

PARISH MAGAZINE JULY/AUGUST 2018

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Well equipped, very suitable for meetings and children's parties

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taken by David Lewis

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Vicar			
Associate Priest	Jacqueline Littlewood	560106	
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Pastoral Assistant	Colin Parsonson	359713	
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PCC Treasurer	Steve Humphries	249106	
Reader	Rosemary Austin	358702	
Reader	Sheila Brown	356339	
Reader	John Hougham	352138	
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443	
Webmaster	Tim McArthur		

Discussion paper on welfare

A discussion paper 'Thinking Afresh About Welfare' has been released last month by the Church of England.

The paper, by Rev Dr Malcolm Brown, Director of the Mission and Public Affairs Division of Archbishops' Council, was endorsed by the May meeting of the House of Bishops as a discussion document.

Malcolm Brown said: "This is a considered response to the changing face of welfare provision, to help discussion across the church. It is not a policy paper, but aims to be a thoughtful contribution to the welfare debate."

Editor on leave of absence

This magazine is to cover both July and August due to the editor being away for a

few weeks as he takes up the onerous task of volunteering at the British Open Golf at Carnoustie followed by the Senior Open at St Andrews, Scotland, before returning to Gravesend for the Stay Sure Seniors Event at the London Club at Ash

Fitness League

Movement for Life In Christ Church Hall

Every Tuesday From 2-3.15 pm

Light remedial exercises

Fully qualified teacher

Ladies why not join us!

For more information please **Phone 01634 255759**

WORKING PARTY

'In order to save on expensive cleaning and maintenance, we hold a monthly working party on a Saturday morning starting at 09.30.

Together we clean and tidy the church, do a bit of necessary DIY or gardening, have a coffee and often some home-made goodies – and finish by about 11.30.

We are enormously grateful to the few loyal helpers who turn up month after month – but we desperately need a few more.

Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

Working party is almost always on the second Saturday of each month... NOTE the next ones will be on 14 JULY and 14 AUGUST at 9.30.

See you there, JAN

COFFEE ROTA 2018

1 July Annie - Jill - Anne8 July Kay - Sue - Linda

15 July Annie - Jill - Jenny

22 July Annie - Jill - Mary

29 July Annie - Jill - Lucy

5 Aug Annie – Jill – Vena 12 Aug Maxine – Lucy – Jan

19 Aug Annie - Jill - Pauline

26 Aug Annie - Jill - Angela

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2 Sept Annie - Jill - Sheila





Come in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 10.00 o'clock Sunday service



PEACE CANDLE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT WENT BEFORE

You may well have seen the 'Peace Candle' that was used at the WW1 commemoration service on 4th•August, 2014 now in the sanctuary.• The candle will remain in place throughout the 4 years of commemoration and will be lit at each Sunday and Wednesday service, as a reminder to us



all to pray for peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world. When you see the candle, please remember to pray for those caught up in conflict. The sign near to the candle records the areas of conflict most in our prayers at any given time (though there are other 'hidden' conflicts that rarely appear on our televisions). If you would like an area of the world added to the list, please speak to Rev Jacqueline.



FIRST STEPS 13TH JUNE 2018 JESUS CALMS THE STORM

It's a bit cloudy when our naughty little sheep gets us this morning, but there are signs of brightness so he's hopeful that the weather will be fine for our First Steps service this afternoon. And there is cloudy sunshine for our walk to church later. In we go and as always our naughty little sheep and his friends find somewhere comfy to sit while they watch me get things ready for our service. Linda soon arrives and gets busy in the hall. Then Jan and Anne join us and it is time to open our big church doors. First in today is Mum Ruth and her two sons Ethan and Louis. It is really good to see them. New baby Rupert comes along later with Mum Emma, big sister Abigail and Auntie Lisa. Soon we have a nice little crowd for our service. And with jingle bells at the ready, it is time for us to begin. I light our candles and we sing that "God is here with us, God is in the light"

Today we are thinking about Jesus calming the storm. Our naughty little sheep and his friends begged me to tell this story because it is one of their favourites. It is a bit scary but it does have an amazing ending. We sing about our God who is so strong and so mighty and Jesus certainly proves that at the end of our story. But we must begin at the beginning! Jesus has been very busy talking to people and healing them when they are sick and now he needs a rest. His disciples get a boat ready for a trip across the Sea of Galilee. which is a big lake. They set sail and the lake is very calm and still. Jesus goes to the back of the boat, finds a soft cushion, makes himself comfortable and drops off into a very deep sleep. Well, he is very, very tired.

Everything seems fine for a little while and the disciples are relaxing while Jesus sleeps. Suddenly the wind begins to blow and the clouds gather. There are little waves, then bigger waves and then very big waves. The sky becomes very

dark and thunder and lightening fill the air. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are beginning to get anxious, a bit like the disciples! Water starts to come into the boat and as fast as the disciples try to bale it out, the faster it comes in. The boat creaks ominously and they're frightened that it will sink and they will all drown. Jesus sleeps on, in spite of the storm. The disciples don't really know what to do so they wake Jesus up, telling him about the dire situation that they're in. Jesus makes his way to the prow of the boat, holds out his arm and says, "Peace, be still." The wind dies away, the storm ceases and the lake is calm once again. The disciples are amazed and slightly frightened of Jesus because of his awesome power. They look from one to the other in bewilderment, "Who is this man that even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Our naughty little sheep and his friends think that this is such a great story. They too are in awe of Jesus, just like the disciples. And so should we be, too. Wow! After all that excitement and the jingling bells and our singing it is time for our prayers and everyone is very good and quiet, as we thank God for bringing us together and for all

the gifts that he gives to us each day. Then it is time to go into the hall for a drink, a biscuit and some time to play and chat. Our naughty little sheep and all his friends themselves make comfortable after their refreshments so they can watch the children play. Priest Jacqueline will be taking our next First Steps service on 11 July because I can't be there but I hope that everyone will come and join her, along with our naughty little sheep and his friends.

God Bless Rosemary Austin



Christ Church Milton Next Gravesend

Saturday 15th September 2018, 7pm for 7.30pm start

Bring a team of 6-8 people and your thinking caps
Our quiz master for the evening will be Peter Read

£5 a head, byo drinks and nibbles
Help to raise money for church funds
so there will be a raffle too
Donations of raffle prizes to Jenny
Shoesmith. (even if you're not
coming, you could donate a prize)
Contact Angela on 07900430002
for details

Are you creative?

Will you /could you design this years Christmas card from Christ Church? Each year we put a card out to all houses in the parish and this year we need your help.

Your entry needs to be able to go on the front of a portrait style card and could be a photograph, picture or image.

The entry could be digital or hard copy. If it is digital, please forward it to angelak1966@hotmail.co.uk or hard copies can be handed to one of the Reverends Jacqueline or Karen, or one of the Sidespeople.

Please get your entry in by 9th September 2018 and include your name and contact number.

Do you or a member of your family have any interesting stories from World War 1

As part of the national commemorations of WW1 we are looking to reproduce stories that congregation members might like to submit of their relatives, or local men, who engaged in the conflict!

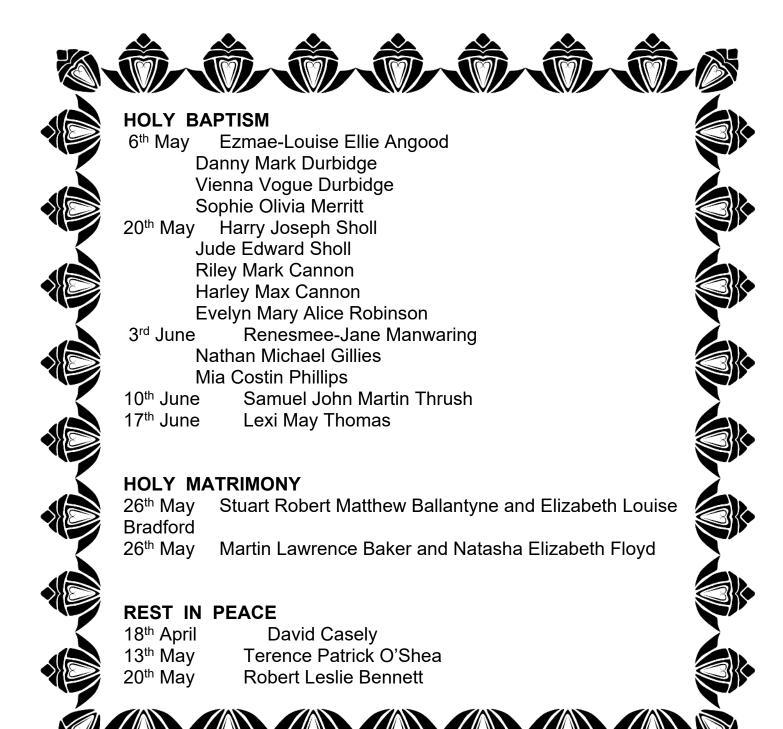
If you have a family story, perhaps with a photograph of the person you are writing about that you would like to be considered for inclusion in an edition of Christ Church

magazine over the next two years please let Mike Cubitt know.

We are hoping to get enough copy to enable a different story to be produced in the magazine during the four years anniversary period.

All photographs will be returned, but please mark on the back your name and address.





Your Parish Magazine for 2018

If you usually pay for your Christ Church Parish Magazine on an annual basis, then there can be no better time to make your contribution than when you collect your February copy. At just 50p per issue this represents very good value for you to keep up to date with what is coming forward, or what has happened in the few weeks that have just gone by. With the running of your church it is another way in which you can help



Christ Church 200 Club

The 200 Club is a means of raising money for the Christ Church General Fund, which supports the Ministry and Mission of the church and Good Causes as agreed by the PCC, whilst at the same time giving members the opportunity of a small 'flutter' and the chance to win some money.

Membership costs £30 per year. Fifty percent of all monthly donations are given over to the Christ Church General Fund with the remainder being returned to the membership in prize money. The draw is made on the fourth Sunday of every month in the hall after the morning service.

Payment can be made by an annual sum of £30, a quarterly payment of £7.50 or a monthly payment of £2.50, the latter two by bankers order. Cheques should be made payable to Christ Church PCC No 3 account.

Join by contacting John Thrush, in church, and completing an application form. If you are not sure who John is, ask one of the sides people and they will point you in the right direction.

Winning chances are only limited by the amount of numbers you purchase, the more you have the better your chance of winning. **Worthwhile** it certainly is, since its inception the 200 Club has donated over £40,000 to Christ Church to support its Ministry and Good Causes.

Contact JOHN THRUSH 200 Club Secretary

In collaboration with the Friends of St. Mary's Church and with kind permission of the Churches Conservation Trust

Higham Choral Group presents a varied programme of music for a summer evening including

CARMINA BURANA

Cantiones Profanae
by Carl Orff
and highlights from The Sound of Music

St. Mary's Church, Lower Higham

Saturday 7th July

7.30_{pm}

£10.00 includes light buffet

pay at the door

for further information contact o1634 718818/01634 718285 - email: kateiw@tiscali.co.uk Musical Director Richard Shackleton www.highamchoral.org.uk



Gravesend Corps, 34 The Grove

the

SOUTH LONDON FELLOWSHIP BAND

Bandmaster Darrell Scholes (Croydon)

present

A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Saturday 7th July @ 7.00 pm

The Salvation Army Citadel in the Grove

With a Collection in support of



Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359; Social Trust Registered Charity No. 215174 and in Scotland SC037691 General: André Cox. Territorial Commander for the United Kingdom with the Republic of Ireland: Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham

TICKETS FROM 01474 326244



All the fun of the fair

Another successful fundraiser with the annual summer fete bringing in a total in excess of

£2100 a great effort from all those that helped and contributed on the day!











New CRE events for your diary

We are delighted to update you about two Christian Resources Exhibitions in the coming months:

SOUTH

After a successful return to Sandown Park, Surrey in 2017, CRE 2018 will take place, once again at this much-loved venue from Oct 16-18 2018.

Around 200 exhibitors will be waiting to meet you, offering resources for every aspect of church life. Vestment makers, furniture suppliers and audio-visual units will be on show alongside organisations to assist you in worship, leadership, youth work, mission and building maintenance.

We are developing a fresh and highly-focused programme of features and seminars to complement our wide-ranging exhibition. Look out for more information over the coming weeks and months.

Tickets are already available online. Book today and your entry price of £4 represents a substantial saving of 50% on day-of-entry admission. Come in a group of three or more and save even more.

Exciting Youth Choir in Gravesend

If you are aged between 7 and 17 and enjoy singing then come along!

- Join a friendly group of singers
- Learn great music of different styles and
- Perform at concerts and services

For further information visit www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Or call 01474 534517

Join the

semiquavers

Youth

choir in Gravesend
We meet weekly for
Rehearsals
at Christ Church
Tuesday evenings
6.15 pm to 7.30 pm

CREAM TEA AFTERNOON

Dene Holm Methodist Church Thursday 26th July 2018 2pm til 4pm



Join us for an afternoon of tea, scones, cake and homemade produce!

There will also be stalls to browse and some competitions, with all money raised going to support the work of

Gravesham Street Pastors

For more information or to get involved, please contact Melva at: melvaderek@gmail.com or 01474 334155







PRAYER FESTIVAL







Saturday 22 September Rochester Cathedral

10am to 2.30pm



- Experience new ways to pray
- Learn how to help others pray
- Workshops, teaching and time for worship

A donation of £6 per person is requested to cover costs.

For more details visit: www.rochester.anglican.org /prayer-festival.php

Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

Our next meeting is on 24th July 2018

at Christ Church Hall Old Road East, Gravesend DA12 1NR

(Parking in Church Car Park or in Park Avenue)

Starting at 7.00 p.m.

National Osteoporosis Society Helpline

A Talk about this free and extensive personal information service

For more information please contact the Chair on 01474 564234



60S NIGHT

Shorne Vicarage Garden Party

LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY 7 JULY 7pm (Garden opens 6 pm)

£10 per person - Family ticket £25

To book a ticket ring 01474 822239

Bring your own picnic and chairs

Raffle * Hot dogs *
Strawberries and
Cream

IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS







FIRST STEPS

Is a service especially designed for families with pre-school children, although all children in the family are welcome to come.

We meet in the church at 1.45pm on the second Wednesday in each month for a short service and then to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We are finished in plenty of time for parents to meet their other children from school.

Why not come along with your children, you will be very welcome.

Next date is Wednesday 11 JULY 2018.

The king who said no

As soon as Moses was old enough, he went to live with the princess in the king's palace.

But he did not belong there. He was one of the people of Israel. The king of Egypt made the people of Israel slaves. Men with cruel whips made them work harder and harder.



Moses tried to help, but only made the king angry. So Moses ran away, far away, to another land, where he worked as a shepherd. One day, when he was minding the sheep, he saw something very strange. In the middle of a bush, a fire burned. He could see flames – but the bush was not burned up.

Moses went closer. Then he heard a voice, calling his name: "Moses! Moses!" God was speaking to him. "I have a special job for you," God said. "I know all about the cruel king

of Egypt and the horrible things he does. The people of Israel are my people. Go and tell the king he must let my people go."

But Moses did not want to. "I can't do that," he said. "The king of Egypt is very angry with me." "You can do it if I help you," God said. "Tell my people what I have said. Tell them it's time they had a land of their own. If you are afraid, take Aaron with you."

Moses and Aaron went to see the king. "God says, 'let my people go." "God, Who is God? I don't know your God," said the king. And he made the Israelites work harder than ever. So God sent Moses to warn the king. "Let my people go, or I will send a terrible disaster. You will have no clean water to drink." The king said no. And there was no clean water to drink – just as God said. *Disaster number one*.

Again God sent Moses to warn the king. "Let my people go, or I will send a terrible disaster. There will be frogs everywhere: frogs in the soup, and frogs in bed with you!" The king said no. And there were frogs everywhere — hopping and jumping. Frogs in the soup and frogs in the beds, just as God said. *Disaster number two*. "Please get rid of these frogs!" begged the king. So Moses asked God, and God got rid of the frogs. But the king did not let God's people go.





Again God sent Moses to warn the king. "Let my people go, or there will be gnats all over the place – nasty little biting gnats." The king said no. And there were gnats all over the place. Disaster number three. "NO! NO! NO!" shrieked the king, "I still say NO."

Then the disasters came thick and fast: four, five, six, seven, eight, nine... TEN. "YES! YES!" groaned the king at last. "Tell GOD I will let his people go – and good riddance. If only he had said yes before!

The people of Israel got ready to go. They were leaving Egypt for ever. They would never be slaves again. They were going to a land of their own. God had set them free.



PCC REPORT

Report from the meeting of the PCC on 10th June, to discuss arrangements for appointing new vicar.

The PCC has been busy undertaking the necessary legal formalities for a new Vicar to be appointed. No steps could be taken until Sue had left. There is then a time-table for action, set out in church legislation. The PCC met on Sunday, 11 June to take this forward and in particular with two important matters:

The PCC had to prepare a "Parish Profile", a document which enables a potential applicant to see what kind of church we are, what our priorities are and giving considerable detail about the Parish, its place in Gravesham and our relationship with other churches. This was prepared by a sub-committee and approved at Sunday's meeting. It will be made available on our web-site as soon as we receive approval from the Diocese.

The PCC also had to select two of its members to represent the parish in the process of interviewing and selecting our new Vicar, together with the Bishop or his representative and the Area Dean. At our meeting Jan Osborne and Andy Nailor were chosen.

Any priest currently in post elsewhere will have to give three months' notice, although this may be varied by agreement with his/her Bishop, so we have to accept that we may be reliant on the sterling service of Karen and Jacqueline for some time yet.

We have a strong team here in Christ Church and a supportive congregation. We are confident that we will pass on a parish in good order and heart as we move into the next phase of our life here together.

We will keep you up-to-date with developments in the selection process. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further clarification of the above.

For information, the PCC has agreed that we will publish a report on PCC Meetings in the future, on a regular basis.

Peter Read
PCC Secretary
pccsecretarypcc@hotmail.com

Volunteers needed...

'We always need volunteers... the church runs because of the generous service of volunteers.

If you have time and enthusiasm to spare but you are not sure where your talents can be used, we would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities.



What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

08.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday All-Age service

Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

Weekday Services

Holy Communion (said)

Saturday 8 am.

Monday 8 am.

Wednesday 10 am and 17.15 pm

For further information
Contact
The Church Wardens

Office hours

Friday

6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Registered Charity no. 1130741

Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Music Group; Brownies

Tuesday Mothers Union (2nd Tuesday In church hall) Cubs

Mothers union and Semiquavers

Wednesday Guides

Christ Clurch

Christ Clurch

Girlguiding

First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm

Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)

Thursday Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice:

2.30 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)

Friday Rainbow Unit; Scouts; Parent and Toddler

Saturday Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)





A COUPLE OF TRAVELLERS SPOTTED OFFERING THEIR WARES AT THE CHURCH FETE ON 16 JUNE 2018

Sandy and Ted would like to thank everyone who supported their Cuppa for a Cause Charity day,

£1200 was raised this will all be going to the Alzheimer and Dementia support services.

BIBLE NOTES

As well as the "New Daylight" booklet of Bible notes prepared by the Bible Reading Fellowship, there is also a booklet entitled "Bible reflections for older people". This also comes out every four months and is priced at £4.99. This booklet is written by older people for older people, the reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God. Each issue contains 40 Bible reflections and prayer suggestions to use and revisit as often as needed.

If you would be interested in seeing a copy of this booklet please have a word with Julie Hill.



MUSTARD SEED

Third Thursday of the month In

Christ Church hall 2.30 - 4.00

We invite you to come and join us for tea, biscuits, cake and conversation with occasional speakers and

quizzes.

Come and find out who we are and meet new people. All ages welcome

Contact: Colin Parsonson: 01474 359713

Pam Kilby: 01474 332693

CALENDAR JULY 2018

Sunday	1 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	8 08.00 Service 10.00 All Age Service 16.00 Choral Evensong	08.00 Service 10.00 Service	08.00 Service 10.00 Service	08.00 Service 10.00 Service
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Friday	6 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	13 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	20 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	27 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	
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Fair trade biscuits and organic cakes

Within our collection of fair trade biscuits and cakes, you will be able to treat yourself to a range of delectable sweet and savoury snacks. For those who have a sweet tooth, you may be interested in our selection of cookies, including double chocolate cookies and stem ginger cookies. If savoury is more to your taste, our cheddar cheese oaty biscuits or our pepper and poppy seed biscuits may offer temptation.

All of our fair trade biscuits and fair trade cakes are made from the finest, ethically sourced ingredients available and are perfect for a small dessert or snack. All products are suitable for vegetarians and contain FairPalm oil.

Fair trade and organic breakfast cereal

At Traidcraft we sell only the finest quality fair trade cereal, made using only fair trade ingredients from around the world.

Both healthy and ethical, our fair trade breakfast cereal is the perfect way to start the day. If you're a fan of muesli, then you will love our GeoMuesli selection, such as Exotic Fruit and Fruit and Nut.

For those who are on the go and or require a more convenient breakfast, Geobars offer the perfect solution; compact fair trade cereal bars made from wholesome ingredients.

Organic and fair trade chocolate

Chocolate may be easy on the tastebuds, but its production is no easy task. Almost ninety percent of cocoa that goes into this delicious treat is grown on small farms in developing countries, providing a livelihood to over six million farmers. Despite offering employment to many, there are few benefits for cocoa farmers and many still live in poverty.

Buying fair trade chocolate ensures that the industry is sustainable.



Please speak with
David Williams if there
is anything you would
like to purchase or for
more information
about what is
available