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Welcome to the April magazine which has been extended to 20 pages, as there has been so much to let you know. Hopefully you have picked up a separate sheet detailing the services for Holy Week - if not please do ask. During March The Mothers' Union held their AGM and Ladyday service, The Soroptimists were busy with a quiz night and hosting an International Women's Day (see Veronica's article on page 10 ) and CCADS or should I write FAHETGDC - well anyway read Peter's critique on pages 11 & 12 and all should be clear - or not!

Editor

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 11th April starting at 10 am and would welcome gifts of foliage, also donations towards the Easter flowers would be much appreciated. We look forward to seeing our usual band of flower arrangers, new faces are always very welcome. Janice Stevens is otherwise engaged over Easter with her daughter's wedding, so could you please contact **Sheila Knight** if you can help in any way.



The gardens around the church are beginning to burst into their full spring bloom - thanks to the small band of gardeners who have worked hard throughout the winter.

The fish a Christian symbol picked out in flowers at the front of the church



# A CHURCH WARDEN'S NOTES

Mention was made in last month's magazine of a Christ Church magazine of the past. Whilst I was writing the church history I managed to accrue many of them. The earliest is for April 1924, when John Phillips, who had come to the church from being an Army padre in WWI, was our vicar; through the every decade until August 1977.

The magazines provide a fascinating chronology. In some ways they show just exactly how little has changed; in other ways give a glimpse into a life now long gone. We can glean from them names of parishioners; the organisations flourishing in those times; and something of the day-to-day life of the parish.

I have taken out the magazine for June 1938. Hubert Treacher was our vicar then; he lived at 50 Old Road East (where the convent is now situated). He had only been at Christ Church since 1936, and shortly after then was to move to Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. Later he was to become Secretary and Head of the Church Army; part of his duties was to become a Chaplain to King George VI (and later the present Queen). There was a full set of parish organisations: Mothers' Union; Guides, Scouts and Wolf Cubs; Girls' Friendly Society; a "Lads' Club; and the SPG and British and Foreign Bible Society had their representatives in the parish. The Sacristan was Arthur Pickering (who recently died), and our organist was Mr Stanley B Sargeant, Mary's uncle; and Philip Martin, Betty's father-in-law was a member of the PCC. Stan Bond was a Server.

The vicar's letter naturally referred to what was happening in Europe at the time, pre-WWII. He said "We have seen just lately that though the stage was set for a first class flare up, every nation involved has been making desperate attempts to avoid the clash. Please Heaven these attempts may be successful ..." although we now know they were not. The Second World War began a mere fifteen months later.

The Parochial Budget was discussed - very much a matter of the moment for us now. It was agreed that a statement about the church's finances should appear in the magazine monthly from then on, and the result for that month was as shown below. The figures which follow show a very familiar pattern to us in 2009 (although the figures can only be compared to 2007, set against the RPI):

Required for the year	£637 (£29,150)
Received to date	£223 (£10,205) midway through 1938
Required by the end of the year	£414 (£18,000)

On a lighter note. The Choir was planning its Annual Outing. Cost for the trip to Brighton was six shillings plus tea. (and that was equivalent to £13.75 in 2007!)

Peter D Shearan 24.03.09



## Soroptimist International of Gravesend & District

On behalf of Soroptimist International of Gravesend & District I would like to thank members of Christ Church for supporting our Musical Quiz Evening.

Our next social evening is on April 7th and details are in this magazine. This is the last meeting for our present President. On 5th May we have the first meeting for our new President and it will be a Call My Bluff Evening.

Do come and see how many words you know the meaning of.

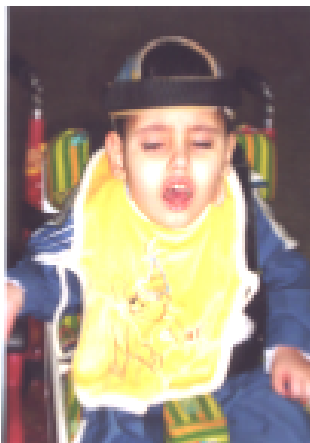
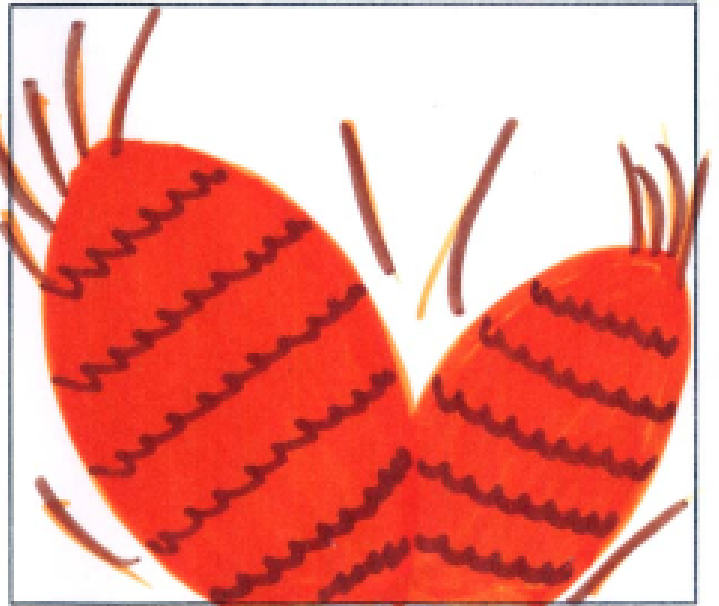
I am ashamed to say that some Soroptimists are not always telling the truth! You will need a team of three but these can be made up on the night. The cost is £2 and tea/coffee and biscuits will be included. There will be a raffle for our new President's charities.

Sheila Knight

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Happy Easter



Aly.

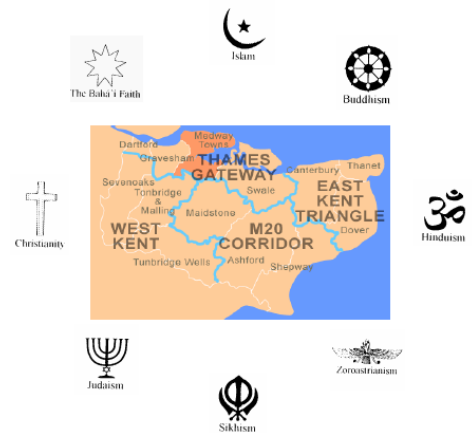


Easter card from Aly,  
the Palestinian boy  
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I was privileged to join Betty Martin and women from the Thames Gateway Women's Multifairch Forum on Saturday 28th March at The Riverside Centre to share in their Celebration of Spring Festivals. After Chris Stone had welcomed everyone speakers representing Hindu, Sikh, Muslim and Christian told us about how their faiths celebrate spring. The Jewish members put on a very interesting display and a Buddhist danced a Thai dance. The Banghra drummers and dancers delighted us with their exuberance and loud drumming. A short interval to try a wonderful array of foods, simnel cake (see a short explanation of simnel cake elsewhere in this magazine); Thai sweets; curry; Scottish pancakes; hot cross buns; my favourite samosas. The interval also allowed me the opportunity to talk to the other men (about 6 of us) and Damon who was later to give a demonstration about kite flying. Throughout the evening the young people were engaged in making and decorating kites, which they displayed to us all at the end of a very enjoyable time. I'm always amazed at how similar our faiths are and yet how we manage to find so many different ways to enjoy them. After Easter I shall once again join with the Sikh members as they celebrate Vaisakhi on Saturday 18th April.



Ian Brown

## Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

5th	Apr	Week 12	Betty Martin, Margaret Davies, Maria Watson
12th	Apr	Week 1	Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson, Charmaine Buttman
19th	Apr	Week 2	Norma Flynn, Sandy Barden, Jenny Shesmith
26th	Apr	Week 3	David and Shirley Whitehead
3rd	May	Week 4	Margaret Davies, Ian and Sheila Brown



Maureen Fittell





# First Steps

11th March 2009

It's the 11<sup>th</sup> March already and another lovely day with just a hint of spring in the air. Our naughty little sheep tells me that it's making him feel quite skittish. He is really pleased to see our Pre-school children in Church this morning; there's quite a crowd of them. Some of the members of the congregation are sitting at the back of the Church with songbooks at the ready, to join in with the children's songs. Our naughty little sheep asks me if it's his fan club! He's becoming way too conceited with all the attention that he gets! But he's rather shocked, I must say, when Jake suggests that he's only a toy. The very idea!! Anyway he really enjoys joining in with "Here come the frogs, hopping round the pond." and he's really interested to hear that I'd seen a frog, sitting in the middle of a damp path a few days ago. He wants to know if I'd picked it up and put it somewhere safe but I didn't really want to disturb it at the time and I didn't think that it would take too kindly to me picking it up. Our naughty little sheep wants to know what happened to the frog but sadly I've no idea. We both hope that he hopped away to somewhere safe!

Then it is time to sing, "I love the sun." and today we have to include an extra verse, "I love the moon" by popular request. Our marching song goes with great gusto and Calum and Ethan are particularly jiggy! Our naughty little sheep loves doing the actions to all our songs and particularly this one. He loves the diving bit because it always makes his tummy go funny! Sue is with us this

morning so when our songs and "Thank you" prayers are over, she gives us all a special blessing. Jake had been rather keen to blow our candle out earlier so now at last he gets the chance. Well done, that boy! Then the children make their way back into the Pre-school, with lots of waves and a chorus of "Goodbyes". Afterwards Muriel Bond says to me, "Wasn't it lovely with the children?" It was, wasn't it?

When the congregation have returned to their usual seats, and, in anticipation of the service, a hush has descended over the church, our naughty little sheep asks me very quietly if he can, very carefully sit on the candle stand to watch the service from afar. He promises that he will be very good, and not make a noise. Sue and Peter come in and our service begins. When we exchange the Peace with one another Marian can't bear it any longer and gets up to move our naughty little sheep. I think that she's worried that he's going to get his wool singed by one of the lighted candles. It's very kind and thoughtful of her but he's rather put out because he hasn't got a very good view from under the table by the sound consul! Oh well!

Well as always the time flies and it is soon time for our First Steps service. Our naughty little sheep has got over his sulk from earlier and when Julie and I are getting everything set up, he asks if he can sit on the table at the back of the Church to see the children as they come in with their Mums and carers. I think he's wondering who'll be the first to spot him. So, as requested, I place him gently

on the table and I must say that he stands there looking just a bit smug. Well Julie and I finish our bits, the doors are opened and you'll never guess who is the first to arrive! It's Angela Hill, Julie's daughter in law, with baby Joseph. He's over 4 months old now and a really handsome chap! It's a real treat to see them both as well as a surprise. And soon

others are coming along to join them. Kay comes in with Martha and today she's awake. Hooray! Barbara comes in with

grandson Daniel and it's his turn to be asleep. And we've got some more new faces too. How great is that? Mum Tracey has come along with Alfie and Isabel, and Debra and Liam have brought their friends Alison and Archie, who is looking very cool in his sunglasses. Bonna has come again with Isaac but this time she has brought new baby Elijah to see us, too and of course there are many of our much loved and appreciated regulars. What a lovely time we are going to have together.

So now our little service begins as we sing "Candletime" and light our candles. Today our special candles include one for Liam's second birthday next Sunday, one for a Isabelle's Daddy's birthday, one for a much wanted new baby on the way, one for a poorly Grandad and a couple more besides, all kinds of special people. Our theme is "Jesus' friends, his Disciples" and we think about how they left their ordinary everyday lives to follow Jesus and learn from him and how eventually they went out into the world to share the wonderful story of his life, and teaching, of his death and resurrection and God's part in it all. And if they hadn't gone out to tell that amazing story, we wouldn't be in Church for First Steps, would we? In fact, there wouldn't even be a Christian Church, would

there? So we sing, "Jesus is a friend of mine." because he is, and we sing "Thank you God for the people we love." and we really mean it! And we say our "Thank you" prayers, thanking God for sending Jesus to us, and sending the Disciples out into the world to bring the Good News to us. We sing, "Springtime comes" and "Here we go round the park again" because it is a lovely spring day and God has given us all a beautiful world to enjoy and take care of. Aren't we so very lucky?

We finish our service by singing "Candletime" and blowing out our candles and our children come forward to blow out their own special candles, very carefully, to take home later. Then it's out into the hall for well earned refreshments and some fun and chat. Joyce, Julie and Marian are in the kitchen, the kettle is boiling and the squash made. Then I have a horrible sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach. Oh no! Someone is missing! My poor little sheep has been standing all that time at the back of the Church and we have forgotten all about him! Oh no! If he was sulky this morning, what is he going to be like now? And bless him he is so upset. His wool is quite damp and I feel horribly guilty. He tells me that Naomi found him when she came in with Laura, her Mum, but Laura said that she should leave him because the other children might like to hunt for him later. He says that he shouted and shouted but we were making so much noise with the jingles and the clackers and the rattles that he couldn't make himself heard. He tried to move off the table but his lead was caught on something so he was stuck. He says that he gave up trying in the end and just slumped in a heap on the table. Poor little chap!



I take him back into the Hall but he doesn't feel at all like playing. His feelings are really hurt! We're all going to have to be especially kind to him from now on. Still the children have a lovely time playing together, rushing around the hall and munching copious quantities of biscuits and before we know where we are its time to go home. The children have pictures of Jesus' Disciples to colour in, to remind them and their families of the wonderful life-giving word of God that has been passed to us by the Disciples and we must pass it on, too. They also have reminders for our Mothering Sunday Service and we hope to see them there. Our naughty little sheep, who is just about speaking to me now, reminds me to tell them about our very special Hot Cross Bun service at 10am on Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, because it is a very

special day and it would be so nice to see them there too. So we have some lovely together times to look forward to. Our naughty little sheep will, of course be putting in an appearance at both of those services and I will have to make sure that he doesn't get forgotten again. Later I discovered that even Priest Jacqueline had heard about it and asked me to give him a special hug from her. That did cheer him up a bit, knowing that someone cares about him! But we all care about him, don't we? Our next First Steps service will be on 8<sup>th</sup> April when we will be looking forward to Easter. Our naughty little sheep and I hope to see lots of you there then.

God Bless.  
Rosemary Austin.



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## Quiz Night

On Wednesday 29th April,  
at Christ Church Hall  
6.30 to 8 pm

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### Refreshments available

Raffle in Aid of                  Money raised  
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(helping girls in Africa          Guide camp in  
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**7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.**

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# International Women's Day

Gravesend Soroptimist Club invited the Mothers' Union to participate in an event celebrating International Women's Day, so Betty (wearing three hats as a member of the MU, the Inter-Faith Group and a Soroptimist), Maureen and myself found ourselves with nearly 100 women at the Riverside Centre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Groups representing The Saheli Writers, Kent Police, a Young Ethnic Group, The Thameside Multi-Faith group, Muslim Womens' Group, Mothers' Union, Womens' Institute and the Soroptimists put up displays and gave short talks about their activities. The guest speaker was Amanda Cotterill, a former High Sheriff of Kent, who outlined some of her experiences giving her the opportunities to meet, understand and work with women from all over Kent and the world.

After a coffee break there was an open

forum covering a wide range of subjects; from the environment to child abuse, mental health to girl's issues. The main message seemed to me to be in all issues and across all cultures, EDUCATION, AWARENESS and WILLINGNESS. Education about issues leading to knowledge of help available. Awareness of those around us who may need our help and support. Willingness to take on that support, either as individuals or as at national level as part of a group.

The morning passed so quickly with everyone meeting and making new friends and coming away with plenty to think about. If the chance to attend such an event comes your way - take it. I'm glad I did! I should also say thank you to John Hill for taking our Fairtrade stall to the event and I noticed a number of ladies going home with extra 'groceries'.

Veronica Read'



## **COFFEE MORNINGS**

Friday	April	24th
Friday	May	29th
Friday	June	26th
Friday	September	25th
Friday	October	30th
Friday	November	27th
Friday	December	11th

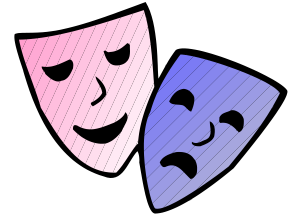
## **GARAGE SALE**

Saturday April 18th  
10 am to noon  
At  
12 Ridgeway Avenue

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# CCADS SPRING PRODUCTION



## The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Production Of A Christmas Carol

This delayed production took us into familiar CCADS territory when it returned to the inept dramatics in Farndale Avenue (let us call them the FAHETGDC for short): their murder mystery having been aired but a short while ago. This time they set out, under John Hougham's expert direction, to portray the very familiar tale of Scrooge and his ghostly visitors. It entailed lot of "coarse acting" on the part of the actors, and all in all they carried it off very well; it is not an easy thing to do wrong things deliberately. I hadn't expected a musical - but this it turned out to be. The main cast was backed up by a motley cast of "plants" in the audience, and "voices off"; and the busy backstage crew helped the production to move along at a good pace. Part of their job was to portray, very effectively, the flying ghosts and Scrooge by means of dolls.

The curtains were open on our arrival, and the Christmas card backdrop was very effective indeed. Otherwise the setting was plain blue walls with the minimum of furniture - one chair and two tables. A sixties tape was playing - Frank Sinatra and all - giving us quite deliberately the wrong effect. As a prologue, the indomitable Mrs Reece (Sally Higgins) went around the audience explaining that some of the cast were not yet here "a holdup on the A2 at Bluewater". Once they had apologetically arrived, they were shepherded off to let us begin the play proper. Gordon (Allister Kay) - the horribly put-upon, and only male, in the cast had already had to suffer from Mrs Reece's ineptitude with the microphone, and it was only a matter of time before more disasters struck him. What is more he also had to play part in drag: and his telling us the recipe for the Cratchit meal, which had to be eaten with the rest of the family on his/her knee was just perfect.

The principal character, as written by Dickens, is of course Ebenezer Scrooge, but as far the FAHETGDC is concerned, he takes second place to Mrs Reece, oozing bonhomie to us, the audience, but treating everyone else like slaves. Poor Mercedes (a newcomer to CCADS, played by Zoe Tindill) got the worst of it. She had a bad back, but that was given short shrift.

At one point in the play she had to be dragged off the stage, moaning in agony; while the incident almost at the end when, as a boy she was to pick up

the money to buy the prize turkey, was a gem, and she was never sure whether it was stuffing or cranberry sauce she was meant to buy. Her suffering was maintained throughout- we really believed it.

Back to Scrooge. Lynne Chesterton gave us a great portrayal of the miser. Her part in this play had been deliberately written down, so that Mrs Reece (as she usually is in this series of farces) could be the star. She did have one wonderful exchange with Gordon when he was playing Marley's ghost, and the two of them made merry when she asked him who he was; his reply, meant to be "Ask me who I was", became hilarious. The fact that Gordon could not get his head out of the prop door and was then unable to appear as the chained Marley until almost the end of the sequence, made the situation funnier, and both played it to the hilt - as is demanded in such a farce as this. Lynne carried us along through the familiar story, and at least she got to say "Bah Humbug!" once. A great performance.

Most of the remaining parts were played by Emily Stedman. She is a natural; her music hall turn as Scrooge's nephew, Fred, complete with topper and tails, and an earlier sequence, belied her dance training. As Little Fan (Scrooge's long-lost love) she gave us a wonderful hacking cough, and when she became the top half of the Ghost of Christmas present on Gordon's shoulders, she brought the house down.

And Mrs Reece - what of her? She maintained her poise as herself, but was also able to show talent in the coarse acting required when she played Tiny "Tom" with her broom handle crutch; as Mrs Dilber the woman come to buy the "dead" Scrooge's belongings; but also as the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, when she allowed her trademark handbag to appear from beneath the cloak, which should have concealed her. Her overwhelming dictatorship came across very well: any actor would hate to be in her company! I did find it slightly difficult to hear all the words she said as the narrator: a microphone is such a problem to use.

Altogether the production was well worth turning out on a somewhat miserable evening, and the audience were rightly appreciative. I am unsure about the final minutes, though: the Charades brought the whole proceedings to a somewhat odd ending. But that I guess, is the fault of the writers of the play. Well done again, CCADS - not forgetting FAHETGDC!

Peter Shearan

Choir

# Music at Christ Church

Music Group



Gwyneth and the Choir wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Lent and Holy week culminating on Easter Day is a particularly special time for all of us. Music in our worship is very important to musicians as it adds a reinforcing dimension to our devotional life as a congregation.

The choir has a supportive role, a presence on Maundy Thursday, members of the Choir taking part in the Three hours Devotions on Good Friday and the Happy Celebration of EASTER DAY when we all rejoice again and give praise to the Risen Christ.

Being a member of a Choir requires commitment and dedication. Throughout the year we practice every Thursday (except during holiday periods) from 7.30pm until 9 pm. We are all very busy people but are pleased to make time in the week to learn new music, rediscover old favourites, and make our particular contribution to the life of our church here at Christ Church.

*pam Kilby*

**CHRIST CHURCH  
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Youth Club starts again  
Sunday 26th April  
6 - 8 pm

We have been busy rehearsing our music for Easter.

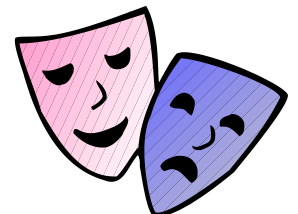
We will be leading some of the singing during the service on Maundy Thursday, and on Easter Day we will be singing as a group before the service as well as leading some of the singing at the 10 o'clock service.

Do not forget that if you would like to join the group speak to Helen, she would love to have you join the group especially if you are male!

*Gill Campbell*



## CCADS



CCADS would like to thank everyone for their support of their latest production. Although stressful at times we all had great fun rehearsing and performing it. We hope you enjoyed it and will come along and support us at our next production in November 2009. Watch this space!

Gill



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March was a busy day for Christchurch MU! We met at 12 noon for our AGM (postponed from a very snowy evening in February!). We were pleased to have our vicar, Sue who is an MU member, to chair the meeting where we reviewed our year's meetings (which were varied and well supported), finances (healthy and we were able to give £275 to MU good causes) and thanked Julie Hill for her stirring work as branch secretary from which, sadly, she is retiring.

We welcomed Chris Sewell back to the committee and Sheila Brown is going to be secretary for the next year.

The meeting was followed by a tasty shared lunch enjoyed by 12 members.

At 2.30 we were joined by members from other branches for our Lady Day service taken by Sue Brewer and we were grateful to

Sheila Knight for playing the hymns for us. We used one of Priest Jacqueline's new stations of the cross (by Alan Cooper), that of Mary, Jesus' mother, as a focal point as we sat in a semicircle. Betty (in Joyce Newton's absence) presented Linda Parsonson to be admitted as a new member and we were also delighted to welcome Anne Thrush (formerly of Holy Family) and Hazel Walker (from the now



closed St Aidan's branch) to Christchurch branch. 2 more members from St Aidan's will also be joining us soon. This puts our numbers up to a splendid 29 members but we are always pleased to welcome more!



Sue reminded us that in line with the aims of MU and Christchurch' mission focus for the next few years, we should be looking for ways of welcoming children and young families to our services and activities and to helping them to feel a valued part of our community whatever the cost and changes to us personally and as a church.

Our day finished with tea and



cakes and lots of chat. If you have never been, come along to a meeting, (1<sup>st</sup> Monday in the month- details in this magazine & on the website) you will find us friendly and welcoming and very

happy to hear your suggestions for speakers and activities you would enjoy.

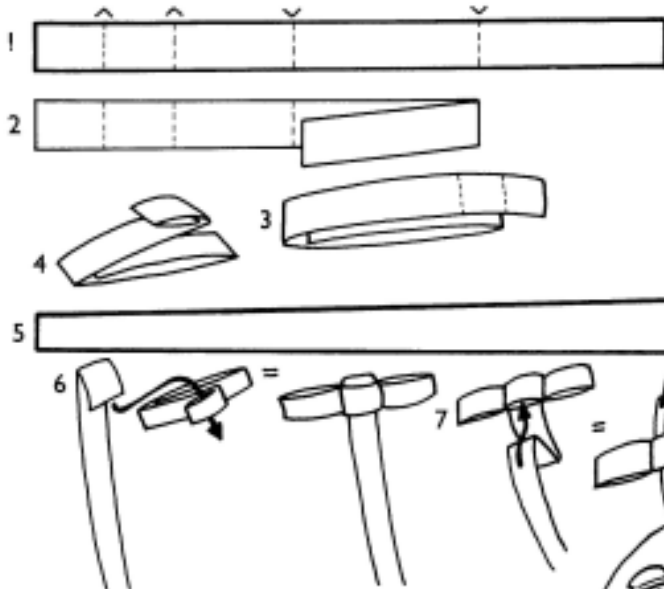
If evening meetings are difficult to make, we are having 2 coffee and chat mornings in church when you would be most welcome.

One on 23<sup>rd</sup> April (St George's



Day) and one on 16<sup>th</sup> July from 10 to 11.30a.m.. These are times when the church is normally open so pop in and share a cuppa! You don't need to be a MU member. Bring children (we have lots of toys and books for them to play with), husbands, friends. See you there!

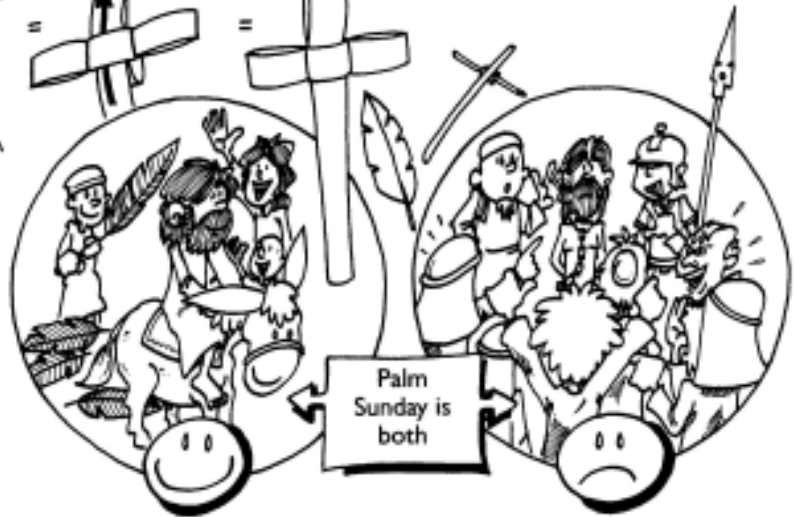
Sheila Brown



How to fold a palm leaf into a cross.  
 (You can either use a real palm leaf  
 or two strips of paper)

See Matthew 21:1-11

God's  
 Gang



Luke 24:33-34

# JESUS IS ALIVE!

E	I	B	R	O	L	L	E	D	
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EARLY on SUNDAY MORNING the WOMEN went to the TOMB. They found the STONE had been ROLLED AWAY. An ANGEL told them that JESUS was ALIVE again, just as he had PROMISED! Mark 16:1-8

## THE ORIGIN OF SIMNEL CAKES

Simnel Cakes were traditionally made by girls working away from home to take to their Mothers on Mothering Sunday.

They gradually came to be used for Easter Day.

### TO MAKE A SIMNEL CAKE



Choose your favourite rich fruit cake recipe, mix together as usual.

Place half the mixture into a prepared tin of a suitable size.

Cut out a circle of marzipan (home made or purchased), place on top of the mixture in the tin, add the remainder of the cake mixture and cook as usual. When cold, make 11 balls of marzipan and place on top of the cake around the edge preferably touching each other, use apricot jam to stick it. Alternatively prepare a band of marzipan and place around the edge of the top of the cake and mark with criss crosses. Place the cake under a heated grill to toast the marzipan, and when cold, fill the centre of the top of the cake with Glace or Royal Icing.

When set decorate with Easter chicks, perhaps on a nest of eggs etc or with edible flowers. Finish with a cake frill or a ribbon tied in a bow.

Bon appetit !

Pam Kilby

## GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL



April, the start of the gardening year to many people. The clocks have gone forward there is more light than dark in every day, the sun when it comes out feels warm and the soil begins to increase in temperature.

All plants that have not succumbed to cold wet soil will be growing. Likewise the animals that feed on them will be thriving and multiplying.

Hopefully the more than recent year's severity of the 2008-2009 winter will have reduced the pest population, but according to your view on how to control pests, now is the time to be vigi-



lant and ready to repel unwanted attacks.

Grass is undergoing its usual Spring flush and if lawn standards are to be maintained then it must be cut at least weekly. To maintain grass in a green growing condition thought can be given to feed being applied.

Annual plant seed can be germinated this month indoors and if kept at 18C-21C (65-70F), most will show green in 7 to 10 days. Do not sow seed too thickly if they are to be pricked out singly. They will of course need to be kept at 14C or above to grow on.

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## Holy Baptism



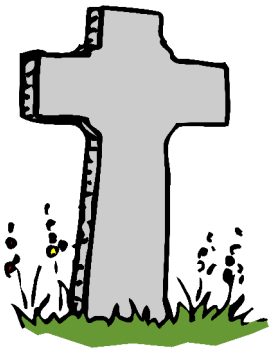
1st February	Lilly-Ella Rose Amos
15th February	Samantha Jane Savage
1st March	Sienna Aaliyah Dalton
15th March	Devon James Stanley
15th March	Alisha Lucy Walker
22nd March	Maisie Jane Florence Lamprell
22nd March	Tilly Jane Paris Lamprell

## Holy Matrimony



21st February	Christopher Mark Carman and Marie Dawn Ann Kellett
14th March	Darren Jonathan Newman and Laura Ann O'Donovan

## Rest in Peace



14th January	Ivy Alma Stone
14th January	Richard John Forbes
22nd January	Hilda Marion Jewiss
27th January	Pamela Kathleen Houghton
29th January	Alan James Titley
3rd February	Iris Barbara Palmer
22nd February	May Rose Phillips
26th February	Christopher Montgomery Fagan
28th February	John Sidney Edward Benton-Mayatt

Julie Hill

# April











Highlights this month !

St George's Day

Holy Week

Easter Day

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<p>Sunday</p> 	<p>5 Palm Sunday 8 am Service 10 am Service Confirmation preparation</p>	<p>12 Easter Day 5.15 am Dawn service 8 am Service 10 am Parade-Service</p>	<p>19 8 am Service 10 am Service  Confirmation preparation</p>	<p>26 8 am Service 10 am Service Youth Club  Confirmation service at Holy Family</p>
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>6 HOLY WEEK  8 am Communion 7.30 pm Communion</p>	<p>13 Bank Holiday</p>	<p>20 <b>Cubs</b> <b>Brownies</b></p>	<p>27 <b>Cubs</b> <b>Brownies</b></p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>7 8 am Communion 7.30 pm Communion Soroptimist Arts and Crafts</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>1 Guides MU Meeting</p> <p>8 10 am Communion 7.30 pm Communion</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>22 <b>Guides</b></p>	<p>29 <b>Guides</b>  Quiz Night <i>girls in the lead</i></p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>2 Beavers Brownies</p> <p>9 Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>23 St George's Day MU Coffee and chat <b>Beavers</b> <b>Brownies</b></p>	<p>30 <b>Beavers</b> <b>Brownies</b></p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>3 Parent &amp; Toddler Scouts  Office Hours</p> <p>10 Good Friday 10 Hot Cross Bun service 12 to 3 pm 3 hour devotion</p>	<p>17  Office Hours</p>	<p>24 Parent &amp; Toddler Ellenor Lions Coffee Morning Scouts Office Hours</p>	<p>1st May Parent &amp; Toddler   Scouts Office Hours</p>
<p>Saturday</p> 	<p>4 Working Party</p> <p>11 Decorating Church and Working Party</p>	<p>18 Vaisakhi Ellenor/Lions Garage Sale</p>	<p>25 Confirmation retreat</p>	<p>2nd May Working Party</p>

# What happens at Christ Church?

## Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday Uniformed Organisations parade

Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

## Weekday Services

Holy Communion (said)

Monday and Saturday 8am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Wednesday 10.00am

For further information  
contact  
the Church Wardens

## Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

## Open Church

Monday to Friday  
10 am until 11.30 am

## Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Cubs; Music Group; Brownies

Tuesday

Wednesday Guides; Mothers Union (1st Wednesday)  
First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm

Thursday Beavers; Brownies; Choir Practice

Friday Scouts; Amateur Dramatics; Parent and Toddler

Saturday Working party (1st Saturday)

Sunday Christ Church Youth Club

