## CHRIST CHURCH NEWS JULY & AUGUST 2024



#### **CALENDAR**

#### Wednesday 3rd July St Thomas

10am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 7th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments) 12noon and 1pm Holy Baptism

#### Tuesday 9th July

Mothers Union: afternoon at Milton Chantry 6.15pm Semiguavers Concert

#### Wednesday 10th July

10am Holy Communion 2pm First Steps service 5pm Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 11th July

11am Pilgrim Group

#### Saturday 13th July

From 9.30am Working morning 11.45am MU Wave of Prayer



#### **Sunday 14th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist *marking the end of the* school year (followed by refreshments) 6pm Evensong for Sea Sunday

#### Wednesday 17th July

10am Holy Communion 5pm Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 18th July

2.30-4pm Mustard Seed – Summer Tea Party

#### **Sunday 21st July Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

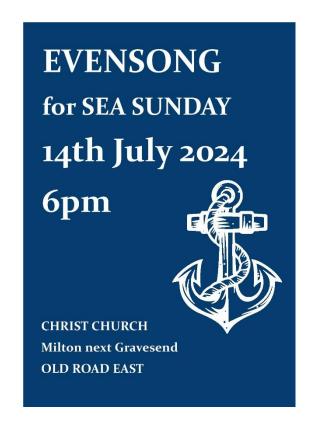
8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

#### Wednesday 24th July

10am Holy Communion 5pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday 26th July

1pm Holy Matrimony



#### **Sunday 28th July Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

4pm Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage

#### Wednesday 31st July

10am Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

7.45pm Parochial Church Council

#### Friday 2nd August

2.30pm Holy Matrimony

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Olympics on the big screen from 6pm

#### Sunday 4th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

Followed by barbeque

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Volunteering Week – come and lend a hand in the church, hall or grounds

#### Wednesday 7th August

10am Holy Communion

#### Saturday 10th

No working party this month.

#### Sunday 11th August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

#### Wednesday 14th August

10am Holy Communion

2pm First Steps Teddy Bears Picnic

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

12noon & 1pm Baptisms

#### Wednesday 21st August

10am Holy Communion

3pm Mothers Union Tea at 3

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 28th August St Augustine

10am Holy Communion

#### **During July**

MORNING PRAYER will be said in church at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (check weekly sheet for any changes). You can join us in person or on line. Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556

There will be a pause in August and Morning Prayer will resume on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Autumn dates some times to be confirmed

#### Saturday 14th September

Ride and Stride

Farewell service for Archdeacon Andy

Last night of the proms

#### Thursday 12th September

Visit to British Museum

#### Saturday 21st September

Interfaith pilgrimage

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

4pm Confirmation service

#### Saturday 28th September

Table Top Sale

#### Saturday 12th October

Flower display in Church

#### Sunday 13th October

Harvest Festival – Tea & Evensong

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Bazaar

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance

## Mothers' N



Members and friends of Christ Church Mothers' Union

enjoyed worshiping together in the St. Joseph's Chapel at The Friars at Aylesford Priory on 11th June. Our thanks to Reverend Andrew for leading us in communion, his thoughtful and inspiring sermon and for all his commitment in supporting our group.

Our next meeting on **9th July at 1.30 pm**, will be to Milton Chantry with a guided tour of the Fort. At the moment we are limited to numbers and members wishing to come should sign up on the sheet provided on our table in church. Cost is £3 per person. Everyone is,

however, invited to join us for refreshments in the Prom Cafe afterwards at around 3 o'clock. For more details please ask either Jenny or Rosemary.





Christ Church MU will be holding our **Wave of Prayer** on **Saturday 13th July at 11.45** in the Church (following the Working Party). We will be praying and giving thanks for our links across the world, particularly in Mbale – Uganda, Zaria and Ndokwa – Nigeria, Chhattisgarh – North India, Toliara - Madagascar and

Rochester

Friday 9th August Evensong for Mary Sumner Day at the Cathedral

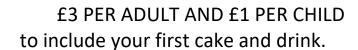
Christ Church Mothers' Union invites you, your family and friends to join us for



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WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST 2024 at 3.00 pm

in the Church Hall and Garden



**RAFFLE - BRING AND BUY - QUIZZES** 





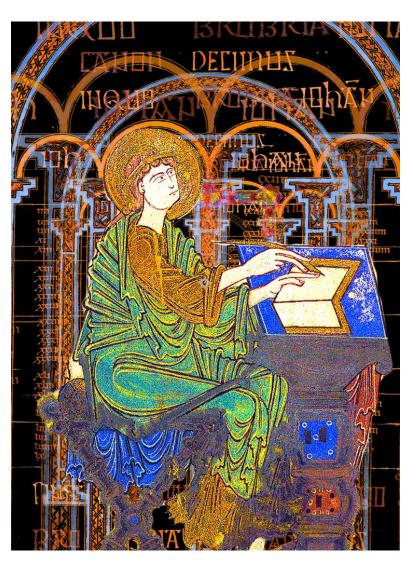
AN EVENING AT THE STADE DE FRANCE
Saturday 3rd August from 6pm
100m women's semi-finals
and finals on the big screen
in the Church Hall

also 400m mixed relay final, men's shotput & decathlon, women's triple jump

## Everyone welcome!

Bring your own drinks and snacks





## Rochester Cathedral Scriptorium: The Illuminated Histories

A spectacular light and sound installation by 'Luxmuralis'

1 - 5 OCTOBER 2024

This brand new artwork which incorporates iconic images including many from the British Library and the collections of Rochester Cathedral, brings to life the rich tapestry of Anglo-Saxon artefacts and medieval manuscripts in a spectacle that promises to captivate the senses and ignite the imagination.

Suitable for all ages

Prepare to embark on a mesmerising journey through light and sound as Luxmuralis presents "Scriptorium: The Illuminated Histories" – an awe-inspiring light and sound installation set within the majestic walls of Rochester Cathedral.

The show has been created by award winning artistic collaboration 'Luxmuralis', Peter Walker Sculptor and David Harper Composer. This is the fourth time Luxmuralis have been at Rochester Cathedral with tickets for previous shows selling quickly and many days selling out.

#### A BUSY JUNE!

#### A licensing and a welcoming

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Chris was licensed by the Archdeacon of Rochester as our associate Vicar at a service of Choral Evensong. Chris was joined by many friends and members of the congregation from Burham and Wouldham.



#### **DDAY 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June we remembered those who were part of the DDay landings, particularly Royal Marine 48 Commando. We were joined by Deputy Lieutenant Dr Bhargawa Vasudaven, and the family of the late Fr Joe King.





The following evening a civic commemoration was held at Clarence Place and a beacon lit on Windmill Hill







#### **Summer Fete**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – it rained. But we didn't allow that to put a damper on our Summer Fete – having read the weather broadcast we brought everything inside. Cakes, bottles, plants, jam jars, toys, gifts all made a fine show. Our Paris Olympics theme was apparent in displays and outfits. We were able to raise over £2000. Thanks to Sheila Brown for leading the planning.















#### St Alban's Pilgrimage

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we headed for St Albans and the annual Alban Pilgrimage. Under our banner designed by Louise we joined the procession, accompanied by giant puppets telling the story of the saint's martyrdom, through the town to the Cathedral where we heard a moving sermon by the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, who spoke movingly of her own family's experience of martyrdom when her brother was murdered during the Iranian Revolution. After lunch, ice cream and a pause in the sun it was time for evensong and a final procession to the shrine of St Alban.













#### 30 Glorious years!

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated 30 years of women's priestly ministry with Jacqueline. After the Parish Eucharist an amazing cake appeared. Later in the day we joined others at Rochester Cathedral for a celebratory evensong including 13 of those who were ordained in the summer of 1994 as well as a some

old friends of the parish.











It was also the opportunity to see the amazing *Draco Roffensis*: The Rochester Dragon that has been inspired by illuminated artwork found within the pages of Textus Roffensis. The dragon has been designed by celebrated artist Wendy Daws. Made of 12,500 gold, silver and

copper foil sewn onto wire panels, it is suspended above the Nave. A great summer outing, the dragon will be at the Cathedral until September 21st.





You are invited to....

Afternoon Tea

in the Vicarage garden

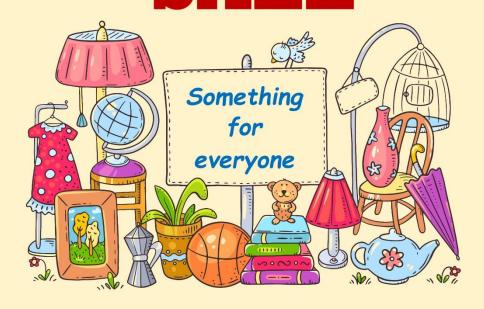
in aid of church charities.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 4pm-6pm

48 Old Road East



# TABLE TOP SALE



Saturday 28th September 10am—12noon

CHARITY TABLES PRIVATE SELLERS
FREE (not trade) £10 a table

To book a table contact 01474 568265 office@christchurchgravesend.com



## FIRST STEPS

An informal service for preschool children

2nd Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 3pm

14th August TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

11th September 9th October 13th November 11th December



at Christ Church Old Road East near Echo Square



First Steps is an informal service for Pre-school children, 0-5. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 2pm-3pm to hear simple Bible stories, sing simple songs, with jingle bells and say "Thank you" prayers.

We are joined by our Naughty Little Sheep and some of his friends, including Audrey Hedgehog if she isn't hibernating.



Our service lasts about 25 minutes and then there is time for refreshments and playtime. We finish in time for older children to be collected from

# Semiquavers Summer Concert

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 6.15pm All welcome!





Congratulations to Alex on his latest football trophy

Tuesday 16th July 2024 Deanery Prayer Morning at St Botolph's Church (DA11 9EU)

10am for 10.30am-12noon, Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay for fellowship after. This is open to anyone and everyone!

#### **PRAYER CALENDAR**

	THE COMMUNITY	CHURCH
1	The Elderly	Those who use our hall
2	Those with poor mental health	Our preschool
3	The armed services	Our clergy
	and veterans	
4	GPs and community health	Our Churchwarden
	workers	Our Parochial Church Council
5	Schools	The children in our church
		God's Gang and First Steps
6	Young people at university &	For vocations in the church, and those in training for
	college, or in work or	ordained and lay ministry
	apprenticeships	
7	The unemployed	Street Pastors
8	Our parliament and MP	Churches Together in Gravesend
9	Our emergency services	Our companion dioceses in Estonia, Zimbabwe and
		Tanzania
10	Social workers	Neighbouring Parishes
11	Children	Our lay ministers
12	Prisoners and prison staff	Prison chaplains
13	The victims of racism and	Christian Aid
	discrimination	
14	Those who support people in	Our Bishops and Archdeacon
	the workplace	
15	Our neighbours of other faiths	Those who are new in our church
16	Our local hospitals	Hospital chaplains
17	All who work with young	Inclusive Church and all who work for inclusion and
	people	equality
	School pastors	
18	Those living with dementia	Our safeguarding team
19	Musicians and artists	Our organist, choir & Semiquavers
20	Family life	Our Mothers Union
21	Our councillors and council	Those who are persecuted for their faith
22	All involved in the production	Mustard Seed
	and distribution of food	
23	All who work on the river	Those preparing for marriage
	RNLI	
24	Victims of domestic abuse	Those who care for our buildings
25	Those who care for green	That we may be more aware of our impact on our
-	spaces	planet
26	Those who are affected by	Baptism families
	modern day slavery	
27	Foodbanks and those who use	Those who prepare our notice sheet and
	them	communications
20	The homeless	The beganning
28	Local businesses	The bereaved
29	Those fighting addictions	Uniformed organisations
30	Refugees and asylum seekers	Those who are housebound or isolated
31	Those who live and work in	Give thanks for our diversity
	our local Care Homes	