

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025



Sunday 2nd November All Saints

10am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments
God's Gang meets during the service
12noon and 1pm Holy Baptism

Wednesday 5th November

10am Requiem Eucharist for All Soulstide
5pm Evening Prayer



Saturday 8th November

10.30am Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 9th November Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance followed by refreshments
4pm Memorial Service

Tuesday 11th November

7.30pm Mothers Union

Wednesday 12th November

10am Holy Communion
2pm First Steps service. If you are a family with pre-school children, please come and join in the fun.
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 13th November

11am Pilgrim Bible Study Group Genesis 27.1-40
Jacob the trickster – a blessing at any cost

Saturday 15th November

9.30am Working Party
North Kent InterFaith Council Walk

Sunday 16th November

Second Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments
God's Gang meets during the service

Wednesday 19th November

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer
7.45pm Parochial Church Council

Thursday 20th November

2.30-4pm Mustard Seed

Saturday 22nd November

10.30am- 12noon MU Mince Pies Coffee Morning

Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments
6pm Festal Choral Evensong – Come & Sing rehearsal from 3pm

Wednesday 26th November

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 27th November

I am Pilgrim Bible Study Group Genesis 27 & 28
Jacob on the run – angels and ladders

Saturday 29th November

From 10am Christingle preparation

Sunday 30th November

Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

4pm Christingle – activities in the hall from
3.30pm

A new archbishop



Over the last six months, the Crown Nominations Committee has been prayerfully meeting to seek God's guidance as to who should be the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

As part of the process of discernment, and to help the committee better understand the qualities needed for the next Archbishop of Canterbury, a public consultation ran alongside consultation with key stakeholders from in and around the Church, including the worldwide Anglican Communion.

On Friday 3 October, that process came to an end with the historic

announcement that Dame Sarah Mullally is to be the first female Archbishop of Canterbury.

In welcoming Archbishop-designate Sarah, Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, the Bishop of Rochester, offered his heartfelt prayers and congratulations, saying:

"I am delighted to learn of the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally as the first female Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Sarah has shown distinguished leadership in the Diocese of London and in the House of Bishops and I warmly welcome, and celebrate, her appointment. I look forward to working with her closely here in Kent, and nationally, and offer her, and her husband Eamonn, my prayers and good wishes as she takes on this significant calling."

Monday 1st December St Andrew's Day

I am Service at St Andrew's Bawley Bay Royal
Pier Road

MORNING PRAYER Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.30am Join us in Church or on ZOOM. We follow the Daily Prayer app which can be downloaded on your smart phone. Check the weekly sheet for any changes.

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



A PRAYER FOR THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Almighty and everlasting God,
the only worker of great marvels,
send down upon your servant Sarah,
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury,
and all who are committed to her care,
the spirit of your saving grace,
and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord,
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.



GRAVESEND - Our branch held their annual Parish Communion Service on October 5th - members took the lead in various roles including the sermon, chalice assistant, readings, prayers, banner bearer, refreshment makers and sides persons.



Our church community supports the 'Making Miracles' Big Knit and three of our Mothers' Union branch members Jan, Jenny and David (seen here with Chairman Sally Howells) went along to Rochester Cathedral on 11th October to donate knitted squares made by our congregation to make into baby blankets. We see this as our wider mission to support families in need.

We invite you and your friends and family to join us for **Coffee and Mince Pies** on **Saturday 22nd November** from 10.30 to 12 noon in the Church Hall.

Grand Christmas Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall

ALL ARE WELCOME



North Kent InterFaith Council Walk SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER



Please join us on our annual interfaith walk on Saturday 15th November.

Itinerary: -

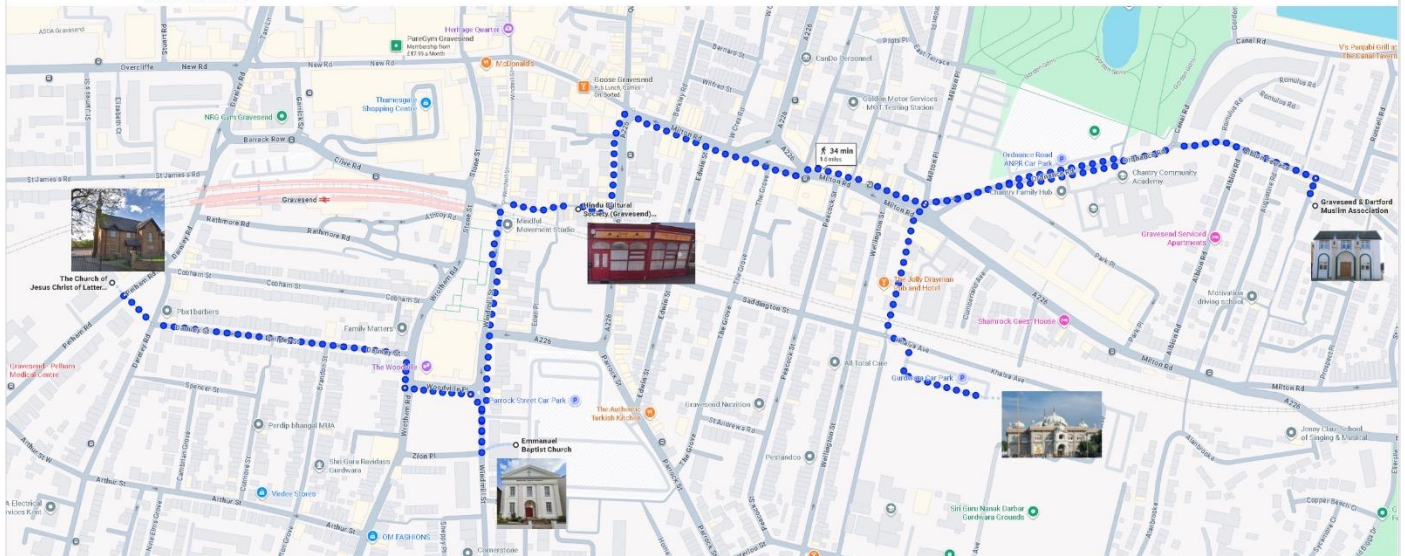
10:00 start at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 5 Pelham Road.

10:45 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 55 Windmill Street.

11:30 at the Hindu Mandir, at 10 - 12 Manor Road.

12:30 at the Gravesend Central Mosque at Albion Terrace.

13:30 our final stop will be at the Siri Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, where Langar (shared food) will be available.



North Kent Interfaith exists to connect the faith communities of North Kent.

We work to build meaningful relationships and to enabling deepening mutual understanding.

North Kent is rich in ethnic, cultural and faith diversity.

We share together in regular gatherings and activities, exploring our various traditions and celebrating our common ground.

<https://www.northkentinterfaith.org.uk/>

christingle service

30th November

4pm

Craft activities from
3.30pm





Christ Church, Echo Square

Christmas Bazaar

*Saturday 8th November
at 10.30am*

Featuring...

Santa's Grotto ❄️ Stalls

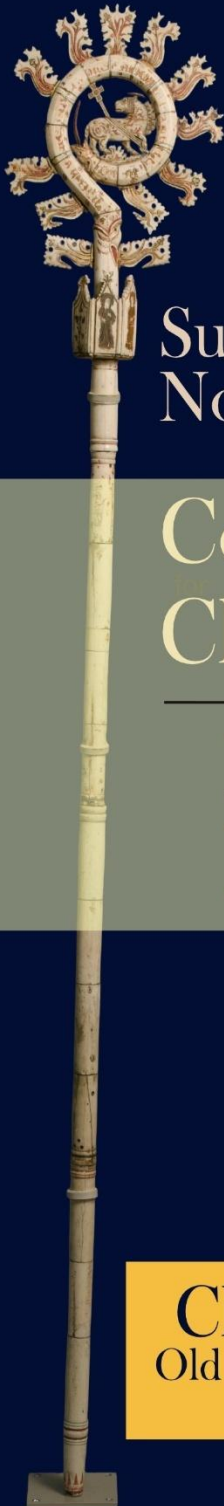
❄️ Raffles ❄️ Games ❄️

and Refreshments ❄️

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COME & SING EVENSONG 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

A year ago, the *Choral Evensong Trust* announced a new Patronal Festival Grant Scheme to support churches to hold evensong on their feast of title. As Christ Church already has a regular choral evensong (albeit only 6 or 7 per year), we were eligible for the smaller grant (£250), which is aimed at encouraging greater attendance and participation by funding a community reception after Evensong. Christ Church (Gravesend) is one of 87 churches participating in 2025, and one of three churches participating on 23rd November 2025 for the Feast of Christ the King.



CHORAL
EVENSONG

Patronal Festival Evensong

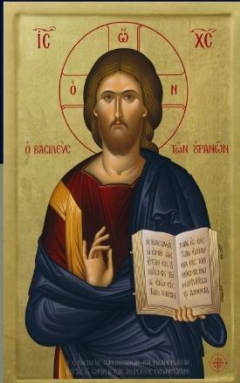
Sunday 23rd
November 2025

Come & Sing Christ the King

Palestrina Parsons
Pitoni Purcell

Rehearsal 3pm
Tea 5pm
Evensong 6pm
Drinks Reception 7pm

Christ Church, Gravesend
Old Road East, nr Echo Square, DA12 1NR
RSVP to: tomshorter@live.co.uk



Here at Christ Church, Gravesend, we are hosting a Come-and-Sing for Christ the King evensong. We are singing music by composers beginning with "P" for "Patronal" (or "Pantocrator"!) by: Pitoni, Purcell, Parsons, and Palestrina (whose 500th anniversary we are celebrating this year). Anyone who wishes to join in the come-and-sing with Christ Church choir on 23rd November is most welcome to join us. Please register your interest to tomshorter@live.co.uk . We will rehearse from 3–5pm, then have a tea break before evensong at 6pm and reception at 7pm. If you are not singing in the choir, please do join us for evensong from 6pm.

PRAYER CALENDAR

	THE COMMUNITY	CHURCH
1	The Elderly Care homes in our parish	Those who use our hall
2	Those with poor mental health	Our preschool
3	The armed services	Our clergy
4	GPs and community health workers	Our Churchwarden Our Parochial Church Council
5	Foodbanks and those who use them The homeless	The children in our church Tots' Group, 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 Our local Schools 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 Those who are housebound or isolated
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	Those who work in information, journalism and social media	Those who prepare our notice sheet and communications
28	Local businesses Our local funeral directors	The bereaved
29	Those fighting addictions	Uniformed organisations
30	Refugees and asylum seekers	Our Cathedral in Rochester