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Who's Who at **Christ Church**

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CELEBRATIONS AS MILESTONES ARE REACHED



Keith and Sheila Knight celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12th July

Julie Hill celebrated her 80th birthday on 21st July



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 8 SEPTEMBER at 9.30.

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COFFEE ROTA 2018

2 Sept Annie - Jill - Sheila 9 Sept Sarah - Kay - Susan 16 Sept Annie - Jill - Anne 23 Sept Annie - Jill - Rosemary 30 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.

MUSTARD SEED



A selection of photos taken at the Mustard Seed and Over 80's Tea Party on 19th July.







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FIRST STEPS TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC 8TH AUGUST 2018 FRIENDS

What a lovely day for our First Steps Teddy Bears' Picnic! " If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a big surprise!" I can hear our naughty little sheep singing that! He is so excited about our Teddy Bears' picnic and lots of his friends are coming along, too. We set out early because there's lots to do today. The church and the hall have got to be arranged; tables put out for colouring and cutting, food to prepare. There is so much to do that our heads are spinning. But some kind people have come to help so that we don't have to do it all ourselves. Isn't great to be with a group of friends that care about each other and help each other. Aren't we lucky!!

When everything is ready our naughty little sheep and his friends wait excitedly for people to arrive and they are not disappointed. Some interesting Teddy Bears have come along but there are some other animals, too. I spy a monkey and a rabbit and a dog! Is that allowed? Well our naughty little sheep has to admit that he isn't a Teddy bear, however hard he may try to disguise it, and some of his friends aren't Teddy Bears either. Everyone is welcome and it's lovely to see them. When every one has settled down with their jingle bells ready, we light the candles and our service begins.

Today we are thinking about our friends, which is very appropriate. Friends come in all shapes and sizes, don't they? Sometimes they might be happy and lively and sometimes miserable and moany. Just like us. And we love them anyway, don't we? Jesus had some very special friends, too. They were his disciples and they were all different but Jesus loved them all very much just as he loves us. We're singing some of our favourite songs today, about the people we love, about our beautiful world, about food and fun and love. The children are being very good, doing the actions and jingling their bells. They can certainly make a really loud noise when they try. And of course they can be really quiet, too. Everyone is good and quiet for our prayers. We thank God for bringing us together on this lovely sunny day and for all the very many gifts that He gives to us and for this chance to have fun together.

Then our service is over and it is time to go into the hall to colour in our animal masks, and our "bear" pictures. There's lots of yummy food for us to share and games and toys out in the garden to play with in the sunshine. Aren't we lucky to have such a lovely day? And what lovely people to share it with!

Our naughty little sheep and his friends have eyes like saucers when they see all the food. They hardly know where to begin. And then there's ice cream with sauce and sprinkles. How great is that? Everyone is having such a lovely time

together. What could be nicer than good food and excellent company?

Our next First Steps service will be on 12th September. I will be on holiday but Sheila Brown has kindly volunteered to step into my shoes, so to speak! I do hope that everyone will come and support her. I'm sure that you'll all have a great time. I'll be thinking of you. **God Bless Rosemary**

Austin



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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 <u>angelak1966@hotmail.co.uk</u> 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.



HOLY BAPTISM

15th July Albie Shaun Steven Coomber-Aldous **Billy Martin Wilson** Grace Sofia Cooper Ava Rose Cooper Holly Mae Hughes 29th July Lucas Joseph Collins **Brody Simon Martin** 5th August Theo Jack Bobby Felix Matthew Davies Sidney Paul Kelly Sian Faye Curties Thomas Peter John Rogers William Matthew Rogers 16th August Summer Louise Skye Parker

CONFIRMATION

1st July

Isaac Craig Barden

HOLY MATRIMONY

30th June Gavin Daniel Anthony Ives and Lucy Louise Elizabeth Webster-Ives

- 14th July David House and Emily Martin
- 21st July Jamie Paul Whitewood and Victoria Rose-Marie Payne
- 27th July Grant Ashley Roe and Rachel Louise Smith
- 4th Aug Paul Graham Palmer and Amy Louise Fox
- 18th Aug Leon William John Ludlow and Jade Louise Belinda Smith

REST IN PEACE

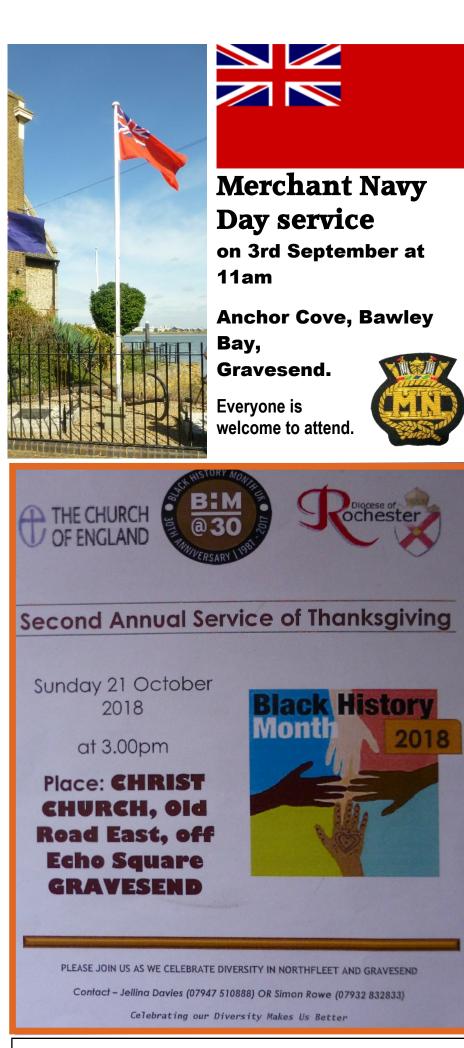
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Fitness League

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

Do you run a local business? Have you thought of advertising in this monthly magazine?

If you would like details of costs and how you could contribute to Christ Church through advertising please

contact 07840343831

or email ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk

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ww1 - A personal tragedy

Great-Uncle Willy

William George Gore, my paternal grandmother's brother, was born in Sturry near Canterbury and worked at the Queenborough glass works on Sheppey before moving to Ash-next-Sandwich and



gaining employment at one of the small, local breweries which were widespread in the early 20th century. As soon as he was old enough he enlisted at Canterbury in 4th Battalion the Buffs but, as casualties mounted, found himself transferred to the London Irish Rifles, in time to become involved in the 1918 German offensive, variously known as the Second battle of the Somme or the Kaiser's Spring Offensive. This was launched on 21st March 1918. The German attack was spearheaded by stormtroopers who swept through potential strong points and forced the British 5th Army to retreat. On that first day the British suffered 7,512 dead with 10,000 wounded. My Great-Uncle Willy was among those killed, together with two others from the same small village.

Along with so many others, his body was never recovered and his name is recorded on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais. As a result of his transfer to The London Irish Rifles his death is also recorded in Ireland's memorial records, a long way from his home in East Kent. After the war his family received the memorial plaque which became known as "the dead man's penny", framed below his cap badge of the Irish Harp; quite a contrast to the Buffs badge which he is proudly wearing in the photograph.

John Hougham

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.

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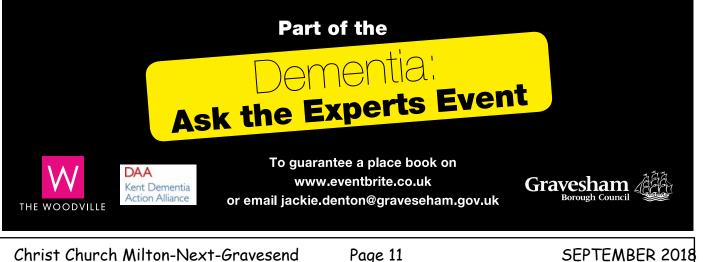


FREE screening of Still Alice TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Woodville, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU

1.30pm (booking via Eventbrite)

Alice Howland, happily married with three grown children, is a renowned linguistics professor who starts to forget words. When she receives a diagnosis of Early-Onset Alzheimer's Disease. Alice and her family find their bonds thoroughly tested. Her struggle to stay connected to who she once was is frightening, heartbreaking, and inspiring.



Mother's Union Service

Christchurch 24 June n Mothers' Union held their annual service led by Jacqueline Littlewood assisted by various members giving readings, prayers etc and choosing the hymns. The banner was paraded at

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service and at the end, this was followed by all the members present at service. Α new member, Janet Dunlop, was enrolled







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B-B-Q IN THE PLEASANCE



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Mothers' Union News

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On Tuesday 10 July we had a speaker, Ann West, who talked on Being a Busy Woman, as her talk progressed we realised this was an understatement. She started as a teacher, her husband was a probation officer and she had four children. Anne also became involved in fostering and setting up the local Volunteer bureau and became a magistrate. She taught at Cobham Hall and through this she started visiting countries around the world in conjunction with the Round Square group of public schools in order to find charitable projects for students to undertake. She spoke about the various projects and the fact she is still in touch with these today but has stood down from quite as much involvement now.

On 13 July a small group of members met in the church to take part in the Wave of Prayer where we pray for various MU branches around the world

On Tuesday 14 August we held our T@3 afternoon in the church hall and outside. Various members, and guests enjoyed tea, cake and conversation plus quizzes and games for the younger visitors. There was a bring and buy stall and raffle. We raised about £163 for MU funds.

The next meeting will be on 11 September.

















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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

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MARY SUMNER DAY OF PRAYER

On Mary Sumner Day 9th August some MU members

from branches in the Diocese participated in a Prayer Pilgrimage as they made their way to Evening Prayer at Rochester Cathedral. Twenty one members from



branches in the Erith Deanery visited Christ Church to look round, chat to our MU members, have some refreshment and join in MU mid day prayers before continuing to their next prayer stop.







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 12 SEPTEMBER 2018.

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Paul Meets Jesus

There was a light! A light so dazzling bright it made the sun look pale.

Paul put up his hands to hide his face. The light hurt his eyes. He could not see!

Then he heard a voice: "Paul! Paul! Why are you being so cruel to me?" "Tell me who you are," Paul said. "I am Jesus," answered the voice.

Paul was on his way to the city of Damascus.

He was an enemy of the friends of Jesus. He did not believe that Jesus was God's promised King. He did not believe that Jesus was alive again.

"But he must be," Paul said, when he heard Jesus' voice. "I was wrong!" He thought of all the cruel things he had done to the friends of Jesus. He was very, very sorry.



"Go into the city," Jesus said to Paul. "And I will tell you what to do." Paul still could not see. Someone had to lead him by the hand.

Jesus sent Ananias to see Paul. "He's not an enemy any more." Jesus said. "Paul is going to tell everyone about me. That's a hard job. But I have chosen him for this special work." Ananias put his hand on Paul's eyes – and Paul could see again. He was so glad!

So Paul became a friend of Jesus. God sent his Special Helper to be with him. And Paul told everyone he met that Jesus was alive. "Paul was the cruel enemy of the friends of Jesus," people said.

"But now he's telling us all to be Jesus' friends!"



SHORNE CHURCH OPEN DAY

Monuments, brasses, old furnishings and medieval architecture are what most visitors are looking for in country churches. St Peter and St Paul at Shorne has all of these. The building has examples of all periods of architecture from Anglo-Saxon to Perpendicular in the 15th century. Unfortunately, like many churches in this

Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

> Our next meeting is on 25th September 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.

Annual Report

followed by

Holistic Advice with Dr. Manpinder Sahota

Silent Auction

For more information please contact the Chair on 01474 564234



area, it is locked when it is not in use.

On Saturday 8th September it will be open from 10 am to 6 pm for anyone to visit and see what it has to offer. In the morning you can guide yourself round using a free leaflet. In the afternoon there will be guided tours at 2, 3 and 4 pm. These are free and there is no need to book. Afternoon teas will be served from 2.30 to 5 pm. This coincides with the national Heritage Open Days and the Friends of Kent Churches 'Ride & Stride' .You can get further information from 01474 822280 Andrew Moffat or aimoffat@btinternet.com or from our web site www.shorneparishchurch.co.uk.



Saturday 8 September

Church open 10 am to 5 30 pm (free self-guide leaflet)

Tours of the Church at 2, 3 and 4 pm Free-No need to book

> Afternoon Teas 2.30 to 5.00 pm

Information from Andrew Moffat 01474 82220 or aimoffat@btinternet.com

Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Shorne www.shorneparishchurch.co.uk

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.

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The Bishop of Rochester



Benefice of Christ Church, Milton, Gravesend

The PCC and people of Christ Church aspire

- to build our church's future whilst valuing our past as we grow in Christ;
- to be a church with big windows and open doors, going out in love into the wider community;
- to be a welcoming and inclusive place for all, with no exceptions.

The Bishop as Patron seeks an Incumbent

- who is looking for an inclusive church in the liberal eucharistic tradition;
- who is comfortable with traditional styles of worship but with the imagination to consider different styles and forms;
- who sees the building of our future through young people as a priority;
- who will support the strong and varied musical tradition of the church;
- who is collaborative, fosters the gifts of others and is not afraid to challenge where appropriate.

Christ Church serves a largely suburban parish of c.8,000 population; it is one of three parishes in the East Gravesend Group Ministry, with two others which collaborate informally.

The parish profile and further details are available at <u>www.rochester.anglican.org</u> under **'Diocese'** and **'Vacancies'**

> Application forms are available from The Archdeacon of Rochester's PA at michele.langford@rochester.anglican.org

Closing date for applications: **Monday 10th September 2018** Interviews to be held on **Friday 28th September 2018**



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

Registered Charity no. 1130741

For further information Contact The Church Wardens

Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2 ¹ / ₂ upwards)
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Monday Music Group; Brownies

TuesdayMothers Union (2nd Tuesday In church hall) CubsImage: Second Sec

Wednesday Guides

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

- Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)
- ThursdayBeavers/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)



"Winter Shoes? Autumn is coming; sandals will soon be redundant- need some



winter shoes? If you buy new shoes for the new season please save the box for our Shoebox appeal for Blythswood Care which will start in October. While you are in the shoe shop if you can acquire more than one shoebox that would be wonderful as many organisations ask for them later in the year. If you can bring them to church just leave them at the back near the Mothers' Union table or contact Veronica 01474 534857) who will collect them. If you are good at covering shoe boxes in Christmas paper several members of our congregation find this difficult so once again if you can help that would be really appreciated. Happy shoe shopping !"



This years HARVEST THANKSGIVING is on Sunday, 14th October at 10.00am and for the whole church family. You are invited to bring harvest gifts to be donated to the Foodbank and 'Choices', a refuge for mothers and children. Please join us to celebrate all God's gifts to us.

The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Please bring some food to share and bring your own drinks and glasses. There will be activities for the children and Tom, our organist and Choir Director, will be assembling a flash choir. You don't have to be able to read music, just enjoy singing. So, any of you who would like to join in will rehearse for an hour or so and then give a performance either just before or just after lunch.

CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	2 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	9 08.00 Service 10.00 All Age Service	16 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	23 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	30 08.00 Service 10.00 Service
Monday	3 BROWNIES	10 brownies	17 08.00 Service BROWNIES	24 08.00 Service BROWNIES	30 08.00 Service BROWNIES
Tuesday	4 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	11 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	18 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	25 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	
Wednesday	5 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE	12 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE 13.45 First Steps	19 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE	26 10.00 Service 17.15 SERVICE	
Thursday	6 BROWNIES Choir Practice	13 BROWNIES Choir Practice	20 14.30 Mustard Seed BROWNIES Choir Practice	27 BROWNIES Choir Practice	
Friday	7 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	14 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	21 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	28 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	
Saturday	8 08.00 Service 09.30 Work party	15 08.00 Service	22 08.00 Service	29 08.00 Service	



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.

MADECASSE

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

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