27th October 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

27th Oct

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)8.30 am Christian Aid Breakfast10.00 am Family Communion

2nd Nov

10.00 am All Souls' Day Service

3rd Nov All Saints' Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 10.00 am Family Communion

9th Nov

10.30 am Christmas Bazaar 10th Nov Remembrance Sunda

10th Nov Remembrance Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 10.00 am Family Communion

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4.00 pm 12th Nov

7.30 pm Mothers' Union

13th Nov

1.45 pm First Steps Service

14th Nov

10.30 am Pilgrim Course

16th Nov

9.30 am Church Working Party

17th Nov

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am All Age Communion

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 9th November starting at 10.30 am

Please continue to bring gifts for the stalls—next Sunday please bring



Bottles, Jewellery Toiletries

There are boxes at the back of the church to received your gifts.

The pre-school are running a chocolate/sweet tombola. We would be grateful if everyone could bring in just one chocolate or sweet of any kind for the stall. This could be a chocolate Christmas tree decoration, a mini Milky Way, a tube of Smarties, a box of chocolates, a selection pack or anything else you can think of. There will be a special box by the door on the way in for your Idonations.

Week day services

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

A big thank you

to Sheila and her team who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest.

To all who organised and those who contributed to the very enjoyable soup and bring and share lunch

and to everyone who brought gifts for the Food Bank. It was a magnificent amount and we were able to deliver 166.3 kg. of food to Riverside last Monday where it was very gratefully received to replenish stock for the coming winter months.

WELL DONE, EVERYONE

The next Church Working Party will be on Saturday 16th November (not the usual Saturday) starting at 9.30 am.

Please come along and give a hand.

On Saturday 2nd November at 10.00 am there will be a service in church to commemorate All Souls' Day. There will not be a service at 8.00 am.

If you wish to remember loved ones at the service please print their names clearly on the sheet at the back of the church.

On Sunday 10th November at 4.00 pm there will be a service for the bereaved.

If you wish to remember loved ones at that service please print their names clearly on the sheet at the back of the church.

Please ensure that you print the names on the correct sheet.

As the lists are likely to be very long, please only include names for the service you will be attending.



The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Maureen Hockliffe in

memory of her parents



HELP we need more shoeboxes. Our shoebox appeal is under way but we need more boxes. They are disappearing as soon as they go under the table.

Wonderful but we need more! Please help to find us as many as you can—friends, relatives, neighbours, shops—average size is best but we are grateful for any. Thank you, Veronica.



Next **Sunday, 3rd November**, Julia Jamieson, the MU Diocesan President, will be joining us at the 10 am service for the enrolment of new members to the Mothers' Union.

Our next MU meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th November** in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm when we will be making Christmas crafts.

Advance notice—on **Saturday 14th December** in the Church Hall from 10 am to 12 pm please join us for mince pies and coffee. There will also be a raffle.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.



Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday and those who served refreshments and sold raffle tickets.

We raised **£389.35**

If you are a family with pre-school children please come to our

First Steps Service on Wednesday 13th November at 1.45 pm in Church

We will have a story, prayers, and songs accompanied by bells and shakers.

Afterwards we enjoy refreshments in the hall while the children play with toys.





Congratulations to Kathryn and her team who ran a very

enjoyable Bible Fun Afternoon last Wednesday.



you are invited to attend the Annual Thanksgiving Service to celebrate Black History Month at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 3.00 pm.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th November from 2.00pm—4.30 pm—you are invited to Tea, Coffee and homemade cakes to raise money to buy the oranges, sweets, etc. for Christingle.

One of our charities this year is "Mercy Ships" and they have sent us an open invitation to one of their carol services on **4th December** in London. Please speak to Veronica for more details.

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 Julie Hill on juah_1961@talktalk.net Items for the website should be sent to ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk

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