Thank you for all the donations to the Food Bank.

They especially need long life orange juice, sugar, long life milk, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste.

They already have plenty of soup, tea, pasta and baked beans.

St. Mary's Church Restoration Committee working with Dave Silk Jazznights

Presents

Valentine's Day Music for a Lazy Sunday Afternoon on Sunday 14th February from 3.00—5.00 pm at St. Mary's Church High Street St. Mary Cray

Tickets £7.00 (under 16's free) including refreshments Tickets from 01689 810451

Please advertise this and going along and enjoy the music.

Please remember to bring your old mobile phones, phone cards, spectacles, Canon and HP printer cartridges (no other ink cartridges, thank you), 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.

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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31st January 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

31st Jan	Candlemas		
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said		
10.00 am	Family Communion		
4th Feb	•		
2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course		
7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course		
7th Feb			
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)		
10.00 am	Family Communion		
10th Feb	Ash Wednesday		
10.00 am	Holy Communion		
1.45 pm	First Steps		
7.30 pm	Holy Communion		
13th Feb	•		
9.30 am	Working Party		
14th Feb			
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)		
10.00 am	All Age Service		
4.00 pm	Evensong		
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The Pilgrim Course continues on Thursday 4th February at2.00 pm at 43 Park Avenue and 7.30 pm at No.84 Tearoom and Eatery, Echo Square. This course is based on the 10 Commandments.

This would be a good time to join the course if you have not been before. You do not need to be a "Bible Scholar" to take part, just someone interested in learning about and sharing your experience of being a Christian.

Pilgrim Course will take a break during Lent—see details of the Lent Course overleaf. Pilgrim Course will restart on 31st March.

Holy Communion 8am Monday, 7am Tuesday, 10am Wednesday, 7am Thursday, no service Friday, 8.00 am Saturday

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



Christ Church Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday 9th February starting at 7.30 pm with Holy Communion, followed by our Annual General Meeting and pancakes.

Please join us for this important meeting.

Stan Bond's Funeral will be on Thursday 11th February at 11.00 am at Medway Crematorium followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in Christ Church at 12.15 pm

The next church working party will be on Saturday 13th February at 9.30 am.

Please come along and give a hand.

Good company guaranteed.

LIFE IN THE PSALMS A Lent Course

By reflecting on the poetry of the Psalms, we will explore creative ways to express our faith, as we journey through Lent together.

This year's Lent Course will be shared with other churches of the East Gravesend Cluster.

Sessions are on Wednesday -In the mornings at 11 am at St. George's Church, followed by an optional soup lunch at 12 noon.

In the evenings at 7.30 pm

17th Feb at Christ Church—*Pilgrimage*24th Feb at Holy Family, Palmer Avenue—*Prayer*2nd March at St. Mary's, Wrotham Road -*Wonder*9th March at St. Aidan's, St. Aidan's Way - *The Way*16th March at Christ Church—*Hope*

The Gift of Years

Exploring Anna Chaplaincy in Dementia
A Workshop with Debbie Thrower and Alex Burn
St. Barnabas, Upper Avenue, Istead Rise
On Tuesday 23rd February
From 10.30 am—3.30 pm

Debbie Thrower and Alex Burn are visiting Rochester Diocese to introduce their pioneering work in developing Anna Chaplains. They will consider whether having Anna Chaplains in our Diocese might help us respond better to the needs of people with dementia and their carers.

The workshop is aimed at anyone interested in faith and ministry in later, and especially the impact of dementia.

There is a £10 suggested contribution to cover costs, payable on the day, with lunch and drinks provided.

Applications must be received no later than 9th February.

There is an application form on the table at the back of the church.

Arts Cafe
At
St William's Church
Walderslade Village
On
Sunday 7th February
At
6.30 pm

Dave Bilbrough is an international singer/ Songwriter, drawing on folk roots and world music influences. He has produced over 20 albums. Public Lecture Series
At St. William's Church, Walderslade Village
On Sunday 14th February
At 6.30 pm

The Lecture is entitled "Inclusive Grace: The Church and Sexuality" and is given by Rev. Len Abrams.

Len is a self-supporting Minister in South London and spends the rest of his time as a consultant and advisor on development in Africa. His personal experiences living and working in Africa has shaped his journey and passion for issues of social justice.