

18th 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

18th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
21st Feb	Lent Course
11.00 am	at St. George's Church
7.30 pm	at Holy Family
25th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
28th Feb	Lent Course
11.00 am	at St. George's Church
7.30 pm	at Christ Church
4th Mar	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion with healing
6th March	Experience Easter begins
7th March	Lent Course
11.00 am	at St. George's Church
7.30 pm	at St. Aidan's Church
10th March	
9.30 am	Church Working Party
11th March	Mothering Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion

**THANK YOU**

Between the East Gravesend Group of Churches **£719.50** was raised for Porchlight through my sponsored sleep-out.

Bless you all, Richard

**Lent Envelopes** containing a leaflet detailing the charities we will be supporting this year are available at the back of the church..

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	

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)

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 also 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.

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

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.

## 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.



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.

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

**Arts and Crafts Fair**  
**Sunday 25th February**  
**10.00 am - 4.00pm**  
**Gravesend Market**

**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.

Dozens of crafts under one roof exhibiting an eclectic mix of hand crafted wares and tastebud tempting treats!

Free entry

Free parking

and dog friendly

**Walk 100 Kent WW1** - Over the weekend of 24th and 25th February. Will you be one the 100 who walk your trail and receive the special edition pin badge? Sign up to receive news about this event or to be involved as one of our local volunteers. For more information contact us at [info@kentww1.com](mailto:info@kentww1.com)

## **The 70273 Project Rochester Cathedral until 12th March**

The 70273 Project has an ambitious aim - to blanket the world in Love. It is a mass petition for love and humanity, being signed in stitches from people all over the world.

The number that lies behind the Project is the number of babies, children, men and women who were killed between January 1940 and August 1941 because they were deemed to be 'imperfect' and 'unworthy of life'. If two doctors put a red cross on an individual's medical assessment form, it was the kiss of death, and they were killed by lethal injection, gassed, starved or shot.

The crosses that can be seen in the Nave of Rochester Cathedral represent 13,817 lives. These individual blocks have been made by thousands of people across the South East and beyond.

The centrepiece statement of Rochester Cathedral's display hangs from the organ loft behind the altar and is two huge banners bearing two crosses.

The 70273 Project outgrew the Cathedral and it is also on display in the Guildhall Museum.

Please take a 70273 Project Postcard and send it to someone to spread the love. You can leave a message on the Love Tree in the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral with your impression of the Project.

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 [ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk](mailto:ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk)

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