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**at Gravesend Pic Jacqueline Littlewood**

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## Who's Who at Christ Church

[www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk)

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**FIRST STEPS**  
**12TH JUNE 2019**  
**THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

We are up to a rather cloudy morning though there are flashes of sunshine. Our naughty little sheep is a bit anxious because it is our First Steps service this afternoon and he doesn't think that the sunshine is going to last. Sure enough, it's pouring with rain for our walk up to church. How disappointing! There is a funeral in church and so our little service will have to be in the hall. We all feel very sorry for the sad people who will be coming to the funeral. The weather is rather sad, too. We go into the hall and begin to get bits ready for our service. Will anyone want to come and join us when the weather is so yucky? We can only hope so. Linda, Jan and Anne come along to help and our naughty little sheep and all his friends have made themselves comfortable. The glittery dragon isn't with us today,. He doesn't like this wet weather, which perhaps isn't such a surprise but he is very much missed.

We are very lucky because some brave souls come to join us in spite of the weather. First in is Matthew with his Grandma Brenda, and his Great-grandma whose name is Brenda, too. It could be confusing, but lovely none the less. Then others gradually arrive and soon we have a small but lively group for our service. When everybody is ready I light the candles and we begin our little service. Today we are talking about Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. Our naughty little sheep thinks that it is a rather sad story but it does have a happy ending. We do like a happy ending, don't we?

We hear the story of a man who is on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho. It's out in a wild and mountainous area and he's attacked by robbers who take all his money and leave him laying in the road, half dead. Our naughty little sheep is shocked! A priest on his way to the Temple passes by, but he has important jobs to do and he can't possibly stop, so he crosses onto the

other side of the road, leaving the poor man laying there. Time goes on and a Levite, another important man with jobs to do in the Temple also comes along. But he's got much more important things to concern him and so he crosses over the road, too, and hurries on his way. Our naughty little sheep is even more shocked now! That poor man is still laying there, getting weaker and weaker when a Samaritan comes by on his horse. He sees that poor injured man laying there and he goes over to him. This is quite a surprise because Jews and Samaritans really don't get on. But the Samaritan doesn't care about that stuff. He just sees someone who needs help. He gently puts the man onto his horse and takes him to a nearby inn. He has a word with the inn keeper, asking him to take care of the man. The Samaritan gives the inn keeper some money and tells him that when he comes back he will pay anything that is still owed, as long as he looks after the man until he's better. Wow, what a wonderful story. Jesus tells us that that is what loving your neighbour looks like and that is how we should be.

We have sung some of our favourite songs, with lots of jingling of bells and said our "Thank you" prayers to God. Now it is time to play and have a drink and a biscuit. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are ready for theirs, as usual. Then they watch the children playing while Mums, Grandma and Great-grandma chat together.. As always it has been lovely to be together, listening to that amazing story, and having a good time. We hope that everyone will come and support Sheila on 10th July for our next First Steps service when I will be on holiday, oops!

**God Bless Rosemary Austin**





## HOLY BAPTISM

5<sup>th</sup> May      Albie Michael Bradford  
                  Daisy Eva l'anson McCann  
                  Alexander Charles Thomas McCann

19<sup>th</sup> May      Frankie Michael Stapley  
                  Emily Martha Janet Parker  
                  Oliver Henry Ramsden

2<sup>nd</sup> June      Imogen Abigail Joshua  
                  Rupert Charles Scott-Relf  
                  Isla Florence Coomber

## HOLY MATRIMONY

8<sup>th</sup> June      Elspeth Anne Houlding and James Michael Cuerden

## REST IN PEACE

9<sup>th</sup> April      Phyllis Allen

24<sup>th</sup> April     David Matthew John Thompson

5<sup>th</sup> May        Alma Alice Agnes Cottrell

8<sup>th</sup> May        Beryl Patricia Dymott

14<sup>th</sup> May      Michael Richard Girling

# COFFEE ROTA 2019

7 July      Annie - Jill - Angela Kirby

14 July     Vena - Pauline Marks - Anne Thrush

21 July     Annie - Jill -

28 July     Annie - Jill -

4 Aug      Annie - Jill - Sally Higgins



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



# GRAVESHAM'S CIVIC SERVICE 2019

Sunday 14th July at  
4pm the annual Civic  
Service for Sea  
Sunday will be held at  
Christ Church.  
Everyone welcome to  
attend.

**Our picture shows  
His Worshipful the  
Mayor of Gravesham,  
councillor Gurdip  
Ram Bungar with his  
chaplain Jacqueline  
Littlewood.**



## 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 20 JULY at 9.30.**

**See you there, JAN**

Christ Church Brownies had a lovely evening in the church grounds when Beaver taught them how to erect a tent. A Promise ceremony was followed by refreshments made by a Brownie taking her hostess badge test.



## **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 21 July at the very latest, or speak to  
**Mike Cubitt - 07840343831**

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## 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

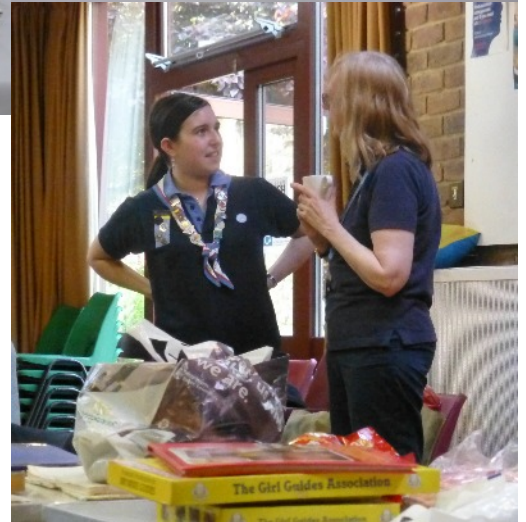
If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to talk with someone in the team or of course the Vicar.

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

Keep safe everyone.  
Jenny Shoesmith



To celebrate the 40th birthday of the unit a party was held on 23rd May at which it was lovely to see guests who have supported the unit during it's history including one of the founder members and our Division President who was the District Commissioner responsible for opening the unit. We also welcomed our current County and District Commissioners and County vice president as well as representatives from Christ Church including Priest Jacqueline. The Brownies enjoyed party games organised by one of the Brownies as a challenge for her Brownie Gold award. After blowing out the candles on the special birthday cake Brownies and visitors were able to enjoy their party tea in the church grounds.





# HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY





# SUMMER FETE









After their half term break the Brownies enjoyed a guided riverside walk in the sunshine. Starting at St George's church they learned the history of Pocahontas and the church before

walking by the river pausing to learn about the Three Daws, Bawley Bay, St Andrew's and the Mission House, the Gravesend Blockhouse, Royal Terrace Pier and Milton Chantry.





## General Animals 1

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ANT  
HEDGEHOG  
CHEETAH  
EEL  
OSTRICH  
DOLPHIN  
RAVEN  
BADGER

## CREAM TEA AFTERNOON

Dene Holm Methodist Church  
Thursday 25th July 2019  
2pm til 4pm

Join us for an afternoon of tea, scones, cake and homemade produce!

There will also be stalls to browse and some competitions, with all money raised going to support the work of Gravesham Street Pastors

For more information or to get involved,  
please contact Sam at:  
[graveshamstreetpastors.org.uk](mailto:graveshamstreetpastors.org.uk) or  
07462 307409



# Wombwell Hall

Wombwell Hall is a friendly care home nestled in a peaceful area of Northfleet offering nursing care for elderly ladies and gentleman.

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To find more information on the care we can offer you or your loved one, please visit our website, or contact our Home Manager, Catherine Veerigadu.



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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**

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 JULY 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 Mothers Union  
Forthcoming Events



Our Tuesday July 9th meeting will be held from 8.00 pm in the Church Hall following the Semi Quavers Concert. We will be welcoming Sally our new Vicar for a meet and greet and she will also be giving a short talk. We will be serving Pimms and Strawberries and Cream as refreshments so we hope to see you there.

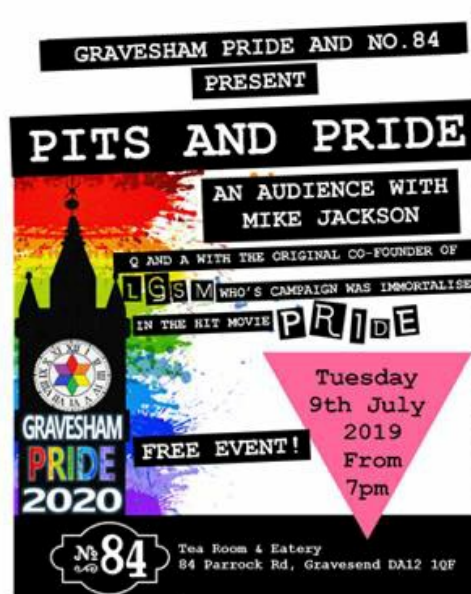
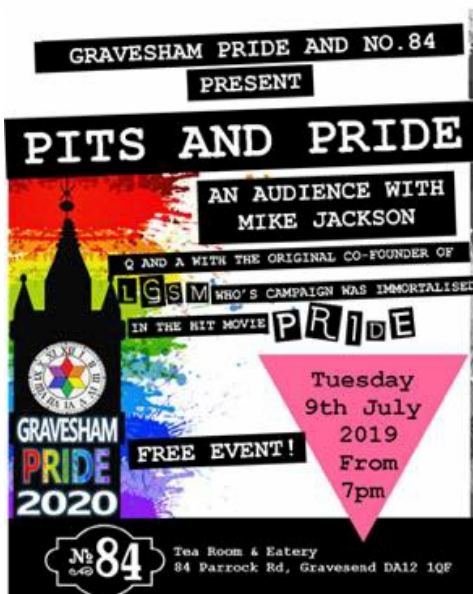
Sunday 14th July (1.00 - 4.00pm) is the International Wave of Prayer Day. Because of other services that day - Sea Sunday and Civic Service at Christ Church - we are not holding a special gathering but ask that members take time out to pray for those around the world who are part of our Union and for those we seek to help.

August 9th - is Mary Sumner Day - there will be a service at Rochester Cathedral at 5.30. Ask Priest Jacqueline for details.

August 20th - date for your diary - is our annual T@3 event where we will be serving tea and cakes as well as a raffle, bring and buy, activities for children etc. Christ Church Hall. A sign up sheet will be available at the July meeting for helpers.

For more details - look at the Sunday News Sheets or contact Jenny Shoemith (Secretary) or a Committee Member.

All are very welcome to any of our events.



**GRAVESHAM  
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

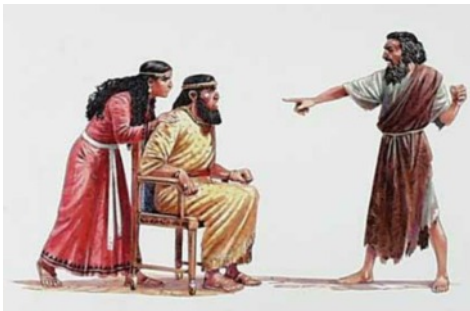
# A Very Hungry Time

King Solomon had died long ago. His great kingdom now had two kings. One king ruled in the north (his name was King Ahab). Another king ruled in the south (he was one of King David's family).

King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were both wicked and bad and did not love God, or take good care of his people.

King Ahab built a temple, but it wasn't God's temple. Inside was a block of stone, with the picture of a man on it. Queen Jezebel and the people called the man Baal, as if he were real.

They asked Baal to make it rain, or asked him not to send any bad storms. But Baal was only a picture on a block of stone. He couldn't do anything.



Now there was a man called Elijah who was a prophet. A prophet is someone who brings special messages from God. He went to see King Ahab with a special message from God. He told him that Baal knows nothing about the weather, but God does. And the message from God was, it will stay dry with no rain at all, until I say so. Just you wait and see.

King Ahab did not believe it. But all that day the sun shone. Every day, day after day, the sun shone. The days and the weeks and the months went by. Not even a drop of rain. Everyone began to get worried. No rain means nothing will grow. No rain means, no water to drink.

All day, every day, the sun shone. The plants began to droop and die: soon there would be nothing to eat. The rivers began to dry up: soon there would be nothing to drink. "Where is Elijah?" roared the king. "Just let me get my hands on him!" But no one knew where Elijah was – no one but God.

Elijah was down by the brook. There was still some water to drink, and he had food to eat. God was looking after Elijah and keeping him safe. Still the sun shone and Elijah's brook dried up. Where would he go now?

"I'll tell you where to go," God said. So Elijah set off. He was almost there when he met a poor woman, picking up sticks for her fire. "I'm thirsty," Elijah said – and she went to fetch him some water. "I'm hungry too," Elijah called after her. "We have nothing left but a handful of flour and a drop of oil," she said sadly. "And my little boy is so hungry."

"Don't worry," Elijah said. "Bake me a loaf first and then bake your own. You won't go hungry. Your flour and your oil will last till the rain comes. God himself says so."

So she did as Elijah said, and there was bread to eat, every day. Bread for Elijah, and the woman, and her son, because God was looking after them.





# Local Historical talks - walks - quiz

## **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.

## **Sunday 28th July: Circular walk Cobham to Henley Street.**

Meet: 2.30pm at Cobham Church, The Street, Cobham DA12 3AY

Leader: Jenny Ellert 01474 361977. Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee walk open to all, free - no need to book.

## **Guided walk of Gravesend "If statues could talk"**

**On: Saturday 24th August 2019**

Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian and Tour Guide)

Meet: 11am by Tourist Information Booth, Gravesend Market (near the Queen Victoria statue)

Cost: £5 per person. Booking essential 01474 337600 or at the Tourist Information Booth (open Thursdays to Sundays only).

## **Countryside footpath walk in Higham Parish**

**On: Sunday 25th August 2019**

Leader: Anne Waugh 07969055243

Meet: 2.30pm Mill Barn, Hermitage Road, Higham ME3 7ND

The walk is free and open to all – it is a cross country walk – sensible footwear is needed.

Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee walk – exploring our local landscapes.

## **Chalk Parish: marshes, midges & medicine (illustrated talk with supper)**

**Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)**

**On: Monday 9th September 2019**

Supper at 6pm, talk to follow. Part of the programmes of events "Local History & Chips"

At: The Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Booking essential: £15 includes supper and talk. Book: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

## **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.

# 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**

## Office hours

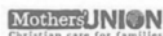
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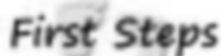
## Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)
Monday	Music Group; Brownies
Tuesday	Mothers Union (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 JULY 2019

Sunday 		7 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	14 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion <b>16.00 Civic service for Sea Sunday</b>	21 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	28 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Monday 	1 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>BROWNIES</b>	8 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>BROWNIES</b>	15 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>BROWNIES</b>	22 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>BROWNIES</b>	29 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>BROWNIES</b>
Tuesday 	2	9 <b>CUBS</b> <b>18.30 Semiquavers SUMMER CONCERT</b>	16 <b>CUBS</b> 18.15 Semiquavers	23 <b>CUBS</b> 18.15 Semiquavers	30 <b>CUBS</b> 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 	3	10 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer <b>13.45 First Steps</b>	17 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	24 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	31 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	4 <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir Practice	11 <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir Practice	18 <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir Practice <b>14.30 Mustard seed</b>	25 <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir Practice	
Friday 	5 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	12 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	19 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	26 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	
Saturday 	6 08.00 Holy Communion	13 08.00 Holy Communion	20 08.00 Holy Communion <b>09.30 Work party</b>	27 08.00 Holy Communion	

A close-up photograph of a bouquet of yellow roses, filling the background of the page. The roses are in various stages of bloom, with some showing the characteristic spiral pattern of the petals.

***Come and enjoy our choir's summer programme  
on Tuesday 9 July 2019  
6.30pm at Christ Church, Gravesend  
Entrance £4.00 for adults and children free  
Tickets from Gill Campbell on 01474 534517***

***Our concert is dedicated to Elliot Rose Hornby  
and concert proceeds will be donated to the Kent  
Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance in her memory***

