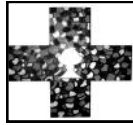


18th March 2018  
Notes and News



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

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

26th March  
7.30 pm     Guided prayer journey  
                  Experience Easter – here

27th March  
7.30 pm     Stations of the Cross  
                  Holy Family Church

28th March  
10.00 am    Holy Communion – here

7.30 pm     Agape Meal at Holy  
                  Family Church  
                  *(phone 249792 to book)*

29th March   Maundy Thursday  
7.30 pm     Informal service of  
                  Holy Communion

30th March   Good Friday  
10.00 am    Hot Cross Bun Service

12.00-3.00pm Reflections at the cross

1st April     Easter Day  
5.30 am     Service of Light

8.00 am     Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am    Celebration Holy  
                  Communion

4.00 pm     Festal Evensong

**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.

### Normal week day services

Holy Communion	Tuesday 8.00 am-
Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 8.00 am
Saturday 8.00 am	
Morning Prayer at Christ Church	Monday 8.00 am
Morning Prayer at St. Aidan's Church	Tuesday 8.00 am
Evening Prayer at Christ Church	Wednesday 5.15 pm
Morning Prayer at Holy Family Church	Thursday 8.30 am
Evening Prayer at Holy Family Church	Friday 5.15 pm

**Thank you** to everyone who came to help with making the posies of daffodils for Mothering Sunday. We completed the posies in record time - well done.

We will be arranging lilies in 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.

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 31st March starting at 10.00 am. We would welcome anyone who would like to help to make the church look beautiful for Easter. If you can spare an hour or so we would love to see you. If you can spare any foliage from your garden this would be much appreciated.

Sheila Knight.

**Please support Semiquavers Concert on Tuesday 20th March at 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.

### **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.

**Holy Week**— On Good Friday, there will be a service at St. George's Church at 10.00 am followed at 10.30 am by the Walk of Prayer around Gravesend and up to Windmill Hill then to Christ Church for the start "Reflections of the Cross" at 12 noon.

*Services for Holy Week and Easter are listed in the diary on the front page with full details on a separate sheet.*

Please keep  
**Sunday 8th April at 3.00 pm**  
free.

This will be Sue's last service  
here at Christ Church

**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.

21st	Leaving
11.00 am	St. George's followed by a soup lunch
7.30 pm	St. Mary's

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Ifield Ladies** next meeting will be on  
Wednesday 21st March in the Church  
Hall at 7.30 pm when they will be  
having a Charity Talk and  
Presentation.

They are always pleased to  
welcome visitors to their meetings.

There will be a Deanery Confirmation  
on Sunday 1st July at St. Peter and  
St. Paul, Shorne at 6.00 pm

If you are interested in being  
Confirmed or if you would like more  
information please have a word with  
Sue.

There will be an initial meeting for  
those interested in being confirmed on  
Sunday 15th April at 4.00 pm at Holy  
Family Church.

**Important Notice**— Now is the  
time to update the Electoral Roll.

Would you please check to see if your  
name is on the Electoral Roll, you will  
find the Roll at the back of the church,  
if it is you do not need to do anything.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll  
and are a regular worshipper here  
please think of enrolling. You will  
then have the opportunity to vote at  
the Annual Meeting and take a full  
part in the worship and work here.

Please do not delay as you can only  
sign up this week or next week and  
then the Roll is updated.

If you are not sure what this is all  
about please have a word with Sue,  
Jacqueline or one of the Wardens.

**Dates for your diary**— Collection for Christian Aid Week - Gravesend  
Station Collection for five days Monday to Friday 14th—18th May.  
Please email Mavis Prater [mavisprater@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mavisprater@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help

**TODAY**

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 7.30pm** 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

**Sgt. George's Easter Monday Walk** - We will be walking the 6½ mile Darnley Trail, a lovely woodland walk taking in all four of the country parks in Gravesend, Jeskyns, Ashenbank, Shorne Woods and Cobham Park. There are some hills but nothing precipitous! and we'd love you to join us.

There will be a café stop half way round and because we start in Cobham we can visit the Darnley Arms for further refreshment at the end of the walk.

Meet at 9.30 am sharp at the car park in Cobham Village. The car park is accessed by a track along the side of Cobham School.

## **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](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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