

**GEMS**  
**Present**  
**SCROOGE**  
**and other Christmas Gems**  
**Thursday 19th—**  
**Saturday 21st November**  
**Evenings at 7.30 pm**  
**Saturday Matinee 2.45 pm**  
**at the Guild Theatre**  
**Vale Road**  
**Northfleet**  
**Tickets £12**  
**from box office 07580 969778**

Anwar Bourazza, Gravesham Street Pastors' Co-ordinator, wishes to thank members of the congregation for their generosity in raising £62 for the work of Street Pastors.

It is estimated that £10,000 a year is needed to keep the project going in Gravesham.

**Ifield Ladies next meeting is on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 pm in the church hall.**

Please join them for

**An Evening of Entertainment**

**Handel's Messiah, a dramatic staging by John Ramster in St. George's Church on Saturday 21st November at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8, under 16s. £5.**

Tickets from St George's Church 01474 534 965—[info@stgeorgesgravesend.org.uk](mailto:info@stgeorgesgravesend.org.uk)  
 Or Towncentric 01474 337 600 - a booking fee may be payable  
[info@towncentric.co.uk](mailto:info@towncentric.co.uk) or at the door.

**Advent Film Nights**—Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas—a good time to think about the things that really matter in life. Why not take a break to ponder by watching a film in good company? Members of the East Gravesend Churches will be gathering on three Wednesday evenings in Advent at St. Aidan's Church to watch three thought-provoking films, with an opportunity to chat about them afterwards. All the films are less than two hours long. Gather at 7—7.30 pm for hot drinks or mulled wine, film showing from 7.30 pm. Bring your own snacks or alternative refreshments.  
 2nd December 'Baghdad Cafe'  
 9th 'Whale Rider'  
 16th 'My Sister's Keeper'  
 Please sign the list at the back if you are interested in coming.

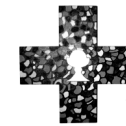
Gluten free Communion wafers are available at every service—please have a word with the Churchwardens or Clergy if you would like to receive gluten free wafers at Communion.

Items for the news sheet should be sent to [juliehill34@aol.com](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)

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**15th November**  
**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**

- 19th Nov 2.00 pm Pilgrim Course
- 3.00 pm Mustard Seed
- 7.30 pm Pilgrim Course
- 21st Nov 7.00 pm Band Concert
- 22nd Nov 8.00 am Dedication Sunday
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00 am Family Communion
- 29th Nov 8.00 am Advent Sunday
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00 am Family Communion
- 2nd Dec 7.30 pm Film 'Baghdad Cafe'
- 6th Dec 8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00 am Family Communion
- 3.30 pm Christingle
- 9th Dec 1.45 pm First Steps Service
- 7.30 pm Film 'Whale Rider'

**THIS WEEK**

**Music for Heroes**  
**Northfleet Brass**  
**and their special guests**  
**in**  
**Christ Church**  
**on**  
**Saturday 21st November**  
**at**  
**7.00 pm**

Tickets £7.00

*All profit will be donated to Armed Service Charities and Christ Church*

*Interval refreshments available*

**For tickets please ring 01474 745406 or 01474 537559**

**Dedication Sunday**—next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, our Dedication Sunday. As we look forward to a new church year, we will be taking an opportunity to re-commit ourselves to follow Christ and to move on together in faith.

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

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



### SHOEBOXES

Many thanks to everyone who has filled and returned a shoebox or donated gifts for the communal box. We took 64 boxes, a lot more than last year, and know they will be going to Serbia next week.

*Look out for Veronica's article in the Church Magazine.*

### Calling all Children!!

We are drawing up a new rota for children assisting at the all-age services.

The children help by doing the reading, leading the prayers (which are provided for them), by being servers or helping welcome people at the door.

If any children would like to join the team for any of these important roles, please let Sue know **now**.



### Advent Travellers

Mary and Joseph from our crib set will be travelling around the parish during Advent.

If you would like them to stay with you overnight please sign the list at the back of the church.

The Pilgrim Course continues on Thursday 19th November at 2.00 pm at 43 Park Avenue and at 7.30 pm at No 84 Tearoom and Eatery, Echo Square.

The subject is 'forgive us our sins...'

There will NOT be a working party this month because of the Autumn Bazaar (although help clearing up after the Bazaar is always appreciated. There will NOT be a working party on 12th December as we are Carol Singing for Christian Aid in the St. George's Centre that morning—but there WILL BE a working party to get the church ready for Christmas on 19th December after the florists have finished.



### The Christingle Service will be on Sunday 6th December.

As in previous years, we will be starting with some craft activities, followed by the service, so please arrive from 3.30 pm and make your way to the hall.

Collecting candles and invitations are available at the back of the church, please take one for each of your children and grandchildren and come along with them and join in the fun.

### Organ Recital

by  
Laurence Long

on  
Wednesday 18th November

at  
11.00 am

in  
Union Chapel, Islington

Laurence's programme will include Bach—Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor and Franck—Chorale No. 3 in A Minor.

You will all remember Laurence playing at the 10.00 am service from time to time, please go along and enjoy his Recital.

### Preparations for the Climate Summit Meeting in Paris

The Churches in Rochester Deanery are keeping 29th November, Advent Sunday, as a meat-free Sunday. 29th November is a doubly significant date, as it marks the beginning of the penitential season of Advent and is also the date on which climate pilgrims from around the world will converge on Paris, where Global Climate talks begin the following day.

Giving up meat for one day is a symbolic action because the large-scale production of meat accounts for 15% of all greenhouse gas emissions.

Could you join them to help make a difference!!

### Mrs. Finch—Church Caretaker.

Peter Shearan has published a book with the above title about a real-life lady who acted as church caretaker in Christ Church one hundred years ago. Her Life began in 1835, when King William IV was on the British Throne, and when stage coaches were a common sight passing through Gravesend, through the Great War, and only ended when she died at the age of 85, by which time she had witnessed many of the marvels of today's life (aeroplanes, motor cars and buses, and electric light, to name only a few).

Peter has woven the tale of what he has found to have been a remarkable woman, around all the known facts; through doing so he has come to know her well (although he wishes he had known her personally!).

His book will be on sale from this weekend, priced at £10. All proceeds from the sale will be going towards a planned commemoration of WW1 in Autumn 2016.

**Sanctuary**—the new shelter for the homeless at the Methodist Church.

If you would like to help with this project in any way please visit [www.graveshamchurchestogether.org/sanctuary](http://www.graveshamchurchestogether.org/sanctuary)

CONGRATULATIONS