



Sing for Victory

on
12th September
from 7—9 pm
in
All Saints Church Hall
Perry Street

A celebration for the 75th
Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Join us for a 1940's evening in aid
of the Poppy Appeal

Raffle
Tea/coffee
bringing your own food

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.

Foodbank—Christmas Wish List

Christmas chocolates, luxury biscuits	Coffee and drinking chocolate
Christmas pudding	Stuffing mix/gravy mix
Custard (brandy sauce)	Treats and sweets
Long life milk	long life fruit juice
Every day and luxury toiletries	(no mince pies, thank you)

They have sufficient stocks of baked beans, pasta and soup.

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.

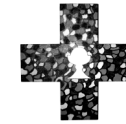
Items for the news sheet should be sent to juliehill34@aol.com or left on the clip in the lobby

Items for the website should be sent to info@christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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29th 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

29th Nov	Advent Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
2nd Dec	
7.30 pm	Film "Baghdad Cafe"
3rd Dec	
2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course
7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course
6th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
3.30 pm	Christingle
8th Dec	
6.30 pm	Semiquavers Concert
9th Dec	
1.45 pm	First Steps Service
7.30 pm	Film "Whale Rider"
12th Dec	
10.00 am	Carol Singing for Christian Aid
4.00 pm	Ellenor Lights of Love
13th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Service

Stewardship—

Following the presentation last Sunday, we would be grateful if all church members would take a look at their giving to the church, both financial and by offering their gifts and talents.

If you missed the presentation, there are leaflets at the back of the church giving a summary of our financial situation and a 'response slip'. Please place your response slip in an envelope and put it in the box at the back of the church. Could you please respond before Christmas. Thank you

semiquavers CONCERT

on
Tuesday 8th December
in
Christ Church
at
6.30 pm

Tickets priced at £3.00 for adults, children are free, are available from Gill Campbell in church or on 534517.

Please come along to what will be a very enjoyable evening.

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

We will be Carol Singing on Saturday 12th December from 10-10.30 am in St. George's Centre to raise funds for Christian Aid.

Please come and join in —
the more the merrier.



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.

HELP NEEDED

We are opening a Rainbow Unit (for girls from 5-7 years) in January on Fridays from 4.30—5.30 pm and are desperate for adults to help.

To find out more please ring Josie on 01474 568811.

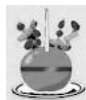
There will be a service to celebrate St. Andrew's Day at 12 noon on Monday 30th November at the St. Andrew's Art Centre.

Everyone welcome—please come.

The Pilgrim Course continues on Thursday 3rd December at 2.00 pm at 43 Park Avenue and at 7.30 pm at No 84 Tearoom and Eatery, Echo Square.

The subject is 'lead us not into temptation'

Please come and take part—new people are always welcome.



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.



We are looking for people willing to come to the hall on Saturday 5th December at 10.00 am to prepare the oranges, etc. for the Christingle. If you are able to help, please have a word with Julie Hill



Our next Mothers' Union Meeting is on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm

when we will be having our Christmas Social at David's, 16 Raphael Road.

Partners and friends are welcome to join us.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks will be available.

The Ellenor Lights of Love Service will be in Christ Church on Saturday 12th December starting at 4.00 pm

Christ Church Tots meet every Friday afternoon for 1 to 1½ hours in term time only (1.00 - 2.30 pm). During this time, play stops for refreshments which are prepared by volunteers from Christ Church.

For various reasons we only have a few volunteers on our rota now. Could you spare the time once a month to help with this service that Christ Church provides. Please let me know by Christmas if you would like to join us—I will be starting a new rota in January—Sheila Knight 01474 564234 or sknight01@hotmail.co.uk

Fayre on the Square—two day Festive Market and Concert in Community Square.

Friday 4th from 12.00 pm—8.00 pm and Saturday 5th from 10.00 am—6.00 pm

Join in = **Family Activities**
Over 60 stalls
Top music acts

Food and Drink

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 is on sale, 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