



CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

LEST WE FORGET

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018

PARISH MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 2018

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**Christ Church Hall is available for hire
 Contact Maxine Springett, contact numbers are 01474 746428 or 07511962277.
 Well equipped, very suitable for meetings and children's parties**

Front cover: As poppies fall on foreign fields, Lest We Forget

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Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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Associate Priest	Jacqueline Littlewood	560106
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Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443
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Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday 11 November
10.45 a.m.**

**Memorial Gardens,
Clarence Place
Gravesend, Kent**

The parade will depart from
Trinity Road, Gravesend
at approx 10.40hrs

Also

**Merchant Navy
Remembrance
at Bawley Bay 12.30pm**

Gravesend & District Osteoporosis Support Group

Our next meeting is on
27th November 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.

A presentation by

**Kent Surrey Sussex
Air Ambulance**

For more information please contact
the Chair on 01474 564234



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 17 NOVEMBER at 9.30.**

See you there, JAN

COFFEE ROTA 2018

4 Nov Annie - Jill - Vena
11 Nov Lucy - Maxine - Tim
18 Nov Annie - Jill - Sally
25 Nov Annie - Jill - Pauline
2 Dec Annie - Jill - Angela



**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
10TH OCTOBER 2018
OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Though the mornings are getting darker now, our naughty little sheep is up bright and early. It is our First Steps service this afternoon and he and his friends are really excited. And when the sun comes up it there is a clear blue sky and it looks as if we could have a lovely day. When we all walk up to church everything looks beautiful in the sunshine. As usual our naughty little sheep's friends find somewhere comfortable to sit, and I begin to get things ready for our service. Our naughty little sheep and the glittery dragon and Audrey the hedgehog stand ready on our little altar. It is a very special place for them. Jan and Linda soon come along to help. When everything is done, we open the big church doors and wait to see who will come and join us. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are so looking forward to seeing everyone.

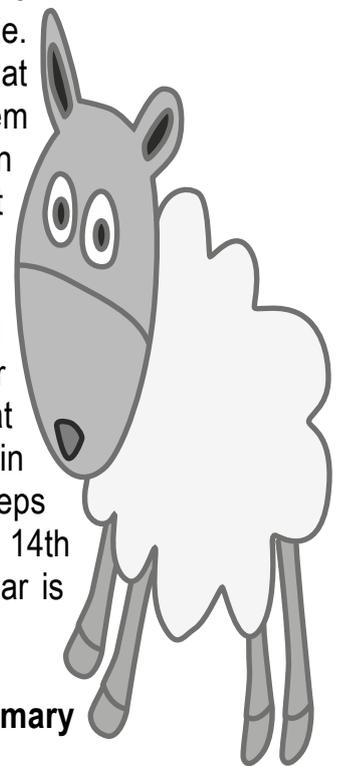
First in today is Mum Kelly and little girl Amber. Amber's twin sisters Hollie and Gracie used to come to First Steps before she was even born, so it is lovely to see her and her mum. Others soon come along too, finding jingle bells to jingle. Jack has found maracas and a tambourine and he can make a lovely noise with those! He's a very musical boy! When everyone is ready and sitting comfortably and Anne is poised to play our piano, it is time for our service to begin. I light our candles as we sing, "Candle time".." God is here with us, God is in the light,"

Today we are thinking about our world and all the beauty that there is for us to see, around us in the sunshine. I was lucky enough to have a lovely holiday in Canada and Alaska and saw lots of beautiful things. Snowy mountains, fast running rivers and waterfalls, killer whales leaping out of the sea, We are so very lucky to live on such a

beautiful planet and we mustn't take its beauty for granted, or do anything to spoil it. We sing about the sunshine and the stars, the wind and the rain. We sing about Jesus and his wonderful love for us and how God created our planet with its mountains and rivers. Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty! And He loves us, as small and insignificant as we are! Isn't that just amazing? We are surrounded on every side with blessings, too numerous to count and we don't always appreciate them! And we sometimes forget to say, "Thank you," to God for all that He has given and continues to give to us.

The children have been really good, singing along with our songs and playing their jingle bells and maracas! Soon it is time to be very quiet as we say our prayers, including "Thank you" prayers, and the special prayer that Jesus taught us, "The Lord's Prayer" Then our service is over and it is time to go into the hall for a drink, a biscuit (or two) and some time for play and chat. It is even nice enough to go out into the garden. How great is that? As usual our naughty little sheep and his friends are at the front of the queue. They tell me that all that singing has made them thirsty and hungry! Then they find a nice spot to sit and watch the children play. How they love that. As always we have had a lovely time together and we hope that everyone will join us again for our next First Steps service on the 14th November. How this year is flying by!

God Bless Rosemary Austin.



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

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

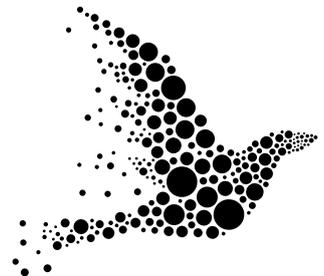
2 nd September	Lenny James Gardner
16 th September	Harlow Louise Dabner Matteo Lee Simon Fuller Jake Walter Reader Arthur Jayden Bayfield
7 th October	James Simon George Richardson Zoe Violet Joyce Richardson Meila-Grace Clare Noah Albert James Walker Stanley Clark Ward
21 st October	Jamie Lee McFarlane Benjamin Denis Parbery

HOLY MATRIMONY

31 st August	Joseph Philip Huggett and Anna Mary Irwin
1 st September	Danny Clifford Peckwalker and Kelly-Marie Butcher
14 th September	Andrew John Redgate and Clare Lesley Lineham
15 th September	Adam William Harry Fay and Lauren Mary Foster
4 th October	Phillip Christopher Onyett and Rebecca Rose Ward

REST IN PEACE

24 th July	Norman John Rayne
6 th August	Jean Florence Greenfield
20 th August	Nelly Vera Martin
13 th September	Irene Violet Howe



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.

John Surman and the new Christ Church War Memorial

Then, a few weeks ago I received an enquiry from a relative of his who was researching the family history and who provided me with further information. This enabled me to piece together important

Two years ago the original Christ Church World War One Memorial was discovered in a worn and damaged condition, buried in the church gardens. This led to a series of events culminating in the dedication of the new plaque now in pride of place in the Warrior Chapel. One of these events followed my decision to explore the backgrounds of each of the 62 casualties commemorated on the memorial, which was then illustrated by a major exhibition mounted by my wife Veronica.

You will find a brief summary of my findings for each of the named individuals on the Christ Church website. This has produced from time to time since then, enquiries from descendants and other relatives of those honoured, who have found the website page via a search engine and seeking information mainly about family history.

I also have a more comprehensive booklet, a copy of which is placed in the Warrior Chapel, which served as the basis for the exhibition. This contains information on 61 of the 62 casualties, but I found nothing to explain the presence of John Arthur Surman, who did not appear to have served in the armed forces.

What I did know was that he was born in Gravesend in 1898, and in 1901 he was living with his widowed father, George, and nine older siblings at 35 Peter Street Gravesend. His father was a stoker on a steam barge. In 1911, he was a school pupil living at 1 Violet Cottages, New Street, at the home of his eldest sister, Ethel, now married to a Mr Lucas, and three of his brothers.

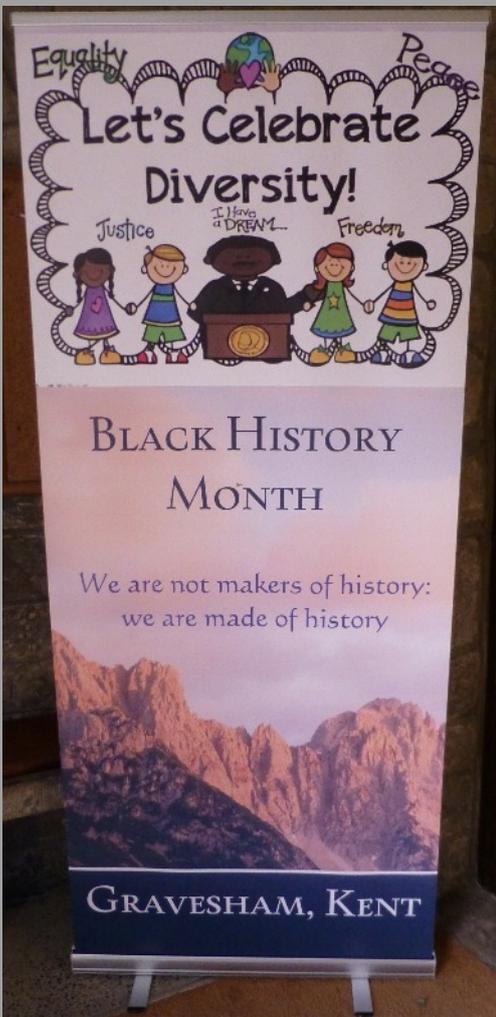


Watkins Tugs off Gravesend 1939: Doria 2nd from Left

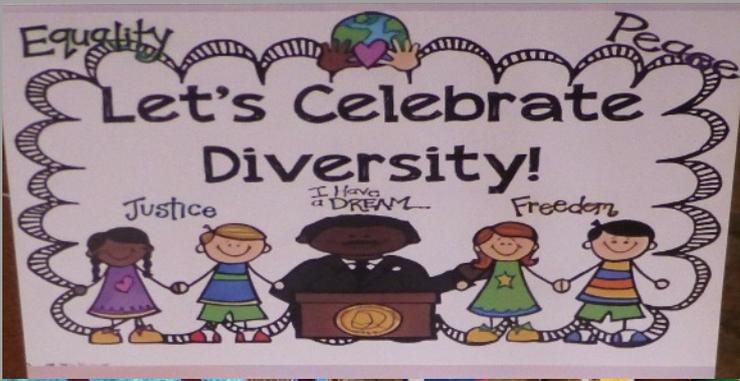
details of his life and death.

It turned out that after school John became a Boy Deckhand, probably around 1912, on the Tug Doria. This was owned by the William Watkins Thames tug company, based in Gravesend, from 1909 to 1947. Soon after war broke out, the Doria was requisitioned as an Armed Boarding Steamer. These initially carried two three pounder guns (later being equipped with heavier guns), were under the command of a Royal Navy officer, and carried out a variety of duties. Some were equipped with torpedoes and depth charges for anti-submarine duty escorting merchant ships. In December 1915, the Doria was at Invergordon, a major naval base in the North of Scotland, later providing ships of the Battle of Jutland. At the beginning of the war, a lengthy pier was built, equipped with railway lines enabling oil to be pumped to the tanks of ships waiting to be refuelled. It was off a pier, probably this one, that John fell and was drowned on the 24th December 1915, aged just 16 years.

Many years later, Doria was part of the Dunkirk operation in 1940. Amongst the crew of a sister ship, the Challenge, was Mick Wenban's father.







**Sharing a meal at Harvest
Thanksgiving two pages of
photographs taken by our
erstwhile Jacqueline Littlewood**





CHRIST CHURCH ECHO SQUARE

Christmas Frost Fair

Saturday 10th November 2018

Doors Open at 10.30am

Santa's Grotto, Stalls, Raffles,

Refreshments & Lots of Seasonal Fun!

Entry 60p
Children Free

Charity Number: 1130741



On 9 October Mothers' Union met to hear a talk about the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.. The speakers came from the local base at Gravesend. They showed us a film about the work of the RNLI and explained the reason why we now have a lifeboat stationed at Gravesend, this was a result of the measures put in place along the Thames after the Marchioness disaster when a party boat and dredger collided in London in 1989. Gravesend, Tower, Chiswick and Teddington stations were set up in 2002. The members and friends who attended found it a most interesting talk and appreciated the work of all the

crews who often work in very bad weather conditions.

Our next meeting on 13 November will be a film night showing ,The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society, everybody is welcome.

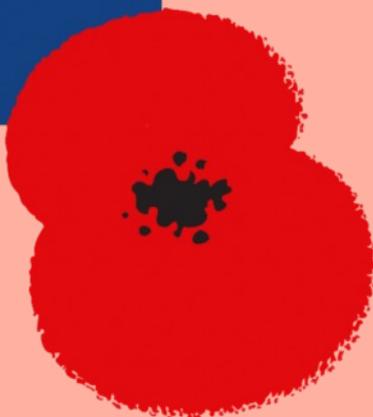
Fitness League
 Movement for Life
 In Christ Church Hall
Every Tuesday From 2-3.15 pm
 Light remedial exercises
 Fully qualified teacher
Ladies why not join us!
 For more information please
Phone 01634 255759

**No prizes in this new feature, but give it a try
 just for a bit of fun**

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 A L S U Y L R V P R U Y B H A
 S O K Z R R K K D F C T L P B
 I G K C R E Y G Z D X H I L C
 D C S Q J C N O G U A Q T O U
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 A P S O C U P I D P S W Q I I

*This month Santa's
 Reindeers*

- DASHER
- DANCER
- PRANCER
- VIXEN
- COMET
- CUPID
- DONNER
- BLITZEN
- RUDOLPH



Remembrance Service

Friday 9 November 11.00

Denton War Memorial

Lower Range Road, Denton

Alzheimer's & Dementia **SUPPORT SERVICES**

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services, based in Northfleet is a local charity for local people and here to offer help, advice and support to those living with Dementia. We can offer help in a numbers of ways:-

- v Day care,
- v Befriending
- v Support at Home/Support at Home plus/One to One Support
- v Carers Support Groups
- v 24 Helpline (0800 500 3014)
- v Singing for Brain
- v Dementia Cafes..... and so much more.

If you or someone you knows need help please contact us via our website, www.alz-dem.org or by telephoning us on 01474 533990 or by writing to **Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services, The Basement, Dene Holm House, Dene Holm Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8JY. Email: alz-dem.org.uk**

As with most charities nowadays we also need volunteers to help us. We have volunteer vacancies in all the above areas and of course in our fundraising efforts. If you would like to support us by becoming a member or raising funds for us, in sponsorship, holding an event, coffee morning or whatever you feel is appropriate, please do let us know and contact us.

Higham Choral Group

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The choir will perform *FOLLOW THAT STAR*,
Christmas songs in close harmony arranged by Peter Gritton
and invite you to sing along with some favourite carols

Saturday 15th December
7.30pm
St John's Church,
Hermitage Road, Higham

admission £8.00 includes light refreshments
pay at the door

for further information phone 01634 718285
or email kateiw@tiscali.co.uk

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First Steps

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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 14 NOVEMBER 2018.

The Best Way to Live

Boom! Boom! rolled the thunder. Zig-zag went the lightning across the sky. It was very scary. The people of Israel had reached the great mountain – the place where God had told Moses to bring them.

God spoke to Moses, and Moses spoke to the people. “I love you, and I want you to be my special people,” God said. “But first I will tell you the best way to live.”



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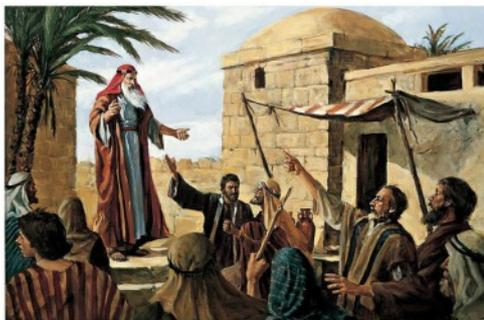
God spoke to Moses, and Moses told the people the best way to live. He gave them ten good rules to help them be happy.

1. Always remember that I am your God. I have rescued you, and I love you.
2. Don't let anything else take my place.
3. Remember who I am when you talk about me.
4. There are six days for work and one day for rest – that's my special day.
5. Always listen to your mother and father; never make them unhappy.
6. You must not Kill anyone, for life is very precious.
7. Husbands and wives must keep their special love just for each other.
8. Don't steal what belongs to someone else.
9. Don't tell lies.
10. Don't be greedy for what other people have.



God spoke to Moses and Moses told the people many other things.

“The best way to live,” Moses said, at last, “is to love God, and to love one another. This is what God wants. This is the way to be really happy. What do you say?”



“We say, ‘Yes – we will love God’,” the people promised. “We will live as God wants. That's best. It's the way to be really happy.”

So the people of Israel became God's special people.

All that God said about the best way to live was written down. “Put a copy in a special box that you can carry with you,” God said. “And make me a tent of my own. Its to go in the middle of your camp, to remind you that I am there with you always.”

The people did as God said. They made the special box. (They called it the Ark, like Noah's boat.) And they made it a most beautiful tent for God. Everyone gave their very best things to make it lovely.



Donations for the Frost Fair at Christ Church
10th November 2018



We welcome donations for all the usual stalls but suggest:

28th October: Puzzles and Games and Books

4th November: Bottles and children's books

10th November: Cakes and preserves

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



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



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

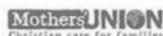
Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Registered Charity no. 1130741

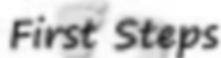
Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)
Monday	Music Group; Brownies
Tuesday	Mothers Union (2 nd Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers
Wednesday	Guides
Wednesday	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm
Wednesday	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)

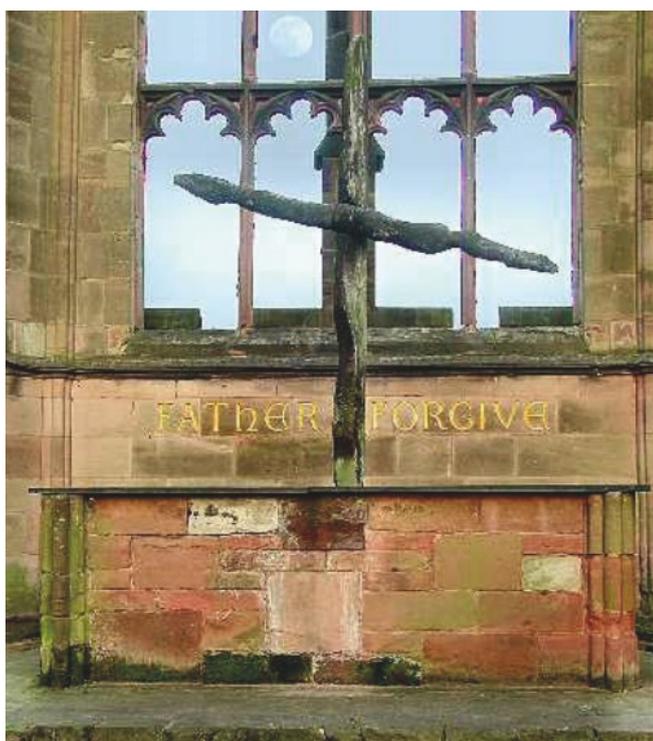
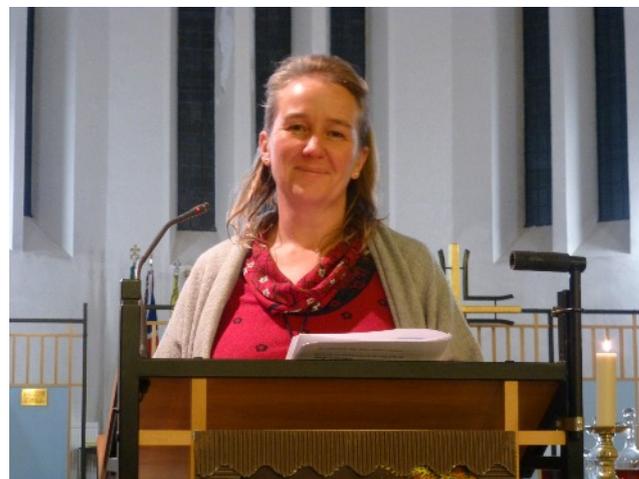
 Mothers UNION
Christian care for families

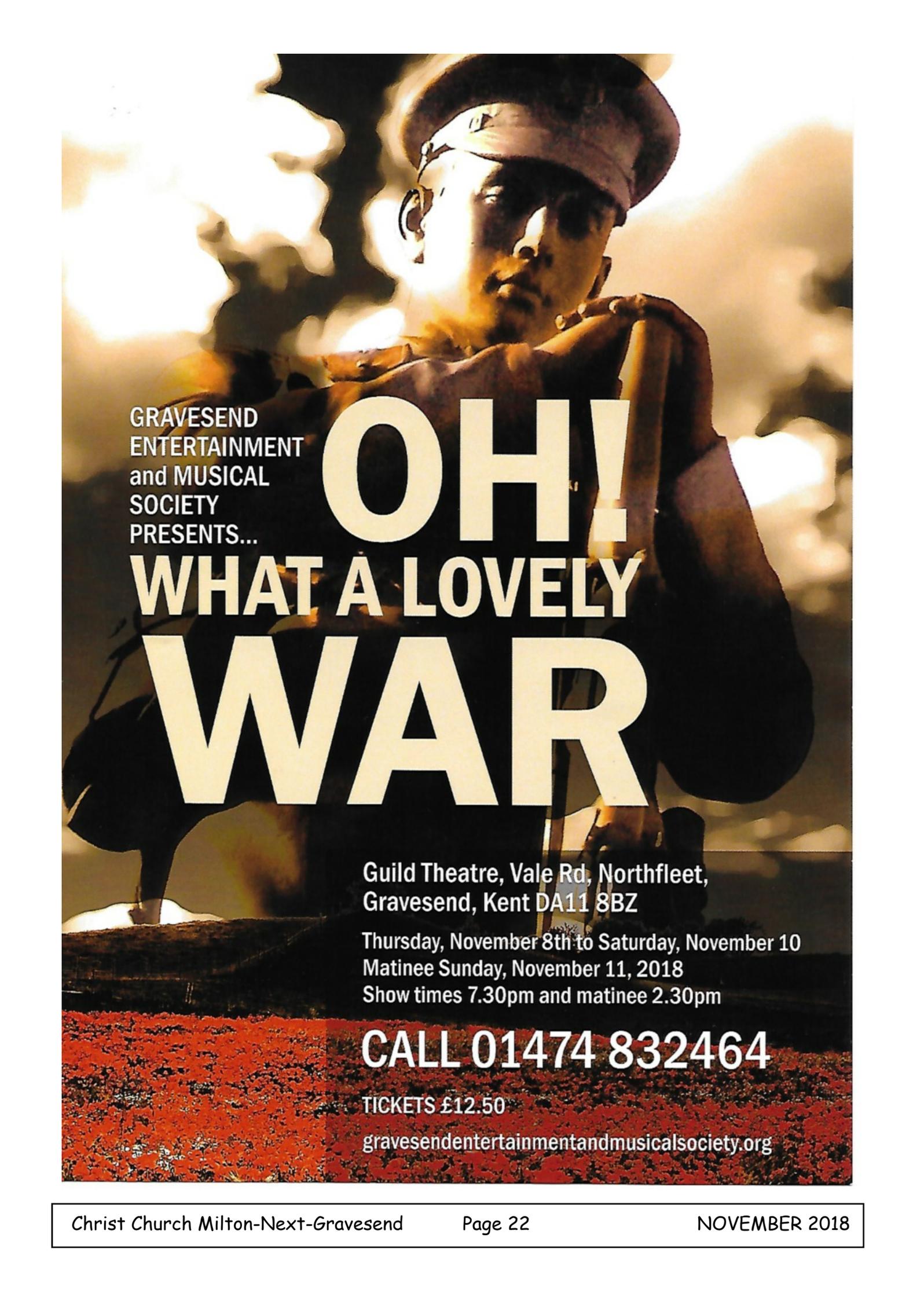


 First Steps



**Reflecting on the Cross of Nails
4 October 2018 - St Francis' Day
Held at St Mary's Church Wrotham Road**





GRAVESEND
ENTERTAINMENT
and MUSICAL
SOCIETY
PRESENTS...

OH! WHAT A LOVELY WAR

Guild Theatre, Vale Rd, Northfleet,
Gravesend, Kent DA11 8BZ

Thursday, November 8th to Saturday, November 10
Matinee Sunday, November 11, 2018
Show times 7.30pm and matinee 2.30pm

CALL 01474 832464

TICKETS £12.50

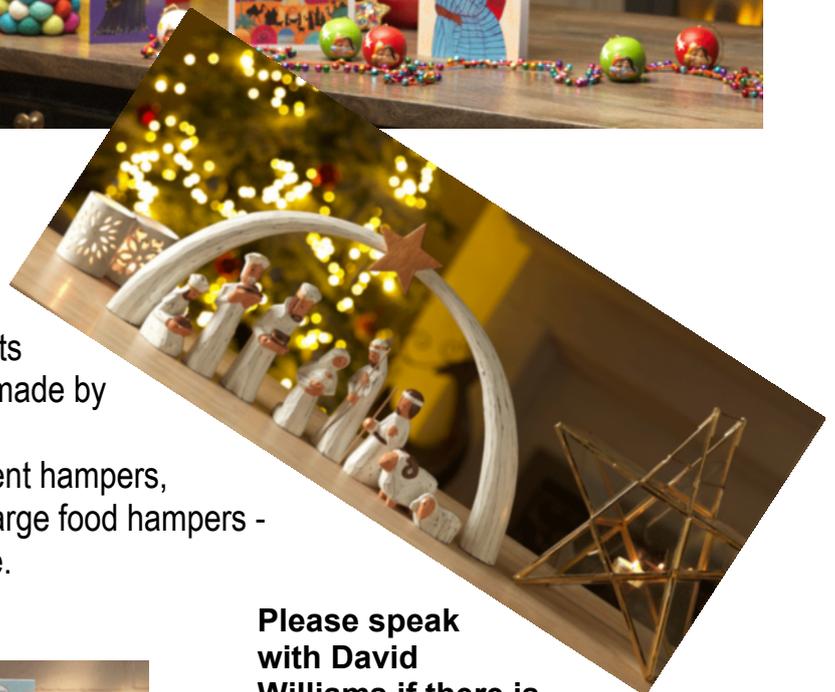
gravesendentertainmentandmusicalsociety.org

CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday 		4 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion All age service	11 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion Remembrance day 16.00 Service for the bereaved	18 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	25 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Monday 		5 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	12 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	19 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	26 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES
Tuesday 		6 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	13 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	20 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers	27 CUBS 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 		7 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	14 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer 13.45 First Steps	21 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	28 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	1 BROWNIES Choir Practice	8 BROWNIES Choir Practice	15 14.30 Mustard Seed BROWNIES Choir Practice	22 BROWNIES Choir Practice	29 BROWNIES Choir Practice
Friday 	2 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	9 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	16 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	23 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS	30 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours SCOUTS
Saturday 	3 08.00 Holy Communion	10 08.00 Holy Communion 10.30 CHRISTMAS FROST FAIR	17 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Work party	24 08.00 Holy Communion	

Advent calendars are a fantastic interactive way to begin the countdown to Christmas. There are several advent calendar designs to choose from within the Traidcraft range, including the fair trade Divine Chocolate advent calendar; each of our calendars has been printed within the United Kingdom. As an alternative way to count down to the festive season Traidcraft also offer an Advent Candle. Sending a Christmas card to family and friends can really show you care. The personal touch of a hand written, hand delivered, Christmas card surpasses many other seasonal gestures. Traidcraft's extensive and diverse range of festive cards offer customers everything they need to share a thoughtful seasonal gesture with family members, neighbours and friends.

Nativity sets were first hand crafted in 1223 by St. Francis of Assisi, since then Nativity sets have been a key focal point of Christmas celebrations and perfect for Christmas gifts. Traidcraft have a fantastic array of Nativity sets, each with unique characteristics surrounding its crafting process. A large amount of care and passion is put into each Nativity piece, from the olive wood Nativity set which was master crafted by Holyland Handicrafts in Bethlehem to the wooden Holy Family made by the hand of master craftsmen in Jakarta. Traidcraft offer a great selection of indulgent hampers, including the choice of mixed gift sets to large food hampers - each containing organic fair trade produce.



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

