

11th 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

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 & Lent Course both at
7.30 pm St. George's Church
15th March
2.30 pm Mustard Seed
18th March Passion Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Choral Service with Readings
20th March
6.30 pm Semiquavers Concert
21st March
11.00 am Lent Course at St. George's Church
7.30 pm Lent Course at St. Mary's Church
25th March Palm Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion

Experience Easter is up and running; thanks to everyone who worked long and hard to put up the displays.

Several of our volunteer helpers are not available this time and we do have quite a few gaps to fill. If you think you can help look at the timetables or talk to Sue or Veronica to find out more. The more people we have, the less work for those who can help. We need you to make this work for our visitors.

Mustard Seed meets again on Thursday 15th March at 2.30 pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, cake and biscuits and a chance to chat to friends old and new.

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.



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

Sunday 18th March is Passion Sunday and at 10.00 am there will be a service of Holy Communion with choral items but no sermon.

This service is similar of the Christmas service of Lessons and Carols.

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to be verger 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.

Many thanks to everyone who supports the food bank.

At present they need - Tinned meat products, No fridge/UHT milk, instant mash, no fridge/UHT juice, jam/peanut butter, packet soup, instant rice, tinned spaghetti.

They do not need tins of soup, baked beans, pasta or tea. Thank you.

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.

14th	Life	St. George's
21st	Leaving	St. Mary's

Everyone is welcome to attend.

LENT LUNCHES



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.



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.



We will be arranging lilies in Christ Church this Easter and as in previous years we are inviting you to make a donation towards these flowers which could be in remembrance of someone. If you would like to make a donation please let me have your name and the name of the person or persons you would like to remember together with your donation.

Your donation can be gift-aided, please enclose your number with your details.

A list of names to be remembered will be displayed on the Memorial Table during Easter.

Sheila Knight.



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.

Have you or one of your friends/family been diagnosed with Osteoporosis? Would you like more information from medical experts and learn about support available?

**A Free Awareness Event
on Saturday 17th March
at Best Western Manor Hotel
Hever Court Road, Gravesend
9.15 am for 9.45am start**

For Booking and information please contact 01474 564234

Pre-booked sandwich lunch available at £5.00



On Monday 19th March at 7.30pm
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

The Art of Autism 2

**Gravesham Art Exhibition
for Autism Awareness
24th and 25th March**

**at
Gravesham Arts/
St. Andrews Art Centre
&
aboard historic lightship LV21,
Royal Pier Road**

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

All Welcome

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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