

Please remember to bring your old mobile phones, phone cards, spectacles, Canon and HP printer cartridges (no other ink cartridges, thank you), stamps, foreign coins, postcards, etc. for re-cycling. Please put them in Priest Jacqueline's box at the back of the church.

We support Ellenor, Demelza House, The Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, RNLI and Cancer Research UK.

Your contributions provide valuable support to hard-pressed charities and are very gratefully received as well as doing something for the planet.

Gravesham Food Bank—Thank you for your generous support of the Foodbank.

They are need of instant noodles, coffee, long life milk, custard, no fridge juice/squash, rice, tinned fruit, tinned meat and sugar

They have plenty of soup, tea, pasta and baked beans.

There will be an Evening of Prayer for Latin America next Wednesday 20th April at 7.30 pm at St. George's Church.

We hope as many of possible will take part in prayer for this increasingly important area of the world, not least with the coming Olympic Games.

G.E.M.S.
sing
Magical Musical Moments
on
Saturday 7th May at 7.30 pm
and Sunday 8th May at 5.00 pm
at
The Stage, Woodville Halls
Tickets £10.00 from
John Thrush 749945

Free artist led workshop -

Rochester Cathedral
Illuminating Beasts
in celebration of the textus roffensis
on
Wednesday 20th April
from 1.00 —2.45 pm

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment (£10 refundable deposit required to secure a place)

To book call 01634 810066 or email
educationofficer@rochester cathedral.org

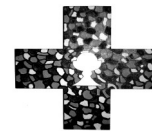
Gluten free Communion wafers are available at every service—please have a word with the Churchwardens or Clergy if you would like to receive gluten free wafers at Communion.

Items for the news sheet should be sent to juliehill34@aol.com or left on the clip in the lobby
Items for the website should be sent to info@christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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17th April Notes and News



**Christ Church,
Milton-next-Gravesend**

A warm welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the people who greeted you at the door

Looking Ahead

17th April
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion
11.45 am Annual General Meeting
21st April
3.00 pm Mustard Seed
24th April
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Civic Service
28th April
2.00 pm Pilgrim Course
7.30 pm Pilgrim Course
1st May
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion

Mustard Seed will meet in the church hall on Thursday 21st April starting at 3.00 pm.

Please come along and enjoy a cup of tea and lots of chat.

TODAY The Church Annual General Meeting will be held after this morning 10.00 am service. All are welcome to attend and all on the Church electoral roll may vote.

Lent Envelopes—

Many thanks to everyone who has returned their Lent Envelope.

We have received almost £2,500 so far.

If you have forgotten yours, please bring it the next time you are in church. Thank you.

Liz Ripley, Pam Wise's daughter, is running the London Marathon on 24th April in aid of TOFS—the charity supporting the rare syndrome that Liz's son James suffers from. Please consider sponsoring Liz. There is a sponsor form at the back of the church.

Holy Communion 8.00 am Monday, 7am Tuesday, 10am Wednesday, 7am Thursday, no service Friday, 8.00 am Saturday

Tuesdays	Morning Prayer	8.00 am at	St. Aidan's Church
Wednesdays	Evening Prayer	5.15 pm at	Christ Church
Thursdays	Morning Prayer	8.30 am at	Holy Family Church
Fridays	Evening Prayer	5.15 pm at	Holy Family Church

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers this week have been sponsored by Jan Osborne in memory of her husband, Paul.

Les Johnson's funeral will be on Monday 18th April. 11.00 am at the church and 12 noon at Gravesend Cemetery.

TODAY

Confirmation

Preparation sessions for those who would like to be confirmed this summer, will began in May – there is a short introductory session today at 4.00 pm at St. Mary's Church, Wrotham Road – please come along if you are interested.

Confirmation is open to adults or teenagers over the age of 12 – children under 12 interested in being admitted to Holy Communion should let Sue Brewer know, as a new group will be starting in the Autumn.

The Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 24th July at 6.30 pm.

Ascension Day

Ascension Day this year falls on Thursday 5th May. As this church will be a Polling Station on that day, the Ascension Day service will be a combined cluster service at 7.30 pm at Holy Family Church, Palmer Avenue. Rev Karen Seggie, Cluster Curate, will be preaching. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you can offer or would like a lift to this service.

The Pilgrim Course

The next meeting of the Pilgrim Course will be on Thursday 28th April 2.00 pm at 43 Park Avenue and 7.30 pm at The Vicarage, 48 Old Road East, Gravesend, DA12 1NR

We are studying The Ten Commandments and the subject this week will be "Reliability".

Please come and join one of the groups, you will be most welcome.

Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday

Along with other churches throughout the land, the bell at Christ Church will be rung between 8.00 am and 8.10am on Thursday 21st April to mark the 90th birthday of HM the Queen— feel free to come along if you would like to have your go at ringing the bell!



A Beacon will be lit on Thursday 21st April at 7.30 pm on Windmill Hill to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday

FLORAL—ART A combined Show

Gravesend Floral
Arrangement Society
Annual Flower Show

Gravesend Art Group
Exhibition of Art

**Saturday 23rd and
Sunday 24th April
open noon to 5.00 pm**

**Sales Table, Tombola,
Refreshments**

23rd and 24th April

Please come and support Gravesend Floral Arrangements Society and Gravesend Art Group next week-end.

The service on Sunday morning will be A civic service at which the Mayor of Gravesham, the Mayor's escort and other members of the council will be present.

The Service is entitled "A Celebration of Community and Creativity".

**Ifield Ladies
meet on
Wednesday 20th April
in
The church hall
at
7.30 pm**

There will be a presentation by Street Pastors and they will be presented with a charity cheque.

Visitors are always welcome to attend these meetings.

On Wednesday 27th April, at 7.00 pm at Northfleet School for Girls, you are officially invited to the launch of Gravesham School Pastors.

This will be an open evening to find out about the new scheme and give you a chance to sign up as a future School Pastor.

We hope that some people will go along to this meeting.

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There will be a Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale at the Ellenor Hospice on Friday 29th April from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm. Please support your local hospice.