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The next meeting of the Mustard Seed in on Thursday 17th March at 3.00 pm in the Church Hall.

Please come along and join us and enjoy a cup of tea while you chat.

The Mountbatten Festival of Music given by the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines at The Royal Albert Hall on Friday 8th April at 7.30 pm.

A mini-coach will leave Christ Church at 5.00 pm and the total cost will be £55.

Please speak to John Thrush to reserve your ticket or for further information on 01474 749945

An evening with Canon Andrew White FRRME on Wednesday 13th April at St. Mary's Church, Worlds End Lane, Green Street Green, Orpington, BR6 6AG from 7.30—8.30 pm.

You are warmly invited to hear Canon White speak of his mission in the Middle East.

Anyone wishing to attend is required to RSVP by Sunday 10th April by completing the form on the Parish website ([www.smasch.org](http://www.smasch.org)) or emailing the Parish Office ([office@stmarysgsg.go.uk](mailto:office@stmarysgsg.go.uk)) giving your full name, organisation and contact number. A ticket will then be issued.

This will probably be a popular event so don't forget to RSVP as soon as possible. **Entry will be by ticket only**

**Ifield Ladies'** next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th March in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm, when Councillor Craske will speak about

"Marriages I have Known".

Visitors are welcome to attend—so why not go along to what will be a very interesting evening.

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.

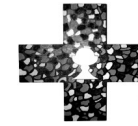
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## 13th March Notes and News



**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 March Passion Sunday  
 8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
 10.00 am Special Service  
 16th March  
 11.00 am Lent Course at St. George's Church  
 7.30 pm Lent Course at Christ Church  
 17th March  
 3.00 pm Mustard Seed  
 20th March Palm Sunday  
 8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
 10.00 am Family Communion  
 21st March Holy Week services details inside sheet  
 26th March  
 9.30 am Decorate the Church  
 10.30 am Working party  
 27th March Easter Day  
 5.45 am Dawn Service of Light  
 8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
 10.00 am Celebration Communion  
 6.30 pm Festal Evensong

## Easter Lilies

Once again you will have the opportunity during Lent to contribute towards the lilies for Easter Day in memory of loved ones.

The suggestion is £3 towards the cost of each lily. A list will be on view at Easter with the names of the people you wish to remember.

Please contact Sheila Knight

## Church Electoral Roll -

Now is the time to revise our Electoral Roll. If you attend Christ Church regularly and are over 16 years of age, you are invited to have your name on the Electoral Roll. This allows you to vote at the Annual General Meeting and to have a say in the running of the church.

If you are willing, you can have your name put forward to be voted onto the PCC and have a more formal role in the church.

You will find application forms at the back of the church. Don't delay—please complete one to-day.

**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

**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.

The last Sessions are on Wednesday 16th March in the morning at 11 am at St. George's Church, followed by an optional soup lunch at 12 noon.

In the evening at 7.30 pm at Christ Church—**Hope**

**HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to support our Friday Mums and toddlers group by serving tea to the mums. Only 1½ hour commitment, once a month and a chance to get to know the young parents associated with the church.

**Confirmation**

The next course of Confirmation classes will begin shortly after Easter, preparing for the Confirmation Service at 6.30 pm on 24th July. Please have a chat with Sue, Karen or Jacqueline if you are interested in taking part.

This will also be an opportunity for anyone who has already been confirmed, and who would like to make a fresh commitment to follow Christ, to re-affirm their baptismal promises

**Special Services for Holy Week**

March

Mon 21st 7.30 pm **Interactive Stations of the Cross** at St. Mary's Church, Wrotham Road

Tues 22nd 7.30 pm **Meditation for Holy Week** at St. Aidan's Church

Wed 23rd 10.00 am **Holy Communion**

7.30 pm **Agape Meal** at St. Aidan's Church (*please book in advance for catering purposes—352500*)

Thurs 24th 7.30pm **Holy Communion** (*we re-live the events of the night of Jesus' arrest. The church will be open afterwards until 10.00 pm for silent prayer*)

Fri 25th 10.00 am **Hot Cross Bun Service** (*especially for children and young people and their families ... The story of the cross, activities and buns!*)

12.00-3.00 pm **Were you there?** (*come for as long as you like. Arrive and leave on the hour or half hour.*)

New sets of **weekly offering envelopes** are available at the back of the church arranged in alphabetical order. Please take yours.  
Thank you, Anne Thrush (Gift Aid Secretary)

**Called to be**

Exploring the breadth of calling and vocation

Speakers—Canon Jean Kerr and  
Bishop James Langstaff

on  
Saturday 23rd April  
from 10.30—3.30 pm

at St. Andrew's, Paddock Wood.

There is an application form and details of the many workshops on the table at the back of the church.

**HELP NEEDED**

to decorate  
the church ready for Easter  
Day.

Saturday 26th March from  
9.30 am for those willing to  
help with making floral  
decorations for the window  
sills (full instructions given).

From 10.30 am for any who  
can help to dust, polish,  
sweep and tidy the church for  
Easter.

Tea, coffee and Hot Cross  
Buns will be provided to keep  
you going!

We hope you will go along and  
support these local events -

To-day from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm  
in St. Andrew's Art Centre there  
is a Kent Photographic  
Exhibition.



14th March at 9.50 am they will  
be Raising the Flag for the  
Commonwealth in Community  
Square.



18th March from 2.00—5.00 pm  
at St. Andrew's Art Centre the  
Matinee Singers are in Concert  
for the Children of Chenobyl.

Next Sunday, 20th March Laurence Long is  
performing an organ recital at All Saints  
Margaret Street, 7 Margaret Street, London  
W1W 8JG from 7.15—8.00 pm, following  
Evensong and Benediction at 6.00 pm.

Admission is free.

Your will recall that Laurence has played at our  
services from time time—it would be great to  
support him.

**Gravesham Food Bank**—Thank you for your  
generous support of the Foodbank.

They are need of instant noodles, coffee, long life  
milk, custard, no fridge juice/squash and all toiletries.

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