

23rd 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

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

15th March

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Family Communion

19th March

2.30 pm Mustard Seed

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.

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

LENT ENVELOPES

When you came in this morning you were given a Lent envelope containing a leaflet with details of the charities we are supporting this year.

Please put some money in the envelope each week during Lent and bring it back on Easter Day. Thank you.

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.



Many thanks to everyone who supports the Foodbank.

Current shortages are

Fruit squash, jam, small jars of Marmite, tinned vegetables, tinned tuna, men's shower gel and deodorant, washing powder/tablets, fabric conditioner and washing up liquid.

All donations are gratefully received.

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.

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

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

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.

From Richard Martin.....

Once again I will be taking part in Porchlight's One Week Without

I will be going without my bed and sleeping on the floor from 15-21 March. Please sponsor me if you can – last year the EGG Churches raised £740!

Porchlight workers help homeless people in Kent find accommodation and work closely with the Sanctuary project in Gravesend.

Thank you! Richard.

There is a sponsor form at the back of the church. Also there are envelopes for your donation if you are able to Gift Aid.

World Day of Prayer



Praying with Zimbabwe
on

Friday 6th March

at

2 pm

in

Emmanuel Baptist Church

A service for Everyone

**Rise! Take Your
Mat and Walk**

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

On Thursday 27th February at 10.30 am in Gravesend Borough Market John Tate will be talking about "The History of Gravesend Airport".

Future talks will be held at 10.30 am on the last Thursday of each month. Admission is free.

26th March—A Nostalgic Look at Gravesend Shops

30th April –Springhead by Victor Smith

28th May—RNLI at Gravesend by Ian Dunkley

25th June—Gravesend the Day before Yesterday by Christoph Bull.

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
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