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Christ Church Hall  
is available for hire.  
Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett  
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Well equipped. Very  
suitable for meetings  
and children's parties.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

"If they didn't moan so much, the  
Psalms would be a lot shorter".  
Fr Jonah



Harvest, Youth Club starts, Christmas Bazaar preparation - it is that time of year when the nights start drawing in, but there is still lots to do. Fill a SHOEBOX for Blythswood Care, go to a Guides Quiz Night, attend a coffee morning. If you are fit and enjoy DIY have a look at Peter's A Churchwardens Notes.

The Guides are celebrating 100 years of Guiding this year, they meet at The Waterhole, next month we shall look at Scouting at The Waterhole and meet some extraordinary young people.

Editor

# Mission Action Plan

The church leadership have been looking together at where we believe God is guiding us as church in the next few years.

We believe that God has called us as His people, to proclaim his kingdom in this place at this time, and that our mission to

Children and Families

should be our primary focus for the time being.

In addition, we want to build on our existing work with those isolated by age or infirmity,

and with people with learning or other disabilities in our community.

We have decided on some specific medium-term objectives and these are listed in a booklet which is available at the back of the church. Please do take one and have a look at our plans. There is also a feedback form with the booklet - we want to know what you think about them, any practical suggestions you may have, any ideas that we haven't thought of and, of course, any offers of help. Completed forms can be given to anyone on the Church council, or put in the basket at the back of the church.

Rev Sue

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Make your thoughts known to the  
church leadership

# A Churchwarden's Notes

I am writing these notes the day after we gave the congregation our plans for Christ Church for the next two years. As a member of the Finance and Buildings Committee of the PCC and spokesperson for it yesterday, it occurred to me that it may be a good time to push home in the Magazine the message regarding the financial affairs of the church. It is after all where we all come into direct contact. We may not all be involved in the other four aspects of church life as presented on Sunday, but we certainly get involved at this part - the part where finance is concerned.

There can be little doubt that, as one of the Gravesend churches, we are relatively well off. That being said, it is also true that in order to keep the church running, we have some very hefty regular payments to make. It is this that we are trying to address with the publication of a small leaflet next month. Briefly it sets out to show that, although our income just about keeps up with our outgoings, we have very little in reserve for eventualities. In common with running a house, these occur at what are generally inconvenient and often expensive times. This is of course magnified when we look at the size of the building here ...

Some good news. One of the urgent projects to be tackled is the extension of the Garden of Remembrance - now fast becoming full. It is a much-visited and loved area, and we are now in a position to extend it. We put out an appeal to those we could contact; and it is now likely that we have sufficient money to get on with the work. We would thank all who gave, often most generously.

Every month we have what we call our Working Party, when volunteers turn up for an hour-and-a-half to give Christ Church a good "wash and brush up". On those occasions we also tackle some of the maintenance jobs needed. There are two jobs which, with our aging workforce, we would dearly love to tackle, but cannot. One is to clear out the guttering round the church (not the really high stuff, I hasten to add!) after the leaf fall; the other is to carry out a couple of small paint jobs, one of which is in the tower. We would welcome with open arms any young(ish) volunteer who could give us an hour or so to help with those two jobs. It is a good social occasion: you even get a cuppa! Please get in touch with me.

Christmas is almost upon us - Fete notices are out! Does it come earlier every year?

Peter Shearan  
October 2009

## Demelza House Children's Hospice - A Celebration of Christmas

at Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm.

Family tickets (2 adults, 2 children) £25; Adult £10; Child (under 16) £5.

Telephone 01795 845204 to book tickets.

Why not combine it with an afternoon in Canterbury?

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Friday October 30th  
 Friday November 27th  
 Friday December 11th

Cold Harbour Road  
 10 am to 12 pm

Many thanks for your continued support of the Ellenor Lions Hospices.  
 Registered Charity No. 1121561

### 200 Club Winners August

1st Prize - No 21 John Boucher  
 2nd Prize - No 123 Matthew Aspinall  
 3rd Prize - No 92 Jenny Shoemsmith

## Mothers' Union Pilgrimage to the Living Well, Dartford.

Sue is leading an MU Pilgrimage to The Living Well: St Edmund's Dartford.

Leave 7.30 to arrive at Dartford by 8pm. on Wednesday 8th October.

All are very welcome: partners and friends, male and female, young and old!

We plan to finish by 9.30 so we should be back by 10pm.

Come and join us for an interesting evening out!

All welcome!

## Carols by Candlelight for Christian Aid at Lancing College Chapel

Tuesday 1st December at 7.30pm.  
 Guest: Patricia Routledge.  
 Tickets: £10, concessions £7  
 Incl. Glass of mulled wine.



Tickets are limited!!!

If you are interested, contact: Rev Jacqueline Littlewood, who will co-ordinate lifts.

## Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

|      |     |        |  |
|------|-----|--------|--|
| 4th  | Oct | Week 2 | Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoemsmith, Joan Bennett |
| 11th | Oct | Week 3 | David and Shirley Whitehead                  |
| 18th | Oct | Week 4 | Margaret Davies, Sheila and Ian Brown        |
| 25th | Oct | Week 5 | Barbara Bunyan, Audrey Price, Mary Sargeant  |
| 1st  | Nov | Week 6 | Sylvia Brown, Jasmine and Steve Humphries    |
| 8th  | Nov | Week 7 | Joan and Bob Bennett, Ann Lennard            |

Maureen Fittell

## Divine Dimensions

An Installation of contemporary icons at St Peter's Parish Church, Oare, Nr. Faversham. Entry is free!  
 11am - 5pm Wed - Sun between 17th October and 1st November.





# NEWS FROM GRAVESEND STREET PASTORS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 09

Have you ever attended a Christian service in a pub? It sounds strange, I know, and whilst I am aware of pub-based Alpha courses and Bible studies, I certainly have never attended a service in a pub!

Last Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September was certainly a night to remember! The Commissioning of Gravesend Street Pastors was a night when The Pembroke in King St, was almost filled to capacity with in the region of 200 Christians, Police, Council representatives and folk from other arenas too. It was a night when the rafters almost shook with praise to God through the singing of well-known hymns - a night of witness to the pub's staff and clients and a night when Gravesend's first 20 Street Pastors were commissioned and received their caps. It is believed to be the first Commissioning ever to have taken place in a pub. (Aberdeen beat us by doing theirs in a nightclub!). One person told me that it was near enough to their idea of heaven - a pint in one hand, football on the television and singing Cwm Rhondda at the top of their voice!

The DJ stand was transformed into a pulpit, adorned with flowers and banners announcing the event and from here the event was led by Reverends Andrew Lindley, Chair of Churches Together in Gravesham and Michael Fanstone, Chair of Gravesend Street Pastors. Following the lusty singing of "To God be the Glory" and the story of the Good Samaritan from the Message translation, greetings of support for the new Street Pastors' project were given by Chief

Inspector Phil Painter of Kent Police,

Councillor John Cubitt on behalf of Gravesend's Community Safety team, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor William Lambert MBE and Mr Adam Holloway MP, who made a sudden appearance, having given apologies that he would be in Afghanistan. The Director of Ascension Trust, Mr Les Isaac, gave an encouraging and amusing address with some anecdotes of encounters he had had with people out on the streets at night and then the Street Pastors were given their caps, having made promises about the way in which they would serve the project, a very special moment indeed.

After a time of refreshments and catching up with family and friends, the Street Pastors gathered together with Les, for a few words, a prayer and then they were led out in full uniform for the first time on to Gravesend's streets. Being a Wednesday night, they were uncertain what to expect, but it seemed that those they encountered asked who they were and thought that this would be a very welcome addition to making Gravesend's streets safer for the public.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September most of the Street Pastors gathered at the Methodist Church for prayer at 10.30pm, upheld by a number of folk willing to join the prayer teams. They set out at 11pm in four teams taking different routes and soon engaged in conversations with door staff, clients of pubs and taxi drivers. They were accompanied by a reporter from the Gravesend Messenger,

observing and photographing. A number of girls gratefully received pairs of flip flops, no longer able to walk in their stilettos. After a break for hot drinks at base, the teams went out again, assisting people rather the worse for wear to taxis and responding to alerts to minor incidents from the G-safe radio from Gravesend's CCTV control room. The finale was to respond to an argument following a fight in a nightclub and being able to step in and help to separate and calm people until the Police arrived, which made the Street Pastors feel they had really arrived! Back at base at 2.45am there was a final debriefing and prayers, before returning home, on a real high and with heads buzzing. Praise to God that all had gone well!

I am pleased to be able to report that we currently have two potential prayer

co-ordinators, a real answer to prayer, and that the response for the prayer teams has been good, with 30 offers to pray at base on a Friday night and a number of others willing to pray from home. More would still be welcomed, as would names of anyone who would like to train as a Street Pastor in the next training round, or offers of help with IT technical support (perhaps by phone), publicity and particularly with fundraising - whether an event or applying for grant funding. Please contact me for more information.

Anne Jenkins - Gravesend Street Pastors  
Co-ordinator 01474 568498 (Monday & Thursday) or 07807 451427 (leave a message)  
or e-mail  
[coord.gravesendstreetpastors@yahoo.com](mailto:coord.gravesendstreetpastors@yahoo.com)

# Harvest Supper

## 11th October 2009

Good food, good company, a little something to drink and entertainment from "The Marlowe Singers".

tickets £5 for adults, £2. 50 for children (numbers are limited so buy early)

Venue - Christ Church Hall @  
7.15pm.( evensong will be early  
that Sunday)



# Choir



# Music at Christ Church

# Music Group

The Deanery Choirs Evensong at Shorne Church was a very pleasant occasion for all

those who took part and also a musical treat for the Congregation.

The summer is almost over now and time to prepare for the Harvest Music.

It has been a busy summer with quite a few Weddings. In spite of the holidays we have been able to field a reasonable size choir for these occasions.

The months ahead will be very busy for us and will be the last few months with Gwyneth as our Choir director.

There will be an opportunity for us to visit the Cathedral again for the 3 Day Singing Course in the Autumn. This course is hard work but enjoyable and we enjoy learning new music and generally stretching our singing skills.

Before long it will be all systems go for the Christmas Music which promises to be extra special this year.

Gwyneth and the choir would like to thank you for all your continued support which we really appreciate.

*pam Kilby*

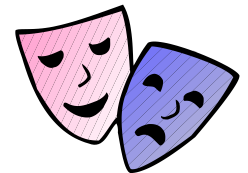
## Music Group

Now that September is here, we are turning our thoughts to Harvest and Christmas. We are preparing an anthem to sing at the 10 o'clock Harvest service in October. Helen is busy looking for suitable music for us to sing over the Christmas period, and no doubt as soon as Harvest is over we shall be bending our voices to some new Christmas songs.



*Gill Campbell*

## CCADS



## Christmas Production

November 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Autumn is here and for CCADS that can only mean one thing - our Christmas production!! As has been our recent tradition for Christmas, we are putting an evening of One Act Plays.

This year we have a change of director and Helen Beck is going to direct all three plays. We have some new faces as well as some 'returnees', but more about that next time.

We look forward to your continued support, so please put the dates in you diary now!

*Gill Campbell*

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## Coffee Morning

In support of Macmillan Nurses

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

10.30am - 11.45am

in Christ Church Hall,  
Old Road East.

Bring and Buy stall, Raffle.





# First Steps

9<sup>th</sup> September 2009

It's 9<sup>th</sup> September and after all the excitement of our Teddy Bears' picnic in August, it's time for our First Steps service once again and our naughty little sheep is looking forward to catching up with some of his friends. Our helpers Julie, Marian and Joyce have decided that the time has come to bow out and after many years of dedicated service they deserve some peace and quiet. Our naughty little sheep whispers to me how much he's going to miss them. And so will I! I hope that they know how grateful I've been for all their help.

Sunshine has broken through the clouds and Nancy, Elsie and Mum Vicki and Molly, Olivia and Mum Rachel have been having a picnic in the Church garden while waiting for our service to begin, so they are first to arrive, soon to be followed by some of our well-known and much loved regulars. As always we begin our service by singing "Candletime" and then we have 5 special candles to light because Erin will be starting big school on Friday, Liam, Isaac and Martha will be starting in our Pre-school next week and Elijah is going to be baptised on 20<sup>th</sup> September; all causes for celebration!

Today we are thinking about how we must care for God's world so we sing, "Here come the frogs" as we jingle merrily with our bells and tambourines. And we thank God for the many gifts that He gives to us including frogs and worms and noisy children! We talk about caring for people and animals too and

then we suddenly realise that SOMEONE is missing. That naughty little sheep has disappeared again! I'd only spoken to him just before the service! The children and I walk through the Church to see if we can find him and in no time at all Isabelle has spotted him standing on the top of the bookcase. Well done, Isabelle! How on earth did he get up there? I carefully get him down and Isabelle takes charge of him. Well somebody needs to!

We have a great time singing, "My God is so big" with lots of actions and soon it's time to blow out our candles and go into the Hall for playtime and chat. Anne switches on the kettle and soon there's tea and juice, and yummy biscuits to munch too. Our naughty little sheep really enjoys himself playing with Molly and Erin and Isabelle. He's in his element when he's playing with those dear little girls and they're very careful not to get his wool dirty though I think it's going to be bath time again very soon! Don't tell him if you see him. It can be a surprise!

Before we know where we are, the toys are being packed away, cups washed and it's time to go home; our time together has flown by. Our naughty little sheep so enjoys catching up with his friends and hopes that they will all join us when we meet again on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

God Bless

Rosemary Austin

BIBLE Hs - All the answers to this quiz begin with the letter H. Which 'H'.....

1. Was a son of Noah? (Genesis, ch.5)
2. Was David's first capital? (Samuel 2 ch.2)
3. Was Herod's wife? (Matthew ch.14)
4. Did Goliath have that was made of bronze? (Samuel ch.17)
5. Was the King of Tyre who sent cedar wood for the Temple? (1 Kings ch.5)
6. Was hung on the willows by the rivers of Babylon? (Psalm 137)
7. Jesus said the birds have nests and foxes have these .....? (Luke ch. 9)
8. What are pleasant words like? (Proverbs ch.16)

Answers  
1. Ham 2. Hebron 3. Herodias  
4. Helmet 5. Hiram 6. Harps  
7. Holes 8. honeycomb

Christchurch sits firmly in Echo Square and we are investigating this over the next few months by interviewing people whose lives make up this community.

This month I visited Jessica at the cafe Del-icious.

**Jessica is running the cafe for 3 months while the owner, Claire is away.**

**How long have you been at Echo Square?**

About 5 years. We also had shops at The Lion Roundabout and in Perry Street but they are closing down.

**Why did you choose Echo Square?**

I don't know why they chose this place except that it has always been a cafe as far back as I know. It was Rolands and then Browns before us.

**What can you tell me about the building?**

Nothing really. There is a kitchen out the back and a flat owned separately upstairs. (Does anyone reading this know anything more?).

**How many staff do you have?**

Just me at the moment and Rosie the Saturday girl. When she comes back Claire will be here and sometimes Derek who owns it with her.

**What do you offer to customers?**

We have a shop selling cakes, sandwiches, bread, crisps, drinks, hot food and savoury goods.

Then there is the cafe which seats 20 people inside and a further 6 outside. We offer all that the shop sells in the cafe plus breakfasts (including vege. breakfasts) and tea or coffee.

The sandwiches and most fillings are made in the cafe, fresh daily. The bread comes from South East bakery daily and the pies and cakes are from Greggs in town.

I try to vary the cakes I order from day to day so there is something different for regular customers to choose from.

We use the window to advertise cakes which our cake maker will make to order for weddings, baptisms and birthdays. She likes 1 to 2 weeks notice and more for bigger or more complicated cakes.

**What is it like running a business in Echo Square?**

It is generally a nice place to be. We get on well with the other shopkeepers but running a food place is not consistent. The demands vary from day to day and it's not easy to know how much we shall sell on any one day. Parking can be an issue because people often park outside and run in to buy something.

The roadworks have really affected us. It has been much quieter while they are here. People find other places to go and we don't know if they will come back again.

## Do you feel Christ Church is part of the community?

I don't have much to do with the church myself but the ladies and a few men come on a Wednesday morning and I miss them if they don't come! Sometimes the drivers come down for a drink when there is a funeral at Christ Church. That "nice gentleman who has been doing the church garden" always comes. He is the only person whom I let make his own drink if I am busy!!

Sheila Brown

Footnote: When I arrived to ask Jessica whether I could do an interview she knew all about it and said she always read the magazine we delivered each month and that she wondered when I'd ask them! So we are making connections with the wider community.

## Farewell service for Peter and Sue Lock

Peter Lock is retiring as Archdeacon of Rochester Cathedral in October. Peter was ordained in this diocese and served in parishes at Meopham, South Gillingham, Fawkham and Hartley, Dartford and Bromley before being appointed Archdeacon.

There will be a special service in the Cathedral on Sunday 11th October at 3:15pm to say farewell - all are invited.

## GARDENING TIPS FOR LATE SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



September: The last month of summer and the beginning of autumn.

A transitory time. Already plant growth is slowing down as the nights begin to draw in and although the summer annuals are still looking colourful, by the end of the month it will be time to remove them, being replaced by spring and flowering plants and bulbs.

Once the September rains have moistened the soil Perennial Herbaceous plants can be divided and replanted. Ideally New shrubs and trees can be planted during this month and the next two whilst the soil is still warm.

The warm soil will encourage their roots to grow and become well established. It will be an advantage to add organic material to the soil at this time with the addition of a slow release fertilizer such as bonemeal.

ADAM

# Of delight and a tooth

by Simon Cawdell

*“Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:37 (>From the Gospel for Sunday 20th September)*



I am not normally lost for words, but I was this morning. Trying, as reverently as I might to give the congregation communion I was completely floored by the triumphant presentation of a tooth, just extracted by a six-year-old on the way up for her blessing. Perhaps I should have been aware of a suitable blessing for such an occasion, but sadly I was stumped. Clearly the Liturgical Commission of the Church of England has a task to complete. I can assure you that I have been buzzing since, but the results are all far too dreadful too share.

There is something utterly disarming about childlike pleasure, and the discovery of something new. What was commonplace to me, was an ‘event’ of the first order to this little girl, and she required that others take notice, to join in her delight, and recognize a landmark on her life journey.

I think we make too little of the idea of delighting. There is so much that we can find to rejoice in, not least at this time of the year as harvests are now gathered in and the fruits of labour counted. Delighting in things is a profoundly Godly thing to do. Right at the beginning of the Bible we find God taking delight, not just on the seventh day of creation when He rests, but on each stage of its creation as he sees what has been achieved to that moment, and no doubt anticipates what has been enabled, and what is to come.

But true delighting takes time, and that is often our problem. To delight on something you have to be sufficiently disciplined not to be running on to the next thing. We have to be capable of savouring moments, because they are precious if we are to learn Godly fulfilment in our lives and our surroundings. We allow ourselves to become too busy, often as we are striving to achieve the next thing, and as a result we fail to recognise achievements, and landmarks as God sees them.

Jesus took a little child to Himself and gave a blessing. In doing so He was taking a delight in the child, and I cannot help wondering just how many gaps there were in the grin He received in return.

From the 'Fulcrum' website,  
Simon Cawdell is Vicar of Vicar of All Saints', Claverley





## Christmas Bazaar:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 10.30a.m..

We are collecting these items for the bazaar on the following Sundays:

| Date                      | Items being collected  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October  | Unwanted gifts, holiday gifts  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October  | Children's games toys & puzzles                                      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October  | Jewellery  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October  | White elephant & entertainment (CD's, DVD's, records, tapes, videos) |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | Books and Bottles  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> November | (on the day) Cakes and plants  |



## Blythswood Care

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October....harvest festival and a chance to start your harvest of gifts to fill a **SHOE BOX** for Christmas.

Blythswood Care will send your shoeboxes to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, India, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine where what we regard as necessities eg. Soap, combs, etc are luxuries.

You can fill a shoe box by yourself, with a friend, or as a group but PLEASE do at least one. We are asked to use only AVERAGE size boxes.

I am sure Christ Church and friends can fill 100 boxes.

PLEASE HELP.

Veronica Read

## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

7.30 p.m.

at St Botolph's Church

The Hill, Northfleet

Teams of 6-8

£3.50 per head

Raffle

Bring your own drink and nibbles

To book, telephone (01474) 568505

Proceeds to the upgrade fund for the Girlguiding Campsite at Meopham, known as Kay's Garden



Girlguiding



girls in the lead

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Societies International of  
Gravesend & District

## A Celebration of Diwali Festival of Lights



An Evening of  
Talk, Dance and Food

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

at

Christ Church Hall,  
Old Road East, Gravesend

7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

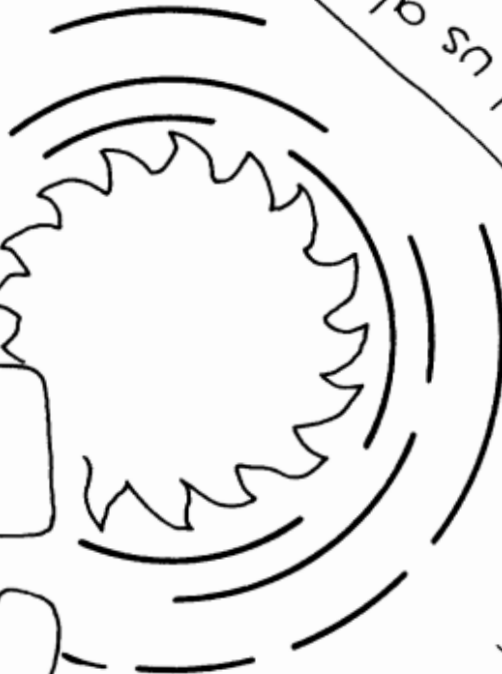
Entrance £3.00

Raffle for President's Charities  
(Ellenor Lions Hospice and Homestart)

God's Gang

# THE WORK OF THE LORD IS FULL OF HIS GLORY

Ecclesiasticus 42:16



He must be:

careful

wise

mean

powerful

loving

selfish

dull

imaginative

Circle the right words

# Mothers' Union Mary Sumner Day



Dutch choir leads the singing



Rev Jacqueline Littlewood and Betty Martin



Banners

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August was Mothers' Union Mary Sumner Day, Rochester Cathedral was filled with members from the branches in the Diocese to give thanks for Mary Sumner and the worldwide work accomplished by the Mothers' Union. The variety of banners proudly processed aloft proceeded by the Diocesan Banner to be set against the proscenium provided a visual backcloth to a most inspiring service. The Dutch Choir led us in fantastic hymn singing and their enunciation in the canticles was really fantastic. A real Mothers' Union joyful celebration enjoyed by all.

Betty Martin

## OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

DEPARTING 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010 FOR 8 DAYS

The package includes 5 nights half board in either Garmisch-Partenkirchen or Seefeld (the travel agent will allocate the resort according to the number of people travelling), and 2 nights full board in Oberammergau and a Category 1 Play Ticket. Return flights are from London Heathrow to Munich.

Price person £1469, single supplement £99. Deposit £499.

For further information and a booking form please contact:  
the Reverend Jacqueline Littlewood on 01474 560106.

**CLUB**

**Christ Church Youth Club meets  
on a Sunday evening,  
6 to 8 pm during term time, in  
the Church Hall.  
Admission £1.**

**Y6 to Y10+**

**Starts 4th October**

For more information:

Rev Sue Brewer 01474 352643

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**Autumn Programme 2009**

|                |   |               |  |
|----------------|---|---------------|--|
| 27th September | ANGELSPACE  | 1st November  | Youth Activities<br>darts, table tennis and<br>more... |
| 4th October    | Youth Activities<br>darts, table tennis and<br>more ... | 8th November  | Craft Evening  |
| 11th October   | Bowling - Meet at the<br>Bowling Alley                  | 15th November | Drama and Pizza party                                  |
| 18th October   | Film Night  | 22nd November | ANGELSPACE   |
| 25th October   | Youth Activities<br>darts, table tennis and<br>more ... | 29th November | Cooking evening  |
|                |   | 6th December  | End of term party                                      |



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# THE JULIAN MEETINGS

Exploring Contemplative LIVING

Saturday, 10 October, 2009  
9.30am - 3pm

Speaker: Séamus Cullen, spiritual director,  
retreat leader (England, Ireland & Norway)

St. Matthew's Church, Wigmore, S. Gillingham  
ME8 0NX  
5 mins from M2, Junction 4

A 'follow-on' day from that held in June, for those with a little experience of contemplative prayer, or lots! There will be two talks, silent prayer times and time for questions. There will be a bookstall and other information. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks provided.

Cost £7 (in advance). To register, write to:-  
A. Echlin, 10 King St, West Malling, ME19 6QT

You may register more than one person. Please include names and payment (£7 each) and s.a.e. Cheques should be made payable to A. Echlin.

Closing date, 1st October, 2009

For further details phone  
01732 845550 or 01732 848467

# Lance Pierson



Lance and John Betjeman

Lance performed his *Mark's Gospel* at Christ Church earlier this year. His autumn programme is now out - check out his web site [www.lancepierson.org](http://www.lancepierson.org) for more details. Below are some selected performances close to home.

## The Best of John Betjeman

### Mark's Gospel

Lance brings the Gospel story to life in the Bible's own words. This is a dramatic and powerful way of hearing the Gospel story. Lance doesn't stand still or read from a lectern but with simple movement and action, he acts the story out, bringing it close to you.

He launched his one-man performance of *Mark's Gospel* in 2004 with the aim of bringing the 'good news' within the reach of everyone and of giving people an overview of the whole story at one sitting.

Lance tells the story of Betjeman's life through his funny, moving and always interesting poems. Through Betjeman's heartbreaks and triumphs Lance paints a picture of a changing twentieth century England.

Featuring Betjeman's most famous and significant poems including 'Slough', 'A Subaltern's Love Song' (Joan Hunter Dunn), 'Diary of a Church Mouse', 'Hunter Trials' and 'In a Bath Teashop.'










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| Wednesday,<br>04 Nov 09 | 19.45, The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, Chatham, ME4 4SE. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) 01634 338338, <a href="http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebookings">www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebookings</a>        | The Best of John Betjeman  |
| Wednesday,<br>14 Oct 09 | St Luke's Festival. St Luke's Church, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1XT. Tickets £6 (£4 under 18s) 01732 452462, <a href="http://www.stlukes-sevenoaks.org.uk">www.stlukes-sevenoaks.org.uk</a> | The Gospel in Art  |
| Thursday,<br>15 Oct 09  | 18.00, Westminster Abbey, Tickets £15, 020 7654 4823, <a href="http://www.westminster-abbey.org">www.westminster-abbey.org</a>  | Samuel Johnson Tercentenary event where Lance will be reading some of his work |
| Wednesday,<br>25 Nov 09 | St Martin's Church, Church Road, Brasted, Kent, TN16 1HZ  | Mark's Gospel  |
| Saturday,<br>22 May 10  | All Saints', Gravesend  | The Best of John Betjeman  |

# October



Highlights this month !

## HARVEST Youth Club starts

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| <b>Sunday</b><br>      | 4 Grandparent's Day<br>8 am Service<br>10 am Service<br>6 pm Commissioning of Rural Dean St Mary's Youth Club                    | 11<br>8 am Service<br>10 am Service<br>HARVEST<br>6.30 Choral evensong<br>7.15 Supper Youth Club | 18<br>8 am Service<br>10 am Service with prayer for healing Youth Club       | 25<br>8 am Service<br>10 am Service<br>6 pm Ecumenical Songs of Praise Youth Club  |   |
| <b>Monday</b><br>      | 5<br>Cubs<br>Brownies<br>Music Group   | 12<br>Cubs<br>Brownies<br>Music Group  | 19<br>Cubs<br>Brownies   | 26<br>Cubs<br>Brownies   |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>    | 6<br>Soroptimist<br>Celebration of Diwali  | 13   | 20   | 27   |   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br> | 7 <br>Pilgrimage to The Living Well<br>Guides | 14<br>First Steps 1:45pm<br>Guides   | 21<br>Guides   | 28<br>Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.30<br>Guides   |   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>  | 1<br>Beavers<br>Brownies<br>Choir Practice   | 8<br>Beavers<br>Brownies<br>Choir Practice   | 15<br>10 am Ecumenical group outing<br>Beavers<br>Brownies<br>Choir Practice | 22 <br>Coffee Morning in church 10am<br>Beavers<br>Brownies<br>Choir Practice | 29<br>Beavers<br>Brownies<br>Choir Practice   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>    | 2<br>Parent & Toddler<br>Office Hours<br>Scouts  | 9<br>Parent & Toddler<br>Office Hours<br>Scouts  | 16<br>Parent & Toddler<br>Office Hours<br>Scouts                             | 23<br>Parent & Toddler<br>Office Hours<br>Scouts   | 30<br>Coffee morning<br>Ellenor Lions<br>Parent & Toddler<br>Office Hours<br>Scouts |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>  | 3  | 10<br>The Julian Meetings<br>Gillingham  | 17   | 24<br>Digital Photography day at Rochester   | 31  |



# What happens at Christ Church?

## Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday Uniformed Organisations parade

Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

## Weekday Services

Holy Communion (said)

Monday and Saturday 8am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Wednesday 10.00am

For further information  
contact  
the Church Wardens

## Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

## Open Church

Monday and Friday

10 am until 11.30 am

## Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Cubs; Music Group; Brownies

Tuesday

Wednesday Guides; Mothers Union (1st Wednesday)

First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm

Thursday Beavers; Brownies; Choir Practice

Friday Scouts; Amateur Dramatics ; Parent and Toddler

Saturday Working party (1st Saturday)

Sunday Christ Church Youth Club

