# 31st March 2019 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 March Mothering Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am All Age Communion

2nd April

6.30 pm Semiquavers Concert

3rd April

7.30 pm Lent Course

5th and 6th

9.30 am Church Spring Cleaning

7th April Passion Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Readings and

Passiontide music

9th April Mothers' Union Agape

7.30 pm Meal

10th April

1.45 pm First Steps Service

7.30 pm Lent Course

13th April

2.00 pm Sally's Installation

14th April Palm Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Family Communion18th April Maundy Thursday

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

7.30 pm Informal Holy

Communion and Watch

On Saturday 13th April at 2.00 pm Revd. Sally Womersley will be Installed at Vicar of Christ Church.

Please put this date in your diary and come along and welcome Sally as our new Vicar.

Please remember Sally in your prayers.

Thank you to all our dear friends at Christ Church for all my 70th Birthday cards and our Golden Wedding cards and gifts.

We had a most wonderful week celebrating with family and friends.

Blessings to you all.

Jenny and Terry

# Week day services

Holy Communion Wednesday 10.00 am and Saturday 8.00 am 8.00 am at Christ Church Morning Prayer Monday 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 9.00 am at St. Aidan's Church Morning Prayer Friday

#### **LENT 2019**

# "Encountering God in the Stillness"

The Lent Course continues in church on Wednesday 3rd April with

#### "Multi-sensory prayer"

Refreshments are available from 7.00 pm and the session starts promptly at 7.30 pm.

We will finish at approximately 8.30 pm

We are having Lent lunches again this year. Donations will be put towards our Lent good causes.

Jasmine and Steve are hosting a lunch on Saturday 6th April between 2 and 5 pm at Rosebank, Stack Lane, Hartley, DA3 8BL. Please give them a ring



on 01474 249106 if you hope to go.

Could you host a lunch?

Please speak to Brigitte if you can help.



#### **Lent Envelopes**

If you haven't already received your Lent Envelope, please ask a Sidesman for one.

Please put some money in the envelope each week and bring it back to church on Easter Sunday.

Money given in the Lent envelopes forms the backbone of our giving to charity so please be as generous as you can.

For more information, please have a look at Veronica's attractive display at the back of the church.

We will be Spring Cleaning the Church on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April starting at 9.30 am.

We will be short of some of the usual helpers as they are still redecorating the Vicarage.

So please come and help even if you can only spare one hour.

**Sunday 7th April is Passion Sunday** and the 10.00 am service will include traditional Bible readings, hymns and choral items as we listen to the story of Christ's Passion.

# HELP NEEDED

Vicarage—to ensure that our new Vicar is made welcome, we are cleaning and painting the vicarage over the next couple of weeks.

It is a big job and the more people involved the easier it will be.

If you are available to help, for even a short time, please contact Andy Nailor on 07941 613080 who will enlighten you further.

semiquavers

**Spring Concert** Tuesday 2nd April in Church at 6.30 pm

Tickets priced at £4.00 for adults. children are free, are available from Gill Campbell in church or on 01474 534517.

Please come along and support the Semiguavers.



Our next Mothers' Union meeting is on Tuesday 9th April starting at 7.30 pm. when we will be having an Agape meal. The cost is £5.00.

Everyone is welcome to attend but bookings must be made in advance to Margot Edwards.

We are raffling a Simnel Cake to raise funds for Mothers' Union projects.

Tickets priced at £1 are available from David Williams

The raffle will be drawn on today

Easter Lilies—We will again be arranging lilies as part of the Easter floral decorations in the church. As in previous years we are inviting people to sponsor one or more lilies in memory of loved ones.

Please let me know the name or names of the people you would like to remember together with any donations.

The names to be remembered will be displayed at Easter in the cabinet with the books of remembrance.

Sheila Knight

"New to You" Table Top Sale, Bank Holiday Monday 6th May.

We still need prizes for our tombola stall at the Table Top Sale.

Can you help, please!

I have signed up to take part in a 97km trek across the Jordan Desert to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The trek lasts 9 days and covers desert and mountains, one thing is certain, I will have very sore feet!

If you would like to donate to this cause, there is a sponsorship form at the back of the church.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the trek, my telephone number is on the bottom of the sponsorship form.

Wish me luck and say a prayer for me.

Linsey Erangey



# Quiz Night

Saturday 4th May from 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

Tables of 6-8 people £5.00 per person

to book a table please email gillandduncan@aol.com

Bring your own refreshments Raffle prizes to be won on the night!

I've changed my email address to juah\_1961@talktalk.net

Please only use this address in future as I won't have access to the old address.

Thank you, Julie Hill.

In the bookcase near the main door to the church you will find Bibles that you can borrow during the service. Please help yourselves and replace the Bible at the end of the service.

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 Julie Hill on <a href="mailto:juah\_1961@talktalk.net">juah\_1961@talktalk.net</a> Items for the website should be sent to <a href="mailto:ccwebsite@timcomp.co.uk">ccwebsite@timcomp.co.uk</a>

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