



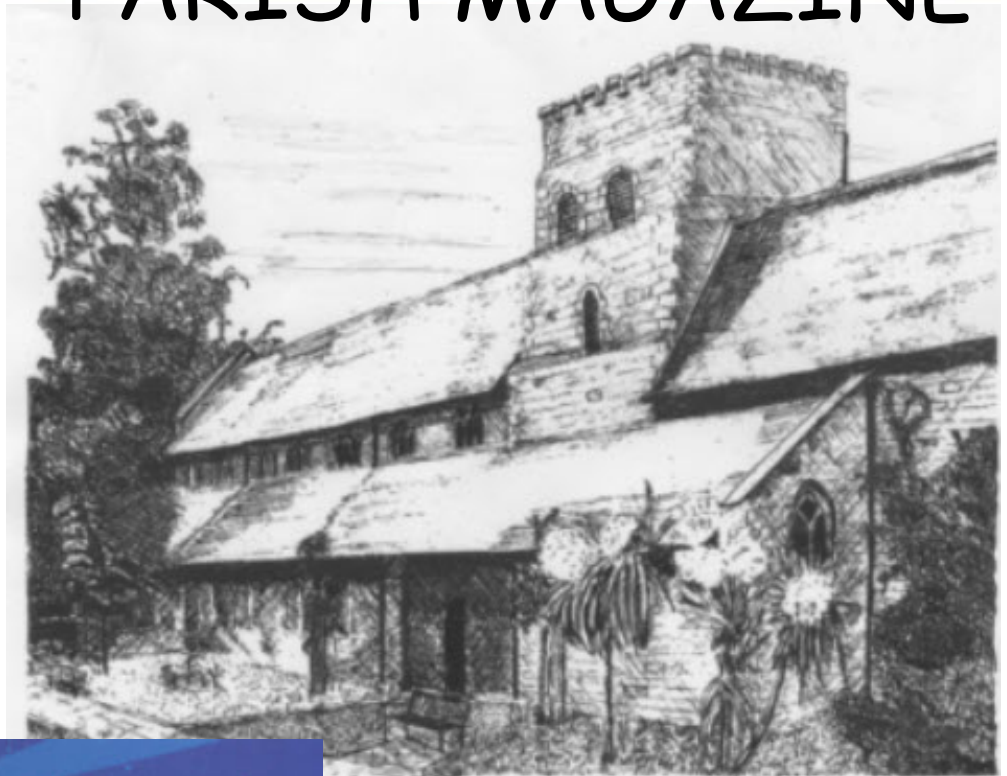
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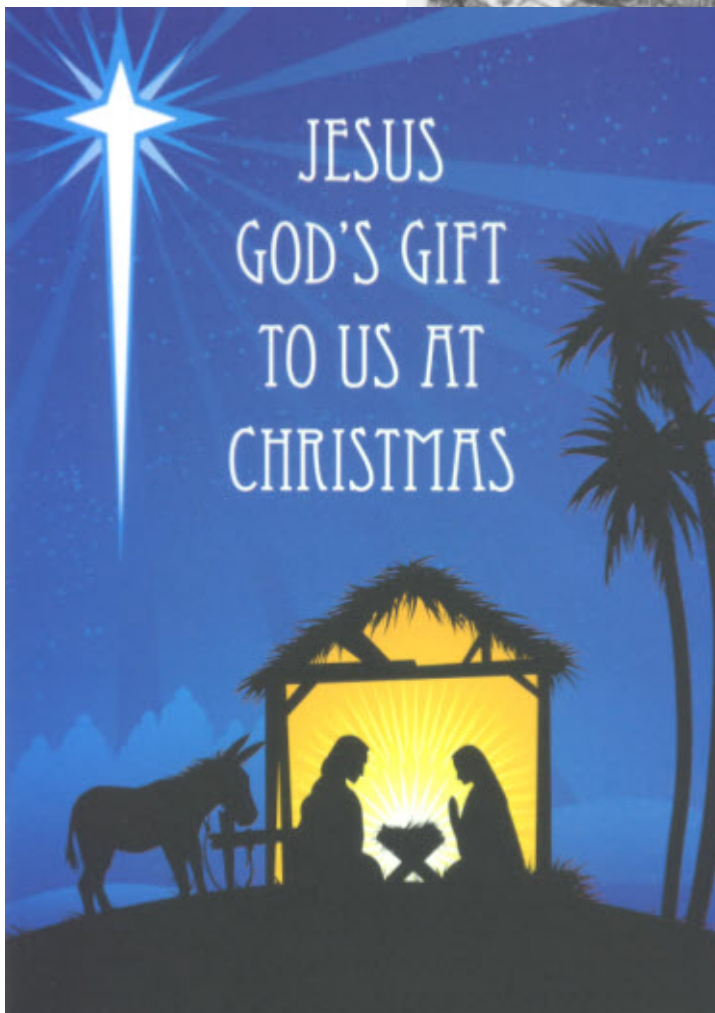
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Wednesday 24th Nov - Sunday 19th Dec  
**Experience Christmas at Christ Church**  
10.30 - 1pm Wednesday 1st December  
3.30pm - 5.30pm Sunday 19th December

4.00pm Sunday 5th Decemeber - **Christingle**

6.30pm Sunday 19th December  
**Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Christmas Eve**  
4.00pm **Crib Service**  
11.30pm **Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day**  
8.00am **A simple, said service of  
Holy Communion**  
10.00am **Family Communion with Carols**  
10.00am **Boxing Day - Family Communion**

Deadline for January magazine:

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December.

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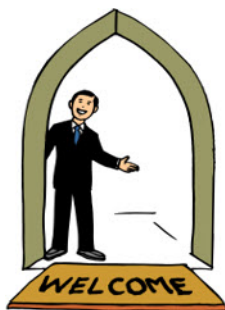
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# A Happy Christmas to all.

With the Church's year starting on Advent Sunday (28th November), Christ Church is a buzz of activity with school pupils visiting 'Experience Christmas', though as I write this one school has had to cancel because of heavy snow fall.

Betty Martin asked during her sermon on Advent Sunday for us all to put aside 1 minute to sit in silence and think about what Christmas means to us.

I was privileged along with Sheila to help our Advent Travellers start their journey around Gravesend.

In the magazine this month: a report about the visit of Adrian Newman, Dean of Rochester Cathedral to Christ Church; continuing our series about saints with a view of St Nicholas; John Hougham tells us 'Of Diapasons, Bourdons and Tremulants'; we have news from the Street pastors (don't forget to include them in your prayers) and Pat King shares her memories of CCADS, plus a review of CCADS latest one act plays.

All at Christ Church wish you a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the new year in 2011.

Editor

## The Advent Travellers

Mary and Joseph were sent off with Ian and Sheila Brown from the Advent Service on Sunday morning to travel around Gravesend. They were welcomed by the Bain family later in the day, led very well by Lydia who read part of Mary's story from the Bible and lit a candle near Mary and Joseph who would stay with them for the night. Sheila and Ian then enjoyed a cup of tea and a biscuit with them before venturing back into the cold!



Let the editor have your stories and photographs for the January magazine.

# Adrian Newman

## Dean of Rochester Cathedral



At the 10 a.m. service on Sunday 21st November Adrian Newman the Dean of Rochester preached on Mark 2.1-12.

Adrian said that Anglicans had a tendency of missing the obvious. He told a story about teachers and educators at a conference watching a video of children throwing a ball to each other and being asked to count how many times the ball had been caught. At the end of the video they were asked if they had noticed anything unusual.

Everyone said they hadn't - not even the gorilla that ran into the centre of the ball throwing waving at the camera. Adrian used this illustration to explain that we can some times block the view of Jesus from those who are not part of the church. We can do this in a number of ways, for example using church language which can be meaningless to some. Adrian said that at the cathedral there has been great excitement as the building has had glass doors fitted so those people outside can see what is happening inside.

In Mark a very sick man wanted to see Jesus but was unable to do so because of the crowd, his friends pushed their way through but still couldn't get close.

They had a bright idea and climbed onto the roof of the building in which Jesus was speaking, cut a hole in the roof and lowered their friend down. They didn't let anything block their friend reaching Jesus.

After a shared lunch Adrian explored the question of mission. The workshop attended by 32 members of the congregation was to give focus to how Christ Church might look to the future. Two questions were posed by Adrian:-

Q: What unintentional barriers do we at Christ Church have to stop people getting to Jesus?

and

Q: What are the ways we are intentionally cutting holes in the roof?

Research suggests that people BELONG first before BELIEVING.

So it may follow that people who come to Christ Church may spend a long time coming to church before they get involved. Can we do things to help the belonging be easier?

Adrian finished the afternoon with his favourite joke:

The Pope was on a trip to the USA and

was being driven from state to state in a stretched white limousine. On one particular journey he knocked on the glass partition - the chauffeur pulled the limo over to the side of the highway and opened the glass partition. The Pope asked if he could have a go at driving the vehicle, the chauffeur obligingly agreed and they swapped places. Once behind the wheel the Pope began to enjoy the new experience and put his foot down, the limo started to accelerate, 40 mph; 50 mph; 60 mph until it reached 100 mph. Further along the highway the limo was spotted by a Highway Patrol who sped after the car and eventually caught up and signalled for it to pull over.

On looking into the car the Highway patrol officer was taken aback, he stepped away from the car and called his senior officer over his radio - I need some guidance he said - I have pulled over a car travelling at 100 mph and it has someone very important in it. His senior officer said not the wife of the state governor again - no was the reply - not the governor? - No! Not the president's wife then? No. It can't be the president? No - more important than the president. Who can be more important than the president the senior officer asked - The Highway Patrol Officer replied - well whoever he is he has the Pope as his chauffeur.

Ian Brown

**Rainbow Tots at Christchurch**

*Christmas Party 2010*



Entertainer  
Games  
Crafts  
Lucky dip  
Buffet  
Baby area  
Visit from Santa

**1.15-2.45pm Friday 10th December**  
**£3.50 per child, under 1 year £1**

Please bring along an inexpensive gift for your child to receive from Santa.  
Tickets available from Vicki at Rainbow Tots on Friday afternoons and Bonna at Pre School.

**1st Windmill Hill Scout Group**



Meet on: Thursday **Tuesday** Friday

The 1st Windmill Cub Pack is looking for new leader.

Would you like to work with young people aged 8 to 11?

Would you like to be part of a progressive Scout Group?

Have you ever been part of the Baden Powell movement?

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# Saint Nicholas: 6<sup>th</sup> December



The true story of Santa Claus begins during the third century in the village of Patara on the the southern coast of what is now Turkey. Here Nicholas was born, to wealthy parents; he was left an orphan at a young age when both his parents, who had raised him as a devout Christian, died during an epidemic. Obeying Jesus' words to "Sell what you have and give the money to the poor" he did just that, using his inheritance to assist all those around him in need. Because of this, he was made Bishop of Myra whilst still a young man, becoming known throughout his diocese for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Roman Emperors at the time ruthlessly persecuted Christians (Damian, who caused the death of St Faith, was one such another). Bishop Nicholas fell foul of Emperor Diocletian, and was exiled and imprisoned, along with many other bishops and priests. Eventually he was released, and died on 6<sup>th</sup> December 343 at Myra. His burial place became a place of pilgrimage, especially on the anniversary of his death.

There are many stories and legends which have been told of St Nicholas, which help to understand why he is revered as protector and helper of those in need.

One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value—a [dowry](#). The larger the dowry, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home-providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. And so St. Nicholas is a gift-giver.

His fame spread far and wide. Sailors, whom he had given much of his time for, carried many of those stories during the Middle Ages. He became patron saint of towns in Italy, Sicily, Greece and France; and even as far as Russia, where Nicholas became the most beloved saint. Two thousand European churches were named after him, including more than four hundred in England. During the time of the Saracen invasion of Turkey, sailors managed to spirit away Nicholas' bones to Bari in Italy, whence to this day tourists and pilgrims go to visit the huge Basilica di San Nicola.

Throughout the centuries St Nicholas has continued to be venerated by all Christians, because of his generosity to those in need, especially children. He continues to be a model for the compassionate life. December 6<sup>th</sup> is still the main day for gift-giving and merry-making in much of Europe. Simple gift-giving in early Advent helps to preserve a Christmas Day focus for the Christ Child.

*Adapted from 'Who is St Nicholas?' The St Nicholas Center USA.*

*Discovering the truth about Santa Claus—a person of faith whose love for God led to concern for the needy and vulnerable—can assist those searching for more meaning in the often stressful and frantic holiday seasons. St. Nicholas helps us all to focus beyond ourselves*

*Peter Shearan*



## Rainbow Tots

**For babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.**

Come and enjoy this fun and friendly Parent and Toddler group. We have a wide range of toys including ride ons, trikes, pushchairs and slides.

Baby area, crafts and play dough.  
Large garden area in good weather.  
Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.

**Friday 1.15-2.30pm term time.  
£1.50 per family.**

In the hall at Christ Church, Echo Square, Gravesend.  
[www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk)



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Gravesend & District

# Quiz Evening

A Fun Evening on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
7.00 for 7.30 p.m.  
At Christ Church Hall, Old Road East, Gravesend.

Proceeds

to support our Link Club

*Freetown, Sierra Leone*

£5.00 entry per person

Raffle

Teams -  
Maximum  
6 in each

Bring your  
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and Drinks

Admission by Ticket only

# STOP PRESS!

## COFFEE MORNINGS

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

## Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

Maureen Fittill



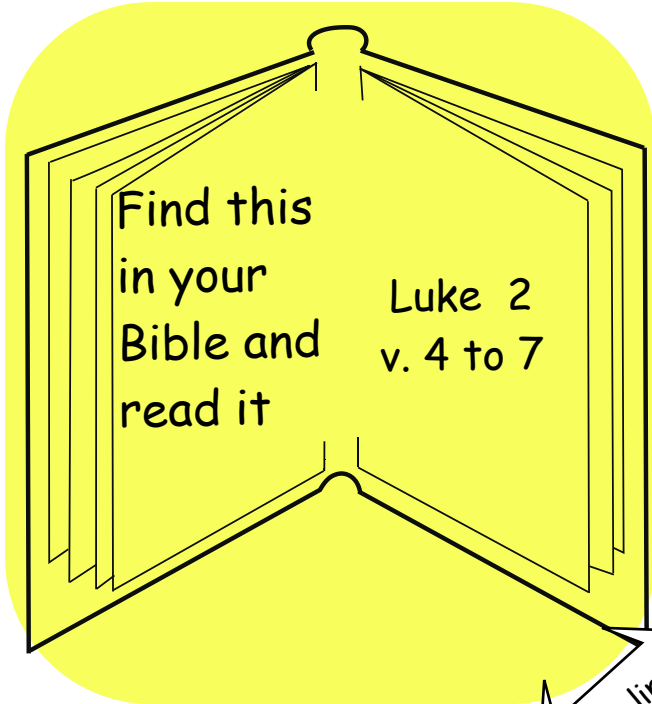
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Week 4	12th Dec	Margaret Davies, Ian & Sheila Brown
Week 5	19th Dec	Barbara Bunyan, Audrey Price, Mary Sargeant
Week 6	26th Dec	Sylvia Brown, Jasmine & Steve Humphries
Week 7	2nd Jan	Joan & Bob Bennett, Marylene Ewin, David Williams



# God's Gang

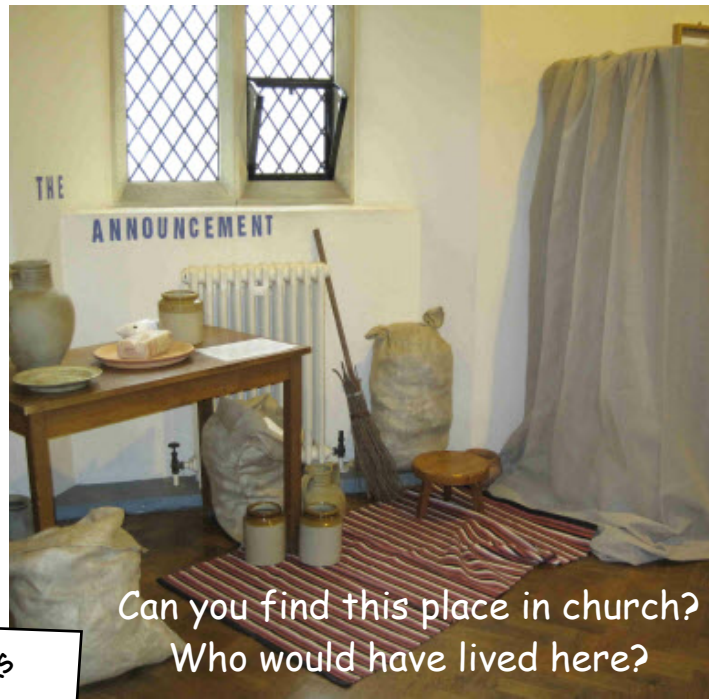
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A Happy Christmas from everyone in God's Gang



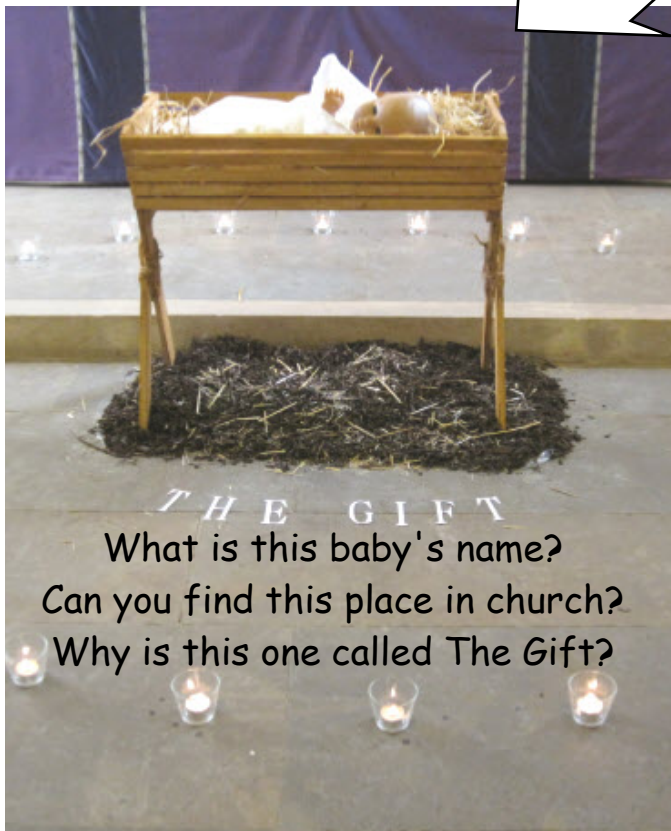
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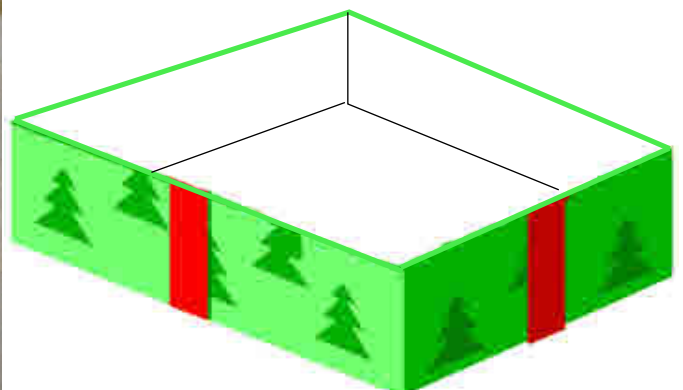
Can you find this place in church?  
Who would have lived here?

What links  
these?



THE GIFT

What is this baby's name?  
Can you find this place in church?  
Why is this one called The Gift?



Draw something you could  
do as a gift for Jesus.





CCADS (Christ Church Amateur Dramatics Society)  
are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> year.

## Pat King

recalls her memories of CCADS

Plus a review of CCADS latest One Act Plays  
by Peter Shearan.

Four page booklet to pull out and keep!

# Memories of CCADS by Pat King

I was a member of CCADS for over thirty years and Chairperson for the last ten years or so of that time.

I was introduced to CCADS in 1974 soon after we joined Christ Church. I saw a performance in the Ferndale Road Hall and my first three or four acting parts were in the old hall with all its amenities. When we moved to the new hall in 1976 it was a time of great change for the Society. Initially the purchase of the stage blocks and curtains followed over a period of years by the new lights, the shed and the sound equipment. The audiences stayed faithful and the Society continued to flourish.

Taking part in plays, producing plays or assisting backstage was always a delight shared with all those who made up the Society. Sadly members declined but the small group of us who kept CCADS going continued to enjoy all aspects of producing drama and, of course, this still continues today.

The Society was given opportunity to take part in the Duncan Rand one act play festival at the Medway Little Theatre. We embraced this new venture over a period of years. As we were not performing in Christ Church, these were opportunities to select plays without the restrictions normally put upon us.

We had some great successes; getting into the final on one occasion and being highly placed on others. Various awards were achieved by members; best actress, best actor, Adjudicator's award and numerous certificates. The Duncan Rand Festival was a time for those of us who were interested to pursue some challenging plays and parts.

We performed the plays on "home ground" as a dress rehearsal without charging and most who came were very appreciative and excited by the new venture. Sadly in recent years dwindling membership made it impossible to continue taking part.

A few of us also had parts in productions at the Gravesham Theatre Guild. This was another great experience with marvellous sets and costumes. I was always happy for CCADS to be represented in the wider drama field.

CCADS was a wonderful time for me; I loved all aspects but without doubt the greatest pleasure was to perform. I took part in well-known plays, obscure plays, long and short plays, modern and costume, straight and comedy. I am so grateful for the years of opportunity and friendship that CCADS gave me. Maybe because of this, I now find it too painful to be in the audience!! I wish the Society a very happy 75th and many more year of drama.

# Christ Church Amateur Dramatic Society

## Evening of One-Act Plays

The evening consisted of two contrasting plays from CCADS: one in which suspicion is cast that there is a wife murderer in the neighbouring retirement bungalow; the other being the classic mistaken Identity.

In the first play, *Meat and Two Veg* by Paul Beard we meet a couple, Margaret and Arthur, whose life seems to consist entirely of discussing the merits of beans, whether French beans or runner beans. Arthur is a keen gardener whose sole purpose in life seems to consist of attempting to fill all available freezer space with the vegetable - the larger the better. The fact that a good deal of the play's script revolves around the size of them - and marrows, too - suggests that the double entendre is not far away, although this cast thankfully avoids that.

Having met the couple, competently played by Christine Kearsey and David Horton, we now learn about the third member of the cast, Albert, whose wife Enid has apparently left him quite suddenly. Like Arthur, he is a keen vegetable grower and a great competitor. Does Margaret hold a liking for the neighbour? And what exactly happened to Enid? Such questions are posed by the couple. When we meet Albert, played by Keith Davies, (a newcomer to CCADS) even more suspicions are aroused in Margaret's mind. Why does he have so many bonfires? And why does he burn bones in them? Can it be that he is trying to dispose of his wife's remains? Poor Arthur is sent by Margaret to spy out his neighbour's garden for clues. The tension mounts until at last Albert bursts in to say he has found her - in the garden as large as life. David Horton fully portrayed his sense of indignation and frustration. Keith Davies, by contrast, with his hesitant style of conversation, was very well suited to this part. Christine Kearsey played the wife with great aplomb, especially when she is trying to get Arthur to find out the truth in the compost heap; and her double act with Albert ("what, Enid?" "No the marrow") was priceless.

Movement was partly restricted by the location of the table in the centre of the stage, possibly since it was quite a high one. With a smallish audience on the first night, the laughs were hard to come by, but an enjoyable performance by the three actors, all the same.

The second item on the bill was *Charity Begins* by Bettine Manktelow, a Kent playwright whose output provides much amateur dramatic work. Set in a



# Music at Christ Church

## Music For Heroes



A full Christ Church enjoyed a wonderful evening of Brass Band music when the Medway Band played a selection of tunes to raise funds for the charity Help for Heroes and Christ Church. Mitchell Curtis sang two solos and Christ Churches own Helen Campbell, Deborah Carter and Rebekah Blowers sang a medley of war time favourites.

The profit for the evening was £929, split £620 for Help for Heroes and £309 for Christ Church. Sandy Barden who had won the decorated Christmas cake at the Christmas Bazaar raffled it again raising a further £111 for **Help for Heroes, giving a total of £731.**



The Medway Band is the only Nationally Ranked Championship Section Band in Kent. Made up of a dedicated team of between 27 to 30 players, the band performs a full calendar of events each year and contests widely with success, and under the direction of Musical Director Melvyn White, have recently achieved the highest placing at the London & Southern Counties Contest.

If you enjoyed the evening, or have heard how good the evening was, The Medway Band can be heard on Saturday 4th December at All Saints Church, Maidstone and on the 8th December at Dickens World.

Check out their web site:  
[www.themedwayband.org.uk](http://www.themedwayband.org.uk)

## Music Group



The music group have been extremely busy rehearsing for Christmas, is it really a year since the last one? Some members of the choir and congregation are rehearsing with us for the service of 1X lessons and carols on the 19<sup>th</sup> December and also the Ellenor Lions service on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Don't forget if you can sing or play an instrument the music group would love to see you at one of their rehearsals. I hope it is not too early for the group to wish everyone a happy Christmas.

*Gill Campbell*



# First Steps

10<sup>th</sup> November 2010

We're up to a beautiful sunny autumn morning and our naughty little sheep says that it reminds him of some of the lovely, sunny days we had on holiday in Italy. He's been very busy since we got home, making a scrapbook full of photos of his adventures. He's keen to show it to his friends at First Steps, so he's going to bring it with him to our service. Aren't we lucky to have such a nice day for it? And our naughty little sheep, his friends and I are making the most of the sunshine as we walk up to the Church together. As soon as we get in the door they're off, leaving me to move the furniture about on my own. What a lazy lot! Luckily Anne soon arrives to give me a hand. Her granddaughter Isabelle isn't with us today. She's in school full time now and really enjoying it. We'll miss her, though I'm sure she'll be too busy doing new and interesting things, to miss us!

With everything ready Anne and I wait with bated breath to see if anyone else turns up. There's always that slight frisson of anxiety. How awful if no one came! We needn't have worried because very soon Liz and her sister Sarah arrive with babies James and Samuel. How lovely to see them! Others gradually begin to arrive and the jingle bells are well and truly tested to make sure that they're still working. Soon we have a lovely crowd for our service. Where are those sneaky animals? They must be around somewhere but they're definitely keeping out of sight. Then, with our service about to begin, there's a slight technical hitch when I realise that I've picked up the microphone with no clip! Oh no! But I soldier on regardless and light the candles as we sing, "Candle time". We've got seven special happy candles today including one for a new baby cousin, three for birthdays and one for a baptism anniversary. Isn't that great!

Today we're thinking about our homes and our families and all the people who we love, so we sing "Thank you, God, for the people we love." And we say "Thank you" to God, for loving us, too. After a bit of discussion we decide that "Mother Hen" must have a family of baby chicks, so we sing about Mother Hen, with all the actions. As I tell everyone about our naughty little sheep and his holiday scrapbook, I suddenly realise that we haven't seen him and the rest of that sneaky gang for ages! Where are they? Birthday boy Billy soon spots our naughty little sheep and his sheep friend Megan perched high up on the pulpit. Fancy, no one spotted them before!

Either they were very quiet or we were very noisy, which is probably more like it! Billy and Liam help me to rescue them and the other children rush off to see if they can round up the rest. They are soon all spotted and back among us. Well done, those children!

Normal service resumes with everyone back in place and we sing "The Father Himself Loves You" with lots of arm waving. All good fun and we're getting good at it! And we thank God for all of the precious gifts that He gives to us each day. Next we sing, "Jesus is a friend of mine." because he's always with us, loving and supporting and guiding us through his Holy Spirit. We are so lucky! And what a delight to see the children having such a happy time, noisily jingling bells and waving arms. Such precious gifts! Our naughty little sheep, Megan and their friends are having a great time too, jiggling about to the music. Our naughty little sheep whispers to me that he is so pleased to be back with all his First Steps friends and really pleased to see some new faces too.

After a quiet moment or two for our prayers, it's time to blow out the candles and make our way into the Hall for a drink and a munch. Billy's Mum Helen has brought in some birthday cake for us all to share. Isn't that kind? The children have a lovely, noisy time playing with the toys though I can't help but notice that babies Penelope and Skye are fast asleep in their buggies. I think we've worn them out. With all the excitement, our naughty little sheep and his cohorts look pretty worn out too. I think they'll be going home for a rest. Lets hope that they'll be up and about again, feeling lively for our next First Steps service on 8<sup>th</sup> December when we'll be thinking about Christmas. (No surprise there!) I do hope that everyone will be able to join us again for a lovely, noisy, happy time. When you read this Christmas will be nearly upon us so we wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

God Bless  
Rosemary Austin

The naughty little sheep enjoying a cup of coffee while on holiday.



# Of Diapasons, Bourdons and Tremulants\*

As a young schoolboy I was occasionally employed to pump the church organ. This involved



working a long wooden lever which protruded from the side of the organ to operate bellows within, thus keeping the instrument provided with its all-important air supply. A weight on a cord rose and dropped as a visible indication of the amount of air remaining and a timely reminder of the need for some more vigorous pumping. The ultimate crime was to leave this too late so that the organ began slowly to die with an affecting bronchial wheeze. This led, at the very least, to a withholding of the half-a crown reward. Since those days I

have had a great affection for organs and there can surely be few sounds as rousing as such an instrument in the hands of an accomplished organist.

Do we, perhaps, take our organ too much for granted? It is a constant and integral part of our services and we have been fortunate in having a succession of gifted musicians to exploit its potential. An organ without an organist is just an inert collection of pipes, pedals and keys, a silent witness of a lost musical opportunity and we work very hard to ensure that this does not happen. But an organist without an organ.....? Unthinkable.....?

Organs are complex and delicate instruments requiring regular care and attention and ours is no exception. A recent inspection has shown that it is now in need of a complete overhaul at a cost of around £14,000 and the work needs to be started in January 2012.

The PCC has set up a small sub-committee to oversee the necessary fund-raising and you will be kept informed of progress on a regular basis, including details of special events organised to swell the fund and provide entertainment at the same time.

feel sure that this is a challenge which Christ Church, with its rich musical tradition, will rise to. £14000 may seem a lot but, to put it in perspective, our organ has 1,040 pipes and stops, all hidden away in the organ loft. If we can raise £10 for each pipe we will be well on the way to meeting our target. So – just a thought – how about sponsoring a pipe yourself or perhaps in memory of a loved one? This is an idea we may return to later, but in the meantime all ideas and offers of help will be warmly welcomed by the Committee.

*John Hougham*

Contact David Williams, Peter Shearan, Debbie Carter or John Hougham

\*Diapasons: Stops which give the organ its characteristic sound and which do not imitate any other instrument.

Bourdons: Stops with a deep, dark and penetrating sound.

Tremulant: A device which varies the wind supply to pipes causing a vibrato effect.



# NEWS FROM GRAVESEND STREET PASTORS

## NOVEMBER 2010

We would like to say a very big "thank you" to all churches who responded to our offer to invite us give a talk about the work of Street Pastors. We received a tremendous welcome from you all and pledges of support in many ways - from people keen to train as Street Pastors, or become Prayer Pastors or "home pray-ers", plus offers of financial support. We are very grateful for all the donations of time and money that have been received. If anyone has not yet had a church talk and would like one, please make contact with us.

Great News! We are now a registered charity, number 1138386! This means that soon we hope to have our cardboard coin collection boxes available and will be contacting all who have offered to have one soon. It also means that we will be able to Gift Aid donations, once we have worked out how to do it, making any donations from tax payers, worth over 25% more. And we will be able to start a regular giving scheme, with a 100 Club. The charity number should also give us better access to more grant funding opportunities.

Our training course for Saturday Street Pastors started in September with 14 trainees, Revd. Michael Fanstone and myself. We are grateful to Gravesham Council for the use of the Council Chamber for training sessions and to Community Safety for the provision of tea, coffee and biscuits. The course is now almost half way through and all trainers to date have been excellent. Uniforms will be distributed this weekend and CRB checks have been applied for. Later this month trainees will be doing a certificated First Aid course. We originally planned to have teams out on the streets on Friday and Saturday nights from this month, but then realised what a challenge this would be to the trainees in addition to their training, so will instead commence this on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011**, when our new recruits will be commissioned. So if you would like to support them, please put this date in your diary. Further information on venue and time will be available soon.

At the end of October, our Prayer Co-ordinator, Helen Martin organised a prayer time and "bring and share" buffet lunch, as promoted by Ascension Trust as part of a week of prayer for our nation campaign. We enjoyed a thought-provoking service involving prayer concerns for our nation and town, as well as thanking God for his provision for the work of Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors and for the opportunities to serve Him in our community, telling others of His love for them. It was wonderful to meet with some of the "home pray-ers" and people supporting us within individual churches. Following requests from those who attended, we hope to repeat this in the spring.

We celebrated the end of our first year on Gravesend's streets by issuing our one year statistics. Boring, I hear you say! But not so! In one year we have made **817 contacts**, issued 85 pairs of flip flops, given out 30 spikeys, and collected 337 cans and 389 bottles from our streets. First Aid support was given 11 times. An amazing **2805.75 volunteer hours** were donated during the year by Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors, Co-ordinators and Management team. And best of all there were **196 prayer requests** during the year, which possibly indicates a spiritual need, which we hope we can feed. As a result of this we have had some recent very good publicity by Gravesend Reporter and also in some Police publications, one of which may land on your doorstep soon!



What do we need most at the moment? More offers of prayer support FOR SATURDAY NIGHTS at base and at home. PLEASE OFFER YOUR HELP!

We hope you will continue to support us in prayer and financially, and we, in turn, will send you the weekly prayer requests and information on new developments.

Thank you for all your support.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year.

Anne Jenkins - Gravesend Street Pastors Co-ordinator

Tel: 01474 568498 (Monday & Thursday)

Or 07570 883896\* (leave a message)

Or e-mail gravesend@streetpastors.org.uk



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## Street Pastors Rota

Red Team 10th Dec, 28th Jan


Yellow Team -17th Dec, 4th Feb

Blue Team -7th Jan, 11th Feb, 24th Jan

Purple Team -3rd Dec, 21st Jan

The Reverend J Littlewood  
25 Beikana Drive  
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DA12 4BT

WE ARE  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



8 November 2010


Dear Reverend Jacqueline & Friends

**Thank you for raising £179.30 with your Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support!**

We hope you and your guests had fun and put a smile on your mugs for this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. The money you've raised is part of the amazing £8 million we hope to raise this year to help improve the lives of people living with cancer. Thank you again for being part of our biggest fundraising event.

More people than ever are being affected by cancer; by 2030 we predict that 4 million people in the UK will be living with cancer, and at Macmillan we want to provide the best practical, medical, emotional and financial support that we can to anyone who needs it. If you, or anyone you know, needs our help please call the Macmillan Support Line on 0808 808 00 00 or visit our website: [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

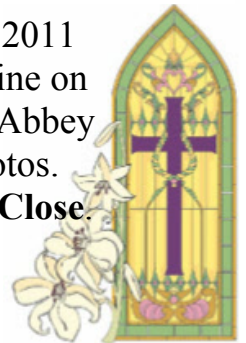
Warm regards,



Joanna Dew  
National Events Marketing Manager

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

12th January 2011  
Priest Jacqueline on  
West Malling Abbey  
with her photos.  
**8 Appleshaw Close.**  
8p.m.



**CHRIST CHURCH  
YOUTH  
CLUB**

The Youth Club held their last meeting of the Autumn term bowling - it was the young people versus the leaders.

# HOLY BAPTISM



- 3<sup>rd</sup> October Summer Zoey Rose Forder  
Jessie Maddison Sheila Forder  
Vinnie Elliott Tommy Waghorn
- 17<sup>th</sup> October Charlie Robert Allen  
Terri Allen  
Hugo Albert Stanley Lett  
Skye Ruby Gould
- 24<sup>th</sup> October Penelope Grace Taylor
- 6<sup>th</sup> November Alice Fay Gabor
- 7<sup>th</sup> November Georgia Louise Jackson  
Bobby James Rhodes  
Samuel Allan William Baker  
Toby George Scott

# CONFIRMATION

at St Margaret, High Halstow



- 17<sup>th</sup> October Jenna Elizabeth Kirby  
Lydia Alice Bain  
Louise Sarah Webb

# HOLY MATRIMONY



- 30<sup>th</sup> October Stefano Bruno and Nichola Jade Watts

# REST IN PEACE





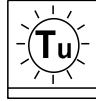
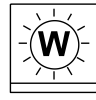

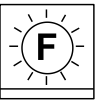

- 18<sup>th</sup> September Terence Kenneth Bartholomew
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September Roy Edward Church
- 24<sup>th</sup> September David Prior
- 26<sup>th</sup> September Vivian June Barnard
- 12<sup>th</sup> October Dennis Leonard Kicks
- 13<sup>th</sup> October Elizabeth Nunn
- 18<sup>th</sup> October John Robert Martin
- 25<sup>th</sup> October Gertrude Alice Barclay
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Glenis Rayfield
- 4<sup>th</sup> November James William Pilcher

*Julie Hill*

# December

Highlights this month !

## CHRISTMAS DAY Experience Christmas

<b>Sunday</b> 		5 8 am Service 10 am Service  4pm Christingle	12 8 am Service 10 am Service All Age Service 4pm Ellenor Lights of Love Service	19 8 am Service 10 am Service <b>Experience            Christmas</b> 6.30 pm Service of Lessons and Carols	26 <b>BOXING DAY</b>  10 am Service
<b>Monday</b> 		6  <b>Brownies</b> Explorer Scouts	13  <b>Brownies</b> Explorer Scouts	20  <b>Brownies</b> Explorer Scouts	27
<b>Tuesday</b> 		7  <b>Cubs</b>	14  <b>Cubs</b>	21  <b>Cubs</b>	28
<b>Wednesday</b> 	1 10am Service <b>Experience            Christmas</b> MU - Mince pies Guides	8 10am service First Steps 1.45pm  <b>Guides</b>	15 10am service  <b>Guides</b>	22 10am service	29 10am Service
<b>Thursday</b> 	2  <b>Brownies</b> <b>Beavers</b> Choir Practice	9  <b>Brownies</b> <b>Beavers</b> Choir Practice	16  <b>Brownies</b> <b>Beavers</b> Choir Practice	23	30
<b>Friday</b> 	3  <b>Parent            &amp; Toddler</b> <b>CCADS</b> <b>Scouts</b> Office Hours	10  <b>Parent            &amp; Toddler</b> <b>CCADS</b> <b>Scouts</b> Office Hours	17  <b>Parent            &amp; Toddler</b> <b>CCADS</b> <b>Scouts</b> Office Hours	24 <b>CHRISTMAS            EVE</b> 4pm Crib Service 12 Midnight Mass	31 <b>Hogmany</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 	4 5pm RSCM Service of Compline at Christ Church	11 9.30 Working Party	18	25 <b>CHRISTMAS            DAY</b> 8am 10am	

# 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

