



CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

PARISH MAGAZINE

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November
2010



John Hill 2007

Father Christmas is coming to.....

Christ Church Christmas Bazaar

Echo Square Gravesend

Saturday 13th November

@ 10.30am.

candles

mulled wine mince pies

gifts

jewellery

books

refreshments cakes

and much more! competitions

Come

and

see

us!

Admission 50p (children free)

Competitions drawn at 12.00

Remembrance
Sunday

14th November

10 am Service

4 pm Service for
The Bereaved

Deadline for December magazine:

Sunday 21st November.

Put on peg in the vestry,
or hand to a Churchwarden,
or email:

ianbbrown@phonecoop.coop

Christ Church Hall
is available for hire.
Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett
01474 568585

Well equipped. Very
suitable for meetings
and children's parties.

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Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Vicar	Sue Brewer	352643 suec@brewer86.plus.com
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Pastoral Assistant	Pam Kilby	332693
Church Warden	Christine Sewell	745443
Church Warden	Peter Shearan	566215
PCC Secretary	Julie Hill	568265
PCC Treasurer	Steve Humphries	323515
Reader	Rosemary Austin	358702
Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Betty Martin	352696
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443



Welcome to....



On 17th October, Jenna Kirby, Lydia Bain and Louise Webb were confirmed by Bishop Michael Turnbull at St. Margaret's Church, High Halstow.



On Sunday 24th October Penelope Grace Taylor was baptised during the 10a.m. Service..



On 21st November we will be welcoming a guest Preacher at the 10am service. The Very Revd Adrian Newman is Dean of Rochester Cathedral and an inspiring speaker. As well as preaching in the morning, he will also be leading a workshop during the afternoon for the PCC and anyone else who would like to join in. For those who are staying there will be a shared lunch in church and a chance to meet Dean Adrian informally.

The PCC hope that many of the congregation will feel able to stay and join in with the workshop, as we look to the future and God's will together.

As we go through the Church's Year Christ Church is pleased to welcome lots of people for many different occasions - some happy, some sad, some busy, some quiet and peaceful. We hope you find a warm welcome here whenever you come.

Editor

Harvest 2010

What a wonderful weekend beginning on Friday afternoon with the decoration of the church with the floral displays by the hardworking ladies and the cleaning of the silver in the Vicars vestry.

Saturday morning saw the hard working people sweeping dusting polishing de candle waxing to make the church and hall spick and span.

Saturday night was when we relaxed and saw the premiere of A Year in the Life of Christ Church Film 2009. Welcomed by the usherettes and door man:- over the red carpet to our seats refreshed with popcorn and lollipops to review ourselves and all that we did and our Christ Church was used for in 2009. Ray presented with an Oscar for all his hard work, a truly premiere event.



Then Sunday the quiet 8 am service followed by the All Age Service on the 10th of the 10th of the 10th at 10 am a historic time and a happy relaxed time of real worship and thanksgiving for all the gifts that we have received from God and are able to enjoy and give to each other.

Then we were off to the hall for coffee and to rededicate the hall and all the workers who keep the hall going for the community and

ourselves. The cross in memory of Mike Sampson was dedicated and then into the church for a small concert and picture treasure hunt for old and young alike.



Back into the hall for a tasty shared lunch:- what a feast.

Then finally a glorious Evensong when the choir and congregation sang their hearts out with heartfelt thanks to God.

A fantastic harvest weekend celebration, thank you to everyone who made it possible.

PS. I did miss the harvest supper!

Betty Martin

St. Andrew - Patron Saint of Scotland



November 30th is observed as the feast day of St. Andrew. The church calendar begins with Advent (defined as the nearest Sunday to St. Andrew's Day), and it seems fitting that Andrew, the first of Christ's disciples, should have the distinction of coming first in the church year.

St Andrew, a fisherman from Bethsaida in Galilee, was the first disciple called by Jesus, who brought his brother Simon Peter to become a follower of Christ. After the crucifixion it is said that Andrew travelled the countries bordering the Black Sea and preached the Gospel in Scythia and in Greece. Tradition has it that Andrew was killed in the city of Patras in Greece. He felt himself unworthy of being put to death on a cross similar to that of his saviour, that he was crucified on a diagonal cross. Part of the tradition is that Andrew wore blue, and so the white of the wooden cross against the blue of his robes gave Scotland the colours of the national flag or saltire. Another tradition has relics of St Andrew coming to the east coast of Scotland when St. Regulus was shipwrecked having rescued the bones from Constantinople - historians suggest that the relics came to Scotland via Amalfi as a gift to the Scottish rulers who were sympathetic to Roman Catholicism in the 12 c.

The Cross in the Hall



We were told that Mrs Sampson would like something traditional but unusual and so we thought of Celtic designs and started looking at Celtic crosses. These are quite intricate and some would have been too difficult to make. We were also told that Mike Sampson love cricket, so we tried to incorporate a cricket ball shape into the design. The final design is very obviously a cross, as it was important that it was a clear Christian symbol, but we tried to make it unusual too.

These are the thoughts of Alan and the students of Saint George's School who worked with him to design it.

St Andrew's Day Service

11am Monday 29th November

at St Andrew's Church

St. Andrews Church was built to serve Gravesend's waterside community. In the mid 19th century, the river Thames just off Gravesend was alive with vessels of all shapes and sizes waiting to load cargoes, or passengers and emigrants heading for Australia, New Zealand and the Americas. Smaller boats supplied the everyday needs of the larger ships, and the crews of these boats lived with their families and livestock on board a collection of hulks and old barges moored just offshore. The priest of the local Holy Trinity Church, Rev C E R Robinson, looked upon these people as his parishioners and began visiting them. He also extended his services to the emigrants who lived on board their ship, often in appalling conditions, and often for weeks before they sailed. Over 600 baptisms are recorded for emigrants wanting to be blessed before their departure.



Information about St Andrew's Church supplied by
Towncentric. www.towncentric.co.uk



Fairtrade Lunch Stop



Sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, homemade cakes, fresh fruit, snack bars.

Tea, Fresh filter Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juices

View our Fairtrade Goods stands.

Come and enjoy a Fairtrade lunch at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill Street, Gravesend.

The cost of your lunch will be what you consider to be a 'Fair' price for what you eat.

Friday 5th November 2010 12-2pm



Gravesend Floral Arrangement Society presents



Christmas Carols

A Floral Art Demonstration by Nick Grounds



Wednesday 10th November 2010

at St. Mary's Church Hall

Wrotham Road, Gravesend

(Parking in St. George's School Grounds, Meadow Road)

7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Ticket £7.00



Sales Tables

Christmas Raffle

For more information and tickets, contact Sheila on 01474 564234



EllenorLions Hospice
'without them we...

Many thanks

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STOP PRESS!

Whilst building improvements are in progress regular coffee mornings will be held at St Mary' Church, Wrotham Road 11 am to 1 pm

COFFEE MORNINGS

Friday 26th November

Friday 10th December

Friday 25th February 2011

Friday 25th March

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

- Week 11 7th Nov Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson
- Week 12 14th Nov Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoesmith, Joan Bennett
- Week 1 21st Nov David & Shirley Whitehead
- Week 2 28th Nov Rita Smith, Jean Stoddart, Sheila Knight
- Week 3 5th Dec Sylvia Brown, Margaret Davies, Babs Acott

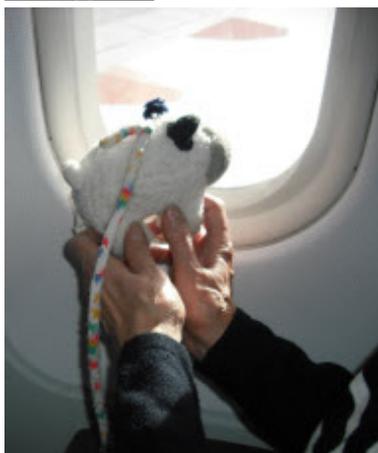


Maureen Fittill



Our Naughty Little Sheep's Trip to Italy

October 2010



Our naughty little sheep, my husband and I have just had a lovely holiday in the north of Italy. At first our naughty little sheep was a bit cross with me for booking a holiday when we should have been at home for our First Steps service, but he's speaking to me again now because

he's had such a good time. It was his first trip in an aeroplane and he thought that it was a bit scary looking out of the window at the earth such a long way below us. He whispered to me that he knows that, at First Steps, we often say "Thank you" to God for our beautiful world but he'd never realised quite how beautiful some of it is! As we flew through the air we could see little strips of fields, silvery rivers, dark green woods and snowy mountains, far below us. What an amazing sight! What an amazing gift God has given to us all!

We landed at Milan airport and then we travelled by coach to our destination, a little village named Lenno on the shores of Lake Como. Our naughty little sheep was looking out of the coach window to see if he could see any Italian sheep and he did catch a glimpse of a few huddled on a small patch of grass but there wasn't room for many on the steep, wooded hillsides!

On Wednesday we had our first excursion, to Lake Maggiore where we had a boat trip to a little island called Isola Bella. Our naughty little sheep thought that it was very exciting whizzing across the lake, with the spray flying, but then we remembered all our friends at First Steps, having a great time without us and we both felt a bit sad because we were missing everyone. But the sun was shining brightly and the sky was blue and we were soon tucking into pizza for lunch, so it wasn't all bad! And our naughty little sheep had a nibble too. Yum yum!

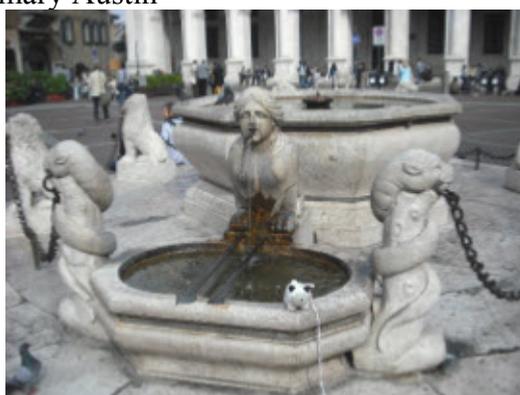
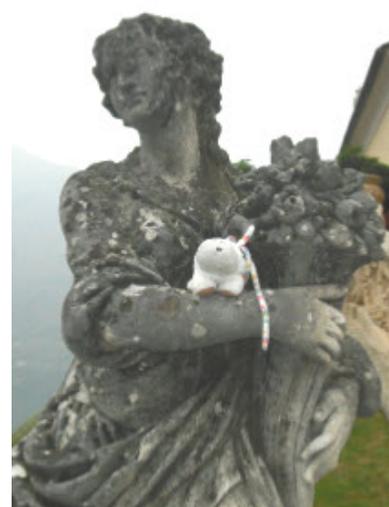
On the next day came our trip to Switzerland, and we had to be up really early, with the sky just beginning to lighten behind the mountains. Our naughty little sheep complained rather sleepily but we had an important train to catch, the Bernina Express, that would take us through the Alps from

Tirano to St Moritz. And my gosh we had a beautiful, cleared blue-skied day for it and the view from the train was wonderful. Our naughty little sheep was amazed to see the high mountains and the shiny white glaciers though he thought that it might be a bit dangerous for sheep to be tottering about up there!

The days flew by as we visited lots of lovely, interesting places. Our naughty little sheep was very pleased to see a white cross high up on a hillside because it reminded him that Jesus is always with us wherever we are. And though we had the chance to spend important quiet time in some lovely churches with beautiful paintings we both agreed that home is best; that there is nowhere quite like Christ Church.

Our naughty little sheep is now a well-travelled sheep and he's met quite a few people who were pleased to see him and to hear about our church and about all our friends at First Steps. But now normal service is resumed and suitably refreshed by our foreign travel, our naughty little sheep and I will be back in harness again for our next First Steps service on 10th November. Our naughty little sheep is busy putting together a scrapbook of his adventures for all our friends to see when we meet again. So we are looking forward to seeing you all then.

God Bless.
Rosemary Austin



Blythswood Care



How is your shoe box coming along?
If you cannot make one by yourself do it with a friend
or group of friends - it will still be a gift of love for
someone to enjoy.

Leaflets still available in church.
Please remember your completed box must be in church
by **SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.**

Veronica Read



Bishop James'
installation service -
11th December 2010
Rochester Cathedral 11:30am.

HELP WITH "EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS" - - - PLEASE!

I am sure by now most of you will have heard about the special displays we are planning in church for Advent. However to make sure that we are as effective as possible we need your help; in two ways. Firstly there are some items we need to complete our displays and secondly we need volunteers to man the church; especially when we are open to the the public and schools are visiting. The displays will be on view from the 24th November to 19th December. When can you help?

The items we need are: gold boxes, ancient maps, large pine cones, hessian sacks, old looking woven baskets, feather quill pens (or suitable feathers to make them), a jar of ointment to represent myrrh, a long length of black material, silver balls slightly larger than boules, a very simple table and chair, earthenware bowls and platter, coloured gift boxes and a star shaped lamp or lampshade. Volunteers needed to cut out angels and ovals.

Please contact Veronica or Sue if you can help in any way. Thank you.

Child Protection Course

FACING THE UNTHINKABLE

Saturday 20th November 2010

9.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Attendance is free and you get a
certificate at the end.

See Veronica Read for further details.

Soroptimists concert

On behalf on the Gravesend Soroptimists
I would like to say a big THANK YOU to
Christ Church for the wonderful support we
had for our recent Musical Evening.

We have raised £470 towards our President's
charities - a magnificent amount. We thor-
oughly enjoyed the evening and we are so
glad to hear that so did a lot of people. There
has been a suggestion that this could become
an annual event - watch this space.

Sheila Knight



CCADS (Christ Church Amateur Dramatics Society)
are celebrating their 75th year.

John Hougham

recalls his memories of CCADS in St. Faith's Hall.

Four page booklet to pull out and keep!

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Memories of CCADS in St Faith's Hall

1965 was quite a momentous year in the Hougham household. Peggy and I bought our first house, in Valley Drive, and found ourselves with Phyl and Billy Crouch as neighbours. Our daughter, Elizabeth, was born soon after we moved and, although we were within the parish of St Aidan, neighbourly influence ensured that her baptism took place in Christ Church. The rest, as they say, is history.

I had always had a keen interest in drama, acting right through school and occasionally at university. Discovering that Christ Church had its own amateur dramatic society was a decided bonus. Rehearsals for that Christmas's production were in full swing and I duly presented myself at St Faith's Hall. My first starring role was to stand on the door and collect tickets and sell programmes. At the very last minute, just before the doors opened on the first night, someone realised that I was not yet a member; not only that but I was still an unknown quantity, a newcomer to the parish. Was I to be trusted with this important task? Would I abscond with the takings? The solution was



to call a quick meeting of those committee members present and within a few minutes I became a fully fledged member of CCADS. Thus began an association which, with occasional breaks, has continued to this day.

St Faith's, on the corner of Ferndale Road and Central Avenue, had long since ceased to be used for worship. It was Christ Church's Hall, used for all parish social activity. From an acting point of view it had decided advantages. It had a fixed stage with curtains and there was a separate room, rather grandly called by us " the green room", which was where we dressed and applied makeup. CCADS was very strong numerically and our membership included all age groups.

This meant that choosing and casting plays presented no difficulty; quite the reverse, in fact, because for some parts we had the luxury of auditioning. The permanent stage meant that we could be quite inventive about set building. I remember on one occasion, for a play called "Dear Children", that we constructed a house on two levels, with stairs leading up to four separate bedrooms, each with its own door.

As Allister has mentioned in previous articles, it is invidious to name names. So many people have been involved with CCADS over the years and it would be unforgivable to leave some out. But there are some from those days, sadly no longer with us, whom I simply have to mention. Nellie Hermitage presided over the refreshments for many years and was always ready with a cheery smile and a supportive word whenever we had a break from rehearsals. Mollie Gorringe was an unfailing and very patient prompt but also took occasional acting parts, most memorably playing the title role in a wonderful comedy called "Goodnight Mrs Puffin." Fred Gorringe too was a stalwart member of CCADS with a wealth of experience both as an actor and producer.

In those distant days we used to invite the local press to our performances. On one occasion John Moir, a true Scotsman who had been brought up in a croft, was cast as a Scot in that year's play. When the write-up appeared in "The Reporter", the hapless critic declared that one weakness of the play was that John had tried manfully but unsuccessfully to sustain a Scottish accent! The invitation to attend our performances was not repeated.

Some events passed into Society folklore. An actor's worst nightmare is completely drying up on stage, that dreadful feeling when even the prompt's best efforts simply will not unlock the words log-jam



On one such occasion this happened to one of our members.

Desperately searching for inspiration his eyes fell upon a bowl of fruit on a table on stage and, improvising wildly, he uttered the memorable words, "Have an orange, somebody." Those of us on stage with him were



rooted to the spot and Mollie in her prompt corner desperately searched for a way to get us out of the situation. "Have an orange, somebody" became for a while a cry for help whenever one forgot one's words.

Personally I preferred parts where I could play the policeman or a detective, roles which seemed to crop up in a great many plays. The reason for this was quite simple. A policeman's notebook was an excellent prop in which to make a note of lines which one found difficult to remember and, even if the stage direction was silent on the point, producing one's notebook could be made to seem a natural thing to do. As a Police Inspector I once played opposite Betty Martin, cast as an attractive, blonde gangster's moll. At one point she had to sit on the corner of the table displaying her legs and, reacting to this, my line was, "Serafina, you are quite a girl," to which she replied, "and you, inspector, are a man who misses his opportunity." Forty years on neither of us has forgotten this exchange!

Others will be sharing their own memories of CCADS, no doubt of different times, of different events and different people. It is for others perhaps to bring the story more up-to-date, including the resilience which the Society showed in its determination to keep going after the closure of St Faith's and the building of the present Hall. I remain for ever grateful to CCADS for having provided me with so much enjoyment and friendship over so many years and hope that others will enjoy remembering their experiences on its hundredth anniversary as much as I have done in looking back over mine.

John Hougham

8.00p.m.

Wednesday 3rd November

Sue will lead a pilgrimage around the church for members and friends. There will also be an opportunity to do or re-do Peter Read's photo quiz. Refreshments will be served. Please come and join us.

7th November - Youth Club in Hall
13th November - help at the Christmas Bazaar
14th November - no meeting
21st November - Dean of Rochester - no meeting
28th November - last meeting - Film night or Party?????
5th December - 4p.m. Christingle

CCADS



Rehearsals are well under way for our next production, which will be November 25th 26th and 27th November. We are going to perform two one act plays, Charity Begins..... by Bettine Manktelow and Meat and Two Veg by Paul Beard. Familiar faces are back treading the boards as well as one newcomer. Sally Higgins is directing for CCADS for the first time, and is working very hard as are the backstage team.

Tickets will be available early November from Gill Campbell on 01474 534517

Guided historical walk around Higham Marshes

On: Monday 27th December 2010

At: 10am

Meet: outside St Mary's Church, Church Street, Higham (by the marshes)

Guide: Christoph Bull, Local Historian and Librarian

Tickets: Free – no need to book, just turn up (Donations welcomed).

Questions: Christoph Bull 01474 320156.

Part of Gravesend Historical Society's Footpaths programme – come and learn about your landscape. Known as the "Winter Warmer Walk" this is an opportunity for you to walk off Christmas and meet interesting people. Sensible footwear is needed, there are stiles and wet/uneven surfaces.

Christoph Bull

Chalk Parish Historian and Historical Advisor to Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council.

Music Group



October was an extremely busy month for the Music Group. We learnt a couple of new songs for the all age worship service and sang For the Beauty of the Earth, by John Rutter. It was good that some members of the choir and congregation joined us. Along with some members of the choir and congregation we sang at the Soroptomist Musical evening on October 16th. It was hard work with lots of extra rehearsals, but we all enjoyed it, and Helen was delighted to have so many singers, especially of the male variety! It was a very good evening and we certainly enjoyed it. We are now beginning rehearsals for Christmas, which seems to be rapidly approaching! Don't forget if you can sing or play an instrument the music group would love to see you at one of their rehearsals.

On behalf of St Aidan's Ministry Team

St. Aidan's Ministry Team would like to invite members of your Church to a special Service of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Revd. Peter and Angela Rich at St. Aidan's Church on Sunday 21st November 2010 at 4.00pm.

The Revd. Michael Fanstone, Chairman of Churches Together in Gravesham, will be our speaker, and refreshments will be served after the service.



Both Peter and Angela have been very much involved in the ministry of Churches Together throughout the 12 years of their stay in Gravesend and our Service will provide an opportunity to acknowledge this. They are retiring from full time ministry at the end of the year and are taking up a part time appointment in Oxfordshire in January.

If your Church has an Evening Service on 21st November, we suggest (with Mr. Fanstone's approval) that your members join with us, so as to make this a truly ecumenical occasion. Otherwise, perhaps some of your fellowship could come to represent you.

Special Events during November

Sunday 7th	10.00 a.m.	All age service The uniformed organisations join us, it is a bit shorter and more relaxed.
Saturday 13th	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar Christmas shopping, refreshment and Santa!h
Sunday 14th	10 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday. Service of Remembrance.
	4.00 p.m.	Service for the bereaved.
Saturday 20th	7.00 p.m.	Music for Heroes. The Medway Band - a concert in aid of Help for Heroes and Christ Church.
Sunday 21st	10.00 a.m.	Dedication Service Special service - Preacher Very Rev Adrian Newman, Dean of Rochester - followed by shared lunch and afternoon workshop.
Monday 29th	11.00 a.m.	St. Andrew's service In St Andrew's church, on the waterfront.
Wednesday 24th Nov to 19th December Experience Christmas		

Sunday Evenings at Christ Church 2010

14th Nov	4 p.m.	Service for the Bereaved
5th Dec	4 p.m.	Christingle
19th Dec	6.30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols

"EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS"

An interactive journey through the Christmas story, for children and adults.



at
**Christ Church,
Echo Square, Gravesend**



Church open on

Saturday 27th November 10am- 1.00pm

Wednesday 1st December

10.30am-1.00pm (coffee and mince pies provided by the Mothers' Union)

Sunday 19th December 3.30pm-5.30pm.
and after all normal services.

Groups and schools by appointment.

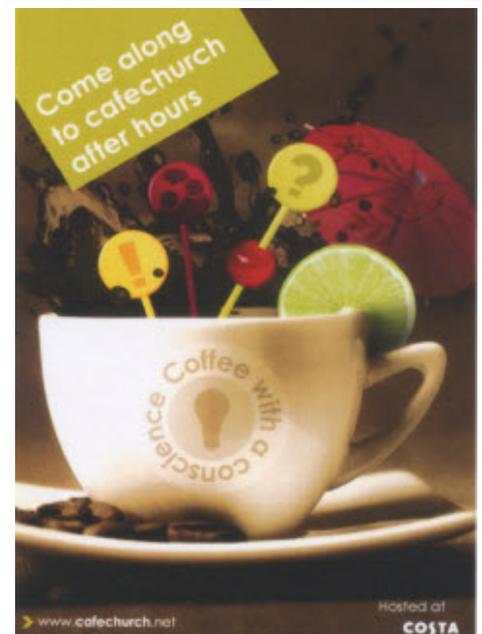
(Rev. Sue Brewer 01474 352643)



Upcoming events

- 12th September 2010
Confident Parenting
With life coach -Daphne Clifton
- 10th October 2010
The Ethical Shopping Trolley
What's in yours?
- 14th November 2010
Count your blessings
What makes you happy?
- 12th December 2010
A Cafechurch Christmas
Come and enjoy the festivities

Costa Coffee | Bluewater | Upper Thames Walk (next to Boots)
5.30pm: first drink served | 6pm: start | 7pm: finish



Drew and Lorraine Lawrence

Best wishes and thanks to Lorraine, who has completed her time training at Christ Church. Lorraine has been with us since August as part of her ministry training. She led the All Age Service at Harvest - including young people to help her make bread. She was so pleased that "the one she made earlier" actually baked. The bread at communion was that made by God's Gang the previous week.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Windmill Street
Craft Fair

Saturday, 20th November
10 am to 2 pm

All proceeds will go towards buying new chairs for the balcony at our newly refurbished church centre.

All handicrafts have been made by our own members who have been working hard for some months.

Please book the date in your diary and plan to come maybe to buy some Christmas presents and gifts or even treat yourself, your family or friends.

Admission is free.

GRAVESHAM
OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM (run by the community)
LAUNCH

Wednesday 3 November
Kent Room,
Civic Centre, Gravesend
11am - 1pm

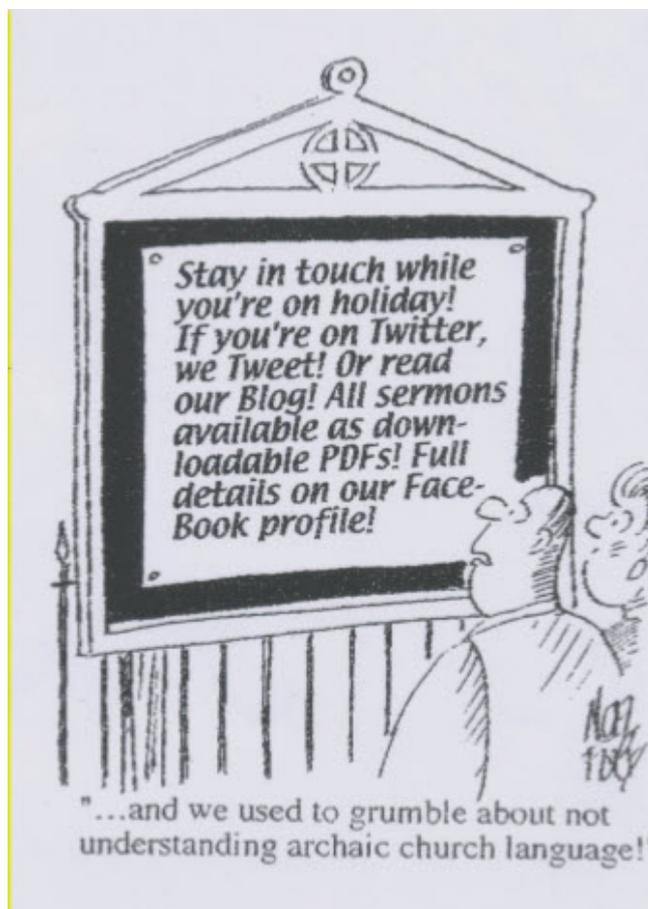
ARE YOU:
Over 50
Living in Gravesham

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:
Have a chance to influence decision makers about matters of importance to older people in the local area.

....Then come along to the launch of the forum and see if it's for you!

To book a place
Telephone: 01474 33 77 25
E-mail: Jackie.denton@gravesham.gov.uk

Gravesham Borough Council



Poster outside the Methodist Church, Gravesend.
October 2010

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But... The good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



God's Gang

CHRIST CHURCH
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Remembrance Sunday 14th November



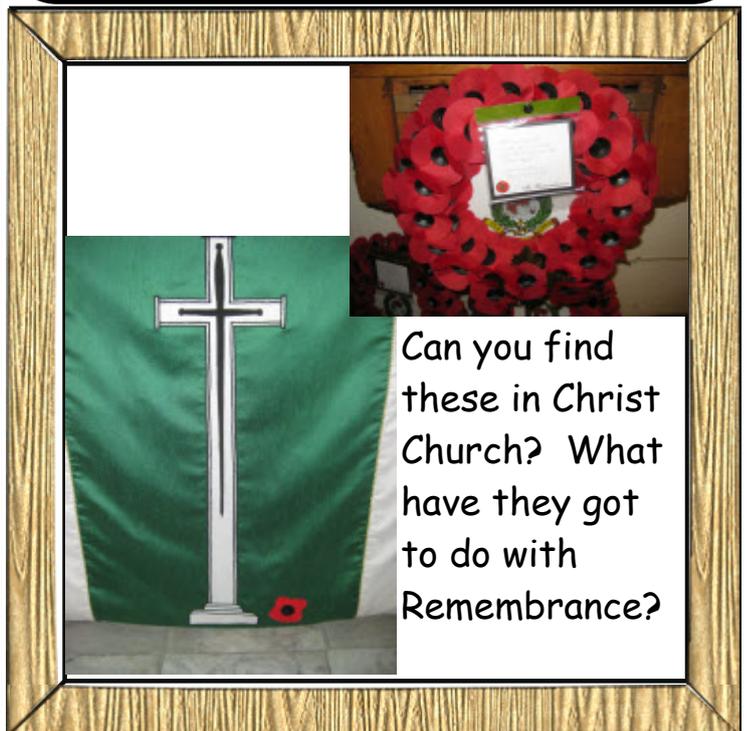
What can you find out about the
Warrior Chapel?

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Draw a poppy.
How many can you see in church?



XMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 13th November 2010
at 10.30p.m..

We are collecting these items for the Bazaar on the following Sundays:

Date to be brought to church

Items being collected

31st October

Children's toys and games; jig-saw-puzzles; white elephant goods and CD's, DVD's, Tapes, records, videos.

7th November

Books:children's and adults; Bottles

13th Nov.
(on the day)

Cakes, Home made mince pies and home made preserves.

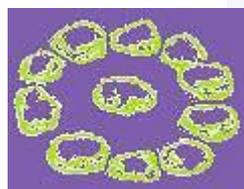
Dennis Hobbs who for many years was Groups Scout Leader of Christ Church Scout Group died on the 4th October 2010.

Dennis was born in Hackney and served in the RAF 1943 - 1947. He was married in 1946, had two children. It was when his son came home one evening to ask Dad to help with scouts that Dennis's long association began.

After 3 years he gained his Woodbadge, becoming Scout Leader of the 21st Gravesend.

With his second wife, Mina, he helped introduce Beavers, firstly at Christ Church then within the district. He remained active in scouting right up to his death - he was Public Relations Officer for the Gravesham District 1992 - 2010.

Dennis was also active in the St John Ambulance, The British Red Cross, The Royal British Legion and an organisation who act as casualties for training purposes.



DENNIS GEORGE HOBBS

19-10-1924 — 04-10-2010

November

Highlights this month !

Remembrance Sunday Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 		7 8 am Service 10 am Service All Age Service 6 - 8 pm Hall Youth Club	14 REMEMBRANCE 8 am Service 10 am Service 4pm Service for the bereaved	21 8 am Service 10 am Service Adrian Newman workshop	28 8 am Service 10 am Service Experience Christmas 6-8 pm Youth Club
Monday 	1 Music Group Brownies Explorer Scouts	8 Brownies Explorer Scouts	15 Brownies Explorer Scouts	22 Brownies Explorer Scouts	29 11.00am St Andrew Service Brownies Explorer Scouts
Tuesday 	2 All Souls Day 7.30p.m. Cubs	9 Cubs	16 Cubs	23 Cubs	30 St Andrews Day Cubs
Wednesday 	3 10am Service 8p.m. MU Guides	10 10am service First Steps GFAS 8pm Guides	17 10am service Guides	24 10am service Guides	1st Dec 10am Service Experience Christmas Guides
Thursday 	4 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	11 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	18 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	25 Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	
Friday 	5 Fairtrade Lunch Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	12 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	19 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	26 Ellenor Coffee Morning Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	
Saturday 	6 Working Party	13 Christmas Bazaar 10.30a.m.	20 Medway Band Concert	27 Experience Christmas	

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 "New Look" All-Age service

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

Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Music Group; Brownies

Tuesday Cubs

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 (2nd Saturday)

Sunday Christ Church Youth Club

