

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

JULY-AUGUST 2025



Wednesday 2nd July

10am Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 6th July

Third Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

(followed by refreshments)

God's Gang meets during the service

Preacher The Venerable Sandra McCalla,

Archdeacon of Rochester

Tuesday 8th July

7.30pm Mothers Union – Making Miracles

Wednesday 9th July

10am Holy Communion

2pm First Steps service. If you are a family with pre-school children, please come and join in the fun.

5pm Evening Prayer



Thursday 10th July

10am Pilgrim Bible Study Genesis

Friday 11th July

2.30pm Holy Matrimony

Saturday 12th July

Working morning

Sunday 13th July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist *End of Term*
(followed by refreshments)

6pm Evensong for Sea Sunday

Monday 14th July MU Wave of Prayer

**CHORAL
EVENSONG**
for SEA SUNDAY
13th July 2025
6pm

CHRIST CHURCH
Milton next Gravesend
OLD ROAD EAST



Wednesday 16th July

10am Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

7.45pm Parochial Church Council

Thursday 17th July

2.30-4pm Mustard Seed

Saturday 19th July**From 5pm Christ Church Summer Party in the Pleasance**

£10 per adult £5 per child

Includes a glass of Pimms/Bucks Fizz or orange juice on arrival

Miss Vintage will be performing Arrive from 5.00

pm Bring your own picnic

Sunday 20th July**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist Prayers

(followed by refreshments)

God's Gang meets during the service

12pm and 1pm Holy Baptisms

Wednesday 23rd July

10am Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm CREDO -exploring the Christian faith through the creeds

Thursday 24th July

10am Pilgrim Bible Study Genesis

Sunday 27th July**Sixth Sunday after Trinity-**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and

Baptism(followed by refreshments)

Wednesday 30th July

10am Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 3rd August**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

Monday 4th August

Volunteering Week – come and lend a hand in the church, hall or grounds

Wednesday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration

10am Holy Communion

7.30pm CREDO -exploring the Christian faith through the creeds

Saturday 9th August

9.30am Working morning

5.30pm Mary Sumner Day Evensong at Rochester Cathedral

Sunday 10th August**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

Wednesday 13th August

10am Holy Communion

2pm First Steps service. Teddy Bears

Picnic If you are a family with pre-school children, please come and join in the fun.

Sunday 17th August**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist Gang (followed by refreshments)

12noon and 1pm Holy Baptism

Wednesday 20th August

10am Holy Communion

3pm Mothers Union: Tea @ 3

Thursday 21st August

2pm Mustard Seed

Sunday 24th August

St Bartholomew

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

Wednesday 27th August

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 31th August

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)

MORNING PRAYER Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.30am (during July) Join us in Church or on ZOOM. The Daily Prayer app can be downloaded on your smart phone (subscription £3.99 a year).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556>

Semiquavers

Summer Concert

Tuesday 15th July 6.15pm

All welcome!



You are invited to....

Afternoon Tea

in the Vicarage garden

in aid of church charities.

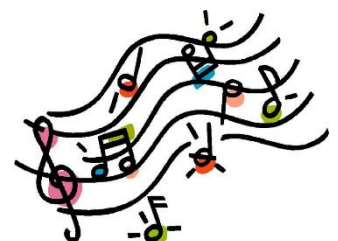
Sunday 3rd August 4pm-6pm

48 Old Road East



HYMN BOOK APPEAL

Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far – if you are planning to sponsor a hymnbook please pick up a form and return it as soon as possible.



Mothers' UNION

CHRIST CHURCH MILTON - NEXT - GRAVESEND BRANCH



For our July 8th meeting we shall be welcoming Sally Howells from the charity 'Making Miracles' for which we made knitted blanket squares last year. Do feel free to join us to hear about the work they do with families who have been bereaved by the loss of a baby or who have been affected by birth trauma.



PLEASE DO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

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ON WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST

AT 3 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL AND GROUNDS



Tea, coffee, soft drinks and Cake
Bring and Buy Stall and Raffle
Fun Quiz

Entry - £3 for adults - £2 for children over 12 to include your first drink and a cake.
Additional drinks and cakes are also served

Everyone is welcome!

Women's Aid Collection - we are still collecting items for this good cause until the end of August. We need toiletries, small washing up bowls, washing up liquid, cloths, scourers etc. and tea towels. Our thanks for any contributions you are able to make.

Dates for your diary - Saturday 12th July - MU Quiet Day -at St Aidan's Church - book your place by 4th July - murochester.adbo@outlook.com



Monday 14th July International Wave of Prayer Day 9 - 12 am. Veronica will be hosting a gathering for prayer at 10.30am - please let her know if you would like to attend.

Saturday 9th August 5.30pm Mary Sumner Day Evensong Service at Rochester Cathedral-

If you would like to find out more about the Mothers' Union please speak to Priest Jacqueline or Jenny Shoesmith. Why don't you come along as a guest to one of our meetings and see what we are all about. Don't forget - you don't have to be a mother or married - men and women are all welcome.

Congratulations to Alex on his latest football trophy



FIRST STEPS

An informal service
for preschool children

2nd Wednesday of the
month from 2pm to 3pm

13th August
TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

10th September
8th October
12th November
10th December

at Christ Church
Old Road East
near Echo Square



VACANCY

Cleaner wanted – we are looking for a reliable cleaner, able to work unsociable hours, for the church hall. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested, please speak to Jan or Andrew.

Floatplane landing at Rochester Cathedral this August



How do you fit a plane in a medieval Cathedral? That's the challenge Rochester Bridge Trust took on when they proposed displaying a recently restored Short Scion Floatplane inside Rochester Cathedral.

The plane has been rebuilt by Medway Aircraft Preservation Society Limited (MAPSL). Originally, the aircraft was built in the Short

Brothers factory that was once located on Rochester Esplanade, a short walk from the Cathedral.

An accompanying exhibition, **Pioneers of Flight: Made in Medway** will run alongside a range of activities taking place throughout August.

A CHRIST CHURCH CELEBRATION

AN EVENING ON THE PLEASANCE

19TH JULY

£10 PER ADULT • £5 PER CHILD



INCLUDES A GLASS OF
PIMMS/BUCKS FIZZ
OR ORANGE JUICE
ON ARRIVAL

MISS VINTAGE WILL
BE PERFORMING

ARRIVE FROM
5PM

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

TO BOOK CONTACT ANGELA ON 07900 430002

A sunny St Alban's

A band of Christ Church pilgrims made their way to St Alban's for the annual pilgrimage marking the martyrdom of England's first saint. A colourful procession through the streets of the city was followed by packed eucharist in the Cathedral. Later in the afternoon we returned for evensong which concluded with a procession to the saint's shrine.



Flower Power

Gravesend Flower arrangers marked National Flower Arranging Day outside Christ Church presenting passersby with flowers and arrangements.

A correspondent writes: It was a very hot day, but people were very happy to get a free gift - many people crossed the road to see what was going on. They were surprised and delighted to be given beautiful arrangements for nothing!

One of the older boys coming out of St Johns school came over and asked what we were doing and was very happy to take an arrangement home for his Mum. Another gentleman drove past us one way and then came back - stopping all the traffic behind him and shouting across to see if he could have one for his own mother. A couple of carers from the local care home came along and asked if they could have a couple for the home. The people we spoke to ranged in age from 15-85 and were from all backgrounds. One lady on her way back from the foodbank cried when she was given an arrangement. We all did a little and came together to make a lot of people's day.



Luxmuralis return to Rochester Cathedral with a spectacular sound and light show TIME

30TH SEPTEMBER - 4TH OCTOBER

Luxmuralis return with an incredible light show.
***Time* is an extraordinary exploration of humanity's relationship with the concept of time, offering audiences an unforgettable journey through history, science, and imagination.**

Suitable for all ages

Visitors will journey through a series of captivating installations that portray humans as seen through different eras, exploring the fascinating theories of relativity, and the text of H.G. Wells' "The Time Machine."



Celebrating Kent: Summer Fete 2025



A wonderful afternoon in the church, hall and grounds – celebrating our glorious county and raising a bit of money! Thanks to Sheila and Veronica for organising our Summer Fete and to all who helped, and to all who spent money. Our final total will be over £2270!

PRAYER CALENDAR

	THE COMMUNITY	CHURCH
1	The Elderly	Those who use our hall
2	Those with poor mental health	Our preschool
3	The armed services	Our clergy
4	GPs and community health workers	Our Churchwarden Our Parochial Church Council
5	Schools Those taking exams	The children in our church God's Gang and First Steps
6	Young people at university & college, or in work or apprenticeships	For vocations in the church, and those in training for ordained and lay ministry
7	The unemployed	Street Pastors
8	Our parliament and MP	Churches Together in Gravesend
9	Our emergency services	Our companion dioceses in Estonia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania
10	Social workers	Neighbouring Parishes
11	Children	Our lay ministers
12	Prisoners and prison staff	Prison chaplains
13	The victims of racism and discrimination	Christian Aid
14	Those who support people in the workplace	Our Bishops and Archdeacon
15	Our neighbours of other faiths	Those who are new in our church
16	Our local hospitals	Hospital chaplains
17	All who work with young people School pastors	Inclusive Church and all who work for inclusion and equality
18	Those living with dementia	Our safeguarding team
19	Musicians and artists	Our organist, choir & Semiquavers
20	Family life	Our Mothers Union
21	Our councillors and council	Those who are persecuted for their faith
22	All involved in the production and distribution of food	Mustard Seed
23	All who work on the river RNLI	Those preparing for marriage
24	Victims of domestic abuse	Those who care for our buildings
25	Those who care for green spaces	That we may be more aware of our impact on our planet
26	Those who are affected by modern day slavery	Baptism families
27	Foodbanks and those who use them The homeless	Those who prepare our notice sheet and communications
28	Local businesses	The bereaved
29	Those fighting addictions	Uniformed organisations
30	Refugees and asylum seekers	Those who are housebound or isolated
31	Those who work in diplomacy and peace making	Our Cathedral in Rochester

MU WAVE OF PRAYER MONDAY 14th July

Between 9am and 12noon please pray for MU branches across the world, particularly in Toliara – Madagascar, Chhattisgarhi – India, and Barcelona and Mallorca in Spain.

We give thanks for our global family whose lives of faithful action shine as a beacon of hope in the communities they serve. Unite us in worship; build us in service, as together we seek to share your love. **Amen**

Gravesham Place Chaplaincy Team Needs You

For some time now a team of volunteers, from churches in and around Gravesend, have been visiting Gravesham Place once a week on a rota basis, with a view to meeting with the clients in the various units. We go not to preach, although we will pray with and for them if requested, we visit to come alongside of them in conversation at the same time bringing something of God's love into their lives.

Sadly the number of volunteers has diminished and we would dearly love to invite more folk to consider joining us. If you think this might be something you could get involved with and would like more information and a role description, please contact Reverend Jim Fletcher at: **01474 532505**.

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