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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

20th July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Bart

Sermunkle :

Jen

10.30am - Family Café Church Service

Leading, Preaching : Bart & Jen



We seek to be God's Church,
where all are known and loved,
purpose and hope are found,
and lives are transformed by Christ.

St Mary Greenhithe

*Reflection
For
The
Week*



Reflection by Bart

Called to Serve: Reflections on My Ordination as Priest at Rochester Cathedral

On the 28th of June, in the sacred and historic setting of Rochester Cathedral, I was ordained to the priesthood, a moment of deep significance, joy, and humility. As I knelt before the bishop and was anointed, I felt the weight of both the ancient tradition I was stepping into and the living call of God to serve His people in this present moment. This is not just a milestone in my journey of faith, but the beginning of a new chapter in how I am called to love, lead, and serve the Church. It was also wonderful and deeply encouraging to have so much support from you all on the day, and to have some old friends from City Praise, River Church, and Gravesend Methodist Church standing as I was ordained.

Priesthood is not a status, but a vocation, a calling that reaches beyond the self and roots itself in the life of the community. At its heart, to be a priest is to stand at the intersection between God and His people: to pray with and for them, to

speak words of hope and forgiveness, and to help carry the burdens that we all
 face in a world that is often uncertain and divided.

One of the most powerful parts of the ordination service was the laying on of
 hands. In that moment, I was surrounded by the prayers of my brothers and
 sisters in ministry, the blessing of the bishop, and the quiet but unmistakable
 presence of the Holy Spirit. It was a moment that reminded me that priesthood
 is never lived alone. It is rooted in community, in the Church gathered and sent
 out into the world.

So what does it now mean to serve as a priest?

It means celebrating the sacraments with you all in reverence and joy,
 especially the Eucharist, where we remember the sacrificial love of Christ at His
 table as we share in bread and wine, and where we are renewed as His Holy
 Spirit. It means preaching the Gospel with clarity and compassion, offering a
 word of life that speaks into both sorrow and celebration. It means walking with
 people in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life, baptisms, weddings,
 funerals, hospital visits, quiet conversations over coffee, and unexpected
 encounters that become holy ground.

I am profoundly grateful to all of you who have supported me with your prayers,
 encouragement, and love along the way. This calling is not mine alone, it is
 something we share together as the Body of Christ. I look forward to
 discovering with you how God continues to shape us, guide us, and use us for
 His glory.

Please continue to pray for me as I grow into this ministry, and know that I will
 be praying for you as together we seek to follow Christ, serve others, and bear
 witness to the Kingdom of God.



St Marys Sunday Special



3 years to
11 years old



Bible Stories,
Songs and
crafts

1st, 2nd & 4th
Sunday of the month

Starting in the
church, then moving
to the Hall





Bible study, discussions on faith
and life, prayer & worship for 11-
18 year olds.

Ignited Youth

Sunday Mornings, 10.30am
St Mary Church, Greenhithe

Family Cafe Church Service 3rd Sunday of the Month at 10.30am



WORSHIP AND
PRAYER



GOSPEL LED
TEACHING



REFRESHMENTS
FROM 10AM



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Life Groups are an essential part of our church life. They are an opportunity for all of us to grow together in faith and to support one another.



CURRENT LIFE GROUPS

Mondays	2pm	The Church Centre, Swanscombe
Tuesdays	7.30pm	Knockhall Road
Wednesdays	7.30pm	ON ZOOM
Thursdays	7.30pm	Riverview Road, Greenhithe
Thursdays	7.30pm	Hedge Place Road, Stone



If you would like to join one of our Life Groups please speak to a member of the ministry team:-

Rev Charlie, Rev Bart
Mandy or Jen.

Flower DONATIONS



Would you like to remember a loved one
with flowers on their birthday,
anniversary or other special occasion?
You can do this by making a donation to
the flower fund and flowers will be put in
church by our team on the date
requested. Please give 2 weeks notice.
Contact Jen in the office in the first
instance.



CHURCH EVENTS

The 2 coaches are now fully booked, we are running a minibus on the day,
which is already half full. Please remember to book through the Church Office
and pay on booking.



ST MARY GREENHITHE *Annual Beach Trip*



**Ramsgate
Tuesday 19th August**

**The coaches will leave Bluewater coach park at 9.15am,
return from Ramsgate will be 4pm**

**£7 Per Person
Payable upon booking.**

**Subsidised by St Marys Church,
and additionally subsidised
by Dartford Lions**



Deanery Confirmation Service

**Sunday 5th October
at 3pm**

St Barnabas, Istead Rise

Confirmation Preparation Classes

**Starting Wednesday 27th August
6pm-7.30pm
at The Church Centre, Swanscombe
(with pizza 😊)**



Pre-Confirmation Retreat Morning and Rehearsal

Saturday 4th October, 10am-1pm

St Barnabas, Istead Rise

Please speak to any of the Ministry Team for more information,

Email office@stmarygreenhithe.com or admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk to register



SAFEGUARDING

A row of stylized human figures in various colors (blue, teal, green, yellow, orange, red, pink, purple) holding hands, symbolizing unity and community.

Training to help everyone engage positively with the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults in both a practical and theologically informed way.

The Diocese of Rochester approved training is being offered at
The Church Centre, 112 Swanscombe Street
Saturday 9th August 2025

FOUNDATION COURSE (C1) 10am to 12.30pm
AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE 1.30pm to 3.30pm

For more information and to book your place please email jude@mckcharity.co.uk



**TODDLER GROUP
FOR 0-5'S**

EVERY TUESDAY
DURING TERM TIME
9.30-11.30

**ENTRANCE £3
PER ADULT**

**COME ALONG AND MEET WITH
OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS.
ENJOY AS MUCH TEA AND
COFFEE AS YOU LIKE, WHILE
YOUNGSTERS ENJOY A RANGE
OF EDUCATIONAL AND FUN
TOYS AND EQUIPMENT.**

**TOYS AND
EQUIPMENT FOR A
RANGE OF AGES**

**HEALTHY
SNACK TIME**

SONG TIME



**ST MARY GREENHITHE
CHURCH HALL**
BEHIND THE CHURCH LONDON ROAD

CONTACT:-
OFFICE@STMARYGREENHITHE.COM
01322 382031
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This amazing Ministry is really struggling for people to volunteer and support it. Please do pray into this situation - asking God to reveal those who can step in to work in this area



HELPERS NEEDED !!

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER JUST ONE MORNING A MONTH TO JOIN THE STICKY FINGERS TEAM AND HELP KEEP THIS POPULAR MINISTRY GOING?

THIS GROUP IS HIGHLY VALUED BY THE COMMUNITY, BUT WE COULD DO WITH A COUPLE MORE PEOPLE ON THE TEAM. IT INVOLVES BEING THERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHURCH, TALKING TO THE PARENTS AND CARERS, HELPING SERVE THE SNACKS, AND HELPING WITH SET UP AND CLEARING AWAY. TALK TO JUDE (OR ANY OF THE TEAM) TO FIND OUT MORE

We are excited to be running an Alpha course starting in September. Is this something you would like to join or do you know someone who would love to come and find out more about God and our faith?



Alpha

GOOD
MORNING

GOT
QUESTIONS

TRY
ALPHA

Curious about life and faith?

Join the conversation over
breakfast as we explore
life's big questions



Starting Saturday
13th September

9.30am - 11.15am
The Church Centre
Swanscombe St.
Text/Phone Bart
07383 334 378



Please Find the latest MCK Newsletter
[HERE](#)

MCK Food Banks

We really appreciate your support of the MCK food banks and are very grateful for all the donations we receive.

Currently we are low on tinned spaghetti, tinned hotdogs, tinned macaroni cheese, tinned ravioli and biscuits.

Please do not donate pasta at the current time as we have a huge excess.
Thank you, Jude.

Jude is again looking for volunteers to help run these Food and Fun events. If you like talking with families, sticking, gluing and colouring, serving food or setting up and tidying away please speak to Jude.



MCK

Charity Reg No. 1204242



SUMMER FOOD AND FUN

Stone St Mary's School

Thursday 7th August

Thursday 21st August

Manor School

Swanscombe

Friday 15th August

Friday 22nd August

St Mary Greenhithe

Church Hall

Friday 8th August

Thursday 28th August

Knockhall School

Tuesday 12th August

To book a place contact

jude@mckcharity.co.uk

07512 460221

Please state names of children/ adults
and any allergies. Most suitable for 3-11 year olds



**Every Wednesday
9am-1pm**

St Mary Greenhithe, Church Hall

Tea, Coffee, Soup, Bacon Rolls &
Sausages, Homemade Cakes &
Scones are available for a
donation

All are welcome

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**ONE
YOU**



Dartford's Health Walks

The Walk for Health
Group meet every
Wednesday at
St Mary Greenhithe
Community Café
From 10.30am.

Share in a lovely
walk around the
area of Greenhithe
then come back
for homemade
soup and cakes.





**Are you aged over 55,
semi-retired, or retired?**

**Come and enjoy an afternoon
with those of a similar age.**

**Every Tuesday from 2pm-4pm
at St Mary Greenhithe, Church Hall**

Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches,
Homemade Cakes
& Scones are available, for a
donation.

Just come along for a chat

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Join our Coffee and
Craft Morning on
the third Saturday
of the Month

Alongside our Bicycle
servicing session.

Come and meet with friends old and
new, learn a new craft or continue with
your own work, and enjoy a cuppa and
homemade cake.

9.30-11.30am

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BICYCLE



SERVICING

NEXT SESSION →

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT ST MARY GREENHITHE STARTING 9.30AM

COME AND JOIN US WITH YOUR BIKE
SIMPLE REPAIRS AND SERVICING
COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

DETAILS - BART - 07383 334 378



Home Communion

If you are unwell, or unable to get out and about, and would appreciate the opportunity to receive communion at home, please contact

Revd Keith 01322 382444

Or email the church office office@stmarygreenhithe.com



PRAYER DIARIES

Please find the July prayer Diary
[HERE](#)

HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS

Friends Of
St Peter & St Paul



Preserving
Swanscombe's
Heritage



St Peter & St Paul's is a grade 1 listed church with parts of the building dating back to the Saxon & Norman periods with much of the rest of the building being built during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

Whilst the church has stood for over 1000 years, the cost of maintaining this beautiful ancient building is enormous and an ongoing responsibility. If we are to preserve the building for future generations of

Swanscombe residents,
WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Friends of St Peter & St Paul's

Is a group of friends who will financially commit to support the maintenance of the church building.

Find out more at swanscombechurch.co.uk

Or Scan the QR Code



First Sunday of the month

7.30PM at Swanscombe Church Hall

FOOD
POOL
DARTS
GAMES
FELLOWSHIP

The Man Shed

A Men's Ministry

Further details contact Rev. Bart on 07383 334 378

Next meeting on the 7th September.

The background of the poster shows a blurred image of people in a church, with some hands raised in worship, creating a warm and spiritual atmosphere.

ST PETER & ST PAUL SWANSCOMBE

WORD & WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

4.30PM - 6PM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
BIBLICAL TEACHING
FAMILY FRIENDLY

The logo for St Peter & St Paul Swanscombe, featuring a cross with four circles at the ends and the text 'St Peter & St Paul' and 'Swanscombe'.

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Next service is 14th September.



BABY & ME



Expectant
mum or have
children under
3?

Come and join
us for fun,
play and chat
with friends



Thursday's
in term time
9.30am - 11.00am
Church Centre,
Swanscombe Street
Cost £2 per adult
All parents and
carers welcome

Lots of fun and
educational toys
and song-time



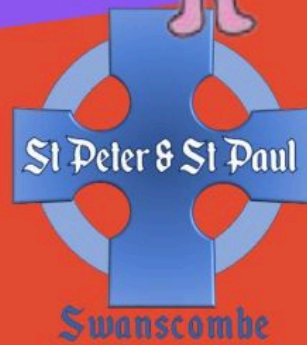
As much tea and
coffee as you like

Healthy snacks
provided



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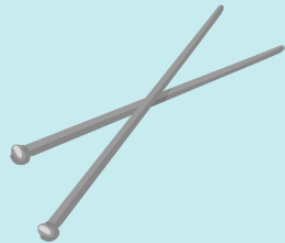
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KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

Come share your passion for knitting
with others!

Join us every 1st
Tuesday of the
month from 2-
4pm. Bring your
favorite yarn and
enjoy a friendly
atmosphere filled
with creativity and
inspiration.





Monthly Coffee Morning

2nd Tuesday of the month
from
10-11.30am
At St Peter & St Pauls
Church Centre

With Hi-Kent in attendance
for hearing aid support

Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

07927546172

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QUIZ

HISTORY GROUP

MEETS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7.15PM

AT THE CHURCH CENTRE, SWANSCOMBE ST.
£2 PER PERSON

CONTACT LESLEY HOWES FOR MORE INFORMATION 07774802880



Summer pop-up events



for young people



Frisbee Golf



Chill out zone - a place to hang out



Football



Snacks

30th July
Swanscombe
Park

6th August
Heritage
Park,
Swanscombe

13th August
Jubilee Park,
Castle Hill

20th August
Rosherville
Gardens,
Cable Wharf

27th August
Ebbsfleet
Green
Primary
School

Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm

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Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies

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Scan your code



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Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

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Easy Fundraising.

What is easy fundraising ?

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-mary-greenhithe/>

By using the link above you can also generate a percentage of the sales across a wide variety of online stores, again with the proceeds coming to the church funds. Easy fundraising has over 4000 stores to choose from, so you can book a holiday, buy a toaster or much more , all while raising funds for the upkeep of the church.

You can use this service all year round as well, so please consider using it when you are looking for a special birthday or anniversary gift.

Even something as simple as your on line grocery shopping can help raise funds, as several supermarkets now offer the option of fundraising while you shop.



Thank you to those of you who have brought your old cartridges to be recycled. From our last box we have received £35.35.

SERVICE ROTA.

Please find the rota for July

Here

MINISTRY TEAM

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Jen White
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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR
Jen White
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Office Hours - Wednesday 10am-2pm, Thursday 9am-2pm

If you would like to make a donation to the ongoing mission and ministry of St Mary, Greenhithe you can do so by clicking this button, which will take you to a payment portal. Thank you for your continued support of the church.

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