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A Note from our Vicar

- Sally Wormersley

The summer seems to be disappearing all too quickly! With the evenings drawing in and the days getting shorter it can sometimes feel a bit depressing that the summer months are coming to an end. September; a time of changing seasons can also be a month to take stock of our own lives as we enter a month of new beginnings. It's a new academic term, maybe you have a son or daughter beginning a new school, or leaving home to start at University, or a little one starting school for the first time? Maybe you are beginning a new job or embarking on a change of career? Change is all part of life's pattern, meeting new challenges and building new relationships. For Christians, this experience is ever present as God calls us into new and exciting ventures,

g e n t l y
encouraging
a n d
equipping
us so that
we might
a l s o
encourage
and walk
alongside
others.



Would you like to find out more about the faith we share?

Join us as we discuss and reflect on our journey in faith through the Pilgrim Course, starting Thursday 12 September 10:30 am and subsequently every second and fourth Thursday in the month. For more information please contact Rosemary.

Sally.



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 normally on the second Saturday of each month...

NOTE the next ones will be on Saturday 8 SEPTEMBER at 9.30.

See you there, JAN

**FIRST STEPS
TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC
14TH AUGUST 2019**

Today is our Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic and it's pouring with rain. It's already beginning to feel like autumn. Our naughty little sheep is disappointed and he's upset to hear that our Glittery Dragon is going to stay at home because he says that the rain is bad for his fiery breath and it makes him all damp. Not a good thing for a dragon, I guess. Our naughty little sheep, his friends and I have a soggy walk up to church, laden with goodies for our afternoon. They go and find somewhere dry and hopefully warm to get comfortable. Jan has come along, so she and I begin to get things ready in the hall and in the church. Sadly there is no chance of us going out into the garden so our Teddy Bears' Picnic will have to be in the hall. Anne came in yesterday evening to set up some crafts for us. Wasn't that kind? Then Colin and Linda come in to help, too and when Anne joins us bit later, we are ready for our First Steps service. All we need now are some families. It is such a miserable day, will anyone want to come out in the rain?

Yes! Mum Rebecca comes in with Ruby and little brother Tommy. Big brother Zackary is going to join us later. Then Mum Lisa and big boys Ralph and Brennan come along, soon followed by Mum Emma with Abigail and little Rupert. A very small but select group and we are all very pleased to see them. We light our candles and our little service begins. We remember that Jesus and his disciples liked picnics especially when they were able miraculously to feed five thousand people with five little barley loaves and two fishes. Our naughty little sheep says that that must have been some picnic. He'd liked to have been there and to see Jesus and the disciples with all those people. We sing a favourite song, "Come and have a picnic, come and eat with me." The children are concentrating really hard on reading the words of our song and singing along.

The disciples must have had some really interesting times as they followed Jesus. The Bible is full of those great stories. They must have learned so much from him. And so can we. We sing about the people we love, our mums and dads, our grandpas and grannies and our friends too. That gift of love comes from God, doesn't it? It is one of the very many precious gifts that He gives to us every day.

We sing some more of our favourite songs including "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty." That has got some great actions and every one stands up to do them. Oh what fun! God has given us such a beautiful world, hasn't He? There are so many wonderful things to discover and enjoy just in our own back garden if we look very carefully. We are all so very blessed.

When we have all said our prayers and our little service is nearly over, we discover that Ruby will be five on Monday and Ralph will be a big boy of nine on 28th August, so we sing Happy Birthday to them both with lots of claps! Then it is time to go into the hall for our Teddy Bears' Picnic. Our naughty little sheep and his friends have come to join us, too. There are crafts to enjoy, toys to play with and yummy things to eat. As usual our naughty little sheep and his friends are at the front of the queue as usual. Luckily there is plenty to go round. Then they enjoy watching the children as they play. We know that the big children will be back at school when we have our next First Steps service on 11th September but we do hope that the little ones will join us again and others too. Everyone is welcome.

**God Bless
Rosemary Austin**





SHOE BOX APPEAL 2019

“ Summer is nearly over -October fast approaching; the start of BLYSWOOD SHOE BOX appeal. Please start collecting shoe boxes -average size are best and buying small items to go in them. October the start date always seems early but we have to have completed shoe boxes ready

By November to ensure Christmas delivery. Looking forward to your continued support.”

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

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**Do you run a local business?
Have you thought of advertising
in this monthly magazine?**

If you would like details of costs and how you could contribute to Christ Church through advertising please

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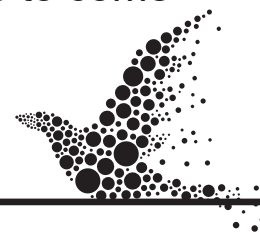
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PILGRIM COURSE

The first meeting of the Pilgrim Group will be on Thursday 12 September at 10.30, at “Anne’s”, 43 Park Avenue.

The meetings will continue on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

We will be starting a new book, so it is a good time to come and join us.



End of term gathering

At the end of the summer term Christ Church Brownies enjoyed an evening in the church grounds, eating ice cream, melting marshmallows over nightlights to make s'mores and sharing a picnic. We were pleased to welcome guests including Vicar Sally and Priest Jacqueline and Kim, Brown Owl and Silver who are part of the Kay's Garden Committee. They presented certificates to Clover and the Brownies who had completed the sponsored ramble and a trophy for winning the scavenger hunt. We had a Going Up celebration for the two oldest Brownies -Amelia and Jazzi - as Beaver welcomed them to Guides.



HOLY BAPTISM

7th July

Alice Janet Ellen Ettridge
George Caleb Kelham
Sylvie Sue Kiki Kelham

4th August

Harriet Emily Yearley
Max David Harris
Jessica Ann Santucci
Ivy Jean May Forman
Ella Amelia Forman
Tommy Christopher Desmond Foreman

18th August

Mollie Rose Snowswell
Rupert Mehrad
Ellis Thomas Arthur Swinden

HOLY MATRIMONY

22nd June

Laura Elizabeth Janman and Matthew James Davies

10th August

Katherine Christine Wood and Matthew James Rogers

REST IN PEACE

1st July

Helen Elizabeth Wright

COFFEE ROTA 2019

1 Sept Annie - Jill - Gerry Higgins
8 Sept Angela Kirby - Pauline Marks - Jill
15 Sept Annie - Jill -
22 Sept Annie - Jill - Maxine
29 Sept Annie - Jill - Linda Parsonson



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



GRAVESHAM 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 Liquids/tablets**



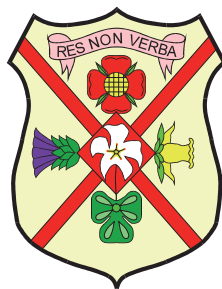
**This list is only a few of the items that
can help those less fortunate than
ourselves,
any tinned or non-perishable
items are most welcome**



Pre-Prep Places Available 2019/20

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Christ Church Brownies enjoyed a visit to Fenn Bell Conservation Project. They were given a talk about the animals and learned the reasons why it is important to think carefully before acquiring any animal as a pet as many of the residents have been rescued from unsuitable homes. The Brownies then had time to wander through

the zoo to have another look at the animals. The meerkat family with five babies proved very popular.



New Testament Books

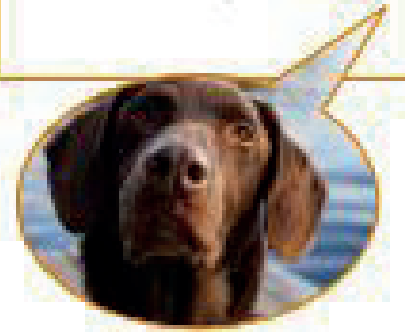
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JOHN
JUDE
TIMOTHY
ACTS
JAMES
LUKE
PHILEMON
EPHESIANS
TITUS
PETER
GALATIANS
HEBREWS
COLOSSIANS
ROMANS
MARK
MATTHEW

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SEPTEMBER 10TH
MediDogs Talk



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We need **VOLUNTEERS**

for the ADSS café at Safeharbour in Coldharbour Road.

The café is open during the week between 10am and 2pm for the public and is also used by our day centre. The days we need volunteers for are

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Anyone interested should contact **Katie Antill** on **01474 533990** or speak to

Alzheimer's & Dementia
SUPPORT SERVICES

ANGELA KIRBY
for further information.

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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 11 SEPTEMBER 2019.



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

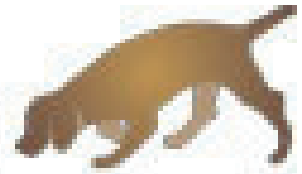
Contact: Colin Parsonson: 01474 359713

Pam Kilby: 01474 332693





Medical Detection Dogs



Tuesday 10th September 2019
7.30 ~ Christ Church Hall

Please come along to hear our
guest speaker
Millie Harries from
Medical Detection Dogs

These dogs are trained to
detect life-threatening
diseases. Find out how.

All are welcome ~
bring a guest.



Local Historical talks - walks - quiz

Chalk Parish: marshes, midges & medicine (illustrated talk with supper)

Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)

On: Monday 9th September 2019

Supper at 6pm, talk to follow. Part of the programmes of events "Local History & Chips"

At: The Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Booking essential: £15 includes supper and talk. Book: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

Countryside footpath walk: Ifield to Singlewell

On: Sunday 15th September 2019

Leader: Nicholas Miskin 01474 832301

Meet: 2.30pm southern end of Church Road, Ifield DA13 9AT

The walk is free and open to all – it is a cross country walk – sensible footwear is needed.

Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee walk – exploring our local landscapes.

Exploring Gravesham's ancient parishes (illustrated talk): if you think you knew Gravesham, then think again!

Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)

On: Friday 20th September 2019

At: St Paul's United Reformed Church, Singlewell Road, Gravesend, begins at 2.30pm

Cost: £5 including refreshments

No need to book, just turn up – pay on the door.

Some Gravesham Characters-Famous & Forgotten (Illustrated talk with supper)

Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)

On: Monday 14th October 2019

At: Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Begins: 6pm for fish & chip supper, talk to follow

Cost: £15 – includes talk with fish & chip supper

Booking essential: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

Gravesend the day before yesterday (illustrated talk)

Discover how the town has changed over 60 years & celebrate 60 years of Kings Farm Library 1959 – 2019.

Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian & former Kent librarian)

On: Thursday 17th October 2019

At: Kings Farm Library, Sun Lane, Gravesend Begins: 2pm

Cost: £4 includes refreshments

Booking required 03000 413131 (ask for Kings Farm Library) or email: kingsfarmlibrary@kent.gov.uk – or call in.

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 £4.60 for New Daylight and £5.05 for "Bible Reflections for older people"

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.

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

Monday morning prayer 08:00
Holy Communion (said)
Saturday 08:00
Wednesday 10:00
and evening prayer 17.15

**For further information
Contact
The Church Wardens**

Office hours

Registered Charity no. 1130741

Friday 18:30 until 19:30

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
<i>First Steps</i>	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm 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



Jonah and the Whale

In the days of the great Assyrian Empire, there was a prophet, Jonah, who was not very pleased when God called him. "Jonah, I want you to go to the Assyrian capital, Nineveh," the Lord told him. "Preach to the pagans there. They're doing nothing but sinning against me."

Now Nineveh was a long way away. The Assyrians were a hard cruel race and Jonah – a Jew – didn't really care about foreigners anyway. "I'll run away to somewhere the Lord can't find me," he thought, packing a bag. Soon he was boarding a ship and setting off on a long voyage in quite the opposite direction to Nineveh – to Tarshish in Spain.



No sooner had the ship left the harbour and reached open waters than the skies darkened and the wind began to blow up. Great gusts whipped up the sea, rain lashed the masts and the ship was tossed up and down the towering waves, threatening to break up at any moment. Terrified, the sailors threw as much of their cargo overboard as they could to lighten the load, but the ship still bowed and cracked in the full force of the storm. "On your knees!" cried the captain. "Each one of you beg your gods to save us!" and he ran around the ship to check that everyone was praying.

Then the sailors superstitiously cast lots to find out which of the passengers had brought the wrath of the gods upon them. They picked Jonah, who was soon surrounded by the angry crew. "What have you done to bring the storm raging down upon us?"

"I'm a Hebrew," Jonah gulped. "The only thing that's going to save everyone is if you throw me overboard." Even though the sailors were desperate, they weren't murderers, and they did their best to row to shore. But it was impossible. With every stroke of their oars, the wind seemed to blow more strongly. In the end, they had no choice but to throw Jonah off the ship. As soon as the prophet had splashed into the water, the gale began to die down and the waves to subside. And as Jonah drifted away from the ship on the swell,



he heard the captain and the sailors praying once more – but this time to the one true Lord, not to their pagan gods.







Just when Jonah thought things couldn't get any worse, they did. One minute he was bobbing up and down in the water like a cork; the next minute, he was swimming around inside a dark, wet cave – a huge fish had swallowed him up. For three days and nights Jonah was in the pitch black darkness of its belly. "Oh Lord," he prayed, "I'm dreadfully sorry. If you get me out of here, I promise to obey you in future." A circle of

light appeared in the distance and very quickly widened. There was a rumbling and a roaring and a rushing of water and the fish coughed him out of its mouth. Choking and spluttering, the prophet felt himself dropped onto a firm bed of sand.

"Thanks be to God!" he cried as the waters drew back leaving him in warm sunlight blinking on the dry land.

The Lord's voice boomed at him. "Now are you ready to go to Nineveh for me? Tell those pagans that unless they beg my forgiveness for their sins, in 40 days' time I will destroy the city." Jonah trembled before the power of God, and set off at once.

CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday 	1 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	8 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	15 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	22 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	29 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Monday 	2 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	9 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	16 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	23 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	30 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES
Tuesday 	3 18.15 Semiquavers	10 18.30 Semiquavers	17 18.15 Semiquavers	24 18.15 Semiquavers	
Wednesday 	4 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	11 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer 13.45 First Steps	18 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	25 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	
Thursday 	5 Choir Practice BROWNIES	12 Choir Practice BROWNIES	19 Choir Practice 14.30 Mustard seed BROWNIES	26 Choir Practice BROWNIES	
Friday 	6 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	13 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	20 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	27 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	
Saturday 	7 08.00 Holy Communion	14 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Work party	21 08.00 Holy Communion	28 08.00 Holy Communion	



Join us on
Saturday 14th September
for a sausage and spud dinner
followed by a live screening
of

The last night of the proms

At Christchurch, Echo Square, Gravesend
7pm for a 7:30pm start

Tickets are £5 per person

To book please contact
Angela on
07900430002

