

7th April 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

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 Communion
18th April	Maundy Thursday
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
7.30 pm	Informal Holy Communion and Watch
19th April	Good Friday
10.00 am	Hot Cross Bun Service
12 -3 pm	"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"
20th April	Holy Saturday
10.00 am	Decorate the church
21st April	Easter Day
	see overleaf for services

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

Please come along and welcome
Sally as our new Vicar.

Please remember Sally in your
prayers.

The next **First Steps Service** will be on
**Wednesday 10th April in church at 1.45
pm.**

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

There will be a story, prayers and songs
accompanied by bells and shakers.
Refreshments are available in the hall
after the service. **Please come.**



Week day services

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

“Encountering God in the Stillness”

The Lent Course continues in church on Wednesday 10th April with

“Using your imagination”

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

We will finish at approximately 8.30 pm



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.

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



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!

If you are not able to come perhaps you could provide a raffle prize. There is a box for donations at the back of the church.

Services for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 18th April

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
7.30 pm Informal Holy
Communion with Watch

Good Friday 19th April

10.00 Hot Cross Bun Service

*a special service and craft activities
followed by hot cross buns*

12.00—3.00 pm
"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

*this service is in half hour sections,
so you can stay for the whole time
or arrive and leave during a hymn.*

HE IS RISEN

Easter Day 21st April

5.30 am
Lighting of the Easter fire
and Service of Light
followed by breakfast

8.00 am
Said Holy Communion

10.00 am
Celebration Holy Communion
with Easter eggs and refreshments

4.00 pm
Festal Evensong

If you have a poster you wish to display in the church porch or hall, would you please give it to Colin Parsonson who is making sure all the boards are kept tidy and up-to-date.

"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!



.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.

Thank you to all the helpers who
arranged the posies for Mothering
Sunday. We completed them in
record time and they all looked
lovely, ready for the service on
Sunday.

We will be arranging flowers in
church on Saturday 20th April from
10.00 am ready for Easter and
would welcome anyone who can spare
the time to help decorate the
church. Sheila Knight

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

Alzheimer's & Dementia SUPPORT SERVICES

We need volunteers for ADSS Café at Safeharbour, Coldharbour Road.

The café is open during the week between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm to the public and is also used by our day centre.

The days we need volunteers are Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Anyone interested should contact Katie Antill on 01474 533990 or speak to Angela Kirby.

The Fellowship of Diocesan Prayers invite you to a Quiet Day on Saturday 11th May from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm led by the Revd. Canon Gordon Oliver on "Mud, Glorious Mud" at St. Michael and All Angels Church, 2 High Street, Wilmington, DA2 7EH.

This is open to anyone with a heart for prayer.

Please take your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Cost £15 (non-refundable) by 26th April

To book <http://bit.ly/2Sshdp'M> or with your Deanery Rep. or through Diocesan Office: training@rochester.anglican.org

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 juah_1961@talktalk.net
Items for the website should be sent to ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk