

1st March 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

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
22nd March Mothering Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am All Age Holy Communion
29th March Passion Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

Important Notice -

We have received advice from the Diocese about taking Holy Communion to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

We are requested not to intinct (dip) our wafer into the chalice. Anyone not wishing to drink from the chalice should receive only the wafer - this is quite acceptable.

The strong advice from the Area Dean "is that the Chalice should not be offered for intinction. The choice whether to communicate in one or both kinds is up to the individual communicant."

The above advice means that at Christ Church we should bypass anyone who takes the bread and does not consume it and waits for the chalice.

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

If you haven't received your Lent envelope and leaflet telling you which charities we will be supporting this year, please ask a sidesman for one.

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

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



Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th March** at **7.30 in the Church Hall.**

We will be discovering the meaning of some Mothers' Union "F" Words!

Do come along and find out what this means and help create an Easter Tree for display in the Church.

All Welcome



MU Members are selling raffle tickets for a Simnel cake. The draw will take place on Mothering Sunday. All profit will go to Mothers' Union projects.

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
FIRST STEPS SERVICE
is
Wednesday 11th March
in
church
at
1.45 pm

This is a service especially for families with pre-school children. Please come and join us.



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.

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

Veronica is gathering memories of VE day for a display commemorating this event in May. If any members of Christ Church family can remember how they celebrated she would be interested to hear (you do not have to have been living in Gravesend at the time).

Please contact Veronica in church or 'phone 01474 534857 or email vronica1@outlook.com

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 26th March at 10.30 am in Gravesend Borough Market there will be a talk entitled "A Nostalgic Look at Gravesend Shops".

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

30th April –Springhead by Victor Smith

28th May—RNLI at Gravesend by Ian Dunkley

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



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.

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