

15th December 2019
Notes and News

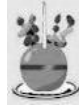
Christ Church
Milton-next-Gravesend



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

15th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
20th Dec	
7.15 pm	Come and Sing
22nd Dec	
8.00 am	Holy communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
6.30 pm	Lessons and Carols
24th Dec	Christmas Eve
3.00 pm	Crib Service
5.00 pm	Crib Service
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion with carols
29th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
31st Dec	
	New Year's Eve Party
1st January	
10.00 am	Family Communion



MANY THANKS

to everyone who helped in any way to make the Christingle such a happy occasion and helped to raise

£396.73

for the work of the Children's Society



to all who supported the Semiquavers' Concert on Tuesday. They raised £515 and Legal and General Investment Management will match fund this to the tune of £500.

Another very enjoyable evening.



to the Mustard Seed helpers who gave a lovely Christmas tea to the over 80's.

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



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 21st December starting at 2.00 pm.

Please come along and join in.



Vena and family would like to thank all those in Christ Church who supported David during his illness and who gave him such a wonderful service on Monday.

Thanks to our organist and the choir especially for their rendering of God be in my Head.

We are planning at **New Year's Eve Party in the hall**. If you are interested in coming please sign the list at the back of the church and indicate how many will be coming with you.

The cost will be £5 for adults, children are free.



Marian and Peter are not sending Christmas cards to all their friends at Christ Church this year, but will instead make a donation to Demelza House Hospice.

Their good wishes to all are still meant!



Joy to the World!

Come and Sing

We gather at the church at 7.15 pm on Friday 20th December to make our way to Larchwood and then to Nelson Court to sing carols with the residents.

Please come and join in the fun.

Once again we are collecting new toys at the Crib Services on 24th December which will be donated to the "Sure Start" charity.

Sure Start has been very grateful for our donations in the past and would be pleased to receive a further donation this year.

Please ensure that the toys are unwrapped

On Friday 20th December from 6-7 pm Churches Together in Gravesham will be singing carols in the entrance hall on the coastbound side of Gravesend Station. Please join them if you can.

Please come to our **Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 22nd December at 6,30 pm.** The choir are working very hard for this service. There will be mince pies and mulled wine in the hall following the service.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Crib Service

3.00 pm and 5.00 pm

Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, kings or animals also to bring a new unwrapped present

Midnight Mass 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion (said)

8.00 am

**Family Communion with carols
10.00 am**

New Year's Day Family Communion 10.00 am

There will not be any services between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Many thanks for your continued support for the Foodbank.

At present we are short of

Fruit squash

Cartons of juice

Ladies' and Men's deodorants

Washing capsules

We would like to give our customers some Christmas treats so would be pleased to receive

Chocolates

Fancy biscuits

Mince pies, etc.

Please check the dates to make sure they are alright until Christmas

Anyone who needs to come forward with information or to make any disclosures regarding church related abuse, is encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocese of Rochester's Safeguarding team on 01634 560 000.

Recognising that this may not feel safe for those with a live experience of abuse from within the Church, a dedicated telephone helpline operated independently from the church by NSPCC has been set up.

Calls can be made free to 0800 80 20 20

Anyone can use the helpline to provide information or to raise concerns regarding abuse within the Church of England context, whether they are reporting issues relating to children, adults or seeking to whistle blow about poor safeguarding practice.

Your concerns will be taken seriously.



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
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