

4th February 2018

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

4th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
8th Feb	
2.00 pm	"Pilgrims" Meeting
7.30 pm	"Pilgrims" Meeting
11th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion
4.00 pm	Evensong
13th Feb	
7.30 pm	Mothers' Union
14th Feb	Ash Wednesday
1.45 pm	First Steps
7.30 pm	Holy Communion
15th Feb	
12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed
17th Feb	
9.30 pm	Working Party
18th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion

We are please to welcome some of Betty Martin's family here this morning to celebrate what would have been Betty's 90th birthday.



Her family have brought a cake to share with the church family so please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service

The next Pilgrims' meeting is on Thursday 8th February at 2.00 pm at Anne's, 43 Park Avenue and at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

Please come along and join us new thoughts and insights are always welcome.

The altar flowers this week have been donated by John Hougham in memory of his wife, Peggy.

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	



Our next Mothers' Union Meeting will be on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 pm in the church.

We will be starting the meeting with Holy Communion followed by our Annual General Meeting and pancakes.

Please come along and join us as we review the past and look forward to the future.

FIRST STEPS SERVICE
Wednesday 14th February
in church
at 1.45 pm

This is a service especially for families with pre-school children.

Please come along and join in the fun.

After the service we go to the hall for refreshments and play time.



The next **Church working party** will be on **Saturday 17th February** starting at **9.30 am**

The date has been changed due to a wedding preparation morning on the 10th.

Please come along and give a hand.



There will be a Bread and Cheese lunch on Ash Wednesday, 14th February in St. George's Church Hall from 12.15—1.45 pm. Admission £3. Bring and Buy and Homemade stall.

All money raised is for Christian Aid

Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent is on 14th February.

As well as the usual 10.00 am service there will also be a service at 7.30 pm

Advance Notices The **Easter cards** for distribution around the Parish will be in church ready for collection on Sunday 25th February. You will need to deliver them before 11th March.

Easter Experience starts on Monday 5th March and ends on 1st April. Veronica will very soon be looking for volunteers to help with this.

LENT LUNCHES



We are planning some light lunches on Thursdays during Lent.

The first one will be a “Soup and Bread” lunch on Thursday 15th February from 12.30 pm onwards at Brigitte’s.

These lunches are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Instead of “giving up” for Lent why not “give” by supporting one or more of these lunches. There is no set charge but you can make a donation to the Church Lent Appeal.

If you hope to go please let the host/ hostess know to help with catering.

We are looking for others willing to hold a Lent Lunch. Please have a word with Brigitte if you can help.

Lent Envelopes - when you come into church next week you will be given an envelope containing a leaflet detailing the charities we will be supporting this year.

We ask that you put a donation in the envelope each week and bring it back on Easter Sunday.

We hope you will be as generous as you have been in previous years.

CAP Debt Centre Manager - Job Description

Role - Your role would be to set up and manage the running of the debt centre in partner ship with CAP and your church. You would support clients on their journey to becoming debt free, through home visits and ongoing support. All of this must be done in a way that positively reflects the Christian faith and the core values of the charity.

The minimum time commitment is 16 hours a week, comprising 4 consecutive hours, with at least 2 sessions being within normal working hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

You must complete an application for an enhanced DBS disclosure, have access to the internet, have an active email address and you will need to have a car.

If you are interested in this position or would like further information, please contact Rev. Richard Martin on 01474 249792 or email him on [**ramartin@talktalk.net**](mailto:ramartin@talktalk.net)

Below are details of Christ Church's giving to charities and good causes with money donated for that purpose.

<i>Income</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>2016</i>
Lent envelopes	2,228	Lent Envelopes	2,808
Good causes	<u>1,079</u>	Good Causes	<u>985</u>
	£3,307		£3,793
 <i>Expenditure</i>		 <i>Expenditure</i>	
Mary's Meals		Leprosy Mission	
Crisis		Kenning Trust	
Air Ambulance		The Lewy Body Society	
Demelza House	each £660 2,640	The College of	
		St. Barnabas	each £760 3,040
Emergencies	145		
Holy Trinity School		Holy Trinity School	
Whitehill School		Whitehill School	
Sanctuary		Sanctuary	
Gravesham Street Pastors		Gravesham Street Pastors	
Alzheimer's and Dementia		Larchwood Grove	
Support Services		Gravesend & District	
Larchwood Grove		Osteoporosis Support Group	
		each £100	600
	<u>522</u>	Christian Aid	<u>153</u>
	£3,307		£3,793
Christian Aid	£657	Christian Aid	£640 (plus £153)
Gravesham Food Bank	£520	Gravesham Food Bank	£450.50
Embrace the Middle East	£216	Embrace the Middle East	£280
Christingle	£516	Christingle	£412

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 ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk

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