



CHRIST CHURCH  
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND



*John 3:16*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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## Who's Who at Christ Church

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# Rosary Basilica

The Basilica of our Lady of the Rosary (French: Notre Dame du Rosaire de Lourdes) is a Roman Catholic church and minor basilica within the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. Its main theme is a celebration and depiction of the Rosary.



The Rosary Basilica is the third of the churches to be completed on the site (after the Crypt and the Upper Basilica). It was designed by architect Leopold Hardy and completed in 1899. It was consecrated in 1901 and has a capacity of 1,500 worshippers. Its style is influenced by Byzantine architecture.

In 2006-7 the interior and exterior of the basilica were extensively renovated and the mosaics (many of which were deteriorating) were restored.

**Back cover picture is: Mosaïque d'une des chapelles de la Basilique Notre-Dame du Rosaire (niveau inférieur): la Résurrection.**

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## 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,

Sue would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities.

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## COFFEE ROVA 2016

- 28 Feb Colin Parsonson, Linda Parsonson, Jill
- 6 Mar Jerry Higgins, Sally Higgins, Annie
- 13 Mar Sarah Bush, Kay Page, Susan Wilkins
- 20 Mar Vena Croydon, Sandy Barden, Angela Kirby
- 27 Mar Pauline Marks, Margot Edwards, Sheila Knight



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



# Help needed...

... to decorate the church ready for Easter Day.

**9.30am on Saturday 26th March for those willing to help with making floral decorations for the window sills** (full instructions given)

**10.30am for any who can help to dust, polish, sweep and tidy the church for Easter.**

Tea, coffee and Hot Cross Buns will be provided to keep you going!

## 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 one will be on 12 March at 9.30.**

See you there, **Sue**

## COPY FOR THE MAGAZINE

This is your magazine, and every effort is made to include items supplied by you, our readers.

The one thing that would be most helpful, when submitting copy, is that you e-mail this rather than put a typed sheet on the hook in church.

As I am not a touch typist, it takes considerable time to re-type any copy and is open to me making errors. **Send copy to the address on page 2 by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, or speak to Mike Cubitt - 07840343831**

# FIRST STEPS

**10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**LENT BEGINS.**

Our naughty little sheep isn't up quite as early as usual this morning. He tells me that he doesn't feel like rushing out of bed because it feels chilly and the sky looks grey outside. But when I remind him that it's our First Steps service this afternoon, he cheers up immediately. The morning flies by and soon it's time for him, his friends and I to make our way up to church. Though it is still cloudy there are flashes of sunshine and the daffodils and pansies in the church garden look lovely. They've been out for ages and they're still going strong. Our naughty little sheep tells me that the teeny daffs are his favourites and I have to agree. The miracle of nature is all around us.

In church everyone gets comfortable in their special places as I get things ready. Linda and Jan are slaving away in the hall, too, getting out the toys and preparing the refreshments. With our doors open, first in today is Ros with her daughter Evie and friend Rhiannan. How lovely to see them. Then C.T. follows with little son Callum, who is a real sweetie! Others begin to arrive, too, and Megan has brought her special toy dog Daisy and Daisy's puppy who looks suspiciously like Spot! We just never know who is going to turn up, do we? Soon we have a crowd, and with jingle bells ready and our candles lit, we begin our service.

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, so we think about Jesus going into the desert to have some quiet time with God. We sing "I like eating" as we remember some of the things that Jesus is giving up for those forty days. Our naughty little sheep whispers to me that he doesn't think that the desert is a very nice place for Jesus. He thinks that it's a bit

scary. With the devil there, tempting Jesus, I think it is a very scary place, too, but Jesus is not afraid. He is strong, refusing to give in to the devil and all his sweet talking temptations. Lent is a time when we think about our relationship with God and how important it is to us. God loves us and He wants us to be kind, loving and generous, too. We sing, "Share it round!" to remind us that it is important for us to care about other people especially those who haven't got all the good things that we have. Everybody is joining in with our songs and jingling those bells beautifully. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are having a really good time.

We know that it is a rather chilly, grey day and we look forward to the Spring coming. Even with those flowers outside it isn't Spring yet, it's still Winter. We sing about the beauty of the seasons and we thank God for our beautiful world, for Jesus' love and for all the gifts that He gives to us each day. Everyday is a blessing for us, filled with miracles for us to appreciate and enjoy.

When we have said our prayers and our candles have been blown out, it's time to go into the Hall to have some playing time and some chatting time, with a biscuit and a cuppa. As usual our naughty little sheep and his friends rush out to be at the front of the queue. You'd never think that it's Lent! They tell me that they're all going to be good from tomorrow. I fear that it may always be tomorrow! Still they love watching the children play and the Mums, Grandmas and Dad CT chatting. It's quality time! What more could anyone ask? They hope that everyone will come again for our next First Steps service on the 9<sup>th</sup> March when Spring really will be on the way. Hooray!

**God Bless,**  
**Rosemary Austin**



## HOLY BAPTISM

17<sup>th</sup> January

Riley Benjamin Barnett  
Vida Beatrice Howett

## REST IN PEACE

19<sup>th</sup> December

Ian Robert Clover

2<sup>nd</sup> January

Norah Phyllis Penfold

2<sup>nd</sup> January

Jenny May

12<sup>th</sup> January

Colin David Danton

19<sup>th</sup> January

Stanley Lloyd Bond

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> August, 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 Revs Sue or Jacqueline.



## **Special Services for Holy Week and Easter**

### **Passion Sunday**

**Sun 13th March**

**10.00 am**

**Journey to the Cross**

A reflection on the cross of Christ in readings, hymns and choral music

**Mon 21st March**

**7.30pm** Meditation for Holy Week at St Mary's Church, Wrotham Rd

**Tues 22nd March**

**7.30p** Meditation for Holy Week at St Aidan's Church, St Aidan's Way

**Wed 23rd March**

**10.00 am** Holy Communion

**7.30pm** Agape Meal at St Aidan's Church.

*Please book in advance for catering purposes — 01474 352500*

### **Maundy Thursday**

**Thurs 24th March**

**7.30 pm**

**Holy Communion**

*We re-live the events of the night of Jesus' arrest. The church will be open afterwards until 10pm, for silent prayer.*

### **Good Friday**

**Fri 25th March**

**10 am**

**Hot Cross Bun Service**

*Especially for children and young people and their families... the story of the cross, activities for Good Friday, and buns!*

**12.00—15.00**

**Were you there?**

*Come for as long as you like—arrive or leave on the hour or at 1/2 past the hour.*

### **Easter Day**

**Sun 27th March**

**05.45**

**Dawn Service of Light**

*Followed by breakfast*

**8am**

**Holy Communion**

**10am**

**Celebration Communion**

*Followed by refreshments and Easter eggs!*

**6.30pm**

**Festal Evensong**

*Don't forget—the clocks go forward on 26th March*

# MOTHERING SUNDAY



**6th March**

an all-age service with posies of flowers for children to give to their mums. (please note – this month the monthly all-age service is on the first Sunday of the month)

# Passion Sunday

**13th March**

The morning service at 10am on 13th March will be a programme of bible readings, hymns and choral items as we re-tell the story of Christ's passion; ending with a short service of Holy Communion.

There will be extended God's Gang activities in the church hall for children up to the age of 14 during this service.





**The Lent course**  
**LIFE IN THE PSALMS**

A Lent Course

By reflecting on the poetry of the Psalms, we will explore creative ways to express our faith, as we journey through Lent together.

This year's Lent Course will be shared with other churches of the East Gravesend Cluster.

**Sessions are on Wednesday -**  
**In the mornings at 11 am at St. George's Church,**  
**followed by an optional soup lunch at 12 noon.**

**In the evenings at 7.30 pm**  
**2nd March at St. Mary's, Wrotham Road -Wonder**  
**9th March at St. Aidan's, St. Aidan's Way - The Way**  
**16th March at Christ Church—Hope**



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**Have you had a look on the  
Traidcraft table recently?**

**We have some new items for sale. You might see  
something that takes your fancy.**

**If there is something you would like to try but is not  
on the table have a word with David Williams**

Below are details of Christ Church's giving to charities and good causes with money donated for that purpose.

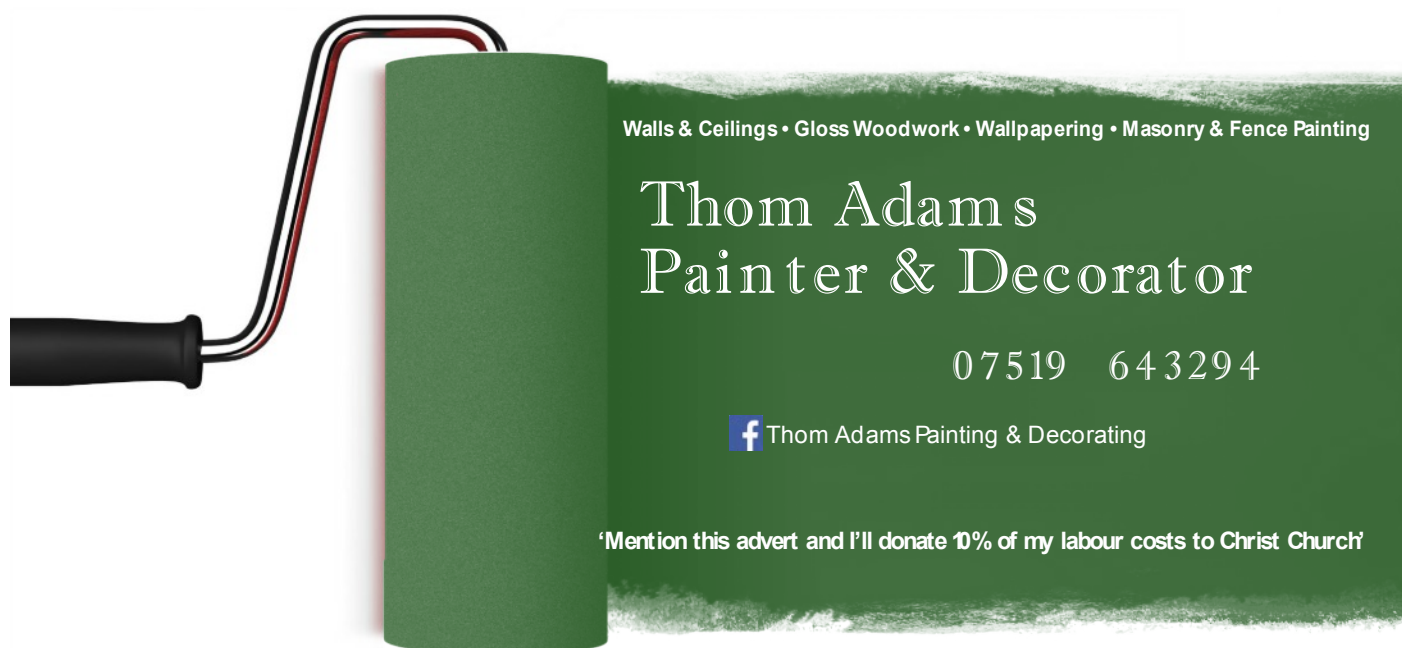
**Income**

Lent Envelopes	£2,914	
Good Causes	<u>£ 688</u>	£3,602

**Expenditure**

Hands of Compassion, WaterAid Church Army		
The Parents' Consortium each £720	£2,880	
Emergency - Nepal	214	
Palm Crosses	70	
Holy Trinity School		
Whitehill School		
Sanctuary		
Gravesend Street Pastors		
Gravesend and District Osteoporosis Support Group		
Larchwood Grove	each £73 <u>438</u>	£3,602


We also sent £657 to Christian Aid - that is two breakfasts, coffee morning and a quiz,  
£1,347 to the local Foodbank and £280 for Aly, our sponsored child in the Middle East.



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# CHRIST CHURCH MOTHERS' UNION



## 9TH FEBRUARY 2016

Twenty-one members of our Mothers' Union branch met in the Church Hall for our AGM, this evening.

First of all Sue, our Vicar, who is also a member of our branch, celebrates communion. She comments on the world wide fellowship of the Mothers' Union which does all kinds of valuable work supporting marriage and family life both here and in some of the most deprived parts of our world. Family life is indeed a great gift to us but it is nice to know that help and support is at hand when we need it and the Mothers' Union is very good at providing loving support.

Having celebrated communion together our meeting begins.

It is a time to remember the things that we have done together over the past year and we have had a very rich programme of events including garden parties and talks about the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide, Osteoporosis, and Autism among others things. We also learned the art of tying scarves, in 50 different ways, which was great fun! We had a trip to Eltham Palace on the hottest day of the year, mostly confining ourselves to the beautiful house rather than running the gauntlet of the scorching hot gardens. Over tea and cakes we all vowed to return when it's a bit cooler and we'll have a chance to appreciate the beauty of the gardens without getting heat stroke! Then home in a traffic jam, so lots to talk about afterwards.

Our branch has raised considerable funds during this last year, a lot coming from raffles including one for a knitted Nativity set and one for a Simnel

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

cake. Many thanks to all of you who supported them so generously. Through our fundraising we have been able to donate £400 this year to support Mothers' Union charities. So well done everyone! When the business part of our meeting is over we all feast on pancakes, provided by Christine Sewell and Jan Osborne. Well, it is Shrove Tuesday, after all! They are yummy, of course, and many of us are tempted to have two! There are a number of toppings to choose from; traditional lemon juice and sugar, maple syrup and cream or chocolate and hazelnut spread. Decisions, decisions! See what a good time we have in the Mothers' Union! And now we are all suitably strengthened to face the rigors of Lent!

Because our membership has grown we are now meeting in the Church Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Our next meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> March when Peter Shearan will be giving us a talk about the Memorial Stone on which there was a role of honour of those in our parish who lost their lives in the First World War. A new stone, engraved with the original names, has been commissioned as part of our commemorations of the Great War. Everyone is most welcome to join us for what promises to be a fascinating talk.



**The lady cooks!  
And how many hit the  
floor?**

# Chinese New Year of the Monkey



Community Square 9th  
February.

Mayor feeds leaves to  
the lion.



Display  
board to  
celebrate  
National  
Marriage  
week.

Picture gallery of Christ Church Guides, Brownies, Beavers and the newly formed Rainbow group at the All Age worship. On 14 February.

*Mrs Doris Balzan, Thames Division Commissioner gave a talk about the Division Standard, depicting the Thames, PLA. Thames sailing barges, Charles Dickens, Pocahontas the White Horse of Kent, Guide Badge and local health authority.*



# CHRIST CHURCH TOTS

## **For babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers**

Come and enjoy this fun and friendly Parent and Toddler group. We have a wide range of toys including ride-ons, trikes, push-chairs and slides

Baby area, crafts and play dough. Large garden area in good weather. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits

**Friday 1.15-2.30 p.m. term time**

**£1.50 per family**

**In the hall at Christ Church,  
Echo Square, Gravesend**

**[www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk](http://www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk)**

## Save the date - Godparents' Sunday May 1st 2016

The first ever Sunday to celebrate the unique role of Godparents will take place on May 1st 2016. An initiative of the Archbishops' Council Projects and Development Team, the dedicated day is a response to research looking at parent's real experiences and expectations around the baptism of their child. Churches throughout the Church of England are invited to use this date to celebrate all that godparents contribute to the amazing journey of faith. This is a great opportunity to invite recent baptism families to come along with godparents to a special service, but is also a chance to get all those in the congregation who are godparents or godchildren to pray for one another.

Special invitations will be available online from Monday March 7. And there's a whole host of other materials to help make the day stand out. There will be downloadable prayers and liturgies specifically written for the day all available shortly from:-

[www.churchsupporthub.org](http://www.churchsupporthub.org)

Dr Sandra Millar Head of the Projects and Development Team said: "Setting apart a Sunday to celebrate and pray for this special relationship is a great opportunity to share with families and ask for God's blessing on godparents and godchildren everywhere. Churches can invite recent baptism families to come along with godparents to a special service, but is also a chance to get all those in the congregation who are godparents or godchildren to pray for one another. We are offering dedicated resources for all parishes to use from Monday March 7.

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**Women's  
World Day of  
Prayer**

*-Praying for Cuba*

**Service at St Aidan's  
11am**

**Friday 4 March**

Preacher the Reverend  
Samantha Aspinall from  
St Paul's URC.

**Showcase  
Kent  
Exhibition**

**at St Andrew's Art  
Centre**

**Saturday 12 &  
Sunday 13 MARCH**

Friday 18 March 2 pm

St Andrew's Art Centre

**Matinee Singers Concert**

in aid of Children of Chernobyl

**Friday 11 March**

Mayor of Gravesham's Charity

**Easter Coffee and Cake Morning**

**10.30 to 14.00 at The Kent Room at The  
Woodville Gravesend**

**£5 Entry includes coffee/tea and cake**





# THE MUSTARD SEED

THE Mustard Seed aims to provide an informal and friendly tea at 3.00 pm on the third Thursday of every month in Christ Church hall.

It is a venture that offers the opportunity to meet new friends and reminisce about old times.

The Mustard Seed, as the parable says (Mark4; 3-32) is very small - like dust - but has the potential to develop into one of the largest plants.

Please join us as we plant the Mustard Seed and assist to make it flourish. Who knows what may happen!

The Mustard Seed is in its third year now, and the next gathering will be on **Thursday 17 March**. You are so welcome.

**For further details please contact any member of the pastoral care team. Pastoral assistants Pam Kilby, Colin Parsonson, Jasmine Humphries.**



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**Dont forget that the  
clocks go forward on  
SATURDAY 26 MARCH**

## **Illustrated Historical Talks**

**The forgotten parish of Denton – surprising historical stories  
about Denton** (illustrated talk)

**On: Monday 29th February 2016**

Speaker: Christoph Bull

**At: Reliance Fish Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend**

Begins: 6pm with meal, talk to follow

Cost: £14 includes talk and fish and chip supper

Booking essential via Reliance Restaurant on **01474 533593**

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**The Kaiser's War – World War One from the other side  
& unusual local connections** (illustrated talk)

Come and discover what Germany, China and Gravesham have in common during World War One.

**On: Monday 7th March 2016**

Speaker: Christoph Bull

**At: Peking Chinese Restaurant, 157-158 Milton Road, Gravesend**

Begins: 7pm with talk, meal to follow

Cost: £19 with full Chinese meal and talk included

Booking essential via Mr Loong on **01474 533093**

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**Funnel the tunnel – A guided walk to show some of the route of Option C through our  
landscape.**

**On: Sunday 6th March 2016**

**Guide: Christoph Bull (Chalk Local Historian)**

**Starts: 2.30pm**

**Meet: Junction of Castle Lane and Lower Higham Road, Chalk**

**The event is free – no need to book. Information: Christoph Bull 07702287147**

## FROM RECENT EDITION OF “IN REVIEW”

### General Synod opens with Archbishop Justin reflecting on Primates' Meeting

Addressing Synod, Archbishop Justin spoke about the Primates' Gathering and Meeting held in Canterbury in January which he said had 'occasioned much comment and even more misrepresentation'.

"We were conscious as we met in that week that literally millions, possibly tens of millions, of people were praying for us, and I have never known a week in which I have been so aware of prayer, or of pressure."

He also explained how the Primates decided on the consequence of the American Episcopal Church (TEC) altering its definition of marriage to be gender neutral. The Presiding Bishop of TEC, Michael Curry, described the Primates' decision as a fair outcome, Archbishop Justin added.

Summing up he said: "If we bring to our Church, and to the world around, the certainty that Jesus came to set us free, and to open the way for true human flourishing in service to each other and to Him; if our expectation in that only in foot

washing, even of our enemies, is the Truth demonstrated adequately, then in beauty of relationship the grace of God will prevail, as that grace did during the Primates' Meeting "Life will not be perfect, or even anything remotely approaching it. That kind of over-realised eschatology is a nonsense. There are no quick fixes, magic wands or perfect spells. There is no church order that ensures perfection, nor one in which human sin does not add to the problems of the whole.

"Yet there is a way forward that reveals the unity that we are given, and that celebrates the strength that we can bring each other; that enables us to love those who oppose us, and that focuses on human flourishing and on the setting free those who are bound by rules which Jesus could never have imagined, nor Paul...and which have emerged out of a desire for power rather than the expectation of the kingdom of God. There is, in short, a way forward in which we look like the people of Christ."

Read Archbishop Justin's full speech and watch online at [bit.ly/ABCSynod2016](http://bit.ly/ABCSynod2016)

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# **GRAVESHAM FOOD BANK**

**Many thanks to those who support the food bank.**

Below is a list of items required at the moment

**Milk (UHT) - Custard**  
**Toothpaste - Hot chocolate**  
**Shampoo - Sweets/treats**  
**Breakfast cereal (not porridge) - Marmite**  
**Fruit juice/squash - Toilet roll**  
**Sponge pudding - Deodorant**  
**Tinned potatoes - Laundry liquid/tablets**

This list is only a few of the items that can help those less fortunate than ourselves, any tinned or non-perishable items are most welcome

## **BIBLE NOTES**

Some people find it useful to have a set portion of the Bible to read each day.

The Bible Reading Fellowship have a booklet called "New Daylight" which sets out a short Bible reading and explanatory notes. These booklets are priced at £4.30 (they do go up each year) for a four month period.

If you would like to try one of these booklets please let Julie Hill know.

## **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 1.45 pm 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 9 MARCH.**

# MRS FINCH - Church Caretaker



Peter Shearan has published a book with the above title about a real-life lady who acted as church caretaker in Christ Church one hundred years ago. Her life began in 1835, when King William IV was on the British throne, and when stage coaches were a common sight passing through Gravesend; through the Great War; and only ended when she died at the age of 85, by which time she had witnessed many of the marvels of today's life (aeroplanes, motor cars and buses, and electric light to name only a few). Peter has woven the tale of what he has found to have been a remarkable woman around all the known facts: through doing so he has come to know her well (although he wishes he had known her personally!). His book is on sale now, price £10.

All proceeds from the sale will be going towards a planned commemoration of WWI in Autumn 2016.

## 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](http://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**

# What happens at Christ Church?

## Sunday Services

8.00 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)

Monday and Saturday 8am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Wednesday 10.00am

**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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers
Wednesday	Guides
Thursday	Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice: 3.00 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)
Friday	Scouts; Parent and Toddler
Saturday	Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)

 Mothers UNION  
Christian care for families








 Girlguiding UK  
girls in the lead

 First Steps

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# CALENDAR MARCH 2016

<b>Sunday</b> 		<b>6</b> <b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	<b>13</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service <b>With words and music for Passiontide</b>	<b>20</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service	<b>27</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>05.45 service</b> 08.00 Service 10.00 Service <b>18.30 Festal Evensong</b>
<b>Monday</b> 		<b>7</b> 08.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>14</b> 08.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>21</b> 08.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>28</b> 09.00 Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 	<b>1</b> 07.00 Service  <b>CUBS</b> <b>18.30 Semiquavers</b>	<b>8</b> 07.00 Service <b>CUBS</b> <b>18.30 Semiquavers</b> 19.30 Mother's Union in hall	<b>15</b> 07.00 Service  <b>CUBS</b> <b>18.30 Semiquavers</b>	<b>22</b> 07.00 Service  <b>CUBS</b> <b>18.30 Semiquavers</b>	<b>29</b> 07.00 Service
<b>Wednesday</b> 	<b>2</b> 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>9</b> 10.00 Service <b>13.45 First Steps</b> 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>16</b> 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>23</b> 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>30</b> 10.00 Service 17.15 Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday</b> 	<b>3</b> 07.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir practice	<b>10</b> 07.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir practice	<b>17</b> 07.00 Service  <b>BROWNIES</b> 15.00 Mustard Seed Choir practice	<b>24</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 07.00 Service <b>19.30 Maundy Holy Communion</b>	<b>31</b> 07.00 Service  Choir practice
<b>Friday</b> 	<b>4</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>11</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>18</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers  18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>25</b> 10.00 Hot Cross Bun Service <b>12.00 Three Hour Service of Devotion</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> 	<b>5</b> 08.00 Service  <b>11.00 Baptism preparation</b>	<b>12</b> 08.00 Service  <b>09.30 Work party</b>	<b>19</b> 08.00 Service	<b>26</b>	

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## **Services for Easter Day**

**Sunday 27 March**

**5.45 a.m. Lighting of the Easter Fire and Service of Light - followed by breakfast**

**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

**10.00 a.m. Celebration Communion**

for the whole church family - followed by refreshments - and Easter Eggs!

**6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong**

Easter is a time for family worship.

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our special services this year.