



CHRIST CHURCH  
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

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## Who's Who at Christ Church

[www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk)

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PCC Treasurer	Steve Humphries	249106
Reader	Rosemary Austin	358702
Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443
Webmaster		
Magazine editor		

## Keith Knight—a reflection of the man by Joe King

We may all have time on our hands! Well why not name all the stations from Euston to Holyhead? Keith Knight could and did! Keith had a superb knowledge of certain railways, not my GWR but what I would call his London Midland! He was a super friend and this occasion was on a steam hauled train to Holyhead.

Not only Keith but like Pat and me, Sheila came from River View Park which we need to remember initially threatened older traditional Gravesend. These fifty years on it is part of Gravesend. Sheila came to Christ Church first and my goodness they have made vast contributions to our life. Maybe we do need to remember that the Bible begins and ends in a garden which is itself a Riverview Park. (Some of you may well recall that I use this in funeral services when I suggest that heaven may well be viewed as a Riverview Park as it seeks to suggest descriptions of life eternally with God.) We certainly trust that Keith will have heard the Master's words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

I have been served by great Wardens! I am going to say (dangerously) Keith was the best. Dangerously because I would never rank friends and simply because they have all done so well by us. When I became vicar, after being a member of the congregation for many years, Keith and Michael Charles were the wardens. Keith had a vast appetite for work! Not simply paid employment but anything we needed doing he turned his many skills to. His skill and determination in master minding our planned giving and covenanting was exemplary.

Of course, all wardens knew my frailties..... rushing to judgements of best is one such frailty. All wardens have compensated those frailties so let us think of them all as one of those great displays in our wonderful paradisiacal flower festivals which owed so much to Sheila and supported so well by Keith.

If vicar and Wardens needed to meet anyone, Keith was there punctual and informed. He mastered any

brief totally. Like every Warden his loyalty and industry were beyond question. Keith's knowledge of the C of E and its ways of doing things superb. It will come as no surprise that his knowledge surpassed



mine. Like every Warden I have known Keith enjoyed a successful career and found time for us amidst a successful career and busy family life. Wardens look for the Archangel Gabriel when the Parish becomes vacant and vicars trust their Wardens are such Archangels. In my experience we were well and truly satisfied.

But there was much more to Keith! I find it hard to have to accept that there are parochial clergy who do not see the importance of Church schools! Keith gave very generously of his time as a very industrious, utterly reliable governor of Saint George's school. He willingly served in those areas of Governance which can be very difficult. As with his Wardenship, Keith was superb and a very grateful Chair contentedly left all to Keith. I should say two more things, Sheila was governor of another school which may join Saint Georges in Aletheia Anglican Academies Trust and while Keith served another Church School as governor. Other members of Christ Church served with us.

Keith was proud of his family. He shared their interests and enthusiasms. There was a time many years ago when Christ Church boasted many Open University Students in our ranks. Two of our Wardens Ron Curtis and Keith Knight (and I was a tutor for many years!). To sing the praises of Keith Knight is a pleasure. To rehearse the privileges of living within Christ Church a joy. To have the opportunities of recalling the many saints of our community a blessing.

Finally, Keith potter extraordinary (think of how frequently this is a Biblical image) struggling more with Standard Poodle Ben than the clay!

May Keith Knight rest in peace and rise in glory.

# VE DAY Celebrations

The country will be celebrating the  
**75th Anniversary of VE Day on May 8th.**

I would like to present a display based on the memories of Christ Church members, families and friends. If you are a member of the generation that has memories/photos/newspapers of VE Day celebrations I would be very grateful to hear from you even if you were living somewhere else at the time

If you can help in any way please contact me in church, in writing, by phone on **01474 534857** or e-mail **vronicar1@outlook.com**

I will obviously return any newspapers or photos. I look forward to hearing some interesting stories. Thank you very much for your help. Veronica

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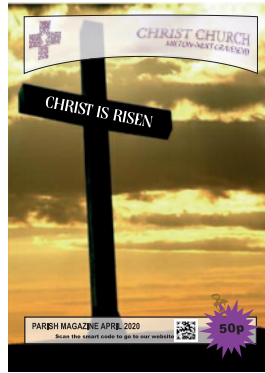
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# Church Magazine Vacancy



Our Associate Priest, **Jacqueline Littlewood** has been a constant supporter with her many photographs taken at Christ Church functions and other important gatherings around the parish and the town, more recently **Lynne Chesterton** with her Brownie pictures.

I would like to think that during my time as editor I have added something to the enjoyment of our readers and some interesting articles regarding the history of some of your families during the series covering the First World War

I know that your new editor will be given similar support to that which I received, and if required I am only a telephone call away if help or guidance is required.

Many thanks for supporting the magazine over the past years, and please continue this in the future.

*Best wishes* **Mike Cubitt**

**A**fter ten years, time has come for me to step down from editing the church magazine.

While at times this may have been frustrating, especially with difficulties getting sufficient copy submitted and finding that I needed to generate last minute copy for two or three pages, it has been rewarding and enjoyable.

## 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.

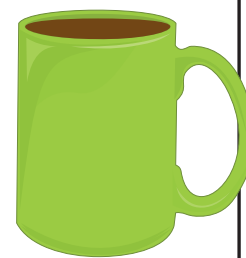
If you would be interested in seeing a copy of this booklet please have a word with Julie Hill.

**Friday 10 April -  
Good Friday  
10:00 Hot Cross  
Bun Service**



**A special service and craft activities to explore the meaning of this Holy day, followed by Hot Cross Buns. For children of all ages and their carers.**

# COFFEE ROTA 2020



5 Apr Annie - Jill - Angela Kirby  
12 Apr Sue Wilkins - Kay - Maxine  
19 Apr Annie - Jill - Sally Higgins  
26 Apr Annie - Jill - Pauline  
3 May Sally - Gerry - Jenny



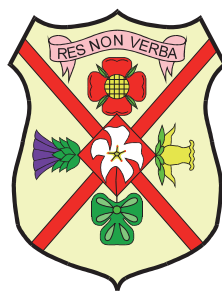
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**FIRST STEPS**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**  
**THE LOST SHEEP**

It is a bright, breezy morning when our naughty little sheep wakes up. It isn't raining! Hooray! He's hopeful that the weather will stay nice for our First Steps service this afternoon. And sure enough it is still sunny as he, his friends and I walk up to church. They all spend some time looking at the lovely spring flowers outside of the church door and at the pretty pink blossom on the little trees. It makes us all glad to be alive. At last we drag ourselves away and into the church. When our little altar is ready, our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon make themselves comfortable on it. They both love sitting there. Their friends find themselves somewhere comfortable to sit and soon Jan, Linda and Anne come in to join us. When everything is ready we open our big church doors. With all this business of the Corona Virus it may be that no one will want to come out. Our naughty little sheep tells me that it is all making him rather anxious and I can certainly understand why! We needn't have worried. First in today is Mum Mia with Aubree and baby Emmiee who is 14 weeks old and she is such a sweetie. Big sister Aubree is a sweetie, too, of course! Then in comes Mum Claire with Holly and Mum Olivia with Ralph, who is very lively. We haven't seen them for a long time and the children have grown so much. Granddad Stephen and granddaughter Aurelia, Nanny Alison, with daughter in law Kirsty and little Isla soon follow and our gathering is complete. When everyone has got their jingle bells and they're sitting comfortably, our candles are lit and our service begins. Today we are thinking about the Lost Sheep. Our naughty little sheep begged me to tell this story again. We hear about a shepherd who has got lots of sheep. He loves his sheep very much and he knows each one by name. One evening when he has counted them all into

their pen for the night, he realises that one is missing. Oh no!! There are so many dangers out on the hillside at night and the shepherd is very worried. He calls out to the missing sheep and listens carefully. There's no sign of it, so with the sheep pen firmly shut, he rushes up the hillside to see if he can find it. The way is steep and craggy and there are lots of ravines that the sheep could have fallen into. The wind is blowing and it's beginning to rain. What's more it is getting very dark. We're all getting anxious now! Just for a moment the wind dies down and suddenly the shepherd can hear a very faint sound. It is his lost sheep that has fallen below onto the edge of a cliff. In spite of the danger the shepherd feels that he must rescue his sheep. Slowly he creeps forward and soon reaches the quivering creature. He carefully lifts it up onto his shoulders and slowly makes his way home. He puts the sheep safely into the pen. In the morning he organises a party for all his family and friends to celebrate because he has found his lost sheep. When we have strayed from God's way, He comes to find us because we too, are precious to Him and He loves us. Everyone has sung beautifully and jingled their bells. They've been very good and quiet for our prayers. Then we blow out our candles and our service is over. It is time to go out into the hall for refreshment, chat and play. As always we have had a lovely time together and we hope that everyone will join us for our next First Steps service on 8<sup>th</sup> April always allowing for Corona Virus, so fingers crossed!

**God Bless**  
**Rosemary Austin**





# Types of Gemstones

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 CITRINE  
 SAPPHIRE  
 AMETHYST  
 GARNET  
 OPAL  
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On Tuesday 10 March Mothers' Union met in the hall to explore the "F" words of Mothers' Union. These are Families, Faith, Friendship, Focus and Fundraising. After Veronica had given us a talk on ways of highlighting these we embarked on a craft session to make various items to hang on our Easter Tree which is next to the Mothers' Union stall in church. There are various items made by members and if you are a member and wish to add something please do so as the Tree will be on display until Easter.

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## **COPY FOR THE NEXT MAGAZINE**

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

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TO FIND WHO IS NOW EDITOR**

## **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**



## **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**



## **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**





# CHRIST CHURCH ECHO SQUARE

## VE DAY CELEBRATION 1940'S QUIZ NIGHT FOR CHRISTIAN AID



SATURDAY 9TH MAY AT 7PM

1945



2020

*Raffle!*

*Bring Your Own  
Food & Drink*

*Come Clothed In Forties Fashion  
Prize For Best Dressed!*

Charity No: 1130741

To book a table see Julie Hill or  
email her at [juah\\_1961@talktalk.net](mailto:juah_1961@talktalk.net)



# Christ Church Brownies celebrated the end of the first half of term with a St. Valentine's party.

After completing a challenging quiz with tubes of Love Hearts sweets as prizes they decorated cakes using heart shaped cutters and made heart charm bracelets and heart shaped coasters. They decorated boxes which were then filled with heart shaped chocolates. During the school holiday we met at Reanimated Games. After a talk about internet safety the Brownies had great fun playing the retro games, The musical games proved very popular with the Brownies singing, playing drums or dancing. The leaders enjoyed a trip down memory lane with space invaders and Sonic the hedgehog!



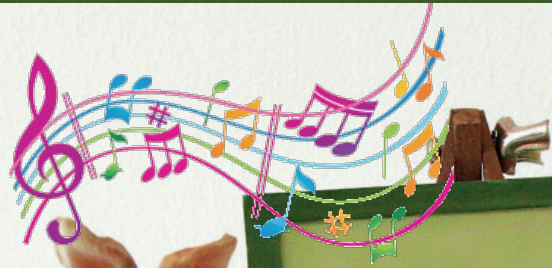




**Your Parish Magazine for 2020** £6

If you usually pay for your Christ Church Parish Magazine on an annual basis, then there can be no better time to make your contribution than when you collect your January copy. At just 50p per issue this represents very good value for you to keep up to date with what is coming forward, or what has happened in the few weeks that have just gone by. With the running of your church it is another way in which you can help





Come and hear the Semiquavers sing!  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020  
6.30pm

*Semiquavers  
Spring Concert*



At Christ Church Gravesend  
Adults £5 and children FREE

## 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 4 APRIL at 9.30.**

**See you there, JAN**

**Sunday 5 April**  
**PASSION SUNDAY**

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 service Holy Communion with hymns, choral items and Bible readings that re-tell the story of Christ's passion

**SERVICES FOR HOLY  
WEEK**

**Thursday 9 April**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**08:00** Said service of Holy Communion

**19.30** Holy Communion followed by Stripping of the Altar and then a Watch until 22.00 for anyone who wishes to stay for private prayer and meditation.

**Friday 10 April - Good Friday**

**10:00 Hot Cross Bun Service**

A special service and craft activities to explore the meaning of this Holy day, followed by Hot Cross Buns.  
For children of all ages and their carers.

**12 noon - 15.00** A service of Reflection at the Cross which will include readings, hymns and music.

This service is divided into sections so that may come and go during a hymn which will be sung on the hour or half hour.

**Alleluia, Christ is Risen**  
**Services for Easter Day**

**Sunday 21 April**

05.30: Lighting of the Easter fire and Service of Light - followed by breakfast

**08.00: Said Holy Communion**

**10.00** Holy Communion with Easter Hymns followed by mini eggs and tea/coffee in church hall

**18.30 Festal Evensong**

## The Jar of Grace - What is it and what is it for?

Give and it shall be given unto you - Luke 6:38

The Jar of Grace was initiated by the charity Unicef to encourage and enable churches to give support to their work with disadvantaged children around the world. Back in the days of the Social Responsibility Committee here at Christ Church it was agreed to use this idea for our own fund raising for our charity giving and to link it in with our Lenten Appeal. Some of you may remember the little cardboard copper boxes kept at home which was added to this appeal. Maybe you still have one?

Jar of Grace



Supporting Our  
Charities in 2020

Your Giveaway Committee meets annually to decide which charities we would like to support each year - international, national and local. For 2020 we have agreed to divide the giving between CORD, Freedom from Torture, The David Knott Foundation, Community Domestic Abuse Programme (CDAP), and the Gravesham Street Pastors. The Lenten Leaflet will give more details. We also support Whitehill and Holy Trinity Primary Schools, Sanctuary, Larchwood Grove and Gravesend and District Osteoporosis Society, ADSS and many other local appeals. We also have an emergency appeals reserve.

Most of the income for this giving comes via the Lenten Envelope Appeal but other good causes - such as the Jar of Grace, jam and cakes sales etc. add to the total which in 2019 was £2,573.85.

Christ Church also raises money for Christian Aid, The Children's Society via the Christingle and the Food Bank. We are a giving community. If you have a charity you think we might consider supporting please do let us know.

In these days of contactless debit and credit cards, Apple Pay, online banking and so on it is easy not to bother with cash especially loose change but it is that loose change that can make all the difference to the quality of someone's life - that's not to say that paper/plastic contributions are not welcome! We hope you will be willing and able to support our Jar of Grace throughout 2020.

If you have any queries please speak with a member of the staff team or myself.

Jenny Shoemith - on behalf of the Giveaway Committee at Christ Church.



# Jesus turns towards Jerusalem

Jesus and his disciples had been travelling around Judea for three years. Every day they had walked for hours, relying on the goodness of strangers to feed and shelter them. They had given the downcast men and women new hope by preaching Jesus's message of God's kingdom. They had seen people with terrible illnesses and diseases, many were taken to Jesus for healing. They had stood up against the anger of the religious authorities, who insisted that Jesus was a wicked hoaxer leading people into sin.

One morning, Jesus was already up and saying His prayers. The disciples hurried to join Him. Then they sat back and waited for Jesus's instructions. Jesus's words were strange and worrying. "It is time for me to go to Jerusalem," He explained. Jesus looked around and saw both excitement and worry in the disciples' faces. He had told His 12 helpers long ago that they were working their way towards Jerusalem, and the disciples were well aware of the dangers that lay ahead there.

Although the Romans were governing Judea, the elders in Jerusalem had great power and they wanted Jesus out of the way. Once Jesus was in the capital city, it would be much easier for the priests, scribes and Pharisees to get their hands on Him.



It was the week before the great feast of the Passover. Jews from all over Judea were hurrying to Jerusalem for the celebrations, and the authorities were desperate to know whether Jesus would dare visit the temple with all the other worshippers.

Jesus and his disciples were at Bethany with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. By the time the authorities heard, hundreds of people had left Jerusalem to see Jesus. The Jewish elders were furious. They couldn't possibly seize him in the middle of his supporters. Instead they decided to wait and see whether Jesus would come to Jerusalem for the Passover.

The day came when Jesus asked two of his disciples to find a donkey for Him. When they came back with a donkey, Jesus mounted the animal which stood still and calm and obedient. It was on this gentle, grey donkey's back that Jesus set off, and heading for the holy city.

Then there was a new wave of excitement rippling through the crowd accompanying Jesus. The ancient prophets had foretold that the Messiah would one day enter Jerusalem on a donkey! This must be Him, they thought.

Hundreds of men and women and children came running out to greet Jesus, cheering excitedly. Some took off their robes and spread them out over the road, while others paved the way with broad palm leaves and flowers.

"Hosanna!" they shouted. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

All the way to Jerusalem, people poured out to welcome Jesus. When Jesus saw the city itself, He began to weep.

"Oh Jerusalem" He murmured. "Though you greet me now, you will fail to believe that God has come to you. Because of that, you will be utterly destroyed."



# Alzheimer's & Dementia

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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:

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Carers Peer Support Group

Carers Learning Groups

The Beacon Day Support

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Support at Home Care Service

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[info@alz-dem.org](mailto: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.

First Steps

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## 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 8 APRIL 2020.**

# Volunteers needed.....

'We always need volunteers... the church runs because of the generous service of volunteers.

If you have time and enthusiasm to spare but you are not sure where your talents can be used, we would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities.

## 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*  
SUPPORT SERVICES

**ANGELA KIRBY**  
for further information.

*Alzheimer's & Dementia*  
SUPPORT SERVICES

**The forgotten parish of Denton** (illustrated talk & supper)-if you think you know Denton, then think again.

Speaker: Christoph Bull

**On: Monday 27th April 2020**

At: Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Begins: 6pm for the meal – talk to follow

Cost: £16 for meal and talk (drinks not included)

Booking essential: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

### **Ifield & Singlewell**

the story of a complicated & obscure local parish (illustrated talk & supper)

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# 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**



## CHRIST CHURCH MOTHERS UNION

You are invited to join us on  
Tuesday 14th April 2020  
At 7.30 in the Church Hall

We will be welcoming our guest  
speakers from  
Medical Detection Dogs.

Medical Detection Dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease. It is at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and helping people with life-threatening diseases.



## 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. Cheque's should be made payable to Christ Church PCC No 3 account.

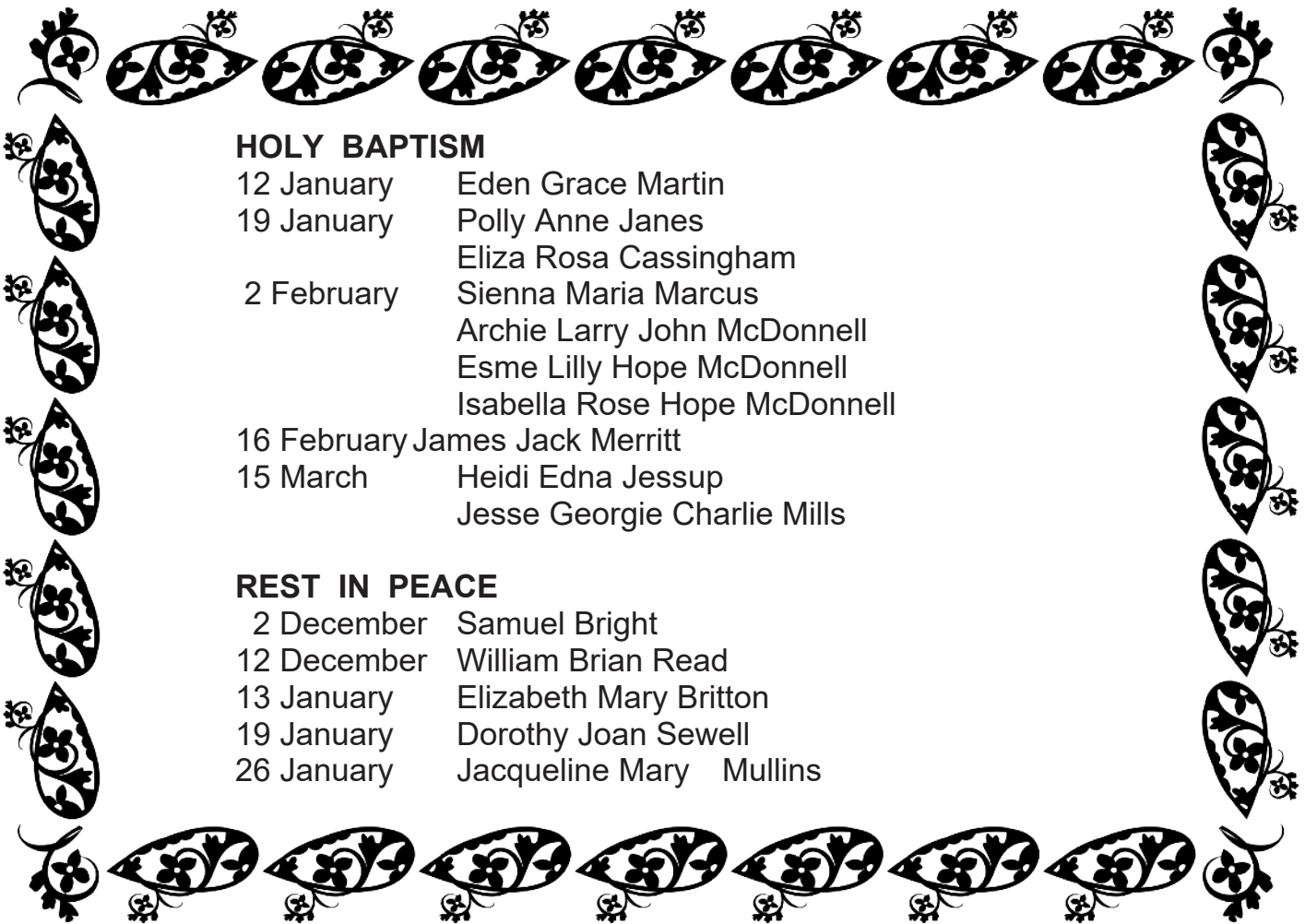
**Join** by contacting John Thrush, in church, and completing an application form. If you are not sure who John is, ask one of the sides people and they will point you in the right direction.

**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**





### HOLY BAPTISM

12 January Eden Grace Martin  
19 January Polly Anne Janes  
Eliza Rosa Cassingham  
2 February Sienna Maria Marcus  
Archie Larry John McDonnell  
Esme Lilly Hope McDonnell  
Isabella Rose Hope McDonnell  
16 February James Jack Merritt  
15 March Heidi Edna Jessup  
Jesse Georgie Charlie Mills

### REST IN PEACE

2 December Samuel Bright  
12 December William Brian Read  
13 January Elizabeth Mary Britton  
19 January Dorothy Joan Sewell  
26 January Jacqueline Mary Mullins

## Exciting Youth Choir in Gravesend

If you are aged between 7 and 17 and enjoy singing then come along!

- Join a friendly group of singers
- Learn great music of different styles and
- Perform at concerts and services

For further information visit  
[www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk)

- Or call 01474 534517

Join the

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**Youth choir in Gravesend**

**We meet weekly for Rehearsals**

**at Christ Church**

**Tuesday evenings**

**6.15 pm to 7.30 pm**

# 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
Tuesday	Mothers Union (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers
Wednesday	Guides
First Steps	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm
Thursday	Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)
Thursday	Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice: 2.30 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)
Friday	Rainbow Unit; Scouts; Parent and Toddler
Saturday	Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)



# CALENDAR APRIL 2020

Sunday 		5 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	12 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 05.30 Service of light 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	19 0.800 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	26 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Monday 		6 08.00 Morning Prayer  <b>BROWNIES</b>	13 08.00 Morning Prayer  <b>BROWNIES</b>	20 08.00 Morning Prayer  <b>BROWNIES</b>	27 08.00 Morning Prayer  <b>BROWNIES</b>
Tuesday 		7 18.30 Semiquavers <b>CUBS</b>	14 18.15 Semiquavers <b>CUBS</b> <b>MOTHERS UNION</b> 19.30	21 18.30 Semiquavers <b>CUBS</b>	28 18.30 Semiquavers <b>CUBS</b>
Wednesday 	1 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	8 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer 13.45 First Steps	15 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	22 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	29 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	2 Choir Practice <b>BROWNIES</b>	9 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 08.00 Holy Communion 19.30 Holy communion	16 Choir Practice <b>BROWNIES</b> 14.30 Mustard seed	23 Choir Practice <b>BROWNIES</b>	30 Choir Practice <b>BROWNIES</b>
Friday 	3 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>RAINBOW</b>	10 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10.00 Hot cross bun service 12.00 A service of reflection	17 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>RAINBOW</b>	24 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>RAINBOW</b>	
Saturday 	4 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Work party	11 08.00 Holy Communion	18 08.00 Holy Communion	25 08.00 Holy Communion	





## Fair trade biscuits and organic cakes

Within our collection of fair trade biscuits and cakes, you will be able to treat yourself to a range of delectable sweet and savoury snacks. For those who have a sweet tooth, you may be interested in our selection of cookies, including double chocolate cookies and stem ginger cookies. If savoury is more to your taste, our cheddar cheese oaty biscuits or our pepper and poppy seed biscuits may offer temptation.

All of our fair trade biscuits and fair trade cakes are made from the finest, ethically sourced ingredients available and are perfect for a small dessert or snack. All products are suitable for vegetarians and contain FairPalm oil.

## Fair trade and organic breakfast cereal

At Traidcraft we sell only the finest quality fair trade cereal, made using only fair trade ingredients from around the world.

Both healthy and ethical, our fair trade breakfast cereal is the perfect way to start the day. If you're a fan of muesli, then you will love our GeoMuesli selection, such as Exotic Fruit and Fruit and Nut.

For those who are on the go and or require a more convenient breakfast, Geobars offer the perfect solution; compact fair trade cereal bars made from wholesome ingredients.

## Organic and fair trade chocolate

Chocolate may be easy on the tastebuds, but its production is no easy task. Almost ninety percent of cocoa that goes into this delicious treat is grown on small farms in developing countries, providing a livelihood to over six million farmers. Despite offering employment to many, there are few benefits for cocoa farmers and many still live in poverty.

Buying fair trade chocolate ensures that the industry is sustainable.

