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# St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

*7th September 2025*

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Sermunkle :

Revd Charlie

10.30am - Holy Communion

Leading, Preaching & Presiding:

Revd Charlie



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 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?





## Monthly Service Pattern

*1st Sunday of the Month*

*8.30am Spoken Communion*

*10.30am Holy Communion*

*2nd Sunday of the Month*

*8.30am Spoken Communion*

*10.30am Holy Communion*

*3rd Sunday of the Month*

*8.30am Holy Communion*

*10.30am Family Café Church Service  
With Breakfast*

*4th Sunday of the Month*

*8.30am Spoken Communion*

*10.30am Service of the Word*

*5th Sunday of the Month*

*8.30am Spoken Communion*

*Joint service with St Peter & St Pauls*

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



**WORSHIP AND  
PRAYER**



**GOSPEL LED  
TEACHING**



**REFRESHMENTS  
FROM 10AM**



**INTERACTIVE**



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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

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



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.

## 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

# Starting on September 21st

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



## Deanery Confirmation Service

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

at 3pm

St Barnabas, Istead Rise

### Confirmation Preparation Classes

Starting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

6pm-7.30pm

at The Church Centre, Swanscombe

(with pizza ☺)



Pre-Confirmation Retreat Morning and Rehearsal

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-1pm

St Barnabas, Istead Rise

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

Email [office@stmarygreenithe.com](mailto:office@stmarygreenithe.com) or [admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk) to register



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**We are excited to be running an Alpha course starting next week on 13th 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 Bar  
07383 334 378





# Alpha25

St Peter & St Paul's Church Centre Swanscombe

9.30am – 11.00am

## Dates and topics:

September 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Is there more to life than this?"
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	"Who is Jesus?"
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	"Why did Jesus die?"
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	"How can I have faith?"
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	"How and why should I pray?"
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	"How and why should I read the Bible?"
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	"How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?"
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	"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 10<sup>th</sup> 2026.



**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**



**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**

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**ST MARY GREENHITHE**



**HARVEST  
Lunch**



**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**IN THE CHURCH  
HALL**

**£5 per adult  
£3 per child under 11yrs**

**1PM-3PM**

**Bring the whole family,  
friends, and neighbours  
to enjoy a shared meal  
together.**

**MENU**

Jacket Potatoes  
Chilli  
Beans  
Cheese  
Tuna Mayo  
Salad

Various Desserts

**Vegan & Gluten free available**

*For more information and to book, call us: on 01322 382031 or email*  
**office@stmarygreenhithe.com**



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 meat, tinned hotdogs,  
microwave rice and biscuits.

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



**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*

Registered as a 'Warm Space'  
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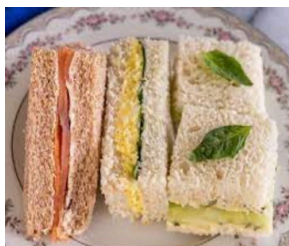
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Registered Charity No. 1180908

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

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

**Dartford's Health Walks**



**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 AT ST MARY STARTING  
OF THE MONTH GREENHITHE 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](mailto:office@stmarygreenhithe.com)

### PRAYER DIARIES

Please find the Church Prayer Diary for September




[Here](#)

Diocesan Prayer Diary  
[Here](#)

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## HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS



Friends Of  
St Peter & St Paul

Swanscombe

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](http://swanscombechurch.co.uk)  
Or Scan the QR Code



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](http://www.swanscombechurch.co.uk)





**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.**

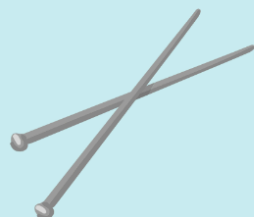
## **Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group**



**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.**





## 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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www.swanscombechurch.co.uk



# 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

## [Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information

# The Big Knit

*Knitting for charity*

Saturday 11th October 2025

Rochester Cathedral, Kent

10am - 1pm



## 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



Visit: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/greenhithe-st-mary-dartford/>



Website: [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

Email: [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk) | Tel: 0333 002 1260

## 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.

Supporters  
can raise with  
their favourite  
supermarkets



Recycle Your  
Ink Cartridges  
*and help us raise money!*

Recycle  Charity



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

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## SERVICE ROTA.

Please find the rota for September

[Here](#)

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### MINISTRY TEAM

#### PRIEST

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### CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

**Jen White**

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Office Hours - Wednesday 10am-2pm, Thursday 9am-2pm

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*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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