

5th January 2020
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

5th Jan	Epiphany
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
8th Jan	
1.45 pm	First Steps Service
9th Jan	
10.30 am	Pilgrim Course
11th Jan	
9.30 am	Church working party
12th Jan	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion
4.00 pm	Evensong
14th Jan	
7.30 pm	Mothers' Union
15th Jan	
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed
19th Jan	Sally's last Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
23rd Jan	
10.30 am	Pilgrim Course
26th Jan	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion with prayers for healing

MANY THANKS

to everyone who helped make Christmas such a special time at Christ Church.



Thank you to all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas. We had a number of compliments about the arrangements and how beautiful the church looked. There was also appreciation and thanks for all the lovely Christmas wreaths made by the Flower Club which are decorating the pillars. We could not have done it without all the help. Happy flower arranging to everyone in 2020. Sheila.



A special thank you to Tilly and Cameron who organised the superb New Year's Eve Party.

A good time was had by all!

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

GOOD NEWS

Bishop James and Rev Mark Ham have invited Rev Karen Nelson to support St Alban and St Edmund Dartford as Associate Priest working with Rev Mandy Young for a number of months as they move into interregnum. Karen has accepted the post which will begin on the 20th January. Karen's last day in the East Gravesend Group will be Sunday 5th January. You are all invited to an informal "farewell do" for Karen at Rev Richard Martin's house at 18 Brenchley Avenue on Monday 6th January - drop in anytime between 3pm and 8pm.

Karen says "I am very excited to be taking on this new role but sad to be leaving the place that has been my home for the last 4 & a half years. A place where I have made such wonderful friends, gained such valuable experience and been shaped into the Priest that God is calling me to be. It is with great sadness that I wave goodbye but with happiness for all that has happened in this place. Thank you all for being such an important part of my journey and for sharing so much with me. It has been an honour and a privilege to walk alongside you for this time.

With much love & God's blessings, Karen xx"



The flowers on the table
by the main door are
sponsored by Audrey

Price to remember her husband, Bill.



The next meeting of the Pilgrim
Group will be on Thursday 9th
January at 10.30 am at Julie's,
34 Whitehill Road.

We are starting a new book, so it is
a good time to start coming.

All are welcome to join us..

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

First Steps Service
in church
on Wednesday, 8th January
at 1.45 pm

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

Come and meet our
naughty little sheep
and his friends and
afterwards enjoy
refreshments in the hall.



Sunday 19th January will be Sally's last Sunday with us. Please come.



**Fish, Chips and Beetles
on
Saturday 8th February
at 7.00 pm
in the Church Hall**

Entry+ Fish and Chips £7
Entry+ Sausage and Chips £5

For tickets (by 1st February)
Contact Angela on 07900 430002 or
speak to her in Church.

Please come to this fun evening.....

The next **Church Working
Party** is on **Saturday 11th
January** starting at **9.30 am.**

Please come along and give a
hand.



Our next Mothers' Union Meeting
is on Tuesday 14th January in the
Church Hall at 7.30 pm, when we
will be holding a film night.

Please come along and join us as we watch
"Fishermen's Friends". You will be most
welcome.

Dates for your 2020 diaries

February

8th Fish, Chips and Beetles

March

13th & 14th Church Spring cleaning
31st Semiquavers' Concert

April

26th Church AGM

May

9th 75th Anniversary of the
End of WW2— Christian
Aid Quiz

June

13th Summer Fete
20th Pr. Jacqueline's 40th
Anniversary of being
Ordained

July

7th Semiquavers' Concert

August

9th Mothers' Union Annual
Service
Church Barbecue
12th Teddy Bears' Picnic
14th Hall Spring cleaning
18th MU T&3

September

12th Last Night of the Proms

October

11th Harvest
25th Christian Aid Breakfast

November

14th Church Bazaar

December

8th Semiquavers' Concert



Many thanks for your continued support for the Foodbank. especial thanks for all the Christmas "goodies" donated.

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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