

26th November 2017



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**

26th Nov	Christ the King
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
3rd Dec	Advent Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
4.00 pm	Christingle Service (come from 3.30 pm)
7th Dec	Pilgrim Course pre- Christmas Social event
9th Dec	
9.30 am	Working party
10th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Service
12th Dec	
6.30 pm	Semiquavers Concert
13th Dec	
1.45 pm	First Steps Service
17th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
6.30 pm	Lessons and Carols
21st am	
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed and over 80's party

**MANY THANKS**

to everyone who helped at the Church working party - your help is much appreciated.



Many thanks to everyone who delivered Christmas cards around the parish. Those who have been doing this for a while and new "deliverers".

Thanks also to Elaine Walton for collating the rounds.



A very big thank you to everyone who filled or donated to a shoebox this year. We were able to hand over 44 completed boxes and two large bags of items which will be added to suitable boxes at the depot.

**Well done everyone**

Holy Communion	Tuesday 7.00 am	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.00 am
	Saturday 8.00 am		
Morning Prayer	Monday 8.00 am at	Christ Church	
Morning Prayer	Tuesday 8.00 am at	St. Aidan's Church	
Evening Prayer	Wednesday 5.15 pm at	Christ Church	
Morning Prayer	Thursday 8.30 am at	Holy Family Church	
Evening Prayer	Friday 5.15 pm at	Holy Family Church	



**CHRISTINGLE**  
**Sunday 3rd December**  
**4.00 pm**

Invitations and collection candles/envelopes are at the back of the church. Please take one for your children and grandchildren and bring it back to the Christingle service.


Please start arriving from 3.30 pm to take part in activities in the church hall before the service.



Would you please save the foil dishes from individual fruit pies and leave them at the back of the church.

We use them to stand the oranges on at Christingle.

Thank you

semi avers **Concert**  
**on**  
**Tuesday 12th December**  
**at**  
**6.30 pm**

Tickets priced at £4 for adults, children are free, are available from Gill Campbell in church or 'phone her on 01474 534517



Please come along and enjoy the concert.

Derek and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and words of comfort at their recent loss and to thank all those who attended Joan's funeral. She would have been very proud. Thank you all, Derek.

**Bible Reading** notes from December are in the pigeon holes at the back of the church. Please put your payment in the envelope provided and place it in the collection plate.

**MANY THANKS**

to those who organised our recent Christmas Bazaar, to all who ran stalls and games and served refreshments, to everyone who donated items for the stalls and to everyone who came and spent their money.

We made the amazing sum of **£2,460**  
 well done everyone!!

On **Thursday 21st December at 2.30 pm** Mustard Seed will be joined by the over 80s for a Christmas Party.

Please come along and join in the fun!!



## “Experience Christmas”



6 Interactive displays illustrating the Christmas story will be up in the church **between 21st November and 18th December ...** these are thought-provoking and prayerful for both children and adults.

The church will be open for personal reflection at the following times - just drop in and make your way round in your own time.

Wednesday 6th December 10.30 am—12.30 pm  
Sunday 17th December 3.30 pm—5.30 pm



On Saturday 2nd December at 10.30 am there will be a guided journey round the displays for adults, as part of our Advent preparation—this will last about one hour.



***Thanks to all who have helped set up and offered to work with the schools. We have had more bookings and now need to fill the***



***booked spaces. We have gaps on the following days***

***Mon 4th Dec 1.45 pm—2 people      Guides—Wed. 6th 6.00 pm—3 people  
Thurs 7th am 1 person—pm 6 people      Mon 11th am 1 person pm 3 people  
Tues 12th am 2 people—pm 3 people.      Sign up sheets are at the back of  
the church. Thank you. Veronica***



Gravesend Churches will be singing carols in St.

George's Centre on **Saturday 16th December** to raise funds for Christian Aid.

Our slot is from **12.00—12.30 pm**

Please come along and join in—the more the merrier.

**GEMS Christmas Concert**  
on  
**Friday 1st**  
and  
**Saturday 2nd December**  
at  
**7.30 pm**  
in  
**St. Andrew's Mission Church**

Tickets £7 from John Thrush  
07879 407264



### Christmas Wish List

- Christmas chocolates
- Christmas luxury biscuits
- Coffee and hot chocolate
- Christmas pudding
- Stuffing mix/gravy mix
- Custard and brandy sauce
- Treats and sweets
- Long life fruit juice
  
- Deodorants, men's shaving items
- Shampoo
- Luxury bubble baths/ shower gel
  
- Also always needed
- Rice
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat
- Peanut butter
  
- At present they do not require
- Baked beans
- Tea
- Pasta
- Soup
- Thank you for your continued support.***



The annual service  
to commemorate

**St. Andrew**  
will be held on  
**Thursday 30th November**  
**at 11.00 am**  
**in**  
**St Andrew's Mission**  
**Church/Art Centre**  
**Bawley Bay**  
**Royal Pier Road**

Everyone is welcome to attend

**TODAY**

**Nat King Cole Tribute Show**  
**on**  
**Sunday 26th November**  
**in**  
**St. Aidan's Church Hall**

Doors open at 7.00 pm  
Show starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets priced at £15 from Jenny or  
Dave on 01474 352253

*Raffle and refreshments*

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.

Items for the news sheet should be sent to [juliehill34@aol.com](mailto:juliehill34@aol.com) or left on the clip in the lobby

Items for the website should be sent to [christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://christchurchgravesend.org.uk)

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