

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023



Sunday 3rd September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist
(followed by refreshments)
God's gang

6.30pm Patronal Festival Evensong at St Aidan's

Wednesday 6th September

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 9th September

9.30am Church Working Party – come and help
keep the church tidy clean and fit for purpose
12.30pm Holy Matrimony

Sunday 10th September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)
12noon & 1pm Holy Baptism
7pm Presentation on Holy Land Pilgrimage at St
George's

Tuesday 12th September

7.30pm Mothers Union Speaker from Foresters

Wednesday 13th September

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 14th September

10am Pilgrim Bible Study – Deacons and Stephen
Acts 6.1-15

Sunday 15th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Back to Church

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)
God's Gang

Tuesday 19th September

730pm Bible Study

Wednesday 20th September

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

Thursday 21st September

2pm Mustard Seed

Saturday 23rd September

10am-12noon Table Top Sale - any church
'profits' from the event will be assigned to our
charities.

DON'T MISS THE FUN at Christ Church

FIRST STEPS

service for pre-schoolers and their parents/carers
with refreshments and playtime

Second Wednesdays 2pm
13th September, 11th October,
8th November, 13th December

CHRIST CHURCH TOTS GROUP

Space to play and chat—indoors and outside
Fridays 1.15pm term time –restarts 8th September

GOD'S GANG

Fun, activities and stories

First & third Sundays during the 10am service
20th August, 3rd & 17th September, 1st & 15th October,
5th & 19th November, 3rd & 17th December

SEMIQUAVERS

a choir of children from Year 2 and above
who love to sing and perform
meet on Tuesdays at 6pm—restarts 12th September

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Sunday 24th September
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 27th September

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28th September

10am Pilgrim Group Bible Study Acts 8.26-40
Philip and the Ethiopian

Sunday 1st October
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)
6pm Evensong for Michaelmas

MORNING PRAYER Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in church and on ZOOM will resume on Monday 4th September at 8.30am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556>

GOSPEL GROUP BIBLE STUDY – on ZOOM Tuesday 19th September. 7.45pm

The workers in the Vineyard – Matthew 20.1-16 Join us for a lively hour of study and discussion concluding with Night Prayer.

ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84039329947>



AUTUMN DATES

Tuesday 3rd-Saturday 7th October Luxmuralis at Rochester Cathedral

Sunday 1st October 6pm Michaelmas Evensong

Saturday 7th October Harvest Supper

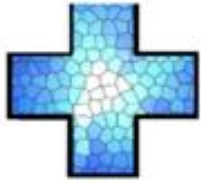
Sunday 8th October 10am Harvest Festival

Sunday 8th October 4pm Deanery Confirmation at Swanscombe

Saturday 11th November Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 18th November Interfaith Walk – starting at Christ Church

Sunday 26th November 10am Feast of Christ the King 6pm Evensong



CHRIST CHURCH
Milton-next-Gravesend



LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

7PM

CHRIST CHURCH HALL

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11-18 SEPTEMBER 2024 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

These dates have now been confirmed for next year's Gravesend Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We are planning to visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, the Jordan Valley and other sites. Flyers and booking forms are available giving more information and prices. **On Sunday 10th September there will be an information evening at St George's Church from 7pm. Come and find out more about this opportunity!**

Hello Shoeboxers We shall be running our shoebox appeal again this year and our target will be 100 boxes. NOW is the time to start looking for items to put in them, bargains in sales, offers on school supplies and end of season sale on clothes could help to increase the number of boxes you could provide. I know Christmas seems a long way away but time goes by so quickly- get ahead now. Thank you *Veronica*



' Ray Green's film 'A year in the life of Christ Church' which was filmed in 2009 is now on YouTube in two parts. Anyone wishing to watch this fairly historic video should contact Ray on ragbag2000@gmail.com and he will send you the links as the video is not available to the general public. Who knows, you might be in it!!

It's your calling

It's Your Calling is aimed at those exploring where God may be calling and looks at our journey and the gifts that God has given us, as well as the Biblical understanding of vocation. The day gives an opportunity to meet others on a similar quest and to take time to think where God could be calling. After It's Your Calling, there is an opportunity to make contact with a Vocations Adviser, for an informal chat.

Saturday 14th October at St John's Meopham [MORE DETAILS HERE](#)



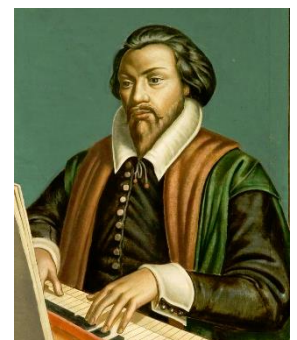
A Watchful Gaze celebrates the legacy of one of choral music's most treasured composers – 11th October .



2023 marks the 400th anniversary of the death of one of the greatest composers of the Renaissance. William Byrd was widely admired in his own time both at home and abroad and the influence he had on future generations was immense. Despite living through incredibly turbulent times and fearing for his own safety, his music is full of life, emotion and vitality

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 19:30-21:00

The Vicar still has a few tickets at £15 each.



THREADS OF CREATION

Twelve colourful panels told the story of creation in the nave of Rochester Cathedral. The work of textile artist Jacqueline Parkinson. The exhibition is one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever. Viewers were treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course lots of creatures!



SEA SUNDAY

Sea Sunday was marked with an evensong parade with the Mayor and Deputy Lieutenant in attendance. Veronica's Sea Sunday exhibition was appreciated earlier in the day by one of the godparents at a baptism.



MARY SUMNER DAY AT ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

MU members attended evensong with members from across the diocese – giving thanks for the vision of Mary Sumner and praying for MU members throughout the world.



THE GREAT FENTABLE TABLE

The great table has spent the summer at Rochester Cathedral . Here's Jenny and Jan on admiring the table on Mary Sumner Day. In 2012 a giant black oak tree was discovered in a field at Wissington Fen in East Anglia. A 13.2m long section of an immense tree had been preserved deep in the peat for 5000 years. The tree is believed to have been 55 metres tall. For comparison, a present day oak tree is around 20 metres. Black oak is the nation's rarest and most precious hardwood. It was decided that this incredible discovery needed to be preserved for future generations. Over ten years a team of privately funded specialist crafts people created a stunning sculptured table known as the Jubilee Oak Table



100 GLORIOUS YEARS (BETWEEN THEM)

Golden Wedding Congratulations to Colin and Linda, and Andy and Chris.



OPEN GARDENS

Thanks to everyone who open their gardens and provided such good teas over the summer. A total of £790 has been raised for church funds.





And the Teddy Bears had their picnic too!



Science 3-7 OCTOBER 2023

Luxmuralis is returning to Rochester Cathedral with another stunning light show. A spectacular Son-et-Lumiere experience will be transforming the internal space of the Cathedral.

The artwork 'Science' is designed to enable people to explore and contemplate the contributions of science and human understanding of the physical world around us.

The artwork explores Chemistry and Biology and interprets artistically the scale of molecules cells and DNA as well as exploring the history of science, the contributions of science to humanity, and offers a reflection upon famous scientists past and present.

The artwork also respects the sacred space it is viewed within and offers contemplation of religion and science together within the Cathedral, offering reflection on the ways in which Science and religion neither prove nor disprove the other; exploring how wisdom and beauty both serve to kindle our imaginations and enlarge our capacity for wonder. [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

There is a plan forming for a Christ Church visit on the evening of 4th October – order your own tickets.



**TABLE TOP
SALE
COME & BUY!**

refreshments available
over 20 varied tables
Entry adults £1

10am-12noon

SATURDAY

23rd SEPTEMBER

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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 Merchant Navy	Our clergy
4	GPs and community health workers	Our Parochial Church Council
5	Schools	The children in our church Tots Group, God's Gang and First Steps
6	Young people at university & college, or in work or apprenticeships Those waiting for exam results	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 and hospices	Hospital chaplains
17	All who work with young people School pastors, youth workers	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	Those who live and work in our local Care & Nursing Homes	Give thanks for our diversity
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	Those preparing for marriage Our charities
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