

2nd February 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

2nd Feb	Candlemas
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
8th Feb	
9.30 am	Church Working Party
7.00 pm	Fish, Chips and Beetles
9th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion
4.00 pm	Evensong
11th Feb	
7.30 pm	Mothers Union AGM
12th Feb	
1.45 pm	First Steps
13th Feb	
10.30 am	Pilgrim Course
16th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
20th Feb	
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed
23rd Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion

PLEASE NOTE that the annual service to celebrate LGBT History Month due to take place today has been postponed.

On Sunday 9th February at 4.00 pm, please join the choir for Evensong.



The flowers at the altar have been arranged by David Williams and sponsored by David and Martin for LGBT weekend.

The next Church Working Party will be on Saturday 8th February starting at 9.30 am.

Please come along and give a hand.

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



Our Mothers' Union meets again on Tuesday 11th February in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm. when they will be having their Annual General Meeting with Holy Communion..

This is an opportunity for members to elect a committee, review the year and finances and plan ahead.

A brief tutorial. for the Mothers' Union website will take place prior to the start of the meeting.

Please come and join us—all are welcome.

The next
First Steps Service
is on
Wednesday 12th February
in
Church
at
1.45 pm

This is a service specially designed for families with pre-school children.

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

Afterwards we enjoy some refreshments in the church hall.



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 recycling. Put them in Pr. 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.



Many thanks to everyone who supported the Foodbank in 2019. As well as all the donations of food we also received £676 in cash.

Current shortages are

Tinned fruit, packet rice, packet soups, sponge puddings and men's deodorants and shower gels

All donations are gratefully received.

Today is the Last date to book your place



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

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

For tickets
(by 2nd February)
Contact Angela on 07900
430002 or speak to her in
Church.

Please come to this fun
evening.....

We will be having a raffle.

Hymn requests!

Tom is seeking hymn suggestions from the congregation.

So, if you have any favourites, please let him know either by leaving a note on his peg or by email to tomshorter@live.co.uk

**Gravesend Deanery Thanksgiving
and Prayers**

It goes without saying, that prayers are at the heart of any church and to this end, six times a year, the fifteen churches within Gravesend Deanery submit thanksgiving and prayers for inclusion in the above leaflet.

The purpose of the leaflet is to encourage those who receive it to pray and give thanks not only for the life and needs of their church, but also for the life and needs of other churches across the deanery.

If you would like to receive this leaflet please speak to Colin Parsonson or contact him at colin.parsonson4@virginmedia.com

A copy of the current leaflet is displayed in the church porch

Below are details of Christ Church's giving to charities and good causes with money donated for that purpose.

Income	2019	2018
	£	£
Lent Envelopes	2,010	2,366
Good Causes	<u>563</u>	<u>898</u>
	2,573	3,264

Expenditure	
Mission Aviation Fellowship Shelter	
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	
each £520	1,560
Oliver Fisher Special	
Care Baby Unit	346
Teddington Trust	173

Emergencies	-
Holy Trinity CE School	
Whitehill School	
Sanctuary	
Gravesham Street Pastors	
Gravesend & District	
Osteoporosis Support Group	
Larchwood Grove each £83	<u>498</u>
	2,577

Christian Aid	£419
Gravesham Food Bank	£676
Embrace the Middle East	£200
Christingle	£406

Expenditure	
Mercy Ships	
The Mission to Seafarers	
Shelter Box	each £650
Gravesend Waterside Centre	1,950
and Whizz Kidz	each £325
	650

Emergencies	100
Holy Trinity CE School	
Whitehill School	
Sanctuary	
Gravesham Street Pastors	
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support	
Services	
Larchwood Grove	each £94
	<u>564</u>
	3,264

Christian Aid	£576
Gravesham Food Bank	£713.50
Embrace the Middle East	£216
Christingle	£444

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 lucyhornby305@gmail.com