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## **St Peter and St Paul Newsletter**

**12th October 2025**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

10am Holy Communion & Harvest  
Leading & Presiding :  
Rev Charlie  
Preaching :  
Rev Bart

Readings  
Psalm 19:1-11  
Colossians 1: 15-20  
Luke 8: 20-25

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Reflection By Revd Bart

**Changing Seasons, Changing Lives**

*"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (Isaiah 40:8)*

As the seasons shift from the warmth of summer to the crispness of autumn, we are reminded once again of the beautiful rhythm God has woven into creation. Trees release their leaves, the days grow shorter, and the earth gently prepares for rest. In this natural transition, we see a spiritual parallel to the seasons of our own lives. I have reached a season change, turning 50 this year and seeing our second child leave home for University, has reminded me that

nothing stays the same and life looks a little different as I watch the leaves fall this October.

Just as nature doesn't resist the changing seasons, we too are invited to embrace the changes life brings, whether they be joyful or challenging. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us there is "a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Life is filled with beginnings and endings, growth and stillness, celebration and sorrow. Yet in each moment, God remains constant. The Psalms also give voice to every human emotion we might experience through life's seasons. In Psalm 1, we're encouraged to be like a "tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither." What a comforting image, even when the world around us changes, people move away, and our bodies remind us of our age, those rooted in God will remain nourished and strong in heart and spirit. And in Psalm 23, perhaps the most beloved of all, David writes, "Even though I walk through the valley... I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Whether we are on the mountaintop or in a season of waiting, God is present, faithful, and near. And, this is the hopeful and sustaining promise that helps us through all the transitions and changes we may face during our lives.

As a church family, let us support one another through our changing seasons.

Let's celebrate births and new beginnings (of which there have been a few recently!), comfort those in grief, and walk together through uncertainty. Most of all, let's keep our eyes fixed on the One who never changes, Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). May we find peace in the transitions and strength in the promise that God's love endures through every season of life.

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

*Facebook: StPeterStPaulSwanscombe*

***Our next Monthly All-Age Service  
is Sunday, 26th October***





  
**INFORMAL,  
INTERACTIVE  
TEACHING**

**SING-A-LONG  
SONGS**



# Monthly All-Age Service For All the Family



**4TH SUNDAY OF  
THE MONTH**

**REFRESHMENTS  
FROM 10AM**



**SERVICE STARTS  
AT 10:30AM**

[WWW.SWANSCOMBECHURCH.CO.UK](http://WWW.SWANSCOMBECHURCH.CO.UK)  
FACEBOOK: STPETERSTPAULSWANSCOMBE



CHURCH NEWS



**We need to create an inventory of everything  
that is within the church!!**

**Are you able to come along on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
October from 12 noon?**

**If you can count then you can help :)**

**For more information please speak to Steve.**



St Peter and St Paul's needs repair to its roof, masonry, windows and rainwater goods. The cost of the project is over £125,000. We have already secured £100,000 through fundraising and grants.

**Can you help us raise the extra £25,000?**

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



the project and ways to donate on  
our website.  
[www.swanscombechurch.co.uk](http://www.swanscombechurch.co.uk)



# SAFEGUARDING



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

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 7pm-9pm  
FOUNDATIONS COURSE (C1)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7pm-9pm  
AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

For more information and to book your place please email [jude@mckcharity.co.uk](mailto:jude@mckcharity.co.uk)

**Please do book either using the email on  
the flyer or through Jen in the office if you  
are planning on attending either  
Safeguarding training evening.**





T4U



We are again planning to support T4U by making up shoeboxes to be sent to Eastern Europe.

There is a list of suggested items in both churches and church halls.

The cost of sending a shoebox has risen to £3.50 per box so monetary donations are also

welcome.

**Boxes to be packed on 24<sup>th</sup> October.**



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>



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](http://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



# 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 <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.





# Sunday 19th October 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





# PROGRAMME

21st Sep

Games Night

19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Book Club &

Take-away Night

16th Nov

Movie & Pamper Night

21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Christmas Meal & Bingo

The Church Centre, Swanscombe Street

7-9pm

Harvest offering suggestions for the MCK Food Bank Swanscombe:

Small jars of coffee

Sugar

Shower gel

2 in 1 shampoo

Toothpaste

Biscuits

**Laundry tablets/capsules (can divide into small amount)**





Join us after the  
Church Service for  
a

# Bring & Share Harvest Lunch



12th October  
2025 in the



# Church Centre





Preserving Sacred Heritage  
for Generations to Come

# **HOMEMADE CAKE & CRUMBLE SALE**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> October 2025**

**12.00 noon - 1.00pm**

**at**

**The Church Centre**

**to raise much needed  
funds for  
Our Big Church Repair**



## **Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 8th November 1-4pm Christmas Fayre

Sunday 7th December 6pm  
Star Service

The events team are after donations for the Christmas Fayre;

Wrapped chocolate bars like Mars, 4 finger KitKats, Twix, Bounty  
etc.

They are also asking for donations of bottles and Christmas items  
for children and adults for our raffles and tombola.

Any and all help is really appreciated.

**REGULAR EVENTS in the Church Centre**

**Next meeting - 2nd December 2025**

**There is no meeting in November due to the Church Centre  
windows being replaced.**



# Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING  
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

Come share your passion for knitting  
with others!

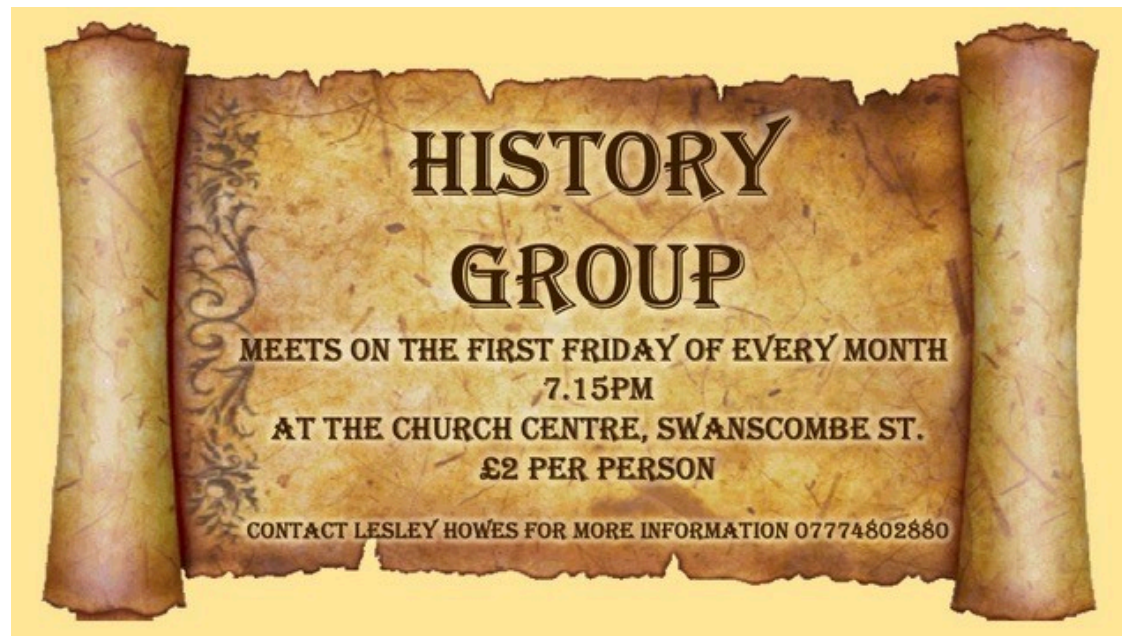
Join us every 1st  
Tuesday of the  
month from 2-  
4pm. Bring your  
favorite yarn and  
enjoy a friendly  
atmosphere filled  
with creativity and  
inspiration.





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Next meeting 7th November 2025



Next meeting Tuesday 14th October 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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Next meeting on Sunday 2nd November



**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

**Help Community Wardens spread some  
Christmas magic to local children by  
donating to our Community Chest with  
pre-loved or new toys.**



**To donate or for more information please call**

**KCC Community Wardens**

**Angela 07773396840 or Jak 07813713036**

## ACTIVITIES at ST MARY GREENHITHE

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### 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](#)

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#### Seniors Afternoon Tea

Every Tuesday 2pm -4pm.

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

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#### Community Café.

Every Wednesday 9am-1pm. Do come and join us.

For more information see the [St Mary Greenhithe Facebook Page](#)

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





**QUIZ**

*Night*

**A night of quizzing and shared  
supper of sausages in a roll and soup**

**BYO Drinks**

**£5 per person**

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**6.30pm**

**St Mary's Church hall**

**JOIN US BY BOOKING**

**AT**



[www.office@stmarygreenhithe.com](http://www.office@stmarygreenhithe.com)  
01322 382031



Books will be  
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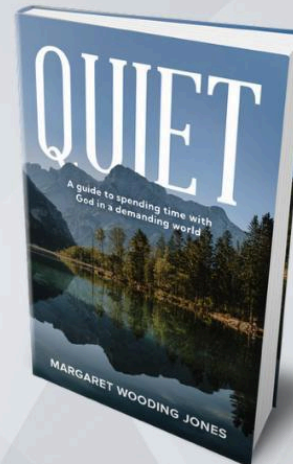
Cash or card  
accepted

# BOOK LAUNCH

Margaret Wooding Jones warmly invites you to the launch of her new book 'Quiet'.

The event will include author interview, a short guided time of quiet, drinks & cakes and book signing.

**QUIET**  
BY MARGARET  
WOODING JONES



**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
7PM



**ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
GREENHITHE, DA9 9ND

*For catering purposes, please let me  
know if you will be able to come*

**CONTACT HERE**

[margaret@woodingjones.net](mailto:margaret@woodingjones.net) | 0777 571 2045

## 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.

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

Thank you xx

## Rochester Diocese Vacancies



# 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



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

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.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstpaulswanscombe>



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

Recycle  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.

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## **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***

October 2025										
Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech	Open Church
5th October 10am	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word	Mandy	Lorna	Steve	Arne	x	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre	2nd October Bart
12th October 10am	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion & Baptisms	Revd Charlie Revd Bart	Hilary	Andre	Daniela	Marion	Mary	Hilary/Mary	Arne	9th October Carol/Steve
19th October 10am	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Jean	Arne	Jackie	Hilary	Norma	Steve	Helen/Margo	Andre	16th October Charlie/Bart
26th October 9.30am	Last Sunday after Trinity Spoken Communion	Revd Charlie Mandy	x	x	Steve	Marion	Mary	Liz/Brenda	Arne	23rd October Hilary/Norm a
10.30am	Family Service									

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Normal Office Hours are Monday 11am-2pm and Tuesday 9am - 1pm.

*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.*

**DONATE TO ST PETER & ST PAUL**

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