall for a drink, a biscuit and a chat. The sun is struggling to come out now and we are very pleased to see it. Our naughty little sheep and his friends make sure that they each have drink and a chocolate finger biscuit, or two! Then they make themselves comfortable, watching the children play. Great fun! As always we have had a lovely time together and we hope that everyone will join us for our next First Steps service on 12th June. Summer should be on its way by then.

God Bless Rosemary Austin



Easter trip out for Brownies

During the Easter holidays some of Christ Church Brownies spent an enjoyable day in the sunshine exploring our local woodland. Meeting at Ashenbank the Brownies practised their map reading skills to locate the World War II bunkers and Bronze Age ancient monument before finding their way to the cafe in Jeskyns. After a picnic lunch the Brownies treated themselves to ice creams and then visited the fairy garden and had fun in the play areas before rising to the challenge of using their maps to return to the car park by a different route.



COFFEE ROTA 2019

2 June Annie - Jill - Anne Thrush
9 June Maxine - Jan- Sandy
16 June Annie - Jill -
23 June Annie - Jill - Jenny
30 June Annie - Jill - Sheila Knight



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



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 Saturday 8 JUNE at 9.30.

See you there, JAN

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

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www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

- **Or call 01474 534517**

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Youth choir in Gravesend

We meet weekly for Rehearsals

at Christ Church

Tuesday evenings

6.15 pm to 7.30 pm



Some of the early summer activities planned for the Mothers' Union group at Christ Church

MAY 14TH
Visit to Bluewater



JUNE 11TH
Bowls at Woodlands Park
JUNE 30TH
Mothers' Union Church Service



TUESDAY JULY 9TH
Wave of Prayer Day
Event TBA



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

**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@yahoo.co.uk

COPY FOR JUNE 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 Sunday 19 May at the very latest, or speak to

Mike Cubitt - 07840343831

On 14 May about 20 members and guests visited Bluewater. We went on a tour to see various aspects of Bluewater with a member of staff, Ken. He told us about the various themes to each area, such as the Guildhall showing the guilds and the upmarket shops, whereas Thames Walk is more family orientated. He pointed out the sun, moon and stars themes for the three junctions. During the walkround Ken did magic tricks, introduced us to some passing staff and took us into the posh tea shop to sample some tea as well as a chocolate from Thorntons, while watching the wall clock turn round at midday.. We were then given a book detailing the building of Bluewater from design onwards. At the end we went to the quiet room, a multi-faith area where Jacqueline ended with prayers. We enjoyed the talk and finding out things we didn't know. Next time you go to Bluewater look up and see the various interesting features.

Our next meeting will be a trip to Woodland Park Bowling Club and on 30 June our Mothers' Union service.

Tour guide Ken Francis who explained the various seen and behind the scenes aspects of Blue Water Shopping Centre



Pictures taken at the Spring Concerts at Christ Church 2019





SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST CHURCH

I am aware that some groan when they hear the word safeguarding but Archbishop Justin Welby states that Safeguarding is at the heart of our Christian faith adding let us all pray that we may strive to be a safe church for all .

Here at Christ Church we take our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all our parish community seriously. In accordance with the House of Bishops Promoting a Safer Church policy, your PCC has over the last few months, been reviewing our practices and procedures with both an internal and Diocesan Audit. The result of this work is that we have established new ways to ensure that we do our utmost to comply with the recommendations of the Diocese Safeguarding requirements around recruitment, DBS checks and training for volunteers.

We have over 35 volunteers at Christ Church who give freely of their talents and time with our groups which include PCC members, Mustard Seed, the Choir and Music Group, Semi Quavers, Gods Gang and Welcome to the Lords Table and First Steps. Without their dedication we would be unable to provide such a wide range of wonderful experiences for our whole church family. We thank them most sincerely.

We now have a new Safeguarding team:

Parish Safeguarding Officer/Lead Recruiter - Jenny Shoesmith
Adults Safeguarding Advocate - Angela Kirby
Children and Young Adults Safeguarding Advocate - Joan Bennett
Church Wardens - Jan Osborne and Lucy Hornby

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to talk with someone in the team or of course the Vicar.

There is a board in the Church Porch with contact details and safeguarding notices.

Keep safe everyone.
Jenny Shoesmith

Our Pictures show some of the charity stalls that set up at the Christ church "New to You" table top sale in May



NEW TO YOU TABLE TOP SALE





All Age service at Christ Church Sunday 12 May



England... Lovely cities

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We need **VOLUNTEERS**

for the ADSS café at Safeharbour in Coldharbour Road.

The café is open during the week between 10am and 2pm for the public and is also used by our day centre. The days we need volunteers for are

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Anyone interested should contact **Katie Antill** on **01474 533990** or speak to

Alzheimer's & Dementia
SUPPORT SERVICES

ANGELA KIRBY
for further information.

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First Steps

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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 12 JUNE 2019.



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



Christ Church Summer Fete
"Around the World"
Donations collection

Please bring donations to church on the following days:

June 9 th	Bottles & Books-adults & children's
June 15 th	on the day...
	Cakes and preserves & Plants

Cuppa For Our Cause

*Northfleet and Ebbsfleet Lions
Please join us!*

You are invited to join us

Sandy & Ted

*at 63 Portland Avenue
Gravesend DA12 5HJ*

Friday 7th June

10am - 6pm

As we support local charity

Alzheimer's & Dementia

SUPPORT SERVICES

ADSS (Registered Charity NO 10690071)

*provides a unique range of services
to people with dementia and*

*their families in
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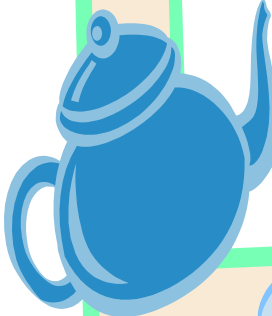
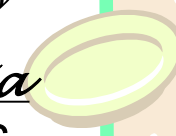
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FOOD BANK

Below is a list of items required at the moment

- Milk (UHT) -
- Custard -
- Toothpaste -
- Hot chocolate -
- Shampoo -
- Sweets/treats
- Breakfast cereal (not porridge) -
- Marmite -
- Fruit juice/squash -
- Toilet roll -
- Sponge pudding -
- Deodorant -
- Tinned Potatoes -
- Laundry
- Liquids/tablets

This list is only a few of the items that can help those less fortunate than ourselves, any tinned or non-perishable items are most welcome



Local Historical talks - walks - quiz

Hodsoll Street to Stansted – a guided historical walk

Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian) 07702287147

On: Sunday 9th June 2019

Meet: 2.30pm outside The Green Man public house, Hodsoll Street

Cost: Free but donations welcomed

No need to book, just turn up.

Sensible footwear needed, the route is through beautiful countryside with slippery and uneven surfaces, stiles and hedges.
Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee event – open to everybody.

A question of Gravesham and Dartford – local history quiz & supper

Quizmaster: Christoph Bull

On: Monday 10th June 2019

At: The Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Begins: 6pm for supper, quiz to follow

Cost: £15 for award winning fish & chips and also the quiz

Teams of up to six – booking essential-Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593. Tickets to be paid before event, unpaid tickets will be sold on to avoid disappointment.

Thong Lane (Chalk) to Shorne & Clayland Woods – Evening guided footpath walk

Leader: Peter Willis 01474 534889

On: Monday 1st July 2019

Meet: 7pm at corner of Vigilant Way/Thong Lane

Cost: Free – no need to book, just turn up.

Come and see part of the Lower Thames Crossing route through our lovely countryside.

Sensible footwear needed, the route is through beautiful countryside with slippery and uneven surfaces, stiles and hedges.
Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee event – open to everybody.

Gravesend's Victorian Dream - guided historical town walk

Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian) – tour will be in English & German.

On: Thursday 25th July 2019

Meet: 11.30am opposite Clock Tower on corner of The Grove and Milton Road, Gravesend

Cost: £4 per person – no need to book, just turn up.

Discover how & why Gravesend's view of the future changed forever in the Victorian period.

A tour of the Zoar Chapel, Saddington Street is included.

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 £4.60 for New Daylight and £5.05 for "Bible Reflections for older people"

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.

King Solomon the Magnificent

Solomon was king now. Like his father King David, Solomon loved God. One night when he was fast asleep, King Solomon had a dream.



In that dream God asked Solomon what he would most like to have. Solomon could have anything he wanted. He could be rich. He could be famous. He was finding it very hard to choose.

“I want to be a good king,” he said at last. “One who is always fair. I can’t be fair unless I am wise-so please make me wise.”

King Solomon was going to build the temple for God. Everything was ready. His father, King David, had gathered together the piles of stones and stacks of wood; the mountains of iron and bronze; the chests full of silver and gold and jewels-all ready to build.

“Let’s get started!” King Solomon said to his workers. “You must cut the stones.” Chip. Chip. Hammer. Hammer. “You must carve the wood.” “You must melt the gold.”

The workers did as King Solomon said. They all did their very best for the temple of God. It was beautiful. At last the temple was finished. All was ready for the grand opening.



Everyone went to the grand opening, the King, all the workers and all the people. The family of Levi who would look after the temple, the priests who would help the people come to God, the choir and the band. It was a very special occasion.

The Ark had a place of its own in the temple. The Ark was the special box where they kept the copy of God’s good rules for the best way to live.

The trumpets blew: the cymbals crashed, and the people sang at the top of their voices.



“God is good. God’s love is for ever!”

Then King Solomon spoke out loud to God: “You are the one who made the whole world,” he said. “We know you can’t really live in a house, like us. But we want your temple to be a very special place: a place where we can come to you; a special place to say our prayers.”

King Solomon spoke to the excited people. “God bless you and make you happy!” he said. “And now – let the fun begin!” The party went on and on. It was seven whole days before the people went home, tired but still happy.

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**

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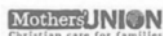
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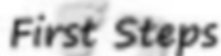
Regular activities and youth organisations

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
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 First Steps



CALENDAR JUNE 2019

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Monday 	31 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	3 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	10 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	17 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	24 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES
Tuesday 		4 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	11 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	18 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	25 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 		5 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer 13.45 First Steps	12 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	19 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	26 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 		6 BROWNIES Choir Practice	13 BROWNIES Choir Practice	20 BROWNIES Choir Practice	27 BROWNIES Choir Practice
Friday 		7 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	14 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	21 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	28 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS
Saturday 	1 08.00 Holy Communion	8 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Work party	15 08.00 Holy Communion SUMMER FETE	22 08.00 Holy Communion	29

Christ Church, Echo Square

SUMMER FETE

Entrance £1 for Adults
Children Free



Saturday 15th June 2019 at 2.30pm

Stalls, Raffles, Games, Refreshments and Lots More!

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