

3rd December 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

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	Working party
9.30 am	
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 Dec	
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed and over 80's party
22nd Dec	
7.00 pm	Come and Sing

**semiquavers 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.



The next **Church Working Party** will be on **Saturday 9th December** starting at **9.30 am**.

Please come along and give a hand even if you can only spare an hour.

Good company and delicious refreshments guaranteed!!

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	

**TODAY**



**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 this afternoon.

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

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!!



**First Steps Service**  
on  
**Wednesday 13th December**  
in church  
at **1.45 pm**

A service especially for families  
with pre-school children.



**Please come**

**pilgrim**  
A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY  
[www.pilgrimcourse.org](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org)  [pilgrimcourse](https://www.facebook.com/pilgrimcourse)

There is a pre-Christmas get-together in the Vicarage on Thursday 7th December for those who have been attending the Pilgrim Course.

We will be considering what to study next now that the Pilgrim Course is finished.

Mary and Joseph will be travelling around the parish during Advent and staying with families overnight.



If you would like them to stay with you, please sign the list at the back of the church.

## “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



***There are still a few ‘gaps’ in the rota if you can help please add your name to the sheets at the back of the church***

<b>Mon</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>1.45pm</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6th</b>	
<b>open church</b>	<b>10.30 am—12.30 pm</b>	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>1.15 pm</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>1.15 pm</b>

## CRIB FESTIVAL

**Saturday 9th December**  
**10.30 am - 2.30 pm**  
followed by **Crib and Carols**  
with **Gravesend Borough Band**  
at **St. George’s Church**

Free entry — refreshments available — free activities for children



Everyone welcome to drop in and see the cribs.



Joy to the World!

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.





### 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.***

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 plant.



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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