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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

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Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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The Servant Queen - and the King she serves

Copies of this beautiful booklet, produced by the Bible Society. HOPE and LICC to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday, are available at the back of the church.

The Queen has written the foreword and the book uses her own words to draw out the central role of her Christian faith.

'The Servant Queen - and the King she serves' is designed to be a gift from the church to people in our networks, work places and community. It is a conversation starter, as the Queen

describes Jesus Christ as an 'anchor' and a 'role model'.

Please take a copy to give away ...

Who do you know who might like to know more about the Queen?

Could you put a copy in your GPs surgery or dentist waiting room?

What about your neighbours or family?

You may like to have a copy for yourself.

We are not allowed to sell them - you may like to know that the cost to the church is just over £1.

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.

COFFEE ROTA 2016

7 June Kay Page, Susan Wilkins, Jill Godwin

14 June Rita Smith, Sheila Knight, Jean Stoddart

21 June Dorothy Oliver, Rosemary Austin, Annie Southw

28 June Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson

5 July Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoesmith, Sheila Knight



Come in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 10.00 o'clock Sunday service





Another fundraising gathering for Christian Aid, at breakfast in the hall at Christ Church



Gill and Duncan Campbell pictured on the occasion of their recent Ruby Wedding Anniversary



Refugee Tales

refugeetales.org
refugeetales@gdwg.org.uk



On Monday 4 July over 40 walkers will leave Canterbury to walk to Westminster along the Thames estuary calling for the practice of indefinite immigration detention to end. As they walk they will reclaim the landscape of South East England for the language of welcome.

From Canterbury the pilgrims will walk to Faversham, then Gravesend, Dartford and Greenwich and at every stop of the way leading writers, inspired by Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, will tell the tales of asylum seekers, refugees and detainees, as well as the stories of those who work with them. On Tuesday 5 July at 7.0 p.m. tales will be told at Gravesend Methodist Church, Milton Road. The

host will be Guardian journalist Jonathan Freedland. 'The Support Worker's Tale' will be told by writer and psychoanalyst Josh Cohen and 'The Lover's Tale' by Kamila Shamsie who is an Orange prize shortlisted novelist. Renowned Ethiopian singer Haymanot Tesfa will provide the music. The evening is free and all are welcome.

The UK remains the only country in Europe that detains people indefinitely under immigration rules, with periods of detention lasting months and sometimes years.

You can find out more on the website: refugeetales.org.

Jar of Grace

If you were unable to attend our recent AGM, you may be unaware of the discussion that took place surrounding the importance we place upon supporting Good Causes.

In further recognition of this, we have re-instituted the Jar of Grace, situated on the table at the main entrance to the church.

Any items of loose change (or the occasional note) that you may be able to spare, can add up to a substantial sum that we can then give to the charities that we support each year. The yellow envelopes nearby are available if you can Gift Aid (this extends your giving by a further 25% from the government, at no further cost to yourself).

Incidentally, we still have the "4th Sunday Bucket" for any copper that may be wearing a hole in your pocket or purse!

Thank you for all that you may be able to give. It is very much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 10th June Church service at St George's for 90th Birthday of the Queen

Saturday 11th Fusion Festival - Community Square

Sunday 12th 10am service at Christ Church will celebrate the 90th Birthday HM the Queen and her reign. Please come wearing anything red, white, blue and/or a hat if you'd like to do so.

Sunday 12th Poppy Picnic in the Fort Gardens

Sunday 19th 10am All Age Service transferred from 12th

Sat/Sun 18th-19th St Andrew's Art Centre Showcase Kent Exhibition

Monday 20th Flying the Flag for Armed Forces on Community Square

Friday 24th 10am - 12 Noon Ellenor Coffee Morning

Sat/Sun 25th-26th St Andrew's Art Centre Maritime Watercolours Exhibition

Saturday 25th Semiquavers Concert in church

Sunday 26th 10am Mothers' Union service celebrating 140 years of the MU around the world

PEACE CANDLE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT WENT BEFORE

You may well have seen the 'Peace Candle' that was used at the WW1 commemoration service on 4th August, now in the sanctuary. The candle will remain in place throughout the 4 years of commemoration and will be lit at each Sunday and Wednesday service, as a reminder to us all to pray for

peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world. When you see the candle, please remember to pray for those caught up in conflict.

The sign near to the candle records the areas of conflict most in our prayers at any given time (though there are other 'hidden' conflicts that rarely appear on our televisions). If you would like an area of the world added to the list, please speak to Revs Sue or Jacqueline.



“CAN YOU HELP?”



Veronica is doing a display celebrating the past 90 years of the queens reign and would like to link it to events in Christ Church over the same period. Do you have any articles, magazines, information, photographs which you could lend or photocopy about our church and surrounding area ? Please look NOW and let me have them as soon as possible so that I can prepare the display by the end of the Month. You can contact Veronica on 01474 534857 or veronica@which.net I really would appreciate your help. Thank you.”

WORKING PARTY

‘In order to save on expensive cleaning and maintenance, we hold a monthly working party on a Saturday morning starting at 09.30.

Together we clean and tidy the church, do a bit of necessary DIY or gardening, have a coffee and often some home-made goodies – and finish by about 11.30.

We are enormously grateful to the few loyal helpers who turn up month after month – but we desperately need a few more.

Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

**Working party is almost always on the second Saturday of each month...
NOTE the next one will be on 11 June at 9.30.**

See you there, **Sue**

Church's abandoned memorial to Great War dead to come alive

By Tom Pyman tom.pyman@arhant.co.uk

CHURCH members in Gravesend are appealing for help in tracking down local ancestors of those who lost their lives during the First World War as they look to commemorate the fallen with a new memorial plaque.

Each church in the local deanery has been given a year in which to commemorate the century since the war, which ran from 1914 to 1918.

Christ Church in Milton-next-Gravesend was given 2016 as its commemorative year and is looking to stage a special service in the autumn to recognise the efforts of those who fought, as well as bringing together the community.

The church was originally dedicated in 1856, and on Palm Sunday in 1922 - some four years after the end of the conflict - the Bishop of Rochester officiated at a service in the then Christ Church,

Gravesend, to remember those that had fallen from the parish.

He dedicated the Warriors' Chapel and a memorial plaque, inscribed with the names of those killed in action, was unveiled.

However, by 1935 the church was in a poor condition due to the age of the building and was on the brink of almost completely falling apart. Therefore a decision was taken to dismantle the building and move it quite literally brick by brick from its original site in the now Christ Church Crescent to its present site near Echo Square to help meet the needs of a town growing increasingly southwards.

During this process the Warriors' Chapel was faithfully recreated but the memorial plaque was lost in the



Tom Pyman

transfer process.

Three years ago, however, during work in the grounds of the church, the plaque was dug up and recovered. Much to their dismay, it was damaged and many years in the ground had rendered the names illegible. Thankfully, members of the church have retained a list of the names that originally appeared on the plaque

and have now launched plans to produce a replica memorial plaque to replace the original in the Warriors' Chapel.

Over the weekend of September 16 and 17, the church will hold its commemoration events to mark the centenary of the Great War and is looking to reach out to relatives of those that gave their lives one hundred years ago.

John Hougham moved

ARE YOU RELATED TO THE FALLEN ON THE PLAQUE?

Names on the church memorial:
Joseph Amos
Frank S Atkins
John C Betts
Frederick J Benson
Franklin C Beven
Arthur G Broad
John T Burville
Felix C Bush
Daniel G Butcher
George W Chapman
John H Chawner
Sidney C Christmas
Fredk W Colbourne
Frederick J Coppins

Fred Cosgrove
Louis C Cosgrove
Fredk R Dennis
Frank D odd
Percy F D odd
Charles W Elford
Harold Ford
Charles Fox
John N Garbutt
William Gardiner
George Garland
A W Donald
Gibson
Reginald Gotham
Francis W Gray
William F Geener

Albert J Holden
Albert E Ives
Duncan M Cl Joel
Edgar C Joe I
Vernon King
Wilfred F Lambert
George T Lintott
Malcolm C Muirhead
C Charles H Niblett
T Howard M Patton
John Parsons
Leslie A A Poynter
James Prisle
Edward W Read
Eric C Russell
Fredk C Sedge

William A Sedge
George Shro sbree
Vernon B Shorter
Robert W Spic e
John H Surman
William Tait
George R Taylor
Christopher V N
Vine Alfred
FW alton
Stanley A V Ware
Fredk L West
Percival T West
Harold Wickens
Frank Wilder
Henry E Williams
William A Wright



to the parish with his late wife Peggy in 1965 and has held office as church warden and parochial church council secretary before becoming a late entry to readership in 1998.

He also worked as commander of St John's Ambulance in Kent and is heavily involved in the planning of the anniversary events.

He told KoS: "On the Sunday we plan to include in our 10 am service elements of the 1922 service which we have obtained from contemporary press coverage.

"A central part of our service will be the dedication by the Bishop of Rochester of

a replica memorial plaque containing the names of the fallen from the First World War.

"We hope that as many people as possible will try to identify grandfathers or great-grandfathers.

"We are looking for sponsorship for the new plaque and hope that as many as possible will join us in the service of re-dedication."

The original plaque will remain in the Garden of Remembrance, against the east wall of the church.

Local author and fellow former church warden Peter Shearan was fascinated by the story and documented it in a book titled Mrs Finch - Church Caretaker,

which he began writing just after the publication of his first book - a history of the church called Christ Church, Milton-next-Gravesend: 1856 - 2006: One Hundred and Fifty Years of Service.

It tells tales of Harriet Finch, "a fascinating woman" who worked in a variety of roles at the church well over a century ago, living through two world wars. "I feel as if I've come to know her so well, even though I never met her," he said.

"But this whole project is a real thrill because Gravesend lost a lot of men and I'm a genealogist so I've got a real interest in trying to track them down and

making sure they were commemorated properly, so this was a great opportunity.

"It's really important because there's probably a lot of young people in the area who don't know the history and may have relatives who fought in the war, and that's a big inspiration."

All proceeds from the sale of Mr Shearan's book will go towards the commemoration in September.

■ Do you know anyone on the list? Or do you want to donate to the plaque's restoration?

Contact Vicar, Sue Brewer at:

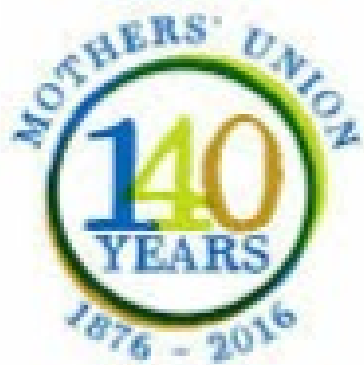
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Article courtesy of KoS



Hundreds of people visited the exhibition of 90 years of transport in the town centre on St George's Day and Margaret and Anthony Davies decided which vehicle they liked best.



CHRIST CHURCH MOTHERS' UNION



10 MAY 2016

This evening members and friends of Christchurch Mothers' Union met in the church hall to hear a talk from one of our members, Maureen Fittill about her family's trips in their caravan around the country. Maureen was supported by her daughters and together they gave us a very interesting and amusing talk from the very early days when they were young and camping out in farmers' fields to stopping in the Caravan Club sites.

Various funny stories were told and Maureen also showed us pictures of the various places they had been to. The evening ended with refreshments as usual.

The next meeting will be on 14 June and will feature a talk on colour by Helen Kendall Tobias, who previously taught us many ways to tie scarves. This promises to be an interesting evening so do come and bring a friend.



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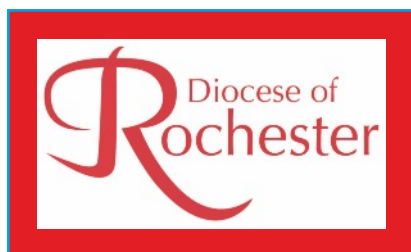
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Bishops court is open as part of the National Gardens Scheme on Saturday June 11th and Sunday June 12th. 1.00pm – 5.00 pm.

Entry is £3.00 (children free) and proceeds will go to NGS charities (see www.ngs.org). There will be a plant sale, and teas with home-made cakes.

Come and relax in this lovely garden, children and dogs on leads welcome. Disabled parking only.

24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS.

Enquiries: Bridget Langstaff 07816 828439

Swanscombe & Greenhithe history exhibition & talk

On: Friday 10th June 2016

At: 7pm in the Heritage Hall, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.

Exhibition and a talk by Christoph Bull on

Swanscombe & Greenhithe's "War" of independence.

Cost = £3.00 – no need to book – donations welcomed.

Thameside Schools Music Association

Choral Festival 2016

The Thameside Schools Music Association Choral Festival will be held at the Woodville Halls Gravesend on Tuesday 28 June, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June commencing at 19.30

Tickets are £8.50

The schools taking part in the festival are

Tuesday, Shears Green Junior School, Cecil Road C.P. School, Manor C.P. School and Higham C.P. School

Wednesday, St Joseph's C.P. School, Chantry C.P. School, Shorne C.E.P. School and St Joseph's Preparatory School

Thursday, Westcourt C.P. School, Lawn Road C.P. School, Istead Rise C.P. School Cobham C.P. School and Dartford Bridge C.P. School

Cuppa For Our Cause

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Friday 10th June

10am - 6pm

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& Swanley

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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 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 Mustard Seed is in its third year now, and the next gathering will be on **Thursday 16 June**. You are so welcome.

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

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The Semiquavers celebrated their fifth year at the all age service on Sunday 8 May



semiquavers

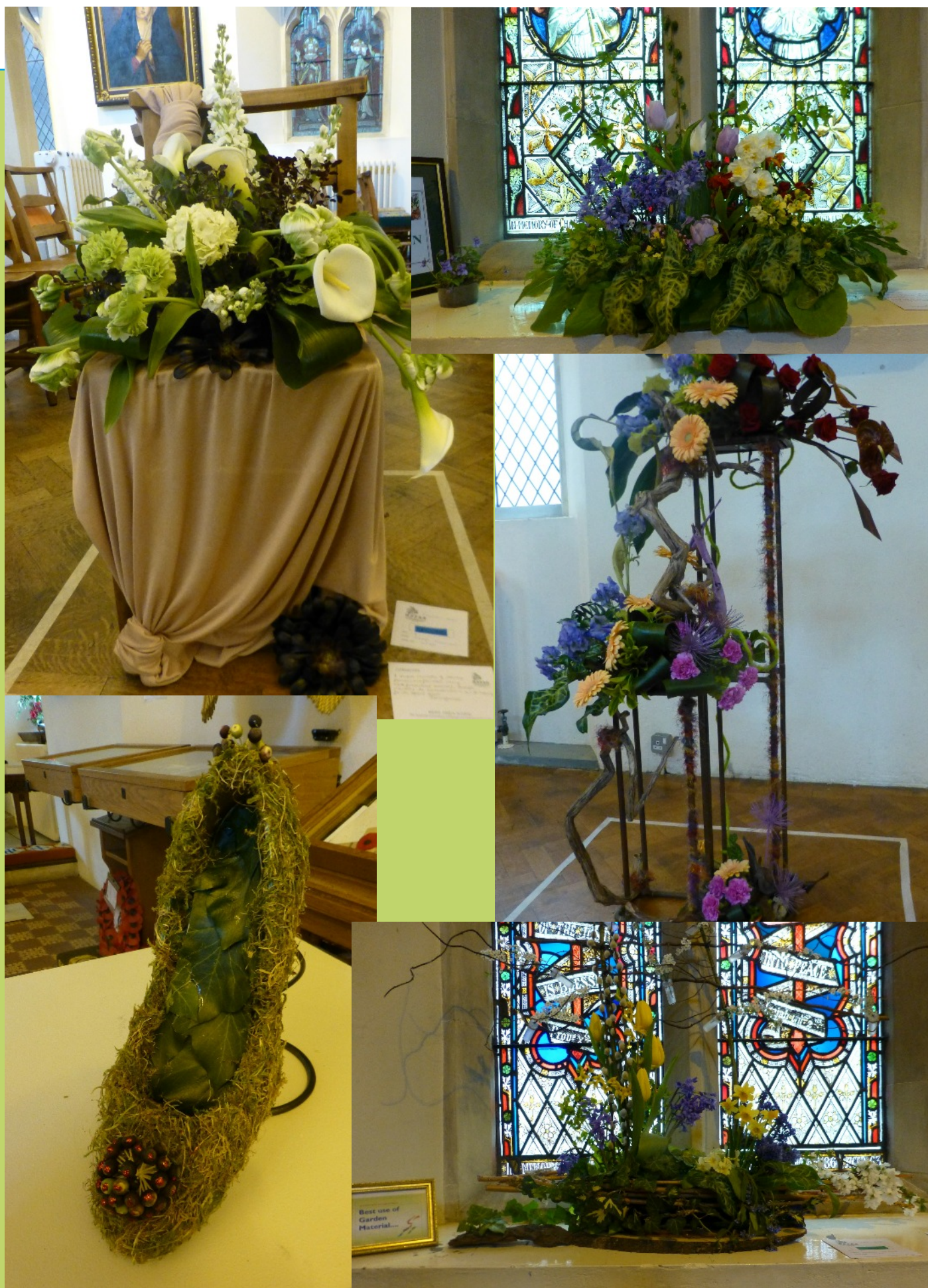




**The Gravesend Art Group
and Gravesend Floral
Arrangement Society
joined together over the
week-end of 23 and 24
of April to put on a
combined floral display
and art exhibition at
Christ Church**

**Our three pages of
pictures show just a few
of the exhibits**







Pictured below is His worshipful the Mayor of Gravesham, Councillor Mick Wenban with his escort Mrs Fiona Strike along with John Hougham during their visit to the exhibition



**Christchurch celebrating children's literature in
The Big Summer Fair on Saturday 18th June 2015 at 2.30p.m..**

**We are collecting these items for the fair on the following Sun-
days:**

Date to be brought to church

5 JUNE

**Wrapped (in date) chocolates for
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory**

**12 JUNE
anything**

**Tombola and children's books
Books for adults and Bottles of
for bottle stall**

18 JUNE (on the day)

**Cakes & plants (surplus seedlings
etc.)& donations of fruit and
vegetables for Mr McGregor's
Garden!**

COPY FOR THE MAGAZINE

This is your magazine, and every effort is made to include items supplied by
you, our readers.

The one thing that would be most helpful, when submitting copy, is that you
e-mail this rather than put a typed sheet on the hook in church.

As I am not a touch typist, it takes considerable time to re-type any copy and
is open to me making errors. **Send copy to the address on page 2 by 20th
of the month, or speak to Mike Cubitt - 07840343831**



**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 David Williams**

Bell ringing took place across the country to announce the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 21 April and at Christ Church at 08.00 in the morning while beacon lighting took place in the evening on Windmill Hill and across the United Kingdom







CIVIC SERVICE

Pictured on this page and the one opposite are members of Christ Church congregation along with council members, county dignitaries and with well known local people at the Mayor of Gravesham's Annual Civic Service held at Christ Church,



Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group



You are invited to

Afternoon Tea with Live Entertainment

Saturday 11th June 2016

at 2.30 p.m.

**at Christ Church Hall
Old Road East, Gravesend
DA12 1NR**



**Admission Adults £3.00
(free for accompanied children)**

**To make sure there are enough cakes please
return the slip below.**

**Please contact Sheila on
01474 564234 for more
details**



✂.....
Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group – Afternoon Tea – Saturday 11th June 2016

To make sure that there are enough cakes, please let Sheila Knight know how many are coming:

Contact Name Tel No.....

Total Number attending: Adults..... Children.....

Please return to Sheila Knight, by **4th June** to 2 The Downage, GRAVESEND Kent, DA11 7NB
Tel/fax 01474 564234 E-mail sknight01@hotmail.co.uk

Circular Evening walk from Clayne Lane Woods to Jeskyns, Cobham

Monday 20th June 2016:

Meet: 7pm corner of Astra Drive and Michael Gardens.

Leader: Peter Willis 01474 534889. Gravesend Historical Society walk – free, no need to book.

Chalk Village – guided historical walk & Cream Tea

On: Sunday 26th June 2016

Guide: Christoph Bull

Meet: Corner of Dering Way/Lion Roundabout, Chalk

Begins: 2.30pm and finishes with a Cream Tea at Chalk Village Tea Rooms Cost: £10 – booking essential via Chalk Village Tea Rooms on 07948794437

The only one that got away- amazing story of the only German POW to ever escape the UK – from Gravesend- (Illustrated talk)

On: Monday 27th June 2016

Speaker: Christoph Bull

At: Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend – price includes talk and supper.

Begins: 6pm with fish and chip supper followed by the talk

Cost: £14 – booking essential via Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

Guided walk of Greenhithe – discover the village's secrets

On: Sunday 3rd July 2016

Guide: Christoph Bull

Meet: 2.30pm at corner of Station Road & High Street, Greenhithe

Cost: £4 per person – no need to book, just turn up

Information: Christoph Bull 07702287147

Chalk Village Fete

On: Saturday 9th July 2016

At: Chalk Church woodlands, Church Lane, Chalk

Opens: 11.30am – to 3pm

Cost: £1 entrance for adults, children free

A lovely family occasion in beautiful countryside – fun for everyone – plenty of refreshments, games, displays, stalls, beer and much more.

Information: Heather Bull 01474 320156.

Circular walk from Allhallows to Yantlet Creek.

Sunday 17th July 2016:

Meet: 2.30pm outside entrance to Haven Holiday Park, Allhallows.

Leader: Nicholas Miskin 01474 832301. Gravesend Historical Society walk – free, no need to book.

Gravesend's Victorian Dream – guided walk of Wellington and neighbouring streets

Guide: Christoph Bull

On: Monday 25th July 2016

Meet: 11.30am on corner of The Grove opposite the Clock Tower

Cost: £4 per person, no need to book, just turn up.

Optional lunch (at extra cost) at Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Information: Christoph Bull 07702287147.

Debt is a grinding, destructive, negative thing which gnaws at health and sleep. It often destroys families and can even cause deep depression and suicide.

There is the endless cycle of demands and repayments while – as often as not – the debts continue to grow. It is, literally, soul-destroying.

That is why Christians Against Poverty – **CAP** – was set up. **CAP** will help anyone in debt – Christians of all denominations and people of all other faiths and none. **CAP** is never judgemental and simply wants to help. Over 100 trained Debt Counsellors are helping over 16,000 people right now. **CAP** frees 10 people a day from debt.

Its Patron is the Archbishop of Canterbury and its work is warmly endorsed by Prince Charles and the Prime Minister, David Cameron, amongst others.

CAP does not repay all or part of any debt. Instead, **CAP** gives active and expert help in renegotiating the amounts and terms of debt so that they can actually be repaid and cleared. Advice is also given on budgeting and managing money so that a new life with new hope and new horizons can begin. **CAP** even supports those who have been damaged by debt – long after the debt has been cleared – to prevent any recurrence.

Dartford has a CAP service. So has Medway.

Gravesend, which has much worse problems with debt than either Dartford or Medway, doesn't.

That needs to change, urgently.

The small church of St. Margaret's, Ifield (near Gravesend but on the other side of the A2) are pledged to work with local churches and other local groups and individuals to set up a **CAP** Debt Centre in Gravesend in 2016, to complement the Make Money Count service offered by Michael Coveney at CPC.

If all churches can make a regular annual or monthly donation to support **CAP**, it will give all the assurance needed that a support group can survive and thrive here for the long term. When started, it needs to be sure the service will go for at least 5 years - hopefully indefinitely – as debt problems will not go away. It does need more pledged, reliable commitments before embarking on this service locally.

Donations never go to repay debt. It only supports the network of **CAP** and its expert negotiators and advisers.

Very recently, there was the tragic, lonely suicide of a young, local woman overwhelmed by debt. What a dreadful waste – and had there been a **CAP** service in Gravesend, one that might well have been avoided. If you are not in debt – and one in twelve people in the UK are in serious debt - but can understand the utter misery it brings, please get involved as a gesture of thanks. Help us to set up a **CAP** debt service in Gravesend as a matter of urgency.

If you would like more information, Just contact me by email and I will arrange to come and tell you more about this vital initiative. Or you can visit <https://capuk.org/i-want-help/cap-debt-help/introduction>

Yours in Christ's service

Rev Richard A Martin

Email: ramartin@talktalk.net



The Gravesend Deanery have adopted the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre as a shared Deanery project.

This means we need all to make our congregations aware of what CAP is about, how it works, and appeal for help of various kinds.

How can you help? We need...

Prayer Regular, committed prayer for CAP locally and nationally and its clients

Money ... especially a regular commitment by Standing Order over 5 years, which ensures CAP's security for the long term

Befrienders ... People who will befriend clients and support them with the occasional visit or phone call. (full training and support is given for this)

A Champion ... Each Church needs to have a 'CAP Champion' who will act as communicator between the parishes and the CAP Debt Centre – could that be you?

This is a long-term shared Deanery Project – a way for us at Christ Church to offer a helping hand to those whose lives are blighted by debt. Your help is needed - please speak to Sue Brewer and let us know what you can do to help.

Jacqueline Littlewood pictured outside Buckingham Palace on Thursday 19 May before joining members of the Royal Family at a Garden Party and below right her official invitation.

Inset is Gravesham Council Leader, Councillor John Cubitt along with his wife Moira Cubitt who attended the Palace on May 24



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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 £4.30 (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.

GRAVESHAM FOOD BANK

Many thanks to those who support the food bank.

Below is a list of items required at the moment

Milk (UHT) - Custard
Toothpaste - Hot chocolate
Shampoo - Sweets/treats
Breakfast cereal (not porridge) - Marmite
Fruit juice/squash - Toilet roll
Sponge pudding - Deodorant
Tinned potatoes - Laundry liquid/tablets

This list is only a few of the items that can help those less fortunate than ourselves, any tinned or non-perishable items are most welcome

FIRST STEPS

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 JUNE.

MRS FINCH - Church Caretaker



Peter Shearan has published a book with the above title about a real-life lady who acted as church caretaker in Christ Church one hundred years ago. Her life began in 1835, when King William IV was on the British throne, and when stage coaches were a common sight passing through Gravesend; through the Great War; and only ended when she died at the age of 85, by which time she had witnessed many of the marvels of today's life (aeroplanes, motor cars and buses, and electric light to name only a few). Peter has woven the tale of what he has found to have been a remarkable woman around all the known facts: through doing so he has come to know her well (although he wishes he had known her personally!). His book is on sale now, price £10.

All proceeds from the sale will be going towards a planned commemoration of WWI in Autumn 2016.

Exciting 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



Youth choir in Gravesend

We meet weekly for Rehearsals

at Christ Church

Tuesday evenings

6.15 pm to 7.30 pm

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

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 Mothers Union (2nd Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Wednesday Guides

First Steps

First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm

Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)

Thursday Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice:

3.00 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)





Friday Scouts; Parent and Toddler

Saturday Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)

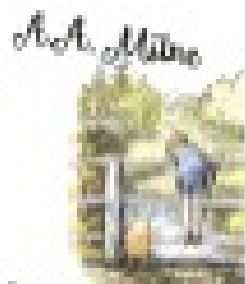


CALENDAR JUNE 2016

Sunday 		5 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	12 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	19 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	26 08.00 Service 10.00 Service
Monday 		6 08.00 Service BROWNIES	13 08.00 Service BROWNIES	20 08.00 Service BROWNIES	27 08.00 Service BROWNIES
Tuesday 		7 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers	14 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers 19.30 Mother's Union in hall	21 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers	28 07.00 Service CUBS 18.30 Semiquavers
Wednesday 	1 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	8 10.00 Service 13.45 First Steps 17.15 Evening Prayer	15 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	22 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	29 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	2 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	9 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	16 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	23 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice	30 07.00 Service BROWNIES Choir practice
Friday 	3 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	10 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	17 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 15.00 Mustard Seed 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	24 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	
Saturday 	4 08.00 Service	11 Queen's official birthday 08.00 Service 09.30 Work party	18 08.00 Service 14.30 Big Friendly Fair	25 08.00 Service Semiquavers 5th Anniversary Concert	



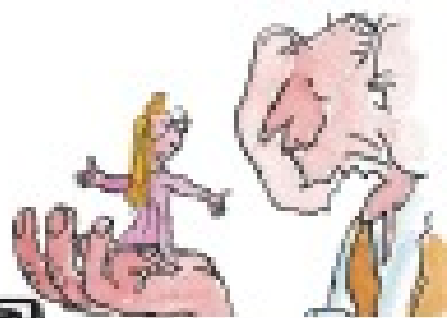
CHRIST CHURCH ECHO SQUARE



Come & Celebrate Classic Children's Authors
at the



Big



FRIENDLY FAIR

Saturday 18th June at 2.30pm

Competitions · Raffles



Story Telling & lots more!

Cakes · Refreshments · Games · Plants · Flowers



**ENTRY 60p
CHILDREN FREE**

