**TODAY**

**The church grounds are open for picnicking from 12noon - in the hall if wet**

**Tuesday 9th May** 7.30pm Mothers Union we will be welcoming Councillor Gary Harding to talk about “Silent

World - Deafness Awareness”

**Wednesday 10th May**

2pm First Steps Service

7.45pm Parochial Church Council in the Church

**Thursday 11th May**

10am Pilgrim Bible Study Group

We will be starting to look at the Acts of the Apostles

**Saturday 13th May**

From 9.30am Working Party – come and help keep the church looking good

**Thursday 18th May**

2.30-4pm Mustard Seed

8pm Ascension Day Eucharist

**Friday 19th May**

7.30pm GEMS Concert

**Saturday 20th May**

2.30pm GEMS Concert

**Christian Aid Quiz Saturday 20th May at 7.00 pm**

Tables of 6 to 8 quizzers or come and join with others to make up a team. £5 per person, raffle, bring your own snacks and drinks. To book a table email *office@christchurchgravesend.com* or speak to Sally, Rosemary or Julie. If you are unable to come perhaps you could donate a prize for the raffle there is a box under the MU table to receive your donations.

**Church Summer Fair on Saturday 17th June 2.30 pm**

Please would someone (or 2 people) like to take on the jar tombola at the Summer Fair. This involves collecting empty jars and filling them with a wide variety of goodies – sweets, cotton wool balls, crayons, pins, small biscuits, marbles, anything that will fit in the jars!

The jars can be decorated and labelled with a raffle ticket ending in 0 or 5. Raffle tickets are sold and you win any which match a labelled jar.

This is a good money raiser and if you start collecting and filling jars now, not too onerous!

Please see Sheila Brown if you are able to help.

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

**A defibrillator** has been installed on the church wall and registered with the national network. To use the defibrillator in an emergency the access code is available by dialling 999. Thanks to those who have been involved in procuring and installing the defibrillator provided by the Benenden Charitable Trust.

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**7TH May 2023**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

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

**THIS MORNING’S HYMNS**

580 Rejoice the Lord is king

589 The king of love

12 Alleluia sing to Jesus

448 Meekness and majesty

244 Gracious God

375 King of glory

19 All my hope

**Wednesday 10th May**

10am Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

**Next Sunday**

14th May 6th Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments) **After the service we will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting – nomination forms are available.**

**MORNING PRAYER** **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.30am. . Join us on ZOOM**

 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556>

**Please pray for**

Our King and Queen

All affected by war, violence, natural disaster and extreme weather, particularly in Sudan and Ukraine

Those who live or work in care & nursing homes

Those involved in or affected by industrial disputes

Our new council

Please remember those who have died recently 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.