

3rd February 2019

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 Feb	Candlemas
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
9th Feb	
6.30 pm	Fish, Chips and Beetle
10th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	All Age Communion
4.00 pm	Evensong
12th Feb	
7.30 pm	Mothers' Union AGM
13th Feb	
1.45 pm	First Steps
14th Feb	
2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course
17th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
21st Feb	
2.30 pm	Mustard Seed
24th Feb	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am	Family Communion
4.00 pm	Service of Thanksgiving for LGBT History Month

### Last day to book –



**Fish, Chips and Beetle on Saturday 9th February at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm**

Fish and Chips – £7.50  
Sausage and Chips – £4.50



Bring your own drinks.

*Please speak to Angela today*



Please come on **Sunday 10th February at 4.00 pm** to join with the choir in the lovely service of Evensong.



Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Church Working Party yesterday.

### 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



Mothers' Union meet next on Tuesday 12th February at 7.30 pm in

the church hall when they will be holding their Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will be preceded with Holy Communion and followed by Valentine Treats.

Please come along to hear what they have achieved during 2018 and what their hopes are for this year.

We are compiling a list of roles within Christ Church to hand to our new Vicar when she joins us. If you have a specific role or roles at Christ Church, can you please write down ALL the jobs you do and hand your list to our Church Warden, Lucy Hornby.

You may or may not have a title, you may do something regularly or for an event once a year, it may seem a small job that you do but please include everything.

Many thanks

The next meeting of **the Pilgrim Group** will be on **Thursday 14th February at 2.00 pm at Anne's 43 Park Avenue.**

We are at present studying "The Creeds".

It is not too late to come and join in as every session stands alone.

**FIRST STEPS SERVICE**  
on  
**Wednesday 13th February**  
**in church**  
**at 1.45 pm**

This is a service especially for families with pre-school children, so please join us for a story, songs and prayers.

Afterwards we enjoy refreshments in the hall while the children play



A very big thank you to everyone who gives regularly to Christ Church via the weekly envelope scheme or by standing order.

It is time for me order the envelopes for the next financial year, starting at the beginning of April, so if you do not have envelopes at the moment but would like to have them please let me know as soon as possible so that I can order the correct number. Conversely, if you currently have envelopes but no longer want them, please also let me know.

If you would prefer to make your offering by monthly standing order from your bank then please ask me or Steve Humphries (Treasurer) for a form.

It is important that our Gift Aid details are up to date so if there are any changes in your tax status that affect your Gift Aid declaration, please let me know. Thank you.  
Anne Thrush (Gift Aid Secretary)

## Dates for your diary .....



Shrove Tuesday 5th March at 6.00 pm—  
Musical Extravaganza, an evening of music,  
entertainment, pancakes and apple pie.  
More details later .....



Ash Wednesday 6th March—there will be the usual service of Holy Communion at 10.00 am and an evening service at 7.30 pm both with ashing.

The All Age Communion Service in March will be on the 31st when there will be a special Mothering Sunday Service at 10.00 am.

## LENT 2019

### “Encounter God in the Stillness”

Come and experience different ways to pray and enjoy some peace and stillness during Lent.

There are 5 Sessions starting on Wednesday 13th March.  
Refreshments available from 7.00 pm and starting promptly at 7.30 pm.  
Please ensure you arrive before 7.30 pm to avoid walking in during a time of silence and stillness. We will finish at approximately 8.30 pm.

You are encouraged to attend as many sessions as you can, as we share the journey together.

*You will find a leaflet giving full details of each session on the table at the back of the church.*



## LGBT History Month

As a member of Inclusive Church, we are pleased to be hosting a Service of Thanksgiving during LGBT History Month to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of LGBT communities throughout the ages.

Please join us at **4.00 pm on Sunday 24th February**. All are welcome

*"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of God"* - Inclusive Church



Thanks to everyone who responded so generously with Christmas treats for the Foodbank and also the staple items and money donations that come in regularly week by week.

We are currently short of tinned rice pudding and tinned potatoes but all donations are very welcome.

Please remember to bring your old mobile phones, phone cards, spectacles, Canon and HP printer cartridges (*no other ink cartridges, thank you*), stamps, foreign coins, postcards, etc. for re-cycling.

Please put them in Priest Jacqueline's box at the back of the church.

We support Ellenor, Demelza House, The Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, RNLI and Cancer Research UK.

Your contributions provide valuable support to hard-pressed charities and are very gratefully received as well as doing something for the planet.

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)