

16th 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

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

1st March

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Family Communion

8th March

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.0 am Family Communion

10th March

7.30 pm Mothers' Union

11th March

1.45 pm First Steps Service

13th and 14th

9.30 am Church Spring Cleaning

We are pleased to welcome Revd. Canon Chris. Stone as our Celebrant this morning at 10.00 am

We're very sorry to say that we heard on Thursday afternoon that Harry Kingsbury has died. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Funeral information will follow.....

Vena and family would like to thank all the generous members of the congregation and many friends for their donations to the Ellenor Hospice in memory of David.

Over £1,300 has been raised.

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

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

MANY THANKS

to everyone who helped at the Church working party. Your help is most appreciated.



Also to those who organised, ran and supported the Fish, Chips and Beetles evening. A good time was had by all.

Although this was a social evening rather than a fund raiser, we raised **£182** for Church funds.

The next All Age Communion Service will be on Mothering Sunday, 22nd March at 10.00 am.

Mustard Seed meet again on **Thursday 20th February in the church hall at 2.30 pm.**

Everyone is welcome to come along for a cup of tea, biscuits and cake and lots of chat.

We are looking for a volunteer to deliver the church Easter and Christmas cards to St. Mary's Close, Canterbury Road and Coombe Road.

If this is something you would be willing to do, please have a word with Angela Kirby. Thank you.

I am preparing the sets of envelopes for the next financial year, starting in April, so please let me know as soon as possible if any of the following apply to you.

1. If you currently have weekly envelopes but no longer wish to have them
2. If you currently have weekly envelopes and would like to change to monthly standing order
3. if you do not currently have envelopes but would like to have them
4. If you have already signed a Gift Aid form but no longer pay income tax.

If you have any questions about the envelope scheme or Gift Aid please ask me.

Anne Thrush
Gift Aid Secretary

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 it's 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.

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



Current shortages are

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

All donations are gratefully received.

Museum of the Moon touring artwork
by artist, Luke Jerram at Rochester
Cathedral from 12th February to 4th
March. 10am-5pm Monday to
Saturday and 12pm-5pm Sundays.

Giant replica of the moon measures 7
metres in diameter. Alongside the
installation is a fusion of lunar imagery,
moonlight and surround sound
composition created by BAFTA and
Ivor Novello award winning composer,
Dan Jones.

For more information and to book go to
rochestercathedral.org.moon

Friday 20th February at St.
Andrew's Arts Centre from
10am-4pm for anyone over the
age of 11, fun and friendly
drama exercises and games to get
us out of our heads into our funny
bones. No experience necessary,
wear loose, comfy clothing and
bring along a pad, pen and one
random, inanimate object.

For more information please visit
the website –

www.graveshamarts.co.uk

You are warmly invited to the Induc-
tion of Rev. Fr. Moses Amune, MSP
as Parish Priest of St. John's Roman
Catholic Church on Monday 17th
February at 7.00 pm.

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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