

7th October 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***

7th Oct.	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
9th Oct	
7.30 pm	Mothers' Union
10th Oct	
1.45 pm	First Steps
11th Oct	
2.00 pm	Pilgrim Meeting
7.30 pm	Pilgrim Meeting
13th Oct	
9.30 am	Working Party
2.00 pm	Decorating for Harvest
14th Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion
11.30 am	Shared lunch and Flash Choir concert
4.00 pm	Festal Evensong
18th Oct	
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed
21st Oct	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
3.00 pm	Black History Month Thanksgiving Service

### **“From Bosnia with Thanks”**

Thank you so much for such generous sponsorship. I'm very touched by such support.

Contrary to what I said a couple of weeks ago, don't worry about the Gift Aid forms that I mentioned. There is a more practical way of getting the Gift Aid.

I'm still thinking about giving a slide show of the trek, if there is enough interest, as a way of saying thank you.

It'll probably be about 30-40 minutes, with wine and nibbles, and no charge.

— and I'll try to avoid it being one scenic mountain peak after another!

I'll put a form at the back of the church to try to gauge interest.

Thank you so much, Richard.

### **Week day services**

Holy Communion	Wednesday 10.00 am and 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

## Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 14th October

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
10.00 am All Age Holy Communion  
4.00 pm Festal Evensong

We are trying something different to celebrate Harvest this year. After the 10.00 am service there will be coffee as usual.

From 11.30 am we will be putting together a "Flash" choir, that is everyone who loves to sing will rehearse together ready to perform after lunch.

For those not wishing to join in the singing there will be activities and a chance to chat and catch up with friends.

We will have a shared lunch followed by a performance by "The Flash Choir".

Please join us in our celebrations, there will be something for everyone.

There are two lists at the back of the church, one for you to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing to share for lunch and one to sign up to sing in the choir.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Please bring gifts of non-perishable food to donate to the Foodbank

We will be decorating the church ready for Harvest on Saturday 13th October from 2.00pm. We would appreciate help with decorating the pillars and windowsills. Do come along and join in the fun, full instructions given.

We would really appreciate any foliage that anyone can spare from their gardens. Please bring it along on the 13th.

Thanking you in advance for your help on the day.

We are starting another course for young people who would like to receive Holy Communion (before Confirmation).

The preliminary meeting for parents and young people will be on Friday 30th November in church at 4.00 pm.

Please let Sheila Brown or Karen Seggie know as soon as possible if you are interested. Your child should be baptised or willing to be baptised before receiving Holy Communion.

The course will run on Fridays from 4.00—5.30 pm. There will be two sessions in December and the course will then continue from the new year until Easter 2019.

## Poppies

Please get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and start to make poppies to be displayed in the Warrior Chapel at Remembrance time.

Patterns are available from Priest Jacqueline.

The altar flowers this week have been sponsored by Harry Kingsbury and arranged for him by Sue Oaten to remember his wife, Joan.

Our next Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th October in the Church Hall starting at 7.30 pm.**, when we will be welcoming a speaker from Gravesend RNLI.

Please come and join us for what will be a very interesting meeting.

Here is early notice of our **Christmas Frost Fair which will be held on Saturday 10th November at 10.30 am**

Please put this date in your diaries and invite your friends and family to come.

Please bring items for the stalls next Sunday  
Toiletries, gifts and candles and jewellery and chocolates for a tombola.

***Please note we cannot accept electrical goods, knives or sharp items nor cassette and video tapes.***

The next Church Working Party is on Saturday 13th October starting at 9.30 am.

Please come along and help, even if you can only spare an hour.

Please join us for  
**FIRST STEPS SERVICE**  
**in Church**  
**on Wednesday 10th October**  
**at 1.45 pm**

This is a service especially for families with pre-school children. After the service we enjoy refreshments in the hall while the children play.



### Shoebox Appeal

We are again filling shoeboxes for those who are not so fortunate as us.

Please take a look at Veronica's display or pick up a leaflet for more information.

Please start filling your shoeboxes now as the closing date is the end of October.

We need empty shoe boxes to fill, so if you are near a shoe shop please ask if they have any. Please leave these in church for others to use.

There are a few boxes there already covered please take one of these if you find it difficult to cover one for yourself.

The Pilgrim Groups meet again on Thursday 11th October at 2.00 pm at Anne's, 43 Park Avenue and at 7.30 pm at John's, 12 Old Road East.

Please come and join in —  
everyone is welcome.

St. Aidan's Ladies invite you to a talk by Christoph Bull in the West Room at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 10th October.

“Denton, the Lost Parish”

Admission is £3.00 per person and drinks and biscuits will be available

### **Black History Month 2018**

**2nd Service of Thanksgiving  
on Sunday 21st October  
at 3.00 pm  
in Christ Church.**

Please join us as we celebrate diversity in Gravesend and Northfleet.



### **SOUPA MEAL**

There will be a Soupa Meal on Wednesday 17th October between 12.45 and 1.45 pm in St. George's Church Hall. The cost is £2.50.

There will be a bring & Buy stall, home-made cakes, savouries and preserves and a selection of Christmas cards.

Please support this if you can.

**Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** is a nationally regarded provider of debt relief advice and assistance.

Since January 2018 we have had to suspend this important service in Gravesham.

**Could you be our new Gravesham CAP Debt Centre Manager?** We urgently need someone to take on this role.

At present the role is voluntary but we are hoping that funding might be found for a small wage.

**Please look at the posters in the porch and hall to find much more information.**

In the bookcase near the main door to the church you will find Bibles that you can borrow during the service. Please help yourselves and replace the Bible at the end of the service.

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)