**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK STARTS TODAY**

**Thanks to everyone who helped at yesterday’s Working Group**

**Tuesday 14th May**

7.30pm Mothers’ Union Vicki Clarke: Daytime Hub

**Wednesday 15th May**

7.45pm PCC Meeting

**Thursday 16th May**

2.30-4pm Mustard Seed – chat, tea and cake

**Saturday 18th May**

12noon Holy Matrimony

**Christian Aid Quiz Saturday 18th May 7 pm**

**in the church hall.** Teams of 6-8 or if you are on your own you can join with others to make a team.

£5 per person, raffle, bring your own drinks and

nibbles. To book a table email ***office@christchurchgravesend.com***

Perhaps if you are unable to come you could donate a prize for the raffle, there is a box for contributions at the back of the church.

**Our Annual Church Meeting** will take place after the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 19th May starting no later than 11.45am. Nomination papers are available today. Please see the board for the formal notices.

On **Sunday 30th June at 3.15pm** there will be a celebration at the Cathedral of 30 years of women’s priestly ministry, followed by a reception. If you would like to attend please sign the sheet or book direct onhttps://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTcyNg/t

**Volunteering opportunities**

We are looking for volunteers to help in the church garden. Please speak to Jan or Lesley

**Those who Gift Aid** their regular giving to Christ Church

will find their annual year-end letter at the back of the church. Please take yours. Any queries, please speak to

Anne Thrush.

**Our Summer Fete in at 2.30pm on Saturday 15th June.** Please start to turn out your cupboards and drawers and bring anything we can sell. Put items in the boxes at the back of the church from May 5th.

We shall have all the usual stalls so books, bottles (full!), puzzles, games and toys, ornaments, china, pictures, any nearly new and unwanted gifts.

We are unable to accept electrical or knives.

Please keep plants and cakes and preserves until the fete weekend.

We are running a jar tombola again this year at the Summer fete. If you have any clean empty jars with labels removed, please could you bring them to church .  There will be a box at the back for them.

Please take empty jars if you are able to fill them with felt tipped pens, wrapped sweets, cotton wool balls, sewing things, stickers, anything small enough to fit in the jars,

then please bring them to church where there will be another box to collect them in.

Last year we asked for your help and most people brought 1 or 2 jars.  This really helps to share the load and it is a good fundraiser at the fete. Thank you, Sheila



Remember in addition to the collection plate you can give to the Church using the card reader or online - you will find our giving page using this QR code.

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**12th May 2024**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

12noon Holy Baptism

**THIS MORNING’S HYMNS**

271 Heaven is open wide

120 Come let us join

408 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

563 Praise him Praise him

714 We hail thy presence

933 Laudate dominum

352 Jesus is Lord

**Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

**Next Sunday 19th May**

**Pentecost** 8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with God’s Gang (followed by refreshments)

**MORNING PRAYER Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am** join us online or in church <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556>

**Please pray for**

The people of Palestine and Israel, Sudan, South Sudan, Ukraine and Russia

Those held hostage

The people and churches of Jerusalem

The work of Christian Aid

All who have suffered acts of violence and accidents

Our organist, choir & semiquavers

The children baptised today

All preparing for marriage, especially James and Sarah

Please remember those who have died recently, particularly David Blowers, Betsy Friend, and those who mourn.

If you are interested in school admissions please speak to the welcomers who will register your attendance.

We cannot sign forms unless we have a record of your attendance.

A weekly **children’s sheet** is also available at the door. Please take one if you have someone you would like to pass it on to.