

It's Your Calling—Saturday 19th September at St. Barnabas, Joydens Wood and Saturday 14th November at St. Barnabas, Istead Rise. The day runs from 9.15 am to 3.45 pm and is free of charge.

These days are designed for anyone who is interested in looking at their gifts and where God might be calling them to use those gifts. You will have an opportunity to meet others who are on a similar journey and time to reflect together.

If you are interested in taking part in one of these days please have a word with Sue.

Diocesan Synod—There are three casual vacancies to fill for our Deanery's Lay representatives on Diocesan Synod. Any lay person who is an actual communicant member of the Church of England aged 18 years or over and who is on the Electoral Roll of a parish in the deanery may stand.

If you are interested in standing for election please speak to Sue or Martin Sewell.

Diocesan Synod meets three times a year, usually on Saturdays

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 at Communion.

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

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Ifield Ladies next meeting will be on Wednesday, 16th September in the church hall at 7.30 pm.

Please join them for a talk by George Wildridge about “Dolls Houses”.

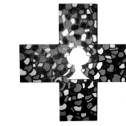
Thank you for so much generous support already given to the Foodbank.

They are particularly in need of the following items at present

- Instant potato
- Drinking chocolate
- Custard
- Peanut butter
- Sugar

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shower gel

**13th September
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

- 13th Sept
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00 am All Age Service
- 6.30 pm Evensong
- 17th Sept
3.00 pm Mustard Seed
- 19th Sept.
7.30 pm Christian Aid Quiz
- 20th Sept
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00 am Family Communion led by MU members.
- 24th Sept
2.00 pm Pilgrim Course
- 7.30 pm
- 26th Sept
3.00 pm Karen's ordination as Deacon
- 27th Sept
10.00 am Combined Service with St. Aidan's, Holy Family & St Margaret's followed by lunch

TODAY Please come back at 6.30 pm and join the choir for Evensong.

The next meeting of the Mustard Seed will be on Thursday 17th September at 3.00 pm in the church hall, when Betty Martin will be giving an interesting talk.
Please join us for looks like being an Interesting afternoon.

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped at the working party yesterday.



Holy Communion 8am Monday, 7am Tuesday, 10am Wednesday, 7am Thursday, no service

Tuesdays	Morning Prayer	8.00 am at	St. Aidan's Church
Wednesdays	Evening Prayer	5.15 pm at	Christ Church
Thursdays	Morning Prayer	8.30 am at	Holy Family Church
Fridays	Evening Prayer	5.15 pm at	Holy Family Church

On **Saturday 26th September** Karen Seggie will be ordained Deacon in the Cathedral at 3.00 pm — admission is by ticket only. Tickets are now available. It would be good to have members of the congregation there to support and pray for her.

Please sign the list at the back of the church if you would like to go. Lifts will be available for any without transport. If there are more signatories than tickets, the tickets will be allocated by ballot.



On **Sunday 27th** we will welcome Karen as Deacon at the 10.00 am service. This will be a combined service with St. Aidan's, Holy Family and St. Margaret's, Ifield.

We are anticipating that 150 plus will be at the lunch following the 10.00 am service. Ideally, we are hoping each of the four churches will be responsible for one course.

Christ Church will be providing the main course, which will be a Finger Buffet (**no knives or forks**) and suggestions include sandwiches filled rolls quiches crisps sausage rolls scotch eggs pork pies vol-au-vents pizzas cocktail sausages crudités dips chicken drumsticks/wings cherry tomatoes and salad and anything else which will enhance a Finger Buffet.

Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to provide any of the above. Should anybody feel unable to provide food for the buffet, they may like to make a donation so we can purchase something on their behalf.

We are hosts on this Sunday, so help will be needed to set up on the Saturday and on the Sunday to move furniture and clear up.

Thank you, Margot Edwards and Team.



QUIZ

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

at
7.30 pm
in

the Church Hall
Tickets £5.00 per person
Tables of 6-8 people

Bring your own
refreshments

Raffle

To book a table—please speak to Gill Campbell, ring her on 01474 534517 or email gillandduncan@aol.com

Please come even if you are on your own and we will make up a team with others.

If you are unable to come perhaps you could donate a small prize for the raffle.



Next Sunday, 20th September the 10.00 am will be led by members of our Mothers' Union.

In the service we will be enrolling three new members and welcoming Brigitte from another branch.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Mothers' Union—membership is open to all not just Mothers—please speak to one of our members.

Please remember to bring your old mobile 'phones, 'phone cards, spectacles, Canon and HP printer cartridges **(No other ink cartridges, thank you. Epsom and re-filled cartridges cannot be recycled),**



stamps, foreign coins, postcards, etc for re-cycling. Please put them in Priest Jacqueline's box at the back of the church.



We support Ellenor, Demelza House, The Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, RNLI and Cancer Research UK.

Your contributions provide valuable support to hard-pressed charities and are very gratefully received as well as doing something for the planet.

Why not pop down to St. Andrew's Art Centre this Sunday afternoon. As part of Heritage Open Days it will be open between 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm

Our favourite local historian, Tony Larkin, will be showing part of his fabulous collection of crested china, with many pieces originating from Gravesend. Some of the pieces will not have been seen by many people before.

Tony will be giving a talk at 2.00 pm, tea and cake will be available to eat as you listen or look or why not take some home for Sunday tea.

Gravesham Arts members will also be available so why not pop along and have a chat. We have lots of events planned for the rest of the year and into 2016.