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Pastoral Assistant	Jasmine Humphries	323515
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Church Warden	Ian Brown	356339
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Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
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Reader	Martin Sewell	745443

Martin Sewell

Reader



Martin has worshipped at Christchurch continuously since 1977 and became a Reader in 1985. He is married to recently retired Church Warden Christine and has two adult sons Edward and Jonathan. His proudest achievement is to be grandad to Freya Elizabeth and to Ben! A solicitor by training, Martin has worked in both criminal and family law for over 30 years, and is a specialist in child protection cases, acting for children and adults alike, during which he has daily contact with the problems and anxieties of ordinary people caught up in the most difficult of circumstances. He has broadcast on legal matters

for Radio Kent and was an early campaigner in the Green movement. To "get away from it all" he loves rural France and heartland America.

THE MUSTARD SEED

THE Mustard Seed aims to provide an informal and friendly tea at 3.00 pm on the third Thursday of every month in Christ Church hall.

It is a new venture that offers the opportunity to meet new friends and reminisce about old times.

The Mustard Seed, as the parable says (Mark4; 3-32) is very small - like dust - but has the potential to develop into one of the largest plants.

Please join us as we plant the Mustard Seed and assist to make it flourish. Who knows what may happen!

The launch of the first Mustard Seed took place in May, and the next gathering will be on Thursday 20 September. You are so welcome.

For further details please contact any member of the pastoral care team. Pastoral assistants Pam Kilby, Colin Parsonson, Jasmine Humphries or Curate Jo Drew

CELEBRATION



CONCERT

In thanksgiving for the
re-furbishment of the organ

Sunday
30th September
At 3.00 pm
In Christ Church

Organ Solos * Christ Church Choir
*** Christ Church Music Group ***

**Please bring a generous donation of cash
or non-perishable food for the Foodbank**

During the summer there has been a series of sermons that have tried to explain what the Eucharist is about and where it gets its roots. A few copies of these are still available at the back of the church. A brief note on each is shown below, but should you wish to discuss any of these please speak to Sue, Jacqueline or Jo

"Welcome to the Feast"

A series of sermons on the Eucharist.

Gathering and Greeting—Sue—23rd June

We come into a space where we are together before God.

Lamenting Life, Dealing with Damage—Martin—1st July

Looking at forgiveness, healing and reconciliation.

Memory and Meals—Jo—15th July

The Jewish Passover as Jesus' roots and how our Eucharist has evolved from this.

Sending Forth - John—29th July

Going forth from the Eucharist to the world to live and work to God's praise and glory.

Opening the Word—Rosemary—12th August

The Bible, a shared faith, read and understood

A Praying People—Betty—19th August

Intercession for the world.

The Community gives Thanks—Sheila—26th August

Hymns, songs and the Eucharistic Prayer as an extended thanksgiving for God's salvation in Jesus.

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota



Week 12	02 Sept	Margaret Davies, Terri Allan
Week 1	09 Sept	Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson
Week 2	16 Sept	Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoesmith, Joan Bennett
Week 3	23 Sept	Angela Kirby, David Williams, Martin Robinson
Week 4	30 Sept.	Margaret Davies, Julieann Bodle, Pam Lovelace

Maureen Fittill

Through the kitchen door

A tasty light and refreshing afternoon treat

Lemon Drizzle cake

Ingredients

- 225 grms unsalted butter
- 225 grms caster sugar
- 4 eggs
- finely grated zest of one large lemon
- 225 grms self raising flour

For the drizzle, juice of two lemons and 100grms of caster sugar

Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Beat together 225g softened unsalted butter and 225g caster sugar until pale and creamy, then add 4 eggs, one at a time, slowly mixing through. Sift in 225g flour, then add the finely grated zest of 1 lemon and mix until well combined. Line a loaf tin (8 x 21cm) with greaseproof paper, then spoon in the mixture and level the top with a spoon.
2. Bake for 45-50 mins until a thin skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. While the cake is cooling in its tin, mix together the juice of 2 lemons and 100g caster sugar to make the drizzle. Prick the warm cake all over with a skewer or fork, then pour over the drizzle - the juice will sink in and the sugar will form a lovely, crisp topping. Leave in the tin until completely cool, then remove and serve. Will keep in an airtight container for 3-4 days, or freeze for up to 1 month.

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share with members of the congregation then send it to the editor or put on clip in vestry



HOLY BAPTISM

22nd July Roman James Bright
Joanne Browning
Ellie-Grace May Collier
Joshua Lee Collier
Eriifeoluwa Keziah Denloye
Nathaniel Obamurewa Denloye
Elizabeth Stella Caroline Lett

HOLY MATRIMONY

9th June Stephen Paul Long and Katie Louise Henderson
15th June Edison Fransisko Coleo and Olufunke Titilade Adeyinka
30th June Thomas James Walker and Lisa Marie Felstead
7th July Rafe Joseph Daniels and Rachel Jones
14th July Nicholas Dominic Stevens and Joanne Emma Hutson
14th July Terry Simon Aldous and Rebecca Jack
18th July Kristian Wright and Caroline Speed
21st July Nicholas Robert Westlake and Rachel Louise White
21st July Kyle Anthony Maxey and Nichola Alison Watson
28th July Samson Rawlings and Lisamarie Lee
4th August Darren William Alan Ludlow and Charlene Alice Kirkby

REST IN PEACE

11th May Alice Louise Heaver
25th May Ivy Florence McGregor
1st June Joan Markowska
28th June Barry Anthony Rayfield
18th July Sydney Winder

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.

A short service to remember

MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Monday 3 September 2012

At 11.00 a.m.

Bawley Bay, Royal Pier Road

Music provided by the Salvation Army

Wreath laying by the Mayor of Gravesham

Service conducted by Jacqueline Littlewood

Changed dates for "All age Services"

Because of various special events going on this summer and autumn, the dates of some of the "All age Services" have changed. Below are the dates of all the "All age Services" between August and December- please put these in your diary!

September 16 - October 14, Harvest Festival - November 4 - December 9.

After that back to 2nd Sunday of month as usual

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.



First Steps

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AND THE TEDDY BEARS' BIG PICNIC

8TH AUGUST 2012

Our naughty little sheep is very pleased that it's sunny when he gets up this morning. Our First Steps service today is going to be followed by a Teddy Bears' Big Picnic so we hope it stays dry. Bruno my big handsome bear is coming with us

A crowd of helpers set up craft tables in the hall and move chairs about in church. Then toys are put out in the Pleasance. Everyone is very busy and our naughty little sheep is trying to keep out of the way.

When we're ready children, Mums and Dads, Grannies and Granddads and teddies, begin to arrive. Emma has left her teddy behind so Bruno becomes her honorary teddy for the afternoon. He's really pleased! When we're all ready our service begins. We're hearing the story of Jesus' Big Picnic, when he feeds 5.000 hungry people with a little boy's packed lunch of 5 barley loaves and 2 fishes. Wow! How did that happen? That really is a miracle. It's one of our naughty little sheep's favourite stories about Jesus. We say "Thank you" to God for picnics and happy times. The little boy was very kind to share his food so we sing, "Share it round" followed by "I like eating". And we say "Thank you" to God for food and fun and love. Everyone joins in with the singing and there's lots of jingling bells.

Everyone is quiet for our prayers then with our service over it's out into the hall and the Pleasance where the sun is shining. Hooray! Our naughty little sheep finds himself a quiet corner, which isn't easy, so that he can keep an eye on things. He sees teddy masks to make, fish shaped labels for bears, Jesus' Big Picnic plates and a huge picnic picture to illustrate and in the Pleasance there are all sorts of toys to play with. Oh what fun!

Linda and Colin have bought all kinds of yummy food to share and everyone tucks in. I notice our naughty little sheep sneak out for some bits to munch. We are all having such a good time together. It has been lovely to see familiar faces and to have the chance to make new friends. Our naughty little sheep reminds me that we couldn't have done it without our crowd of willing helpers. So a big "Thank You" to them. We hope everyone remembers our next First Steps service on 12th September.

God Bless

Rosemary Austin.

Important NHS reminder for parents of four-year-olds

If you have a four-year-old starting school this autumn, are you sure all their vaccinations are up-to-date?

Hundreds of children in Kent and Medway miss out on the second jab to protect them against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).

Now NHS Kent and Medway is reminding parents to check that children, especially those starting school this autumn, are fully vaccinated.

Dr Faiza Khan, Consultant in Public Health for NHS Kent and Medway, said: "Take-up rates for MMR immunisation in Kent and Medway are higher than the national average but we would like even more children to be protected.

"While between 93.1 and 95.6 per cent of children have their first MMR dose by the time they are two, the rate for the second MMR jab, given before the fifth birthday, is between 88.9 and 91.5 per cent.

"This is better than the England average of 86.9 per cent but still means around 1,200 children in Kent and 350 in Medway miss out on their second MMR vaccination each year.

"It may be that parents are busy and forget about this vaccination or that they do not realise how important it is.

"Both doses of the vaccination are needed to give children maximum protection against these serious diseases, and reduce the risk of outbreaks.

"Parents will be thinking about everything they need to do to make sure their four-year-olds are ready for that important first day at school. As part of that, we would urge them to ensure they have had all their vaccinations."

The first MMR immunisation is given within one month of the child's first birthday. The second dose should be given between the ages of three years and four months and five years, or before the child starts school.

Parents of children whose MMR vaccinations are not up-to-date should make an appointment at their GP surgery.

Even if your child has missed a vaccination, or is older than the recommended age, it is not too late to be immunised.

For more information, please speak to your GP practice or health visiting team.

Uptake of MMR vaccinations in Kent and Medway from April 2011 to March 2012 - the most recent figures available

NHS Medway

2849 of 3203 children had their second MMR vaccination by their fifth birthday – meaning 354 missed out (an uptake rate of 88.9 per cent).

NHS West Kent

7474 of 7860 children had their second MMR vaccination by their fifth birthday – meaning 386 missed out (an uptake rate of 91.5 per cent).



About 25 people turned up at Christ Church, Milton-next Gravesend, Old Road East, Gravesend, Kent with to join in the national ringing of bells beginning at 08.12am for 3 minutes

HARVEST WEEKEND

Saturday 13th October

from 2.00 pm- 5.00 pm

Afternoon of Harvest activities for families

Followed by a bring your own picnic tea.

Sunday 14th October

at 10.00 am Festival Harvest Service

for the whole family. You are invited to bring harvest gifts to be donated to 'Women' Aid, a refuge for mothers and children

On Sunday at 6.00 pm Festal Evensong

followed by Harvest Supper and entertainment.

Tickets £5.

Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee

Walks for Everybody Programme 2012.

All are welcome to join us as we explore our landscape, local history and folklore in the company of interesting people. Please note that these walks are steep in places, have stiles and uneven surfaces, please dress and act appropriately.

All walks are free unless stated.

**Sunday 9th September: Guided historical walk around
Southfleet footpaths.**

Meet: 2.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Southfleet DA13 9NR

Guide: James Elford 07939 300831

As usual all are welcome but everyone is responsible for their own health and safety – and that of their children and dogs.

Brand New Youth Choir in Gravesend

If you are aged between 7 and 17 and enjoy singing then come along!

- Join a friendly group of singers
- Learn great music of different styles and
- Perform at concerts and services

For further information visit
www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

- **Or call 01474 534517**

Join the **semi****uavers**

**New youth choir in
Gravesend**
**We meet weekly for
Rehearsals**
at Christ Church
Tuesday evenings
6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

The organisation '**Jews for Jesus**' will be coming to Christ Church for 3 Wednesday evenings this Autumn, to relate 3 major Jewish festivals to our understanding of our Christian faith. Each evening will be visual and will start at 7.30 p.m. all are welcome – there is no charge, but 'Jews for Jesus' will have a collection plate at each session. **All sessions are 'stand alone' - feel free to come to one or to all.**

Christ in the Passover

Wednesday 12th September 2012. 7.30pm at Christ Church

Christ in the Passover shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God—your church members will never forget it!

This sermon demonstration is visual, so the congregation will actually see a table set with traditional Passover items. The missionary uses Scripture as well as the visual items to walk through a Jewish Passover seder, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The words He spoke in the upper room come alive as each Hebraic item is carefully explained. Many churches finish this powerful presentation by celebrating communion, and most who have tell us that Christ in the Passover has deepened their church's communion experience.

Y'shua and the Harvest

Wednesday 24th October 2012. 7.30 p.m at Christ Church

The "Y'shua and the Harvest" message focuses on the link between Jesus, the Old Testament and the harvest. Our missionaries explain the purpose of the Jewish Autumn holidays or feasts from the Old Testament and the purpose of these celebrations both then and now. They then show how the coming of Jesus fulfilled these feasts and gave them a larger meaning. This is an excellent teaching on the relationship of the Old and New Testaments, Jesus and the harvest.

Hanukkah

Wednesday 12th December 2012. 7.30 p.m at Christ Church

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." - John 8:12

Birthered out of the tumultuous Inter-Testamental Period, Hanukkah is a key celebration in the Jewish tradition. For many Christians, this near-Christmas, Jewish holiday carries a darkness of ignorance. Allow Jews for Jesus the opportunity to shed some light on the Festival of Lights. Discover the roots of Hanukkah, its current significance to the Jewish people, and what believers can learn from it today. More than a simple historical lesson, this message is also a call to purity and stresses the importance of letting "your light shine before men" (Matt:5:16)

Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

**The next meeting of the Group is on
Monday 17th September 2012**

at

**St. Mary's Church Hall
Wrotham Road, Gravesend**

**(Parking at St. George's School, Meadow Road,
Gravesend DA11 7LS)**

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Our AGM with a Silent Auction

**Also a Talk and Demonstration of
Light Massage**

Everyone Welcome!

**Contact the Chair for
Further Information 01474 564234**



**National
Osteoporosis
Society**

On Sunday the 29th July and 5th August Peter and Ruth Bylett from Kidderminster who were camping at Gravesend Rugby Club for a fortnight joined us for the 10am service before they went to watch the Olympic Games



GRAVESHAM FOODBANK

**A Churches Together and
RCCG Life Start Connections Initiative**

Please, if you can, help local people in crises by buying items from the list below and leaving them on the table at the back of the church

UHT or powdered Milk, 500g sugar, catons of fruit juice, pasta sauces, tinned sponge pudding, tinned tomatoes, cereals, tinned rice pudding, instant mash potato, tinned meat, tinned fish, jam, biscuits, snack bars, rice, tea, coffee (small Jars), chocolate, toiletries, toilet rolls (two or four packs)

Your support is much appreciated

Design a

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Each Christmas 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 paper (landscape) and have a Christmas theme.



Please write your name and 'phone number on the back of your design and bring it to church no later than **Sunday 16th September**.
The judges' decision is final

First Steps

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Is a service especially designed for families with pre-school children, although all children in the family are welcome to come.

We meet in the church at 1.45 pm on the second Wednesday in each month for a short service and then to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We are finished in plenty of time for parents to meet their other children from school.

Why not come along with your children, you will be very welcome.

Next date is Wednesday 8 August



Have you had a look on the Traidcraft table recently?

We have some new items for sale. You might see something that takes your fancy.

If there is something you would like to try but is not on the table have a word with John Hill.



invite you to their fortnightly services for

**older people,
people with disabilities,
those with Alzheimer's & dementia,
and their carers.**

Forgetmenot Singing



will be at **Christ Church Hall,**

Old Road East, Gravesend

2nd & 4th Thursdays in the month

2 - 3.30pm



13 September and 27 September

Sessions will last 1½ hours

and will begin with free refreshments and a social time then

Forgetmenot Singing

£2.50 per person attending

Phone 07582451470

Forgetmenot Support Services C.I.C. registered number 7703968
e-mail info@forgetmenot-services.co.uk www.forgetmenot-services.co.uk

Parish Church of St Peter & Paul, Shorne

OPEN DAY

Saturday 8 September 10.00 to 18.00

Church History Tours at 14.00, 15.00 and 16.00

(Free with no need to book)

Afternoon teas will be served from 14.30 to 17.00

RIDE + STRIDE

CYCLE OR WALK FOR OUR CHURCH

Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride

Saturday 8 September 10.00 till 18.00

- Enjoy a day cycling or walking anywhere in Kent
- Choose your own route & visit as many churches as you like
- 750 churches open specially for the day
- Raise money for our church and repair of other Kent churches
- A welcome and often refreshments in most participating churches
- Free afternoon tea in Shorne Church for participants
- On the same day as Shorne Church Open Day

This is the event's 28th year. Last year it raised over £130,000 for Kent churches and the FKC made grant repairs of over £111,000

Forms and information from Andrew Moffat

01474 822280 or aimoffat@btinternet.com

Highlights this month !








September

Saturday 8 Ordination of Jo Drew

Sunday 9 Jo Drew 1st Communion

Wednesday 12 Christ in the Passover

Starting 19.30 in the church

Sunday 	30 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 15.00 Organ Recital	2 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 18.30 Service at St Aidans	9 08.00 Service 10.00 Service Jo Drew first celebration of Holy Communion	16 08.00 Service 10.00 Service 18.30 Choral Evensong	23 08.00 Service 10.00 Service
Monday 		3 08.00 Service 16.45 Service Brownies	10 08.00 Service 16.45 Service Brownies	17 08.00 Service 16.45 Service Brownies	24 08.00 Service 16.45 Service Brownies
Tuesday 		4 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Cubs 16.30 Semiquavers	11 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Cubs 16.30 Semiquavers	18 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Cubs 16.30 Semiquavers	25 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Cubs 16.30 Semiquavers
Wednesday 		5 10.00 service 16.45 Service Guides	12 10.00 service 13.45 First Steps 16.45 Service Guides	19 10.00 service 16.45 Service Guides	26 10.00 service 16.45 Service Guides
Thursday 		6 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Choir Practice Brownies Beavers	13 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Choir Practice Brownies Beavers	20 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Choir Practice Brownies Beavers	27 07.00 Service 16.45 Service Choir Practice Brownies Beavers
Friday 		7 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office Hours Scouts	14 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office Hours Scouts	21 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office Hours Scouts	28 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 16.45 Service 18.30 Office Hours Scouts
Saturday 	1 08.00 Service	8 08.00 Service 9.30 Work Party 15.00 Ordination Jo Drew	15 08.00 Service	22 08.00 Service 19.30 Quiz Night for Christian Aid	29 08.00 Service

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

Registered Charity no. 1130741




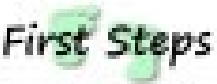



**For further information
Contact
The Church Wardens**

Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)	
Monday	Music Group; Brownies	
Tuesday	Cubs and Semiquavers	
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:	
	Mustard Seed	
2 - 3.30	Forgetmenot Singing 2nd & 4th Thurs afternoon	
Friday	Scouts; Parent and Toddler	 




Christ Church is planning a **Xmas Tree Festival**




to be held from **Saturday 8th December**
to **Sunday 16th December**

In support of the Christ Church charities for this year – Ellenor Lions Hospice; Mission to Seafarers; Mercy Ships Shelter Box; Christian Aid and small local charities.



If you would like to decorate a tree on behalf of an organisation or charity with which you are involved, please let us know by September 28th.



The tree and a set of lights will be provided; all you have to do is let your imagination run riot! We shall also offer participants the opportunity to have a stall in the hall on Saturday 8th for the benefit of their organisation.

For further details, please contact
Veronica Read on 01474534857
veronica@which.net, or Sheila Knight
01474 564234
sknight01@hotmail.co.uk

