

10th 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

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
24th Dec
10.00 am Holy Communion (said)
3.00 pm Crib Service
5.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass
25th Dec
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Holy Communion with carols.

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.



MANY THANKS to all who helped at the church working party on Saturday.

Also to all who helped in any way to make the Christingle such a lovely occasion.

We collected £520 for the Children's Society.

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	

First Steps Service

on
Wednesday 13th December
in church
at 1.45 pm

A service especially for families
with pre-school children.



Please come

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!!



Mary and Joseph are
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”

The Church will be open on Sunday
17th December from 3.30—5.30 pm
for personal reflection.



If you are able, could you please help
to take down Experience Christmas
on Monday 18th December from 9.30
am.

Many thanks for all the hard work and
tolerance people have shown over the
past week.

The children who have visited so far
have really enjoyed the “Experience”

Happy Christmas everyone
Veronica



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

Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm— Service of Lessons and Carols
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Friday 22nd December at 7.00 pm —Come and Sing

Meet at the church to go carol singing around residential homes in the parish

Crib Service—this year there will be 2 crib services, at 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm - come to whichever works best for you and your family.



Children are welcome to take part in the nativity tableau by coming dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men or women, animals and other appropriate characters.

We need a Joseph for the 3.00 pm service and a Mary for the 5.00 pm service—first come, first served—talk to Sue Brewer if your child is willing. Preference will be given to those who have not been Mary or Joseph at previous crib services.

Any unwrapped presents will be given to children in need in the local area.

Special service arrangements for Christmas week

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. There will be **no 8.00 am service that day and the 10.00 am will be a said service with no hymns or music. Midnight Mass is at 11.30 pm**

Services on **Christmas Day will be 8.00 am Holy Communion and 10.00 am Holy Communion with carols.**

There will be no weekday services during the week after Christmas until Sunday 31st December—8.00 am and 10.00 am services as usual

On New Year's Day the only service will be Holy Communion with hymns at 10.00 am. The normal pattern of services resumes from 2nd January.



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 or left on the clip in the lobby

Items for the website should be sent to christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Rev. Sue Brewer— 01474 352643
www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

suec@brewer86.plus.com
Registered Charity No.1130741