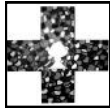


31st December 2017

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 Dec
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion
1st Jan
10.00 am Family Communion
7th Jan Epiphany
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion
9th Jan
7.30 pm Mothers' Union
10th Jan
1.45 pm First Steps
14th Jan
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am All Age Communion
4.00 pm Evensong
18th Jan
2.30 pm Mustard Seed
21st Jan
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion
6.00 pm CTIG Unity Service
28th Jan
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion

MANY THANKS

. To everyone who helped in any way to make Christmas so special.



Thank you so much for all the help we had to decorate the church for Christmas. We had thirteen people working hard and creating beautiful arrangements which have been much admired by the congregation.

We all enjoyed the time together and appreciated the refreshments prepared by the fourteenth member of the team.

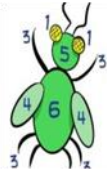
With best wishes to you all for 2018.

Sheila Knight

Holy Communion	Tuesday 7.00 am	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.00 am
Morning Prayer	Monday 8.00 am at	Christ Church	
Morning Prayer	Tuesday 8.00 am at	St. Aidan's Church	
Evening Prayer	Wednesday 5.15 pm at	Christ Church	
Morning Prayer	Thursday 8.30 am at	Holy Family Church	
Evening Prayer	Friday 5.15 pm at	Holy Family Church	



Fish, Chips and Beetles



An evening of fun and food
Saturday 3rd February
at 6.30 pm
in the Church Hall

Book your tickets and order your food by calling Angela on
07900 430002 (last booking date is 27th January)
£7 for fish, £5 for sausage. Bring your own drinks

New Year's Day

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.00 am followed by refreshments in the hall.



Our next Mothers' Union meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January in the church hall at 7.30 pm when Steve Humphries is talking to us about Russia... with illustrations!

Will members try to bring their subs. for Margot in the envelope she provided.

Copies of our 2018 programme are on the MU table at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy to see what we will be doing this year.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

First Steps Service
on
Wednesday 10th January
in church
at 1.45 pm

This is a service especially for families with pre-school children.

Please come along and join in the fun. We are finished in time for you to pick up older children from school



Many apologies that I have been absent, and also distracted, over the last couple of months, as we have helped my parents move to their new retirement home in Tunbridge Wells. The move has gone very well and they will soon be beginning to settle in.

I am so grateful for the understanding and support of everyone at Christ Church - Thank you!.

I will still need to be away a bit in the new year, as there is a house to clear out in Buckinghamshire as well as helping Mum and Dad to get established - if anyone has any removal wrapping paper or old newspapers I could have, I would be really grateful. Sue

Peter Chittenden will be brought into church on Sunday 7th January at 6.00pm for a Requiem Mass.

His funeral service is on Monday 8th January in church at 11.00 am followed by a burial.

The carol singing in St. George's Centre for Christian Aid raised **£709** all day.

Many thanks to all who helped.

Ben Johnson
Forgetmenot Foundation

Quiz Night
Saturday 27th January
in
Christ Church Hall
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

Tickets £5.00 pay at the door

Bring your own snacks and drinks
Teams of 6—8 people

To book a table email
[**bens.foundation@gmail.com**](mailto:bens.foundation@gmail.com)

A Happy New Year to all

Dates for your diary - 2018

February

3rd	Fish. Chips and beetles
14th	Ash Wednesday
	Lent Course

March

5th—1st April	Experience Easter
11th	Mothering Sunday
20th	Semiquavers' Concert
25th	Palm Sunday
26th	Holy Week
30th	Good Friday

April

1st	Easter Day
8th	Sue's last Sunday
13th & 14th	Church Spring Cleaning
22nd	Church Annual General Meeting

May

5th	Christian Aid Quiz
10th	Ascension Day
20th	Pentecost

June

16th	Summer Fete
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July

1st	Mothers' Union Service
1st	Deanery Confirmation
10th	Semiquavers' Concert

more dates next week

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.

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 christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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