

# 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 Semiquavers 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

**CELEBRATE & GIVE THANKS  
at Christ Church  
SUNDAY 14th JULY  
10am  
Parish Eucharist**



CELEBRATE THE SUMMER  
the end of the school year  
the excitement of the Olympics  
look forward to the future



### 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

**EVENSONG  
for SEA SUNDAY  
14th July 2024  
6pm**



CHRIST CHURCH  
Milton next Gravesend  
OLD ROAD EAST

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

2.30pm Holy Matrimony

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

Olympics on the big screen from 6pm

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> August**

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 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Ride and Stride  
 Farewell service for Archdeacon Andy  
 Last night of the proms

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Visit to British Museum

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Interfaith pilgrimage

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

4pm Confirmation service

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

No working party this month.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> August St Augustine**

10am Holy Communion

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Table Top Sale

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Flower display in Church

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival – Tea & Evensong

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

Christmas Bazaar

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

Remembrance

Members and friends of  
Christ Church Mothers' Union

enjoyed worshipping 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 9<sup>th</sup> August Evensong for Mary Sumner Day at the Cathedral

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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

£3 PER ADULT AND £1 PER CHILD  
to include your first cake and drink.

RAFFLE - BRING AND BUY - QUIZZES







Christ Church Gravesend  
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 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 and veterans	Our clergy
4	GPs and community health workers	Our Churchwarden Our Parochial Church Council
5	Schools	The children in our church God's Gang and First Steps
6	Young people at university & college, or in work or apprenticeships	For vocations in the church, and those in training for ordained and lay ministry
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 discrimination	Christian Aid
14	Those who support people in the workplace	Our Bishops and Archdeacon
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 people School pastors	Inclusive Church and all who work for inclusion and equality
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 and distribution of food	Mustard Seed
23	All who work on the river RNLI	Those preparing for marriage
24	Victims of domestic abuse	Those who care for our buildings
25	Those who care for green spaces	That we may be more aware of our impact on our planet
26	Those who are affected by modern day slavery	Baptism families
27	Foodbanks and those who use them The homeless	Those who prepare our notice sheet and communications
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 our local Care Homes	Give thanks for our diversity