

9th 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

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
26th Feb	Ash Wednesday
10.00 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

TODAY

.Please come back at 4.00 pm and join the choir for Evensong.



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.

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



The flowers at the altar this week have been arranged by Janice Stevens in memory of her Mother.

For anyone who would like to attend the licensing of Reverend Sally will take place at Romsey Abbey on Sunday 1st March at 4.00 pm.



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 refreshments in the church hall.



The funeral of Joan Sewell will take place in Christ Church on Tuesday 18th February at 10.45 am.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



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



The next meeting of the Pilgrim Group will be on Thursday 13th February at 10.30 am at Julie's, 34 Whitehill Road.

All are welcome to join us..

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.



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.

Church Heating.

A small flood in the boiler room has led to the discovery that the boiler that supplies heating to the church has a crack in its cast iron heat exchanger.

Whilst the boiler is currently still usable - the leak from the crack at this stage being manageable - it is inevitable that the boiler will fail sooner than later. It may last the winter - it may fail completely tomorrow!

Consultation with the heating engineers who maintain the boiler, indicate that a repair is not possible, mainly due to its age (forty years plus). Furthermore, there is not a lot that can be done to extend the boiler's life or predict when it will fail.

The PCC have been planning to replace the heating systems for some time.

Even so, to organise a replacement will not be instant, and regrettably it is likely that, from some time in the future, the heating may not be on in church.

Plans for renewing the system, fund raising, etc. will be promulgated as soon as known.

**Ash Wednesday—
26th February**

10.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Sung Eucharist
both services will include the
Imposition of Ashes for those who
wish to receive it.

12.00 pm to 1.30 pm Christian
Aid Bread and Cheese Lunch at
St. Aidan's. *Please note the
change of venue.* Donations of £2
for Christian Aid, please.

Do please go if you can and invite
any others who may come too.

On Friday 28th February there
will be a collection for Christian Aid
at Tesco in the town.

Please support this if you can.

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 lucyhornby305@gmail.com