



CHRIST CHURCH  
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

# PARISH MAGAZINE



John Hill 2007

**September 2011**

**30p**

Or donation

**Volunteers needed.....**

‘We always need volunteers... the church runs because of the generous service of volunteers.



If you have time and enthusiasm to spare but you are not sure where your talents can be used, Sue would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities. •

Particular needs at the moment include Youth Club volunteers, a church publicity officer, and new members for the choir.’

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 Second Sunday of the month  
 prior to publication, ie:  
 September 11 for October  
 etc.

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 ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk,  
 hand to a Churchwarden, or  
 Mike Cubitt

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 01474 568585

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 and children's parties.

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# INTRODUCTION

For my sins I have agreed to take over the editing of the church magazine from Ian Brown, who I think you will agree has done an excellent job in maintaining an informative product throughout his tenure.

As a magazine, it is produced by and for Christ Church, but it is not only a vehicle for church news and religious notices, it is here for the parishioners to express their views, providing they are not too outrageous, and to let others know of what may be happening in and around our parish.

Much, if not all, of the information within the magazine is dependant on you, the readers, supplying copy for inclusion. One thing that must be remembered is that I cannot use copy from other publications without permission of the publisher.

If you have written a short article, say up to 350 words, that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the magazine then send it to me. Likewise if you have an event that you feel would be of interest to the readers send me details and space permitting I will do my best to use it.

To help facilitate this we have set up an e-mail address to which copy can be sent this is, **ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk** if you haven't access to a computer then it can be passed on directly to me, via the church wardens or of course our vicar, Sue Brewer.

As with all publications we have to work to a deadline and to ensure that all events are given as much publicity as possible, especially those that are early in the month I hope to have the magazine available by the second to last Sunday of each month, to enable this the copy deadline will be the Sunday before this, generally the second Sunday of the month, with a degree of flexibility.

**Mike Cubitt**

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## Ordination at Rochester Cathedral

Jo Drew (our new curate) will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in Rochester Cathedral. All will be welcome – sign the list at the back of the church to get a free ticket.

There will be a service to welcome Jo, followed by refreshments in the hall, at 10am on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Brief background of a Curates position**

Curates are clergy undergoing 'on the job' training. Jo will need to study alongside her work in the parish.

For the first year she will be a Deacon... Deacons are called 'Rev' and wear a dog collar, but there are some things – notably blessings and absolutions and celebration Holy Communion – that only priests can do. As a deacon she will wear her stole knotted under her left arm.

In a year's time she will return to the Cathedral to be ordained priest – and on the Sunday following will celebrate Holy Communion for the first time at a special celebration service at Christ Church.

## **Experience Harvest! - and Christ Church Harvest Flower Festival**

*If you enjoyed Experience Christmas, Experience Easter and Experience Pentecost!. Then Experience Harvest is only a few weeks away. Displays go up on **19th September** and are up until **13th October**. Groups of adults or children are welcome - contact us by email or phone 01474 352643.*

*The displays are open to the general public for a personal reflective journey, on **Wed 28th September between 10.45 am and 1pm**.*

*Why not try our 10.00 am service on **25th September**, Back to Church Sunday, and visit **Experience Harvest** at the same time.*

*Over the weekend of **8th - 10th October**, there will be a **Flower Festival** to illustrate the harvest displays. This will be open to the public:*

**Saturday 8th October between 10am - 12.30pm and  
between 2pm and 5pm.**

**Sunday 9th October between 2pm and 4pm**

**Monday 10th October between 2pm and 4pm**

*Our Harvest Festival service for the whole family is on Sunday 9th October at 10am - the guest preacher will be Rt Rev'd James Langstaff - Bishop of Rochester.*

## **Sunday Morning Coffee Rota**



Week 6	4th Sept	Sylvia Brown, Jasmine Humphries, Steve Humphries
Week 7	11th Sept	Joan and Bob Bennett, Marylene Ewins, David Williams
Week 8	18th Sept	Colin Parsonson, Linda Parsonson, Anne Thrush
Week 9	25th Sept	Jerry Higgens, Sally Higgens, Ann Lennard

**Maureen Fittill**



## Fairtrade Lunch Stop

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

Tea,  
Fresh filter Coffee,  
Hot Chocolate,  
Fruit Juices

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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 16 September**  
12-2pm



# Back to School Fete

**Saturday 3 September**

**11.00 - 15.30**

**EllenorLions Hospice**

**Coldharbour Road,  
Northfleet**

Lots of stalls, games and attractions for all  
ages our back to school fete is the perfect  
way to spend the final week-end before  
the kids go back to school

Bring your family and friends to join in the  
fun and enjoy our delicious refreshments  
including a BBQ and our coffee shop

Stalls include:

**CRAFTS - JEWELLERY -  
BOOKS**

**AND BRIC A BRAC**

Games include:

**Higher and Lower - The Human  
Fruit Machine - Hook a Duck  
and much much more**

**ADMISSION 50p Under 5s FREE**

*Twas God the word that spake it,  
He took the Bread and brake it;  
And what the word did make it;  
That I believe and take it.*

*Queen Elizabeth 1st  
On Christ's presence in the Sacrament*

## **New look 2nd Sundays!**

*The 2nd Sunday of each month is an all-age service of Holy Communion. Each month the service will reflect a particular theme and the words and music will be chosen to provide something for all, from the oldest to the youngest. We are always delighted to welcome our uniformed organisations, who join us for these services.*

*Next All-age service is on September 11th at 10am. - at this service we will be welcoming the Rev'd Jo Drew as our new Curate.*

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Cosmo Alexi Ttaris Alfie Alan Waghorne Evie Michelle Waghorne Isabel Poppy Tilson Mya Tricia Caren Loveridge	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Debbie Denise Gloria Amelia Victoria Coyne Sean Darren John Peter Victor Desmond Coyne Monaé Debra Karen Durbidge Dolcie Vicky Durbidge
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Jazmin Sharon Ekodi Olenga Yasmin Jayne Cisse Elijah Olugbade Adetunji	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Lilie Beth Calvert Tyler Ian Donoghue Mickey Paul O'Connor Donovan Tai Lily Townsend Kayla Jayme Townsend
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Max Greg Barden  Willow Dyer Camron Ernie Matthews Aliyah Louise Jarrett		

## **HOLY MATRIMONY**

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Stephen Kempton and Teresa Margaret Carlow Philip Stephen Fuller and Hayley Bartram
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Andrew Ify Mudamai and Tola Mao
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Philip Graham Moye and Rebecca Faye Williamson
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Michael Lawrence and Hazel Marie Glidewell
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Robert James Tomsett and Amy Rosanne Bishop Donald James Sesay and Zanya M'Bakay Hannah Davis Marc Bryn Seller and Julie Diane Brisley

## **BLESSING OF A CIVIL MARRIAGE**

9 <sup>th</sup> July	Anthony Terence Edgar and Kimberley Dawn Aldridge
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Steven and Gemma Louise Jones

## **RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS**

6 <sup>th</sup> August	Steve and Deborah Manning
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## **REST IN PEACE**

12 <sup>th</sup> July	Alan William Newcombe
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Grace Dorothy Hedges
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Henry Frank Pegg
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Keith Bernard Dyke
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Henry Bryant
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Erica Hermine Bradshaw

**Please remember the deadline for October magazine is  
Sunday 11 September**



# Christ Church Organ Fund

## CCOF (Christ Church Organ Fund) Events

8th October

### **Cookery Book - Tea Dance**

19th November

### **Band Concert**

(profit shared with Help for Heroes)

The Medway Band

## **'Music for Heroes'**

**7pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

In support of 'Help for Heroes' and 'Christ Church Organ Fund'

Featuring

**Music from our Armed Forces, present and past – and music from the movies.**

**Tickets available soon – enquiries to 745406,  
or [medwayband@googlemail.com](mailto:medwayband@googlemail.com)**

**or to Sue Brewer, 352643**

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# HIGH NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

The summer is here so we are having a rest from Choir Practice, however Weddings keep us very busy at this time of the year. Some members of St Aiden's Choir have recently joined us to augment the Choir at Weddings.

We have said goodbye to two members of the choir this year, firstly to Bob Brereton. Bob has given countless years of service to our Choir, man and boy! Bob is still in the congregation with a "proper" hymn book singing away! Later in the year the Choir are going to meet up for lunch one Sunday so that we can say "Thank You" to Bob for his commitment and friendly presence over the years. Bob is also due to receive an RSCM Long Service Medal which will be presented on the same Sunday.

Georgia has also said goodbye after being with us for several years now. School work and other interests take up a lot of any young girl's time. Georgia we will miss you!

Belonging to a choir is a big commitment for all of us but is an enriching experience. We would like to invite anyone in the congregation to consider giving us a try! Choir Practice is at 7.30pm during term time and takes place in Church. Christian our Organist would be very pleased to see you and explain anything you need explained (we don't have voice tests!)

You can just turn up any Thursday or speak to Christian or any member of the Choir on any Sunday.

Pam Kilby

## **Are you or anyone you know affected by Osteoporosis?**

We would like to set up a support group for people with Osteoporosis in Gravesend and would like to invite anyone interested in joining this group to attend a meeting

**On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm**

**at St Mary's Church Hall, Wrotham Road, Gravesend**  
(Parking at St George's School, Meadow Road, Gravesend DA11 7LS)

Everyone welcome!

If you are interested in attending please contact **Sheila on 01474564234**



# Neighbourhood Forums

Venues to be confirmed nearer the time on [www.gravesham.gov.uk](http://www.gravesham.gov.uk)

## Northfleet and Gravesend West

Northfleet North, Northfleet South, Painters Ash, Coldharbour, Woodlands, Pelham  
- 27 September, 13 December, 20 March.

**For more information contact Will Farmer on 01622694032 or  
[will.farmer@kent.gov.uk](mailto:will.farmer@kent.gov.uk)**

## Gravesham East

Riverside, Central, Whitehill, Singlewell, Riverview, Westcourt, Chalk - 25 October,  
24 January

**For more information contact Jackie Denton 01474 337725 or  
[jackiedenton@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:jackiedenton@gravesham.gov.uk)**

## Gravesham Rural

Istead Rise, Meopham North, Meopham South and Vigo, Shorne, Cobham and  
Luddesdown, Higham - 15 October, 30 November, 8 March

**For more information contact Doug Finch 01474 337314 or  
[doug.finch@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:doug.finch@gravesham.gov.uk)**

## Gravesham 50+ forum

Tuesday 27 September, 11am - 1pm (buffet lunch to follow) at St George's Church  
Hall, Church Street, Gravesend. Topic - Leisure activities for the older person.

**To book a place contact Jackie Denton on 01474 337725**

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## **SPECIAL OFFER – TASTER SESSION!**

Intrigued about Street Pastors?

Want to help?

Want to find out what a Prayer Pastor does?

Phone Anne, to arrange a one-off taster session with a prayer team.

Go on, take the challenge! – **Phone 01474 568498 / 07570 883896**

Find out if God is calling you

**GRAVESEND STREET PASTORS**

Caring, listening, helping.

# Organ Fund

We are now eight months into our programme of raising money for the organ refurbishment and it's time for a progress report.

When we first sat down to plan how to go about raising £15,000 for this necessary work the task seemed daunting. Not only was this a large amount of money but it had to be raised by the end of the year so that the work could be carried out early in 2012. We reckoned without Christ Church's capacity for generous giving and hard work, as a result of which we have already achieved around £12,000 of that total. But this is no time to relax! The balance will still need to be worked for and any surplus will go to generally supporting our church music.

Looking back over the year it is heartening to see how much of our fund-raising effort has involved having a good time and, indeed, extending an invitation to the wider community to have fun with us; think back to the Beetle Drive, the Royal Wedding, Open Gardens and the recent Barbecue and Auction of Promises, all of which showed Christ Church at its best. And there is more to come, so some dates for your diaries:

19<sup>th</sup> November – **The Medway Band will perform "Music for Heroes" in Christ Church. Proceeds will be shared between the "Help the Heroes" Campaign and the Organ Fund.**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 - **An afternoon Tea-Dance at Christ Church**

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 - **Dress up for a high class meal in church to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day.**

In addition to these planned events we also intend to produce a Christ Church Cook-Book in the New Year. Please let David Williams have your favourite recipes by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, those of us who took £10 to make it grow are asked to return it together with the proceeds of our efforts on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>.

We have done extremely well during the year so far, so let's keep it up so that the organ may indeed thunder and "the choir, with peals of glee, may split the air asunder" for generations yet to come.

**John Hougham**

# WHY HARVEST FESTIVAL?

On page 4 of this magazine you will have seen a notice advertising Experience Harvest, but what is special about harvest time?

Every year we have a Harvest Festival in our schools and churches.

## **Do you know why?**

This is the time of year when all the crops have been harvested from the fields.

## **What is a Harvest Festival?**

Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land.

Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and date back many years. In the United Kingdom, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. We celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Festival', usually during the month of September.

Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need.

## **When is Harvest Festival?**

Harvest festivals are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (about Sept. 23). In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October.

**This year the service at Christ Church is Sunday 9 October with guest preacher Rt Rev'd James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester**

## **BIBLE NOTES**

Some people find it useful to have a set portion of the Bible to read each day.

The Bible Reading Fellowship have a booklet called "New Daylight" which sets out a short Bible reading and explanatory notes. These booklets are priced at £3.90 (they do go up each year) for a four month period.

If you would like to try one of these booklets please let Julie Hill know.

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## *CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION*

Each year every house in the Parish receives a Christmas card from Christ Church

This year we are giving you the opportunity to design the card

Your design must be drawn on A4 size paper and of course have a Christmas theme

When you have finished your design, write your name and telephone number on the back and hand it to a Church Warden

**Closing date for entries is  
Sunday 4 September  
The judges' decision is final**

## **CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ**

**Saturday 24 September**

**In the Church Hall at 7.30 pm**

TABLES OF SIX PEOPLE MAXIMUM



BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND  
NIBBLES



RAFFLE



ENTRY £5 PER PERSON

Come with a team or come on your own  
and we will help you make up a team

## ***TOWN CENTRE CHAPLAINCY***

### ***GENERAL MEETING***

***AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 10.00 - 11.00 AM***

Topics to be covered include

What is Expected of me? What is expected from the business community?

What training is available? When is it to start?

**Just turn up on the day or telephone Rev Chris Stone on 01474 534965**

## **We Need your SHOE BOXES**

Have you bought a new pair of sandals for our glorious English summer?  
Please keep the boxes for our shoe box collection later in the year and of course any others you can acquire

If you bring them to church they will be stored until needed

Gravesend Floral Arrangement  
Society  
presents

## *Creative Cavalcade*

A Floral Art Demonstration  
by  
**Dr. Christina Curtis**

Wednesday

12<sup>th</sup> October 2011

at St. George's School Hall  
Meadow Road, Gravesend  
DA11 7LS

7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Ticket £8.00

To include Light Refreshments  
*Sales Tables and Raffle*

*For more information and tickets,  
contact*

*Chairman on 01474 352976  
Ticket Officer on 01474*

Soroptimist International of  
Gravesend & District

## **Down on the Farm**

My Family's Past and Meeting  
today's Challenges

An Illustrated Talk by

**John Harris**

Manor Farm, Southfleet

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
at

Christ Church Hall,  
Old Road East, Gravesend

7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

**Entry £3.00**

(includes Tea or Coffee or Juice and Biscuits)

*Raffle for Soroptimist Charities*

*For More Details  
ring 01474 351492*

Gravesend Floral Arrangement Society presents

## **Tricia's Treasures**

*A Floral Art Demonstration by  
**Tricia Bashford***

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**At Christ Church Hall**

**Old Road East, Gravesend 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.**








**Entry £5.00 - Raffle - Ticket Officer on 01474 564234**

# September

Highlights this month !

**Saturday 10 Ordination of Jo Drew**

**Sunday 25 Back to Church Sunday**

<b>Sunday</b> 	4 8 am Service 10 am Service 18.30 St. Aidans Combined Service	11 8 am Service 10 am All Age Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm 18.30 Choral Evensong	18 8 am Service 10 am Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm	25 Experience Harvest Back to Church Sunday 8 am Service 10 am Service Youth Club 5.30 - 7.30 pm
<b>Monday</b> 	5 8 am Service 16.45 Service	12 7 am Service 16.45 Service	19 Experience Harvest 8 am Service 16.45 Service	26 Experience Harvest 8 am Service 16.45 Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 	6 7 am Service 16.45 Service Cubs	13 7 am Service 16.45 Service Cubs	20 Experience Harvest 7 am Service 16.45 Service Cubs	27 Experience Harvest 7 am Service 16.45 Service Cubs
<b>Wednesday</b> 	7 10am Service 16.45 Service 8 pm Mothers Union Guides	14 10am Service 16.45 Service First Steps 1.45pm Guides	21 Experience Harvest 10am service 16.45 Service Ifield Ladies Guides	28 Church open for Experience Harvest 10am service 16.45 Service Guides
<b>Thursday</b> 	1 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	8 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	15 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies Beavers Choir Practice	22 Experience Harvest 7am Service 16.45 Service Brownies/Beavers Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b> 	2 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	9 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	16 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler CCADS Scouts Office Hours	23 Experience Harvest 16.45 Service 13.45 Parent & Toddler Scouts CCADS Office Hours
<b>Saturday</b> 	3 8 am Service	10 8 am Service Working Party 3 pm Ordination Jo Drew	17 8 am Service	24 Experience Harvest 7am Service 19.30 Quiz Night

# 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 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




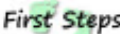



Registered Charity no. 1130741

## 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	
	Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)	
Thursday	Beavers; Brownies; Choir Practice	
Friday	Scouts; Amateur Dramatics  ; Parent and Toddler	
Saturday	Working party (2nd Saturday)	
Sunday	Christ Church Youth Club	

**Explore the harvest of the land and the  
spiritual harvest of our lives, visit . . . . .**

**EXPERIENCE  
HARVEST AND  
FLOWER FESTIVAL**

**Christ Church, Echo Square Gravesend**

**20 September to 13 October**

**Open church - 28 September 11.00 - 13.00**

**5 October 19.30**

**Schools and groups by arrangement Rev. Sue Brewer**

**01474 352643 or [suec@brewer86.plus.com](mailto:suec@brewer86.plus.com)**

**Early booking advised**

