

### Walking Backwards to Christmas

A course for Advent

Join with others from the East Gravesend Group of churches, for a journey to discover Christmas through the eyes of 9 characters who play a part in Christmas Story. Based on a book by Bishop Stephen Cottrell (remember The Good Friday book "The Nail"?)

The course will be on Wednesdays during the 4 weeks of Advent, either at 11 am or repeated at 7.30 pm. The 11 am sessions will all be at St. George's Church, followed by a soup lunch.

7.30 pm session on 17th December at Christ Church.

The Mustard Seed meets regularly on the third Thursday each month throughout the year and gives an opportunity to meet and chat with others over tea and cake in a friendly atmosphere. In the future we hope to have an occasional speaker.



The next meeting takes place on **Thursday, 18th December at 3.00 pm** when we will be entertaining the over eighties to Christmas tea.

We always welcome new people to join us and if you would like to know more please speak to Colin Parsonson or Pam Kilby in Church.

Items for the news sheet should be sent to [juliehill34@aol.com](mailto:juliehill34@aol.com) or left on the clip in the lobby  
Items for the website should be sent to [info@christchurchgravesend.org.uk](mailto:info@christchurchgravesend.org.uk)



### 14th December 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

14th Dec	
10.00 am	All Age Service
4.00 pm	Ellenor Lights of Love
17th Dec	Advent Course
11.00 am	St. George's Church
7.30 pm	Christ Church
18th Dec	
3.00 pm	Mustard Seed
19th Dec	
7.00 pm	Come and Sing
21st Dec	A Service of Lessons and
6.30 pm	Carols
24th Dec	
4.00 pm	Crib Service
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
25th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion with carols
28th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion

### ELLENORLIONS LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE

To-day  
at 4.00 pm



**MANY THANKS**


To everyone who  
helped at the Table Top Sale  
helped to make Christingles and who  
helped with the crafts and the Service.  
to the Semiquavers and all who  
supported their Concert  
who helped clean the church and  
who sang carols for Christian Aid.  
We are truly blessed to have so many  
hard working people in our church.

**Holy Communion** 8am Monday, 7am Tuesday, 10am Wednesday, 7am Thursday, no service  
Friday, 8 am Saturday, 8am and 10 am Sunday

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As you would expect, there is a great deal going on in and around the church in the next few weeks—please make a note in your diaries of dates and times so you don't miss out.



**COME AND SING**  
**Friday 19th December**

Meet at the church at 7.00 pm to go to sing carols at residential homes and hostels in the parish.

Wrap up warm and bring a lantern if you have one.

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**A Service of Lessons and Carols on**  
**Sunday 21st December at 6.30 pm**

With the choir, music group and Semiquavers.

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.



**CRIB SERVICE**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**at 4.00 pm**

A Service especially for children

Please bring an unwrapped present for children at the women's refuge.

Come dressed as animals, angels, shepherds or wise men.

Come early, we always get a full house for the Crib Service




**Fun, fireworks, friends and food at the**  
**Christ Church New Year's Eve Party**  
**7.30 pm-12.30pm (ish)**

We need to know numbers for the party, so please sign up as soon as possible on the list at the back of the church, if you are planning to be there.

Buffet— Children's Entertainer— Music requests in advance to Debbie Carter.

Bring your own drinks  
£10.00 adults  
£1.00 children




There is a board at the back of the church where you can post Christmas Greetings to your Friends.




Janice and Sheila will be decorating the windowsills, pillars and pulpit on Saturday 20th December and would be pleased to receive any holiday you have to spare.

Soroptimist International of  
Gravesend & District

*Quiz Evening*

A Fun Evening on Saturday 10th January  
7.00 for 7.30 pm (prompt start)  
Christ Church Hall

Teams	£5 entry per	Bring your
Maximum	person	snacks and
6 in each		drinks

Proceeds for our Link Club, Freetown, Sierra Leone

Raffle— **Admission by Ticket only**  
Contact Sheila Knight on 564234  
email sknight01@hotmail.co.uk

**Important Notice— Services in the week after Christmas.**  
After Christmas Day, nothing until 8.00 am and 10.00 am on Sunday 28th December, then nothing until 10.00 am on New Year's Day, then nothing until Sunday 4th January. Back to normal on 5th January.