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## Who's Who at Christ Church

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Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Betty Martin	352696
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443



## Sincere thanks from Karen Seggie

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to my Ordination at the Cathedral on Saturday 26 September and to those who came and supported me at my wonderful welcome service at Christ Church. It was the most incredible weekend and one which I will never forget.

Thank you for all your well wishes, prayers, cards, gifts, love and support. I feel so blessed that God has guided me to this place and I am so excited about what lies ahead over the next four years.

With love and prayers  
Karen (Rev!)

**Karen with Rochester Castle in  
the background**

# The Blood Red Moon and the Bible

The idea of a "blood moon" serving as an omen of the coming of the end of time comes from the Book of Joel, where it is written "the sun will turn into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes."

This phrase is again mentioned by Saint Peter during Pentecost, as recorded in Acts, although Peter says that date, not some future date, was the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy.



## The moon on 27/28 September 2015

The blood moon also appears in the book of Revelation chapter 6 verses 11 - 13, where verse 12 says " And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood".



## TRADCRAFT

**Sorry to say but it's time to think about Christmas again**

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For the Children how about a Real Advent Calendar  
Browse the Catalogue – leave your orders in the cash box or get them to me

Many thanks for your continued support

**David Williams – 01474 331 061**



## COFFEE ROYA 2015

- 01 Nov Jill Godwin, Annie Southwick, David Williams
- 08 Nov Colin Parsonson, Linda Parsonson,
- 15 Nov Sally Higgins, Jerry Higgins, Annie Southwick
- 22 Nov Pauline Marks, Margot Edwards, Angela Kirby
- 29 Nov Rita Smith, Sheila Knight, Jean Stoddart



**Come in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 10.00 o'clock Sunday service**



# FIRST STEPS

**14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**  
**HARVEST**  
**GOD'S GOOD GIFTS**

As usual our naughty little sheep is up bright and early this morning, gazing out of the window to see what the weather is like. It is a bright sunny day though showers have been forecast for later, so he is slightly anxious. The clouds are beginning to gather as he, his friends and I walk up to church but it is lovely to see the trees and bushes weighed down with bright berries and the leaves changing into the vibrant colours of autumn. Into church we go to get ready for our First Steps service. Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon climb carefully up onto our little altar and their friends make themselves comfortable at the front of the church so that they can see the children. They do so love to watch the children. Our doors are open and soon we are joined by Oliver and his Dad. Where is Mum Cheryl and little brother Harry? Harry is very poorly and in hospital at the moment. What a worry for them all! Coming home soon, Dad hopes and we hope so too. Then Sarah arrives, with Chloe and Jack and soon we have an even more noisy and lively crowd than usual! With everyone settled we begin our service by singing "Candle time" and lighting our altar candles. Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon are sitting very still! We light a special candle for Harry hoping that he'll be better very soon. Joseph and Esme have been celebrating birthdays so we light candles for them, too, and we sing "Happy Birthday". We do love our happy candles!

Today we are thinking about Harvest and the church is full of Harvest decorations. They all look really beautiful and we are so lucky to have some very talented people in our

congregation. Our naughty little sheep tells me that their beauty has "blown him away"! Not something that you hear him say very often! I think he must have been watching too much television!

We sing "Share it round" because sharing the good things that we have is a chance for us to show God's generous love for us all and to say "Thank you" to Him for the many blessings that he gives us every day. We sing about Jesus, our friend, who died for us and is now King of Kings in Heaven. We sing about the food that we like to eat, because Harvest is quite a lot about food, isn't it? And we sing about fun and love, too. Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon are having a great time singing along and so are their friends. Emmie, Amber and Luke are really keen for the animals to take an active part in our service and the animals really enjoy being included!

We thank God for our lovely world and we sing about how He made the world, the rivers, the mountains and the stars, in fact absolutely everything! Everyone is standing up to do the actions which means lots of arm waving! Oh what fun! Then after all that excitement it is time for our prayers and everyone tries hard to be quiet, even our naughty little sheep and his friends. Shh!!

Soon our service is over and Oliver, Henry and Joseph help me to blow out the candles. Then it's time for play, chat and refreshments in the hall. All of those naughty animals rush out to make sure that they get a chocolate biscuit and then they settle down to watch the children play and the Mums, Dad and Grannies chat. Those animals are quite worn out with all the excitement! We have certainly had a lovely, noisy, lively time and we hope that everyone will join us again for our next First Steps service on the 11<sup>th</sup> November for some more fun and friendship.

**God Bless,**  
**Rosemary Austin**





**Please remember  
November 11 is the very  
latest for shoe-boxes to  
be in the church**

## **Shoe-box appeal**

What gives you Joy? - Children, family , a great experience, good health, a toothbrush, a bar of soap!

Yes I did say a toothbrush and a bar of soap, but to children and adults in large parts of the world very small basic items bring great joy.

Please make up a Christmas shoe-box with items that can be delivered in time for Christmas, to places like Bulgaria, Pakistan, Serbia and many other areas.

**Filled shoe-boxes must be back in the Church by Wednesday 11 NOVEMBER to ensure Christmas delivery**

Bring JOY at Christmas - Please fill a shoe-box as an individual, a family or even a group of friends

**If you need further information, look for the display in church or contact Veronica- 01474534857**

If you have spare empty average size shoe boxes people are often looking for one to use. - Thank you

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## *Volunteers needed.....*

'We always need volunteers... the church runs because of the generous service of volunteers.

If you have time and enthusiasm to spare but you are not sure where your talents can be used,

Sue would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities.

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
**LEGION**



## **Remembrance Sunday**

**Sunday 08 November  
10.45 a.m.**

**Memorial Gardens, Clarence  
Place, Gravesend, Kent**

The parade will depart from Trinity  
Road, Gravesend at approx 10:40hrs

Also

**Merchant Navy Remembrance**  
at Bawley Bay 12 30pm

## **Civic Remembrance Day**

**Wednesday 11 November 2015**

**10.45 a.m. Community Square**

**Windmill Street**

**Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU**



# The Mustard Seed

Mark 4: 3-32 tells the parable of the Mustard Seed which, we are told, is very small but has the potential to develop into a much larger plant.

The Mustard Seed came into being in May 2012 and has grown in the years since. Our aim is to provide an informal and friendly place for folk to meet and make new friends over tea and cake. Meeting content varies from month to

month and we meet in the Church Hall from 3.00-4.00 pm on the third Thursday of the month.

The next meeting takes place on Thursday 19th November when John Hougham will give a short talk entitled, 'On Safari'.

If you would like further details about, 'The Mustard Seed', please speak to, Pam Kilby, Pam Wise or Colin Parsonson.

## COPY FOR THE MAGAZINE

This is your magazine, and every effort is made to include items supplied by you, our readers.

The one thing that would be most helpful, when submitting copy, is that you e-mail this rather than put a typed sheet on the hook in church.

As I am not a touch typist, it takes considerable time to re-type any copy and is open to me making errors. **Send copy to the address on page 2 by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, or speak to Mike Cubitt - 07840343831**



**Have you had a look on the Traidcraft table recently?**

**We have some new items for sale. You might see something that takes your fancy.**

**If there is something you would like to try but is not on the table have a word with David Williams**



# MAYOR'S CHARITY BOUNDARY WALK BEATING THE BOUNDS – 3 & 4 OCTOBER 2015

## SATURDAY

09:00 – Breakfast at Ebbsfleet Football Club. The walk then begins.

10.00 – Post ceremony on bridge over A2  
11.00/11.15 – Broad Ditch Road  
11.30 – 30mins comfort stop and drink at "Green Man"  
12.45 – Idleigh Court  
13.30 - Clad House  
14.00 – 45 mins lunch Break – "The Villager" at Vigo  
15.30 – Poundgate  
16.00 – Great Buckland  
16.30 – End of day one and refreshments outside Luddesdown Village Hall (about 16 miles)

## SUNDAY – Day Two

09.00 – Start day two – Golden Lion at Luddesdown  
10.45 – 20 mins comfort break at "Three Crutches" hot/cold drinks  
11.50 – "The Stone Horse" Dillywood Lane for sandwich lunch (45 mins)  
13.45 – St Mary's Church, Lower Higham  
14.15/14.30 – The Ship and Lobster Public House – End of Walk!! (about 14 miles)

**Pictured is Mayor of Gravesham Mike Wenban with Chris and Andy Nailor taking refreshments during the walk**



# Quiz Night

Saturday 7th November

7.30 p.m.

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# ***Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur***

Stan Bond proudly wearing the insignia of *Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur*

The letter inset left, sent to Stan Bond on 21 September this year from the French Ambassador to London.

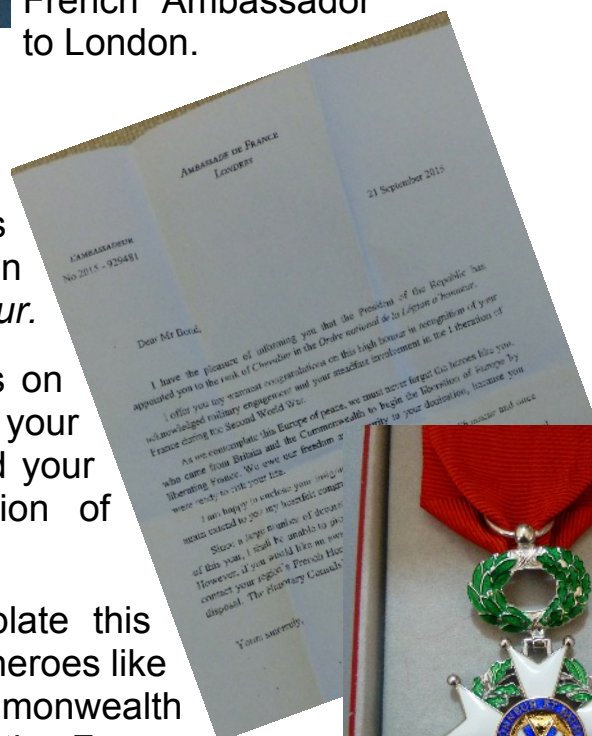


A small extract taken from the letter:

"I have great pleasure of informing you that the President of the Republic has appointed you the rank of *Chevalier* in the *Ordre national de la Legion a 'honneur*.

I offer you my warmest congratulations on this high honour in recognition of your acknowledged military engagement and your steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War".

He goes on to say "As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget heroes like you who came from Britain and the Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication because you were ready to risk your life".



## **Charity Macmillan Coffee Morning**

in Christ Church Hall on

**Wednesday 28th October**

**10 30-11 30am.**

Free admission, refreshments for sale, raffle, bring and buy stall.

# CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

**Sunday 6th December**  
from 3.00 p.m.

## **CHRISTINGLE**

a magical start to Advent for all the family, with craft activities, oranges, sweets and candles

**Saturday 12th December 4.00p.m.**

## **ELLENOR HOSPICES LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE**

**Friday 18th December**  
Meet 7pm in Church

## **COME AND SING!**

Carol singing around residential homes in the parish,  
finishing at The Windmill Pub

**Sunday 20th December 6.30 p.m.**

## **A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

**CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00 p.m.**

## **CRIB SERVICE**

– A Service especially for children.

Bring presents for the children at the women's refuge

Come dressed as animals, angels, shepherds or wise men

**CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 p.m.**

## **MIDNIGHT MASS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.





The annual service to commemorate

# St Andrew

will be held on

**Monday, 30th November at 11.00 a.m.**

**in St Andrew's Mission Church/Arts Centre,**

**Bawley Bay, Royal Pier Road Gravesend**

ellenor.\*

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 28th November**

**10am- 3pm**

Come along and have some festive fun at the fair! ellenor are holding their annual Christmas Fair with many different stalls for you to come and browse through.



Bring the little ones to meet Santa and his elves, sing along to some Christmas classics and have an all round jolly time!

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Some of the ever reliable ladies of Christ Church seen here preparing the flower arrangements that decorated the church at harvest festival





**Some of the finished flower arrangements that adorned the church for harvest festival**



**All things bright and beautiful the Lord God made them all**







**Sunday 27  
September  
East  
Gravesend  
Churches  
come  
together to  
welcome  
newly  
ordained  
Karen Seggie**



**Above: Karen administers  
Holy Communion for the  
first time at Christ Church**



**Left : The welcoming  
cake for Karen**





**Top: bunting to decorate the hall made by children during God's Gang**

**Right: a veritable feast supplied by the congregations of East Gravesend Group of Churches**

**Inset: Sue Brewer with Karen outside the Cathedral Rochester**

**Below: Sharing a table for lunch with fellow worshippers in the hall at Christ Church**





# A weekend never to forget

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September I was ordained Deacon at an extremely beautiful and moving service at Rochester Cathedral. The next day I was welcomed, alongside my family, as curate into the East Gravesend Group of churches at a service held at Christ Church.

Representatives from each of the churches I am serving – Christ Church, St Aidan's, Holy Family and St Margaret's Ifield – presented me with items which symbolise my role as curate. Then choir members from each of the churches came together to sing the most beautiful anthem, specially arranged by Helen Osborne, which had me reaching for the tissues!

A wonderful sermon was given by The Rev'd Richard Martin, who linked the role of an architect with that of a curate, with great insight and, of course, humour! The Rev'd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy presented the most beautiful heartfelt prayers with a sung refrain. The Rev'd Jacqueline

Littlewood then prayed, asking for God's blessing upon me, which was extremely moving. The Rev'd Sue Brewer brought it all together wonderfully, leading the service and presiding at the Eucharist. It felt very special to be able to assist Sue during the service and particularly during the administration of the sacrament at Holy Communion. I felt such a strong sense of God's presence as I served the people in that way for the first time.

After the service, there was a huge buffet, organised by Margot Edwards and with contributions from members of all of the churches. It was a wonderful atmosphere with everyone coming together to celebrate. There was a beautiful cake which, to my joy, was gluten-free and delicious!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who were involved in the service and to Sue, Lusa and Richard for all their support and care. I would also like to say thank you to those who came to the cathedral to support me and to those who were at Christ Church to celebrate with me.

It was a weekend I will never forget!

**With much love & prayers,  
The Rev'd Karen Seggie**



**Gravesend Floral Arrangement  
Society presents**



## *"Seasonal Anticipation"*

**A Floral Art Demonstration by  
Nick Grounds**

**Wednesday  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2015**



**at St. Mary's Hall  
Wrotham Road, Gravesend  
DA11 7LL**



**(Parking in St. George's School, Meadow Road DA11 7LR)**

**7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.**

**Admission Visitors £8.00**

**Members £5.00**

**Light Refreshments, Raffle & Sales Table**

*For further information, contact*

**01474 324691**







# Gravesend Inter-Faith Week

During Inter-Faith week all are welcome to join on a visit to **Gravesend Sikh Gurdwara, beginning 7pm on Tuesday 17th November** outside the Gurdwara.

For catering purposes – Sikh hospitality always includes food! – please sign the list in church before **8th November, or ring Sue Brewer 01474 352643**

This is a great opportunity to visit one of the largest Gurdwara in Europe, enjoy the renowned Sikh hospitality and share in a meal together

## All Souls Day Holy Communion service

**Monday 2nd November**

**At 7.30pm**

**In Christ Church**

**Echo Square, Gravesend**

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# Service for the Bereaved



A service to remember all our loved ones departed.

**This service will be at 4pm on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.**

Contact Rev'd Sue Brewer if you would like to hear someone's name read out at this service.

## **Do you or members of your family have any interesting stories from World War 1**

As part of the national commemorations of WW1 we are looking to reproduce stories that congregation members might like to submit of their relatives, or local men, who engaged in the conflict!

If you have a family story, perhaps with a photograph of the person you are writing about that you would like to be considered for inclusion in an edition of Christ Church magazine over the next

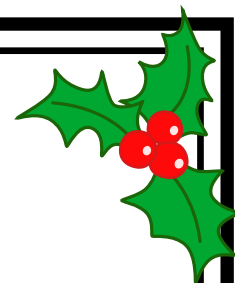
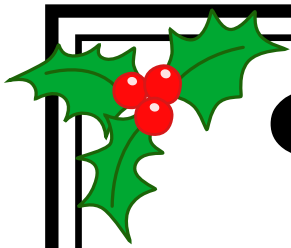
four years please let Sue Brewer or Mike Cubitt know.

We are hoping to get enough copy to enable a different story to be produced in the magazine during the four year anniversary period.

All photographs will be returned, but please mark on the back your name and address.



**Members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs) tending the graves of fallen British soldiers in a cemetery at Abbeville in 1918.**



# Christchurch Bazaar

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 10.30a.m.**

We are collecting these items for the bazaar on the following Sundays:  
Date to be brought to church Items being collected

## **1<sup>st</sup> November**

White elephant & entertainment(CD's, DVD's, records, tapes, videos) Toiletries

## **8<sup>th</sup> November**

Books: children's and adults and Bottles Gift stall, unused/unwanted gifts

**14<sup>th</sup> November**  
(on the day) Cakes, preserves etc.

## **BIBLE NOTES**

Some people find it useful to have a set portion of the Bible to read each day.

The Bible Reading Fellowship have a booklet called "New Daylight" which sets out a short Bible reading and explanatory notes. These booklets are priced at £4.30 (they do go up each year) for a four month period.

If you would like to try one of these booklets please let Julie Hill know.



## **FIRST STEPS**



Is a service especially designed for families with pre-school children, although all children in the family are welcome to come.

We meet in the church at 1.45 pm on the second Wednesday in each month for a short service and then to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We are finished in plenty of time for parents to meet their other children from school.

Why not come along with your children, you will be very welcome.

**Next date is Wednesday 11 November.**

**Christ Church, Gravesend.**

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# THE MUSTARD SEED

THE Mustard Seed aims to provide an informal and friendly tea at 3.00 pm on the third Thursday of every month in Christ Church hall.

It is a venture that offers the opportunity to meet new friends and reminisce about old times.

The Mustard Seed, as the parable says (Mark4; 3-32) is very small - like dust - but has the potential to develop into one of the largest plants.

Please join us as we plant the Mustard Seed and assist to make it flourish. Who knows what may happen!

The Mustard Seed is in its third year now, and the next gathering will be on **Thursday 19 November**. You are so welcome.

**For further details please contact any member of the pastoral care team. Pastoral assistants Pam Kilby, Colin Parsonson, Jasmine Humphries.**



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## **COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 30 October at 10.00 a.m.  
The Hospice Coldharbour Road, Northfleet  
*Please support your local Hospice*

## **WORKING PARTY**

'In order to save on expensive cleaning and maintenance, we hold a monthly working party on a Saturday morning starting at 09.30.

Together we clean and tidy the church, do a bit of necessary DIY or gardening, have a coffee and often some home-made goodies – and finish by about 11.30.

We are enormously grateful to the few loyal helpers who turn up month after month – but we desperately need a few more.

Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

**Working party is almost always on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month...**

**NOTE the next one will be on 10 October at 9.30.**

See you there, **Sue**

## **GRAVESHAM FOOD BANK**

**Many thanks to those who support the food bank.**

Below is a list of items required at the moment

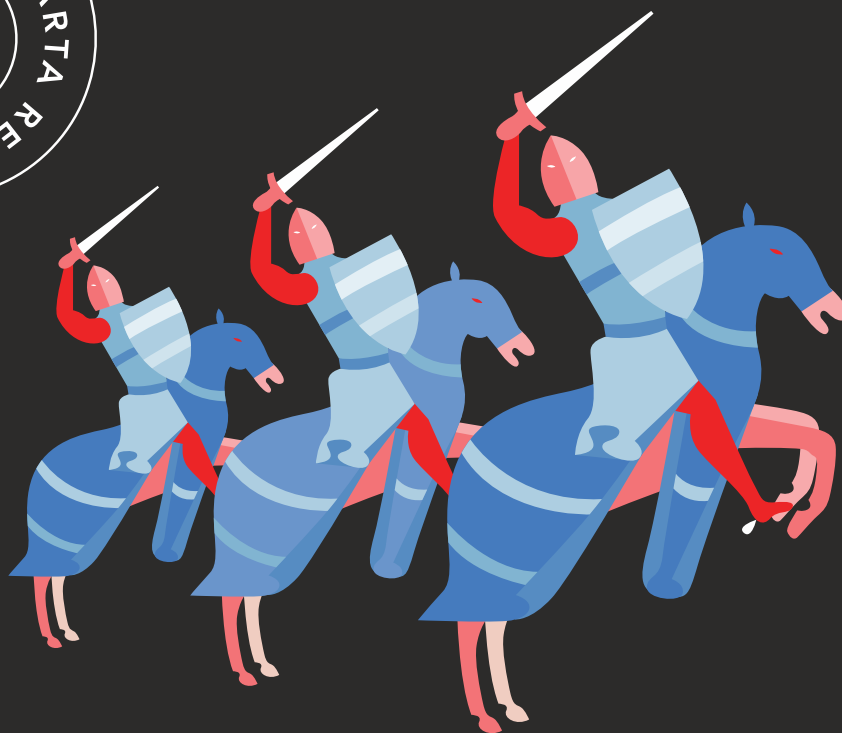
- Milk (UHT) - Custard**
- Toothpaste - Hot chocolate**
- Shampoo - Sweets/treats**
- Breakfast cereal (not porridge) - Marmite**
- Fruit juice/squash - Toilet roll**
- Sponge pudding - Deodorant**
- Tinned potatoes - Laundry liquid/tablets**

This list is only a few of the items that can help those less fortunate than ourselves, any tinned or non-perishable items are most welcome

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- **Or call 01474 534517**

## Join the

semiouavers  


### **Youth choir in Gravesend**

**We meet weekly for Rehearsals**

**at Christ Church**

**Tuesday evenings**

**6.15 pm to 7.30 pm**

## PEACE CANDLE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT WENT BEFORE

You may well have seen the 'Peace Candle' that was used at the WW1 commemoration service on 4<sup>th</sup> August, now in the sanctuary. The candle will remain in place throughout the 4 years of commemoration and will be lit at each Sunday and Wednesday service, as a reminder to us all to pray for

peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world. When you see the candle, please remember to pray for those caught up in conflict.

The sign near to the candle records the areas of conflict most in our prayers at any given time (though there are other 'hidden' conflicts that rarely appear on our televisions). If you would like an area of the world added to the list, please speak to Revs Sue or Jacqueline.



# Major Parish Churches project undertaken

The Church of England's Church Buildings Council is working with Historic England and other partners to understand what special challenges may face people in managing and caring for this particular

century society. There are more than 200 historic parish churches in England with a floor space of more than 1000m<sup>2</sup>. However no research has ever been done to try to understand whether there are particular challenges or opportunities that make them harder or easier for their congregations to maintain and sustain than the 14,500 smaller listed places of worship. Historic England, Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Greater Churches Network, the Church Buildings Council and

Doncaster Minster have launched a partnership project to fill this gap in understanding. The project partners will publish the findings from this research in Autumn 2016.

This research will explore the current physical condition and the resources available to maintain, repair, manage and sustain larger historic churches.

It will focus on highly significant buildings used by the community and nation that are expected to provide functions and services beyond those of a typical parish church (civic, cultural, ecclesiastical, tourism, etc.) but only have the resources of a parish church.

Not all large buildings will be involved in the research but a carefully selected sample, representing sites across the country, dating from different periods and serving a range of communities will be invited to take part. A number of other parish churches will also be included, to provide parallel data about buildings of a smaller size.



## Soroptimist International of Gravesend & District

# Quiz Evening

A Fun Evening on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Prompt Start.

At Christ Church Hall, Old Road East, Gravesend. DA12 1NR

### Proceeds

to support our Link Club  
*Freetown, Sierra Leone*

£5.00 entry per person

### Raffle

Teams -  
Maximum  
6 in each

Bring your  
own Snacks  
and Drinks

### Admission by Ticket only

✂ .....  
Soroptimist International Gravesend & District – Annual Quiz – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Please let Pamela Debnam know how many Tickets are required (Admission by Ticket only)

Contact Name ..... Tel No. ....

Total Number attending .....

Return to Pamela Debnam, by 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Rosemount, 22b Old Road East, GRAVESEND Kent, DA12 1NQ

Tel 01474 329342 Fax 01474 354203 Mob 07913 680231 E-mail debnam77@sky.com

**PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AS TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE — SEATING IS LIMITED**



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## **30th Birthday**

# **QUIZ NIGHT**



Help ellenor celebrate 30 years of specialist hospice care by joining us on our biggest Quiz Night yet!

**13 NOVEMBER at 19.00 - £7 per person**

Price includes sandwiches and nibbles. There will also be a great raffle on the night.

**Manor Hotel, Hever Court Road, Gravesend, DA12 5UQ**

### **Swanscombe, Greenhithe & Neumünster in World War One (illustrated talk and exhibition)**

**On: Saturday 14th November 2015**

Time: From 3pm – the talk will be at about 7pm

Speaker: Christoph Bull.

At: Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council Offices, The Grove,  
Swanscombe

The event is free – no need to book.

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### **The only one who got away**

- the story of Gunther Plüschow the only German POW to ever escape from Britain (via Gravesend) (Illustrated talk)

**On: Saturday 28th November 2015**

At: Coach & Horses, The Hill, Northfleet

Time: 7.30pm

Speaker: Christoph Bull

Cost: £10 – includes a meal and the talk.

Booking via Sharon Duffy on 07800 777955

# 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 All-Age service

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

Registered Charity no. 1130741

## Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)	
Monday	Music Group; Brownies	
Tuesday	Cubs and Semiquavers	
Wednesday	Guides; Mothers Union (1st Wednesday)	
	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm	
	Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)	
Thursday	Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice:	
3.00 p.m.	Mustard Seed (every third)	
Friday	Scouts; Parent and Toddler	
Saturday	Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)	



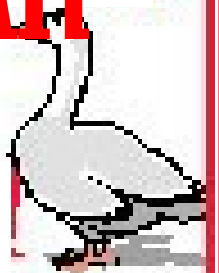
# CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2015

<b>Sunday</b> 	<b>1</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	<b>8</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service <b>16.00 Service for the bereaved</b>	<b>15</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 18.30 Evensong	<b>22</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	<b>29</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service
<b>Monday</b> 	<b>2</b> 8.00 Service <b>All Souls Day</b> 19.30 Service	<b>9</b> 08.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>16</b> 08.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>23</b> 08.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>30</b> 08.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 	<b>3</b> 07.00 Service  18.15 Semiquavers	<b>10</b> 07.00 Service  <b>CUBS</b> <b>18.15 Semiquavers</b>	<b>17</b> 07.00 Service  <b>CUBS</b> <b>18.30 Semiquavers</b>	<b>24</b> 07.00 Service  <b>CUBS</b> 18.15 Semiquavers	
<b>Wednesday</b> 	<b>4</b> 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>11</b> 10.00 Service <b>13.45 First Steps</b> 17.15 Evening Prayer 19.30 Mothers Union	<b>18</b> 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>25</b> 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	
<b>Thursday</b> 	<b>5</b> 07.00 Service  Choir practice	<b>12</b> 07.00 Service <b>BROWNIES</b>  Choir practice	<b>19</b> 07.00 Service 15.00 Mustard Seed <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir practice	<b>26</b> 07.00 Service <b>BROWNIES</b>  Choir practice	
<b>Friday</b> 	<b>6</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours	<b>13</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>20</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>27</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> 	<b>7</b> 08.00 Service	<b>14</b> 08.00 Service <b>10.30 Christmas Bazaar</b>	<b>21</b> 08.00 Service <b>19.00 Northfleet Band Concert</b>	<b>28</b> 08.00 Service	



On the First Day of Christmas . . . Go to  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
Echo Square, Gravesend

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

**NOVEMBER @ 10.30 A.M.**

*jewellery*

*gifts*

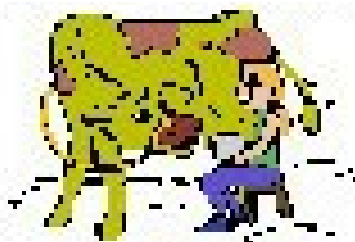
**Fun & games for the  
12 Days of Christmas**

**competitions**

**refreshments**

*decorations*

*cakes*



**Entrance 60p children free**