

2nd December 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*

2nd Dec	Advent Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
4.00 pm	Christingle
8th Dec	
9.30 am	Church Working Party
9th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion
11th Dec	
12.30pm	Mothers' Union Lunch
6.30 pm	Semiquavers' Concert
12th Dec	
1.45 pm	First Steps Service
13th Dec	
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed and Over 80's Christmas Tea
16th Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
6.30 pm	Lessons and Carols
21st Dec	
7.00 pm	"Come & Sing"
23rd Dec	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion



There are no flowers at the altar as it is Advent.

The flowers on the table by the main door are sponsored by Glyne Chittenden in memory of Peter.

**MANY THANKS**

to all who delivered Christmas cards to every house in the parish.

Also thanks to Elaine who made up all the bundles.

**Bible reading notes for January—April** are in the pigeon holes.

Please put your money in the envelope provided and place it in the collection plate.

Thank you.

### **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
Morning Prayer	Friday 9.00 am at St. Aidan's Church



**The Christingle Service  
is TODAY.**

Please come back this  
afternoon with your children and  
grandchildren for the Christingle  
Service.

Please arrive from 3.30 pm to take part  
in craft activities in the hall and also to  
make your Christingle.



The next Semi Quavers Concert is on  
Tuesday 11th December in church at  
6.30 pm.

Tickets priced at £4.00 for adults,  
children are free, are available from  
Gill Campbell.



**First Steps Service  
on  
Wednesday 12th December  
in  
Church  
at 1.45 pm**

If you are a family with pre-school  
children please join us for this  
short service—we will have songs  
accompanied by bells and  
shakers, a short story and  
prayers.



Afterwards we enjoy refreshments  
in the hall.



**On Thursday 13th  
December at 2.30 pm  
Mustard Seed and the  
over 80's will be  
having a Christmas tea in the  
hall.**

If you are over 80 and  
have not received an  
invitation, please have  
a word with Colin Parsonson



**GEMS**

Gravesend Entertainment and Musical Society  
present

**Christmas Memories  
at  
St. Andrew's Art Centre  
on Friday 14th and  
Saturday 15th December**

Tickets £7 including light refreshments

For information 'phone 01474 355413



The next Church Working  
Party is on Saturday 8th  
December starting at  
9.30 am.

Please come and help—  
many hands  
make light work!



## “Follow the Star”



This Christmas we shall engage with a national initiative called “Follow the Star”. At our Christmas Services we shall be offering a small booklet which encourages us to observe the 12 days of Christmas between Christmas Eve and Epiphany (6th January) through a daily theme, a reading, an image, a reflection, a challenge and a prayer. Each day’s material is easily accessible.

Please accept your gift as an opportunity to deepen engagement with the promise of the coming of Jesus.

Martin

## We shall have lots of opportunities to sing carols starting with

The Gravesend Churches are singing carols in St. George’s Centre in aid of Christian Aid on Saturday 15th December. Our slot is from 12 noon to 12.30 pm



On the same day Semiquavers are featuring in a concert given by the Marlowe Singers in St. George’s Church at 3.30 pm.

Tickets are £10.00 on the door and include seasonal refreshments. Under 16s are free.

On Sunday 16th December we have our own Lessons and Carols in Church at 6.30 pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine



On Friday 21st December we will be singing carols around the residential homes in the parish— Orchard Cottage Larchwood and Nelson Court. Meet at church at 7.00 pm



## CAROL SERVICE

on  
Wednesday 5th December  
at  
Southwark Cathedral  
London Bridge  
London SE1 9DA  
at  
7.30 pm

*All welcome to attend*

Songs from the Matinee Singers  
with Afternoon Tea

on  
Friday 7th December  
at  
2.00 pm  
at  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Windmill Street

Tickets £5.00 (**booking essential**)  
from Melva on 01474 334155 or

**[melvaderek@gmail.com](mailto:melvaderek@gmail.com)**

or from Oasis Bookshop



### Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services

invite you to their annual Celebrate a  
Life Evening on Thursday 13th  
December at Safeharbour Memory  
Wellbeing Centre, Coldharbour Road,  
Northfleet starting at 7.00 pm this  
will include their Singing Group,  
turning on their Christmas Lights and  
an opportunity to celebrate the life of  
a loved one by including their names  
on our Memory Tree.

If you would like to join them please  
ring Sandie and Sheila on 01474  
533990 or email

**[sandie.wade@alz-dem.org](mailto:sandie.wade@alz-dem.org)**

***Many thanks to everyone who  
supports the food bank.***

At present they need -  
Christmas food and treats  
Custard  
Sponge puddings  
Blue long life cartons of milk  
Small jars of coffee  
Cartons of long life juice  
Bottles of blackcurrant squash

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)