### 1st April 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**

Easter Day 1st April 5.30 am Service of Light 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 10.00 am Celebration Holy Communion Festal Evensong 4.00 pm 8th April 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 10.00 am All Age Communion Sue's last Service 3.00 pm 10th April 7.30 pm Mothers' Union 11th April 1.45 pm First Steps 13th and 14th April Church Spring Cleaning 9.30 pm 15th April 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) Family Communion 10.00 am 19th April Mustard Seed 2.30 pm 22nd April Holy Communion (said) 8.00 am 10.00 am Family Communion

**Annual Meeting** 

Please come back this afternoon at 4.00 pm and join with the choir in Festal Evensong. A perfect way to round off Easter Day.

Please come on **Sunday 8th April** at 3.00 pm for a special service to mark Sue's last Sunday as Vicar.

We will be Spring Cleaning the Church on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th April starting at 9.30 am

This is an enormous job so if you can I spare some time to come along and help that would be great.

. There is a sign up list at the back of the church.

#### Week day services

11.45 am

Holy Communion Wednesday 10.00 am and Saturday 8.00 am Morning Prayer Monday 8.00 am at Christ Church 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



There will **not** be a service of Morning Prayer tomorrow.

The early morning services on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will be discontinued for the time being.

There is a service of Holy Communion every Thursday at 9.30 am at Holy Family Church, part of our local cluster, which all are warmly invited to attend.

When there is 'Holy Day of obligation', eg Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day, Corpus Christi, etc. that falls on a Thursday, an 8.00 am service of Holy Communion will still be held and notice will be given in the news sheet.

There will still be weekly 8.00 am services of Holy Communion on Saturdays and Sundays.



Our next Mothers' Union Meeting is on Tuesday

10th April in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm when Brigitte Donald's talk is entitled

"Passionate about Parenting".

Please come along and join us, we are always pleased to welcome visitors at our meetings.

St. Mary's Church have a Quiz in their hall on Saturday 14th April at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Tables of up to 8 people. Cost £6.50 this includes a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks.

To book a table contact Vic Twine on 01474 351502

The next First Steps Service is on Wednesday 11th April in the Church at 1.45 pm.

I This is a service especially designed I for families with pre-school I children and all members of the I family are welcome to come.

We will have a Bible story, prayers and songs accompanied by bells and shakers.

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

Please come





# HAPPY EASTER



#### Today is the last time to sign up!!

**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.

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

## **MANY THANKS**

Dorothy wishes to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and good wishes she received when she recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

The Church Annual Meeting will be in church on Sunday 22nd April at 11.45 am.

Anyone can attend the meeting but in order to vote you need to be on the Electoral Roll.

At the meeting we will be electing Church Wardens and members to the Parochial Church Council. If you would like to put your name forward for election for these positions, please have a word with Jan. who has application forms. There are certain conditions to comply with for those who wish to be elected to positions on the PCC.

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.

**St. 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. — there is a small signpost to the car park at the entrance.



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.

Please remember to bring your old mobile phones, phone cards, spectacles, Canon and HP printer cartridges (no other ink cartridges, thank you), stamps, foreign coins, postcards, etc. for re-cycling.

Please put them in Priest Jacqueline's box at the back of the church.

We support Ellenor, Demelza House, The Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, RNLI and Cancer Research UK

Your contributions provide valuable support to hard-pressed charities and are very gratefully received as well as doing something for the planet.

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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