

4th March 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 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

13th March
7.30 pm Mothers' Union

14th March
1.45 pm First Steps
11.00 am & 7.30 pm Lent Course both at St. George's Church

15th March
2.30 pm Mustard Seed

18th March
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion

The early morning Holy Communion service on Tuesdays and Thursdays are now at 8.00 am not 7.00 am as previously.

HELP NEEDED We will be preparing bunches of daffodils for Mothering Sunday in the church (not the hall) on Saturday 10th March starting at 2.00 pm. Please come along and help and if possible bring any pittosporum you can spare from your garden.

I look forward to seeing you there.
Sheila Knight

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

Holy Communion	Tuesday 8.00 am	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 8.00 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	



Please don't forget to buy your tickets for the Mothers' Union raffle for a simnel cake.

Maxine will be selling tickets in the hall after the service.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March when we will be taking part in the Easter Experience in church.

New members and visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings.

First Steps Service Wednesday 14th March 1.45 pm

If you are a family with pre-school children, please join us for this short service in church.

Afterwards we enjoy refreshments in the hall while the children play with the toys.



Please support

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Tuesday 20th March
6.30 pm
in church

Tickets priced at £4 for adults, children are free, are available from Gill Campbell in church or ring her on 01474 534517.

We are looking for someone to be vergar at Baptisms. This is a paid position—£10 if there are baptisms at 12.00 pm and 12.45 pm or £5 if there is only one set.

This position is shared with David Williams.

Please have a word with Sue if you can help.



The next **Church Working Party** will be on **Saturday 10th March starting at 9.30 am.**

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



The Women's World Day of Prayer was postponed due to weather conditions. It has been re-arranged for Friday 16th March in St. George's Church from 1.45 – 2.45 pm.

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.

7th Mar	Light	St. Aidan's
14th	Life	St. George's
21st	Leaving	St. Mary's

Everyone is welcome to attend.

LENT LUNCHES



Jan Marakas is providing a soup lunch on Thursday 8th March at her home at 9 Townfield Corner (1st house on the right as you enter the close) from 12.30 pm Please let her know if you will be going. Her 'phone number is 01474 324548.

Jasmine and Steve will be hosting a soup afternoon on Saturday 17th March at their home Rosebank, Stack Lane, Hartley, DA3 8BL from 2-5 pm Please let them know if you will be going. Their 'phone number is 01474 249106.

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

Experience Easter news -

WE NEED YOU - please sign up to help with the Experience visits. We have lots of bookings and more are coming - some are daytime, some evenings, some schools, some open church - PLEASE HELP.

Monday 5th March at 6.30 pm there is a meeting for ALL Experience Easter volunteers to find out what is happening this time and for anyone who is unsure and wishes to see what they could be doing. It really is quite straightforward and very rewarding.

If you have offered to lend us items and have not brought them to church yet, we shall be setting up from 9.30 am tomorrow.

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.

Rev. Nigel Bourne has accepted Bishop James's invitation to be our next Area Dean. His Commissioning Service will be on Sunday 18th March at 5.00 pm in Chalk Parish Hall, to which you are all welcome.

Bishop James wishes to thank Sue for her hard work and care while she has been Area Dean and also wishes her well as she prepares to move on both from the Deanery and her post as Vicar here. Please pray for Rev. Nigel Bourne as he takes on this new role.

On Monday 19th March at 7.30 pm St. George's Church welcomes Chief Anne Richardson of the Rappahannock Tribe and Jamie Bosket, the President and CEO of The Virginia Museum of History and Culture.

There will be a talk in church at 7.30 pm on the theme of The Many Faces of Pocahontas with contributions from the different perspectives of our two guests. Admission is free, with any donations going to the Friends of St. George's.

Everyone is 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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