

3rd June 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

3rd June	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
7th June	
2.00 pm	Pilgrims Meeting
9th June	
9.30 am	Church Working party
10th June	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion
4.00 pm	Evensong
12th June	
6.30 pm	Mothers' Union
13th June	
1.45 pm	First Steps
16th June	
2.30 pm	Church Fete
17th June	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
21st June	
2.00 pm	Pilgrims Meeting
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed
7.30 pm	Pilgrims Meeting



### FIRST STEPS

A service for families  
with pre-school children  
in church  
on Wednesday 13th June  
at 1.45 pm

Songs, prayers and a story followed  
by refreshments in the hall while the  
children play with the toys.



The next Pilgrim Meetings will be on  
Thursday 7th June at 2.00 pm at  
Anne Russell's, 43 Park Avenue.

There will **NOT** be an evening  
meeting.

Each meeting is stand alone, so why  
not come along and join in.

### 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

**The Circus  
is coming to  
Christ Church  
on  
Saturday 16th June  
from 2.30 pm  
for our Summer Fair**

**Entry 60p, children free**

Each week we are collecting items  
for the stalls—  
next week please bring adults and  
children's books



Please put this date  
in your diary and  
come and enjoy the afternoon with  
your family and friends

We are hoping to have a Parish Outing  
and a Parish Away Day later in the  
year.

If you would be interested in coming to  
either of these events please sign the  
appropriate sheet at the back of the  
church to register your interest.

The next Church working party is on  
**Saturday 9th June starting at 9.30 am.**

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

My family and I would like to thank  
you for cards and prayers at the sad loss  
of David and for your support attending  
his funeral. He would have been  
proud.

God bless you all, Mavis

**Calling all gardeners** (no experience  
or green fingers necessary)

At the moment a small group of church  
members endeavour to look after the  
church grounds. Now that we are  
without a vicar, we have the added  
responsibility of maintaining the  
vicarage garden as well. So we could  
do with some extra hands.

If you are physically able and are  
willing to spare a couple of hours once  
a fortnight or so, or just assist  
occasionally, please have a word with  
John Thrush (07879 407264) or Andy  
Nailor (07941 613080)

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows will  
be celebrating their 90th Birthday on  
**Saturday 9th June in the church  
hall from 2-5pm.**

If you have any interest in the Guides,  
Brownies or Rainbows you are  
welcome to attend.



The altar flowers this week were sponsored by Annie  
Southwick in memory of her husband, Barry.

Northfleet and Ebbsfleet Lions  
Please join us

You are invited to Join  
**Sandy and Ted**  
**at 63 Portland Avenue**  
**on Friday 8th June**  
**from 10 am—6 pm**

as we support local charity  
Alzheimer's and Dementia  
Support Services

**Bring and Buy Refreshments Raffle**

Helen Reeves at St. George's Church  
will be running a basic safeguarding  
course.

There will be two sessions (with the  
same content) on **Thursday 7th  
June from 2—4 pm and again from  
7-9 pm.** This is recommended by  
the diocese for anyone who has a  
role within the church, such as PCC,  
Sidespeople, Pastoral team, funeral  
visitors, choir, God's Gang leaders,  
etc.

Please sign up at the back of the  
church for refreshments purposes.

You may turn up on the day if you  
later decide to go.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service  
for Bob Bennett in **church at 11.00  
am on Friday 15th June.**

There will be a 6 or 12 mile  
Sponsored Walk in aid of School  
Pastors on Saturday 23rd June.  
Registration is at 9.30 am at Cascades  
Leisure Centre.

For more information please contact  
**[melvaderek@gmail.com](mailto:melvaderek@gmail.com)** or  
01474 334155



For our next Mothers'  
Union meeting on 12th  
June we will be bowling  
at Woodlands Park Bowling Club,  
Dashwood Road from 6.30 pm

Bowls and other  
equipment will be  
provided for those  
wishing to have a go  
(it's very easy really!).



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Please wear flat soled shoes (trainers  
are ideal).

We hope the weather is good!

Visitors are also welcome to come  
along and enjoy the bowling.

Marilyn, Harry Kingsbury's daughter, is  
have sales at her house, 16 Golf Links  
Avenue from 12—5pm on the weekends  
of 9th, 16th and 23rd June in aid of  
Ellenor Hospices and Oliver Fisher Spe-  
cial Care Baby Trust.

**For more details please see poster in  
the church porch and hall notice board**

Please support her if you can.

**Hands of Compassion** is a charity started by Wendy Ray (formerly of Chalk Church) which founded the Hands of Compassion school in Chipulukusu, Zambia eighteen years ago. The school has been a big success and many children's lives have been transformed by the education they received there. Several people within Christ Church are active supporters of Wendy's work.

I have just received the latest newsletter from Wendy, written as she returns from her latest visit to Zambia. (A copy of the newsletter is on the board at the back of church by the Traidcraft stall). In it Wendy highlights the achievements of current pupils in the school but also tells us of two other schools which Hands of Compassion are supporting.

One is Jami Christian School, situated in a rural area about 20km from Ndola, which takes 73 children, some of whom walk at least 2km across the bush to get there. There is only one classroom and very limited resources and Hands of Compassion wants to raise £5,000 to build another classroom. The children have very little in the way of pencils so Wendy is asking for donations of small pencil cases containing just 3 pencils, 3 coloured pencils, a rubber and a pencil sharpener. She says "It is a small gift which will bring such pleasure to these children".

If you would like to help by donating a filled pencil case, there will be box at the back of church to put them in, I also have details of how you can make a monetary donation, if you would like to do so.

Thank you, Anne Thrush

**Open Garden at Bishopscourt**, 24 St. Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS, as part of the National Garden Scheme, **on Saturday 9th June and Sunday 10th June from 1.00 pm—5.00 pm**. Plant sale, delicious homemade cakes. Entry £4.00, children free. All proceeds to nursing charities supported by NGS.

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 or left on the clip in the lobby. Items for the website should be sent to ccwebsite@tjmcomp.co.uk