



St Peter and St Paul Newsletter

7th September 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Communion
Leading & Presiding:
Revd Bart
Preaching:
Jen White LLM

Readings
Deuteronomy 30: 15-29
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33



Reflection by Jen White

Last week the family and I had the great pleasure of visiting friends in both North Wales and the Peak District – a wonderful time of catching up, reminiscing, and exploring. It was the exploring that blew me away. Driving and walking around seeing the beauty of creation all around us. It really struck me, again, the intricate design in nature, the colours, shapes... just everything! And all this was planned, designed, and created by our God. As we are now in the Season of Creationtide I felt I wanted to share some of the pictures from our travels and then came across the reflection below which really spoke into how I felt. So please forgive me for using someone else's words.

Revd Richard Clarkson.

The famous opening words of the Bible, the Old Testament, the Torah, set the scene for all that is to come: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. All that was, all that is, all that will be, all this comes from God. Right from the off the Bible speaks of a God who is not passive or distant, but active and involved. The opening chapter goes on to describe the scale, the diversity, the goodness of God's creation, but here it is enough to simply reflect on the one who creates.

Basil of Caesarea was a Bishop in the fourth century in what is now Turkey. In one of his sermons, he compared God the creator to a potter who, after painstakingly crafting a series of beautiful pots, 'has not exhausted either his art or his talent.' The creation of the world was not a one-time burst of energy that left God exhausted, rather it was a pouring out of something deep within God—a desire to create, to bring about beauty and order and all that is good. God created because God is creative, and God's creativity does not run dry. This creative heart has left its fingerprints throughout the creation: in the wild evolution of nature, in the instinctive desire of our earliest ancestors to make art on the walls of their caves, in the stories that we tell to our children. The world is filled with creativity because it was created by a creative God whose art and talent are inexhaustible. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth—
and that was only the beginning!

What signs of God's creativity can you see around you, or within you today?



Services



Sunday Service Monthly Pattern

- 1st Sunday - 10am - Service of the Word*
- 2nd & 3rd Sunday - 10am - Holy Communion*
- 4th Sunday - 9:30am - Spoken Holy Communion*
- 10:30am - Family Service in the Church Centre
- 5th Sunday - 10am - Joint Service with St Mary Greenhithe*
(Check Website or Facebook for details)

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk

Facebook: StPeterStPaulSwanscombe

Our next Monthly All-Age Service is Sunday, 28th September



A poster for the Monthly All-Age Service. At the top left is a blue cross logo with 'St Peter & St Paul' and 'Swanscombe' below it. The central text 'Monthly All-Age Service' is in a large, white, curved font, with 'For All the Family' below it in a similar font. In the center is a circular logo with five stylized figures in purple, pink, blue, yellow, and green. To the left of the central text, it says 'INFORMAL, INTERACTIVE TEACHING' with a speaker icon. To the right, it says '4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH' and 'REFRESHMENTS FROM 10AM' with icons of a coffee cup and a cupcake. At the bottom left, it says 'SING-A-LONG SONGS' with a microphone icon. At the bottom right, it says 'SERVICE STARTS AT 10:30AM'. At the very bottom, it lists the website 'WWW.SWANSCOMBECHURCH.CO.UK' and Facebook page 'FACEBOOK: STPETERSTPAULSWANSCOMBE'.

St Peter & St Paul
Swanscombe

Monthly All-Age Service
For All the Family

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

INFORMAL, INTERACTIVE TEACHING

REFRESHMENTS FROM 10AM

SING-A-LONG SONGS

SERVICE STARTS AT 10:30AM

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FACEBOOK: STPETERSTPAULSWANSCOMBE



A poster for St Peter & St Paul's Sunday School. At the top, the church name 'St Peter & St Paul's' is written in a colorful, playful font. Below it is an illustration of three children (two girls and one boy) sitting at a blue table, engaged in a craft activity. To the left of the illustration, it says '2nd & 3rd Sunday of the Month'. To the right, it says '10-10.45 in the Church Centre'. Below the illustration, it says 'Sunday School' in a large, red, stylized font. To the left of this, it says '(4th Sunday of every Month we have an All Age Service)'. To the right, it says 'Before joining the end of the service in church'. In the center, below the 'Sunday School' text, it says 'Come and learn bible stories and about Jesus through story, craft and song'. At the bottom, it says 'Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult'. The bottom of the poster features a row of cartoon children holding hands and jumping joyfully.

St Peter & St Paul's

2nd & 3rd Sunday of the Month

10-10.45 in the Church Centre

Sunday School

(4th Sunday of every Month we have an All Age Service)

Come and learn bible stories and about Jesus through story, craft and song

Before joining the end of the service in church

Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult

CHURCH NEWS



St Peter and St Paul's needs repair to its roof, masonry, windows and rainwater goods. The cost of the project is over £120,000. We have already secured £100,000 through fundraising and grants.

Can you help us raise the extra £20,000?

Donations can be made using the QR Code, or find out more about the project and ways to donate on our website.

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk





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



Swanscombe

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.

'Friends of St Peter & St Paul'

For more information, see the leaflets in Church or contact Revd Charlie, the Church warden or the Administrator.

**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

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 3 weeks notice. Contact Jen in the office in the first instance.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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@stmarygreenithe.com or admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk to register



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



Alpha25

St Peter & St Paul's Church Centre Swanscombe

9.30am – 11.00am

Dates and topics:

September 13 th	"Is there more to life than this?"
September 20 th	"Who is Jesus?"
September 27 th	"Why did Jesus die?"
October 11 th	"How can I have faith?"
October 18 th	"How and why should I pray?"
October 25 th	"How and why should I read the Bible?"
November 1 st	"How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?"
November 15 th	"How can I make the most of the rest of my life?"

Remainder of the course will be offered to those who would like to continue after Christmas starting on January 10th 2026.



Sunday 21st September 2025

3rd Sunday of the Month



Friendship, Support, Discussion
Games, Activities, Refreshments
Themed Sessions, Film Nights
Book Clubs and more



A Ladies Ministry

The Church Centre, Swanscombe Street
7-9pm



REGULAR EVENTS in the Church Centre

Next meeting - 7th October 2025

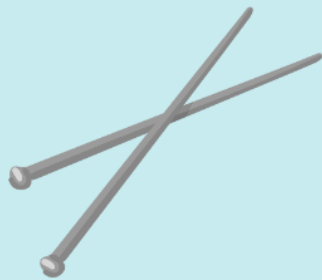
Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



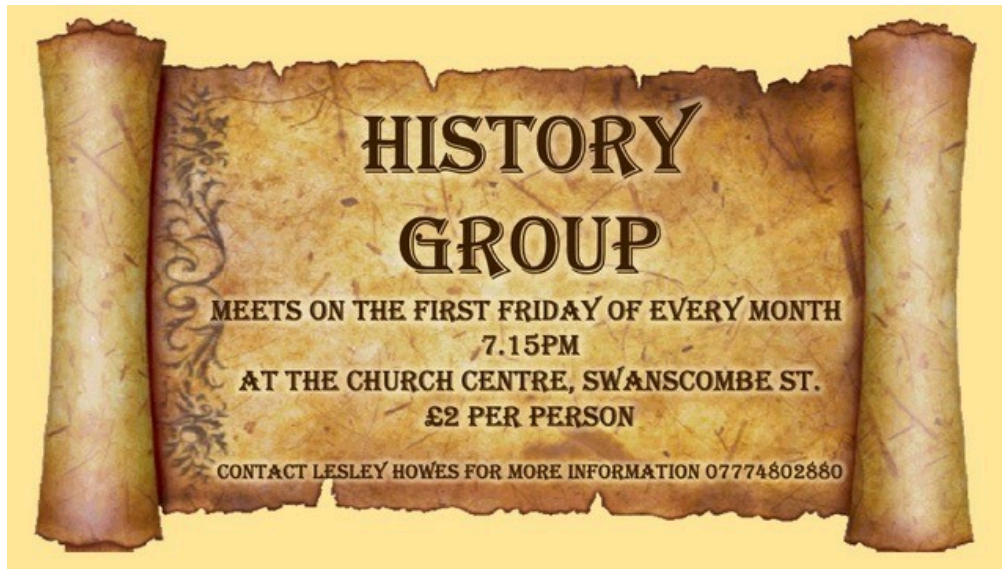
**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

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.



Next meeting 5th September 2025



Next meeting Tuesday 9th September 2025



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

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QUIZ

Next meeting on Sunday 7th September at 6.30pm for a BBQ



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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ACTIVITIES at ST MARY GREENHITHE



WEEKLY

Sticky Fingers

Every Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am (during term time)

Toddler group suitable from birth to 4 years.

Follow us on Facebook [SMG Family Ministry](#)

Seniors Afternoon Tea

Every Tuesday 2pm -4pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along for an afternoon of meeting and making friends and conversation.

Community Café.
Every Wednesday 9am-1pm. Do come and join us.
For more information see the [St Mary Greenhithe Facebook Page](#)

Monthly Coffee Morning
with crafts, Bike repairs and Edible Ebbsfleet planting
3rd Saturday of the month.
9.30-11.30am



Current MCK Newsletter

MCK Food Banks

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

We are currently short of Tinned vegetables.

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

Thank you xx



The Big Knit

Knitting for charity

Saturday 11th October 2025

Rochester Cathedral, Kent

10am - 1pm



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

GIVE TO YOUR LOCAL PARISH

QUICKLY AND EASILY ONLINE



The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, providing a simple and secure way for churches to receive regular donations to fund their mission and ministry.

Just like with telephone and paper donations, by choosing to give online, you can:



Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit



Increase your gift annually in line with inflation



Enhance your gift with an optional 25% Gift Aid



Give anonymously



Donate securely

Use your smartphone or tablet to scan this QR code or visit the unique URL on any device to access your church's dedicated landing page on the PGS website. From here, it's simple to set up and manage your regular giving online.

Scan your code



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Or donate here

**DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?
WOULD YOU LIKE AN EASY WAY RAISE
FUNDS FOR ST PETER & ST PAUL?**

If you answered yes to both of those questions then we would like to direct you to 'Easy Fundraising'. A huge range of online retailers have signed up with Easy Fundraising to donate a percentage of each purchase made with them to an organization of your choice. To take advantage of this you need to access the retailer through the Easy Fundraising page and then shop as normal.

(You get all prices and deals as normal ☺) Visit

<https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstpaulswanscombe>



**Recycle Your
Ink Cartridges**

and help us raise money!

Recycle 4 Charity



HELP US RAISE MORE FUNDS FOR
CHURCH - [we raised £20.75 with the
last batch of cartridges. Thank you.](#)

If you have a printer at home or at work
and don't know what to do with the
used cartridges, please drop them in
the box in the Church Centre and we
can receive up to £2 per cartridge.
Only print cartridges though no laser or
toner cartridges. Thank you to
everyone who donated.



**We are an Eco-Church
Silver Award Winner!!**

The overall aim of the Eco
Church award scheme is to
celebrate the ways that church
communities have been
engaging with caring for the
earth as a key part of our
Christian faith.

Have a chat with Steve,
Helen, Charlie or Gareth to
find out more.

NEWSLETTER- SHARE THE NEWS

If you know of others who would be interested in receiving the St Peter and St Paul Newsletter, please ask them to email me. I do not have a comprehensive email list for the church, so I am relying on you sharing with others about this newsletter to expand its reach and ensure all are kept up to date with what is going on at St Peter and St Paul.

Thank you.

Revd Charlie

Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech	Open Church
7th September 10am	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Bart Jen White LLM	Steve	Lorna	Hilary	Norma	Steve	Mary/Hilary	Andre	11th Sept Hilary/Norma
14th September 10am	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion & Baptisms	Revd Charlie Revd Bart	Andre	Hilary	Steve	Marion	Mary	Liz/Brenda	Gareth	18th Sept Charlie/Bart
21st September 10am	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Jean	Jackie	Arne	Daniela	Norma	Steve	Helen/Margo	Arne	25th Sept Carol/Steve
28th September 9.30am	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Spoken Communion	Revd Bart	x	x	Joan	Marion	Mary	Mary/Hilary		Bart
10.30am	Family Service									

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If you would like to make a donation to the ongoing mission and ministry of St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe, 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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