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Front cover: Orchids found at Kays Garden, Meopham Pic: L Chesterton

Christ Church Milton-Next-Gravesend

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AUGUST 2019

On 30 June the 10 am service was led by Jacqueline Littlewood assisted by members of the Mothers' Union. Members welcomed people at the door, paraded the banner, read prayers and readings, preached the sermon and assisted with communion. At the exchange of the peace MU members assembled at the front and then exchanged peace with each other and the congregation. At the end of the service members followed the banner and had photos taken. Tea, coffee and cake was served afterwards.

On Tuesday 9 July members met in the hall at 8pm, later than usual as members wished to attend the semi-quavers concert in the church. Our speaker for the evening was our new vicar Sally Womersley

For several years I have seen in this magazine details of a fitness league class held on a Tuesday afternoon.

I am pleased to say that I have recently joined and I can honestly say that I have never been involved with a group where the instructor and members have been so welcoming, friendly and supportive.

Why not come along.

-Sue Burgin

who spoke about her life from her childhood in Blackpool, her schooldays and the various jobs she had. She spoke of working in church-related jobs and then being ordained, working in a group of parishes in Essex and then coming to Christchurch. Pimms and

nibbles were served to start and strawberries and cream with tea and coffee at the end.

Our next meeting will be our T@3 on Tuesday 20 August where we will be serving tea and cake, having a raffle and bring and buy. All are welcome for a social afternoon including children, activities will be provided.

#### **Fitness League**

Movement for Life In Christ Church Hall **Every Tuesday From 2-3.15 pm** Light remedial exercises Fully qualified teacher

Ladies why not join us!

For more information please

Phone 01634 255759

#### **WORKING PARTY**

'In order to save on expensive cleaning and maintenance, we hold a monthly working party on a Saturday morning starting at 09.30.

Together we clean and tidy the church, do a bit of necessary DIY or gardening, have a coffee and often some home-made goodies – and finish by about 11.30.

We are enormously grateful to the few loyal helpers who turn up month after month – but we desperately need a few more.

Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

Working party is normally on the second Saturday of each month... NOTE the next ones will be on Saturday 10 AUGUST at 9.30.

See you there, JAN

Come and join us for

# HE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

on
Wednesday 14th August
starting in Church
at 2.00 pm



#### MERCHANT NAVY DAY



September 3 is a memorial day in Great Britain and Canada. This is Merchant Navy Day (in GB) or Merchant Navy Remembrance

Day (in Canada).

The Merchant Navy of Great Britain has played a significant role in the British history. It suffered severe losses from German U-boat attacks during World War I and II. Around 32,000 merchant seafarers were killed during two wars, but along with the Royal Navy the convoys successfully imported enough supplies to allow an Allied victory.

Merchant Navy Day became an official remembrance day on September 3, 2000 in Great Britain. Before introduction of this day Merchant Navy veterans were remembered on the annual Remembrance Day.

Service will be held at Bawley Bay, Royal Pier Road on September 3 everyone is welcome

### FIRST STEPS HOLIDAY TIME WITH A TRIP TO THE SEASIDE

Our naughty little sheep, his friends and I were not able to be at our last First Steps service, so Sheila Brown very kindly lead it in my place. I heard on the grapevine that everyone had a great time in our absence. Surely not! In the meantime we were visiting the lovely city of Plymouth for the very first time. We all had a good time seeing the sights and enjoying the fish and chips. Our naughty little sheep and his friends ran about on Plymouth Hoe, making the

most the sunshine, and remembering Sir Francis Drake. We did miss every one and look forward to seeing them again at our Teddy Bears' Picnic on 14th August when normal service will be resumed. So come along and join us and with any luck the sun will be shining for us.

God Bless Rosemary Austin





#### **Sunday 11 August**

Everyone is welcome to join us for the BBQ after the 10.00 service

If you hope to come, please add your name to the sign up list at the back of the church and indicate if you will be bringing a sweet or salad





SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH AND HALL IS TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 16 AUGUST - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK please come along and help

#### CHRIST CHURCH MOTHERS UNION INVITE YOU TO





T@3

Raising funds for our projects at home and internationally

On Tuesday 20th August 2019
from 3.00 pm
Christ Church Hall & Pleasance
Adults £2 Children Free
(This includes your rst drink and a piece of cake)

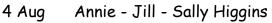


Games and activities for children Raf e and Bring and Buy



All are welcome, all are welcome in this place

#### **COFFEE ROTA 2019**



11 Aug Maxine - Sheila Knight - Maxine

18 Aug Annie - Jill -

25 Aug Annie - Jill - Jenny

1 Sept Annie - Jill - Gerry Higgins



Come in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 10.00 o'clock Sunday service



Extra curricular duties for our vicar and churchwardens, shows Sally and Lucy on the tools and Jan supervising



## Do you run a local business? Have you thought of advertising in this monthly magazine?

If you would like details of costs and how you could contribute to Christ Church through advertising please

contact 07840343831

or email ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk



### COPY FOR JUNE MAGAZINE

This is your magazine, and every effort is made to include items supplied by you, our readers.

The one thing that would be most helpful, when submitting copy, is that you e-mail this rather than put a typed sheet on the hook in church.

As I am not a touch typist, it takes considerable time to re-type any copy and is open to me making errors.

Send copy to the address on page 2 by Sunday 18 AUGUST at the very latest, or speak to Mike Cubitt - 07840343831



#### SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST CHURCH

I am aware that some groan when they hear the word safeguarding but Archbishop Justin Welby states that Safeguarding is at the heart of our Christian faith adding let us all pray that we may strive to be a safe church for all .

Here at Christ Church we take our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all our parish community seriously. In accordance with the House of Bishops Promoting a Safer Church policy, your PCC has over the last few months, been reviewing our practices and procedures with both an internal and Diocesan Audit. The result of this work is that we have established new ways to ensure that we do our utmost to comply with the recommendations of the Diocese Safeguarding requirements around recruitment, DBS checks and training for volunteers.

We have over 35 volunteers at Christ Church who give freely of their talents and time with our groups which include PCC members, Mustard Seed, the Choir and Music Group, Semi Quavers, Gods Gang and Welcome to the Lords Table and First Steps. Without their dedication we would be unable to provide such a wide range of wonderful experiences for our whole church family. We thank them most sincerely.

We now have a new Safeguarding team:

Parish Safeguarding Of cer/Lead Recruiter - Jenny Shoesmith Adults Safeguarding Advocate - Angela Kirby Children and Young Adults Safeguarding Advocate - Joan Bennett Church Wardens - Jan Osborne and Lucy Hornby

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to talk with someone in the team or of course the Vicar.

There is a board in the Church Porch with contact details and safeguarding notices.

Keep safe everyone. Jenny Shoesmith





## MUSTARD SEED and OVER 80's

Our pictures show the large group from the

Mustard seed and a number of our over eighty years old members of the congregation enjoying afternoon tea and a friendly chat at the annual









### **DEANERY CONFIRMATION**

The group gather together outside the Church of The Holy Family on Sunday 21 July before taking part in the confirmation service



Christ Church Brownies spent a lovely evening at Kay's Garden, Meopham. This is a magical place maintained by a dedicated, hard working committee including our own Kim and Beaver. Beaver was able to join us for the evening. She taught the Brownies the correct safe way to light a fire. The Brownies collected the wood and lit the fire and then prepared and cooked pizzas and chocolate bananas. Avni and Megan made their Brownie Promise. Amelia and Jazzi received their Brownie Gold awards. They were asked to choose someone special to make their presentations. Amelia chose Sophie who had been her Brownie Sixer and Jazzi chose Beaver. As well as completing interest badges to gain their award Amelia had made a splendid ball for the Brownie unit and Jazzi had made equipment for games which she organised at our birthday party. The Brownies enjoyed finding the fairy doors and looking at the wild flowers including some beautiful orchids and spotting squirrel .We ended the evening with a Going Up to Guides ceremony for Georgina.









#### **Christ Church 200 Club**

**The 200 Club** is a means of raising money for the Christ Church General Fund, which supports the Ministry and Mission of the church and Good Causes as agreed by the PCC, whilst at the same time giving members the opportunity of a small 'flutter' and the chance to win some money.

**Membership** costs £30 per year. Fifty percent of all monthly donations are given over to the Christ Church General Fund with the remainder being returned to the membership in prize money. The draw is made on the fourth Sunday of every month in the hall after the morning service.

**Payment** can be made by an annual sum of £30, a quarterly payment of £7.50 or a monthly payment of £2.50, the latter two by bankers order. Cheques should be made payable to Christ Church PCC No 3 account.

**Join** by contacting John Thrush, in church, and completing an application form. If you are not sure who John is, ask one of the sides people and they will point you in the right direction.

Winning chances are only limited by the amount of numbers you purchase, the more you have the better your chance of winning.

**Worthwhile** it certainly is, since its inception the 200 Club has donated over £40,000 to Christ Church to support its Ministry and Good Causes.

#### **Contact JOHN THRUSH 200 Club Secretary**

## Alzheimer's & Dementia

We are the local specialist dementia service for Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley. We empower people affected by dementia to carry on their chosen lifestyle. We equip people with the knowledge and practical support to live well with dementia. If you are affected by dementia, we are here for you. The services you can choose from are:

One to one information and guidance to support you with living with dementia

Peer Support Groups

Memory Cafes

Singing Groups

Advocacy

Carers Peer Support Group

Carers Learning Groups

The Beacon Day Support

Support at Home

Support at Home Care Service

To find out how we can help you, contact us on

01474 533990

info@alz-dem.org

Safeharbour Memory Wellbeing Centre, Coldharbour Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AE

If you are interested in volunteering with us we would love to hear from you, please contact us to find out more.

#### Kitchen Utensils

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CHOPPER
GRATER
BEATER

Play this puzzle online at : http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/36/

#### Hello everyone,

There seems to be from time to programmes on the television that highlight the plight of people, who for one reason or another are housebound and lonely. This is a concern for our Pastoral and Social Concern Committee so if any of you are aware of someone in that situation, who you think may benefit from a visit and you vourself are not able to help. perhaps you could let us know. They do not need to be a member of our Church family, or even a Church goer. Please have a word with either Jan Osborne, Pam Wise, Colin Parsonson, or Rosemary Austin and we will see if we are able to be of help. Obviously see how they feel about it first!

Many thanks Rosemary Austin

## Wombwell Hall

Wombwell Hall is a friendly care home nestled in a peaceful area of Northfleet offering nursing care for elderly ladies and gentleman.

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- E careline@hc-one.co.uk
- A Wombwell Gardens, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 8BL



#### We need **VOLUNTEERS**

for the ADSS café at Safeharbour in Coldharbour Road.

The café is open during the week between 10am and 2pm for the public and is also used by our day centre. The days we need volunteers for are

#### **Monday, Tuesday and Friday**

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

Alzheimer's & Dementia

ANGELA KIRBY for further information.

Alzheimer's & Dementia







#### FIRST STEPS

Is a service especially designed for families with pre-school children, although all children in the family are welcome to come.

We meet in the church at 1.45pm on the second Wednesday in each month for a short service and then to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We are finished in plenty of time for parents to meet their other children from school.

Why not come along with your children, you will be very welcome.

Next date is Wednesday 14 AUGUST 2019.



#### **MUSTARD SEED**

#### Third Thursday of the month In

Christ Church hall 2.30 - 4.00

We invite you to come and join us for tea, biscuits, cake and conversation with occasional speakers and

quizzes.

Come and find out who we are and meet new people. All ages welcome

**Contact: Colin Parsonson: 01474 359713** 

Pam Kilby: 01474 332693



Some of the young members of the Rainbow group and helpers, that meet on a Friday evening in the church hall, during their recent talent and fundraising event on 12 July







#### Elijah's challenge

CORNER

As God had commanded there had been no rain for three years. Elijah heard God telling him to go and find the furious King Ahab before Ahab found him.

Elijah told the king sternly "Let's settle this once and for all. I challenge your priests to a contest. Tell them to prepare a bull for sacrifice to their gods and I'll prepare another for sacrifice to the Lord God. But no one must set either offering alight.

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We'll all pray to our gods to miraculously light the fire themselves. And whoever has their prayer answered will obviously be worshipping the true god."

When everything was in place, Ahab and Jezebel's priests began to call upon Baal to light the offering. All morning they prayed, chanting themselves into a trance and dancing themselves mad. But it was no use. Not a spark, not even a puff of smoke. They raved on but there was no voice; no one answered, no one heeded.

Elijah enjoyed watching the priests of Baal make fools of themselves. "Shout louder," he mocked. "Maybe your god is having a nap!" At midday the priests gave up, exhausted.

Now it was Elijah's turn. First Elijah took 12 large stones, one for each of the tribes of Israel, and he rebuilt the alter to the Lord God that had once stood at the top of Mount Carmel. He arranged the firewood and laid his bull on it, then he dug a deep trench all around. Elijah ordered the Israelites to fetch water and pour it over the alter. The astonished Israelites drenched the animal and the wood until the water filled the trench.

Then Elijah stood before the alter and prayed. The thousands of waiting men and women fell silent. "Lord, show these people that you are the one true God and that I am your servant and have done everything at



your command." The prophet called aloud. There was a mighty roar as the sodden heap burst into flame, and everything was burnt to ashes: not just the bull and the firewood, but the stones and the soil too! The terrified crowds were beaten back by the immense heat and fell to the ground to worship the one true God. Elijah pointed at the trembling priests of Baal, "Kill them," he ordered. For they have led you all into evil ways.

King Ahab was very angry. But the prophet simply ordered him to calm down and have a meal.

Meanwhile Elijah prayed while his servant looked up to the sky watching for rain. Suddenly Elijah's servant shouted out. "A little cloud as small as a man's hand is heading this way!"

"It is the rain," smiled Elijah. "Quick, Ahab! Get in your chariot and drive home before the storm overtakes you!" The king raced down the mountain as black thunder clouds chased him all the way to his royal city of Jezreel.

As for Elijah, he was filled with the spirit of the Lord, and ran so fast that he beat the king back to the palace.

#### Local Historical talks - walks - quiz

#### Guided walk of Gravesend "If statues could talk" On: Saturday 24th August 2019

Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian and Tour Guide)

Meet: 11am by Tourist Information Booth, Gravesend Market (near the Queen Victoria statue)

Cost: £5 per person. Booking essential 01474 337600 or at the Tourist Information Booth (open Thursdays to Sundays only).

#### Countryside footpath walk in Higham Parish On: Sunday 25th August 2019

Leader: Anne Waugh 07969055243

Meet: 2.30pm Mill Barn, Hermitage Road, Higham ME3 7ND

The walk is free and open to all – it is a cross country walk – sensible footwear is needed.

Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee walk – exploring our local landscapes.

### Chalk Parish: marshes, midges & medicine (illustrated talk with supper) Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian) On: Monday 9th September 2019

Supper at 6pm, talk to follow. Part of the programmes of events "Local History & Chips"
At: The Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend
Booking essential: £15 includes supper and talk. Book: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

#### Countryside footpath walk: Ifield to Singlewell On: Sunday 15th September 2019

Leader: Nicholas Miskin 01474 832301

Meet: 2.30pm southern end of Church Road, Ifield DA13 9AT

The walk is free and open to all – it is a cross country walk – sensible footwear is needed.

Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee walk – exploring our local landscapes.

**Exploring Gravesham's ancient parishes** (illustrated talk): if you think you knew Gravesham, then think again!

Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)

#### On: Friday 20th September 2019

At: St Paul's United Reformed Church, Singlewell Road, Gravesend, begins at 2.30pm

Cost: £5 including refreshments

No need to book, just turn up – pay on the door.

#### **BIBLE NOTES**

As well as the "New Daylight" booklet of Bible notes prepared by the Bible Reading Fellowship, there is also a booklet entitled "Bible reflections for older people". This also comes out every four months and is priced at £4.60 for New Daylight and £5.05 for "Bible Reflections for older people"

This booklet is written by older people for older people, the reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God. Each issue contains 40 Bible reflections and prayer suggestions to use and revisit as often as needed.

If you would be interested in seeing a copy of this booklet please have a word with Julie Hill.

#### What happens at Christ Church?

#### **Sunday Services**

08.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang On the 2nd Sunday All-Age service Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

#### **Weekday Services**

Monday morning prayer 08:00 Holy Communion (said) Saturday 08:00 Wednesday 10:00 and evening prayer 17.15

For further information Contact The Church Wardens

Office hours

Friday 18:30 until 19:30 Registered Charity no. 1130741

#### Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Music Group; Brownies

Mothers Union (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday In church hall) Cubs Tuesday

and Semiquavers Mothers UNION

Wednesday Guides

First Steps

First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm

Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)

Thursday Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice:

2.30 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)

Rainbow Unit; Scouts; Parent and Toddler Friday

Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second) Saturday



#### **CALENDAR AUGUST 2019**

Sunday		4 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Monday		5 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	12 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	19 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	26 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES
Tuesday		6 18.30 Semiquavers	13 18.15 Semiquavers	20 18.15 Semiquavers	27 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday		7 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer 13.45 First Steps	21 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	28 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday	1 Choir Practice	8 Choir Practice	Choir Practice 14.30 Mustard seed	Choir Practice	29 Choir Practice
Friday	2 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours	9 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours	16 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours	23 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours	30 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours
Saturday	3 08.00 Holy Communion	10 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Work party	08.00 Holy Communion	08.00 Holy Communion	08.00 Holy Communion



#### **GRAVESHAM FOOD BANK**

Below is a list of items required at the moment

Milk (UHT) - Custard - Toothpaste Hot chocolate - Shampoo - Sweets/treats
Breakfast cereal (not porridge) - Marmite Fruit juice/squash - Toilet roll Sponge pudding - Deodorant Tinned Potatoes - Laundry Liquids/tablets

This list is only a few of the items that can help those less fortunate than ourselves,
any tinned or non-perishable items are most welcome



Milk

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#### **Head Teacher**

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