

11th 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

11thFeb
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
21st Feb
11.00 am Lent Course at St. George's Church
7.30 pm Lent Course at Holy Family
25th Feb
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion

TODAY

Please come back this afternoon at 4.00 pm to take part in the lovely service of Evensong.

This will be the first service to welcome our new organist, Tom Shorter.

Lent Envelopes - when you come into church this morning you were 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 by Easter Sunday.

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

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 hall.

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



The altar flowers this week have been donated and arranged by Janice Stevens in memory of her mother, Ena.

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

It will soon be time to allocate new envelopes (to begin on 1st April) to those who give to the church through our weekly envelope scheme. Before I allocate them, please read the following and let me know if you wish to make changes.

If you would like to take envelopes for the first time please let me know

If you would like to change from weekly envelopes to monthly standing order via your bank please let me know and I will give you the appropriate form to complete.

If you already have envelopes but no longer wish to be part of the scheme please let me know as soon as possible.

If your Gift Aid status has altered in any way please let me know

If you are happy to continue with your envelopes then you do not need to do anything. Your new envelopes will be available at the back of church early in March.

Thank you. Anne Thrush (Gift Aid secretary)

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

a Lent Course for 2018

Let your Light Shine takes you on a five week discipleship journey through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness.

Sessions will be held at 7.30 pm on the dates and venues below.

Every week a session is also held at 11.00 am at St. George's Church followed by a soup lunch.

21st Feb	Change	Holy Family
28th	Bread	Christ Church
7th Mar	Light	St. Aidan's
14th	Life	St. George's
21st	Leaving	St. Mary's

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

We are running **Easter Experience** from 6th March to and including Easter Sunday enabling schools and other organisations to visit before they break for the Easter holiday and would be grateful for help in the following areas.

We need to borrow the following items—plants in pots, lengths of grey, black, brown and dark green material, brown, beige and neutral coloured cushions for the children to sit on. We are looking for volunteers to make cross shaped biscuits. Last time 2 people did them all - they would like help this time. We are always looking for people to help with the children's visits - the volunteers who helped at Christmas found it very rewarding and would only be too happy to tell you what is involved.

Please let Sue or Veronica know if you can help or want to know more.

Ifield Ladies next meeting is on Wednesday 21st February starting at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. They will be welcoming Greta Goatly talking about her "Year as Mayor".

Visitors are always welcome at their meetings.

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

Mustard Seed meet again on Thursday 15th February at 2.30 pm in the church hall. Please come along and join us for tea, cake and biscuits and lots of chat!!

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the late Elizabeth Millns, the elderly lady that John Thrush looked after for many years, will be held on **Christ Church on Tuesday 27th February at 1.00 pm.**

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.

All who knew her are welcome to come and also join us afterwards at the Manor Hotel.

Please come along and give a hand.



Tom Davis' funeral will take place on **Tuesday 27th February at 11 am in Gravesend Cemetery Chapel.**

All who remember Tom are welcome to attend.

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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