



St Peter and St Paul Newsletter

2nd November 2025
Fourth Sunday before Advent
All Saints

10am Holy Communion
Leading & Presiding :
Rev Bart
Preaching :
Mandy

Readings
Daniel 7:1-3,15-18
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6: 20-31



Reflection by Jen White

We have hit that time of year that I absolutely dread -Halloween. It is the one night of the year that I refuse to open my front door after it has got dark! And yet

I have read something this week that has made me think again.

I know there are so many people who love Trick or Treating, dressing up and socialising with friends – and for the huge majority that is exactly what this night is all about. This is a reflection from American writer Sophie Bricker, but it says it so much more succinctly than I can.

We as believers need to remember that the majority of individuals (Christian and non-Christian) who celebrate Halloween do not participate in the occult or promote the worship of demons. Ouija boards and ghost hunts are not on the schedule for most families who take their kids trick-or-treating or attend a friend's fall party on that night. For many, it is just a day for fall-themed fun. Regardless of our personal convictions about this day, we must acknowledge the problem of a judgmental attitude. If we take an accusatory stance towards others, we immediately hinder any opportunity to connect with neighbors or friends and share the gospel. [Halloween offers unique topics of conversation](#) with others and avenues for ministry. For example, Trunk-or-Treat attracts many families yearly, serving as a gateway for Christian witness.

People could also form friendships by discussing their interest in candy or pumpkin. Suppose we are meant to shine as lights for Jesus in a dark world. In that case, we should not hide the light by pointing fingers or self-righteously judging our neighbors for decorating their yard with plastic skeletons (see [Matthew 5:16](#)). Numerous people view this day as a time for fun, not as an indication that they support Satan or the occult.

I then read the Scripture from Matthew from The Message;

14-16 *“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.*

Wow!! So, does that change my view on opening my door? No maybe not because I still get scared by the masks! But by attending the Light Party and sharing the Light of Christ that way I feel I am doing my bit. But maybe this will make you think about how you can share the Light of Christ on what can be seen as such a dark night.

Let us tell the world that He broke away from darkness and brought light to the world when He sent His Son to die for us.

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

Funeral of the late Peter Lewis will be held on Thursday
13th November 2025, St Peter & St Paul's church Swanscombe
at 11.30am followed by cremation at Thamesview crematorium
at 1.00pm.

Refreshments to follow in The Church Centre.

Our next Monthly All-Age Service is
Sunday, 23rd November



St Peter & St Paul
Swanscombe

Monthly All-Age Service

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

INFORMAL, INTERACTIVE TEACHING

REFRESHMENTS FROM 10AM

SING-A-LONG SONGS

SERVICE STARTS AT 10:30AM

For All the Family

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FACEBOOK: STPETERSTPAULSWANSCOMBE



St Peter & St Paul's

Sunday School

2nd & 3rd Sunday of the Month

10-10.45 in the Church Centre

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

Before joining the end of the service in church

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

Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER DIARY

St Mary Greenhithe has had a prayer diary produced every month by one of their members. This has daily entries, with reminders to pray about various church activities and our community. Over the past 6 months this has included St Peter and St Paul's activities as well, so we have decided to go the whole hog and make it a joint prayer diary for both churches.

Copies of this new November Prayer will be available at the back of church this Sunday, or you can find it [HERE](#).

There is also the option to receive each daily entry by email, which arrives about 5.30am, so is available for you to read whenever your normal prayer time is. If you would like to receive this daily email you can subscribe through the button below:)

Subscribe to Daily Prayer Diary



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 our website.

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk





A huge thank you to everyone who donated items or money for the Shoe Box appeal this year. We were able to pack up 56 boxes which will be taken to children and families in Eastern Europe who would otherwise go without at Christmas. We also collected enough money to cover the suggested donation for all 56 boxes - which is amazing!

Thank you!!

ST MARY GREENHITHE

St Peter & St Paul

**Come and Join us on
Friday 31st October
for a
Light Party**

**6pm - 7.30pm
The Church Centre
Swanscombe**

Party Food

Crafts and Games

Jesus is the Light of the World



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 8th November 2025

at 1pm – 4pm

The Church Centre

with

Craft stalls in the church

- Handmade gifts
- Bears in Bags
- Hot Dogs
- Christmas stalls
- Sweet Sleighs
- Homemade cakes
- Games
- New knitted
- Tombolas
- Christmas Hamper raffish

and lots more!!!

All money raised will go towards

Our Big Church Repair



Remembrance Services

Sunday 9th November

Church Service at 10am

with act of Remembrance at Church

Memorial at 11am

Further act of Remembrance in Swanscombe

Park

at 11.15am



Tuesday 11th November

Service and Act of Remembrance in

Swanscombe Park

Beginning at 10.40am

with the Year 6 Choir from Manor School

Followed by Refreshments at the

Church Centre.





SWANSCOMBE
AND GREENHITHE
TOWN COUNCIL
"TAKING PRIDE IN OUR TOWN"



SWANSCOMBE PARK
SERVICE AND ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
STARTS AT
10.40AM

WITH THE YEAR 6 CHOIR FROM MANOR SCHOOL
AFTER THE SERVICE YOU ARE INVITED FOR
REFRESHMENTS AT
ST PETER & ST PAULS' CHURCH CENTRE

(SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICES ON SUNDAY 9TH
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



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



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



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.



Dates for your Diary

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.

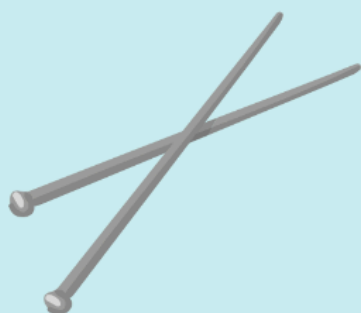
Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



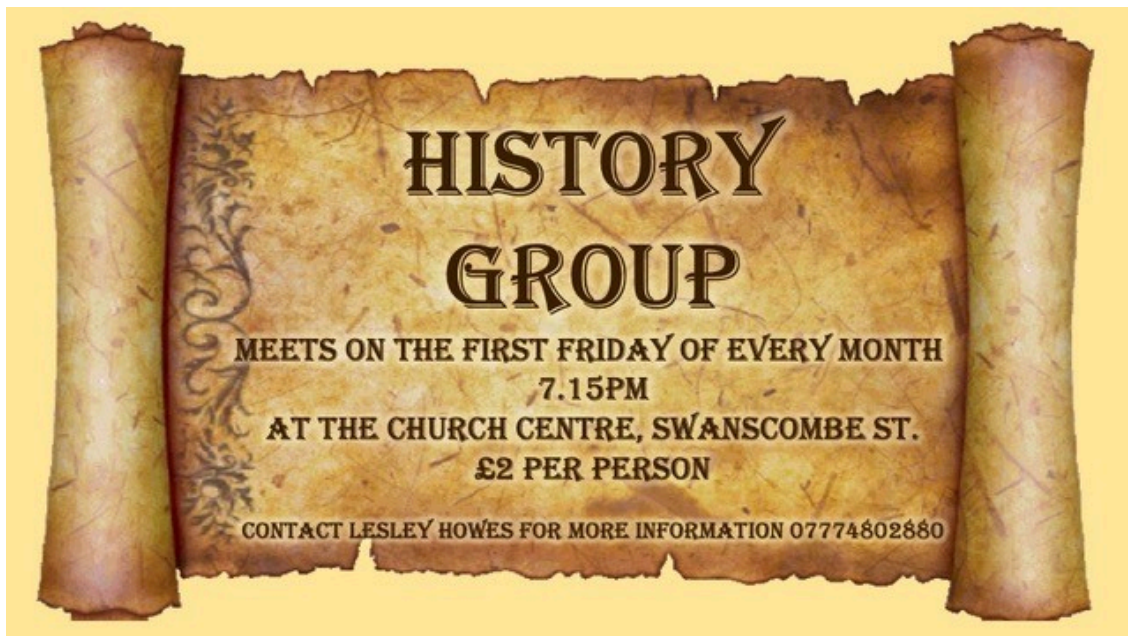
**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

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.



Next meeting 7th November 2025



Next meeting on Sunday 2nd November

A poster for 'The Man Shed' men's ministry. It features a dark grey background with a large, stylized black mustache graphic. In the top left corner is the logo for St Mary Greenhithe, and in the top right is the logo for St Peter & St Paul Swanscombe. The text is arranged as follows:

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 Tuesday 11th November 2025



Monthly Coffee Morning

2nd Tuesday of the month
from

10-11.30am

At St Peter & St Pauls
Church Centre

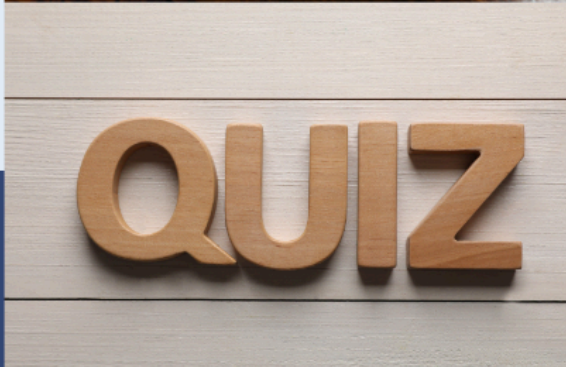
With Hi-Kent in attendance
for hearing aid support

Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

07927546172

admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk



Sunday 16th November 2025

Movie & Pamper Night

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

19th Oct

Book Club &

Take-away Night

16th Nov

Movie & Pamper Night

21st Dec

Christmas Meal & Bingo

The Church Centre, Swanscombe Street

7-9pm

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



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





Memorial Service

Sunday 2nd November 2025
4pm

Come to remember loved ones who are no longer
with us.

Everyone is welcome to attend.
If you wish to have your loved ones name read
out please contact the Church office on
office@stmarygreenhithe.com
01322 382031



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

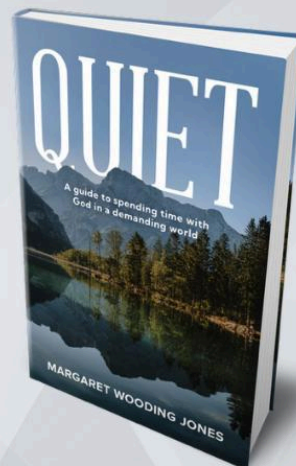


THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
7PM



ST MARY'S CHURCH
GREENHITHE, DA9 9ND

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



Books will be
available for sale

Cash or card
accepted

CONTACT HERE

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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

Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

Please click [here](#) to go the website for more information.

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From here, it's simple to set up and manage your regular giving online.

Scan your code



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Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

Email: 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>



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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

November 2025									
Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech
2nd November 10am	Fourth Sunday before Advent	Revd Bart Mandy	Stephanie	Lorna	Arne	Norma	Steve	Hilary/Mary	Arne
9th November 10am	Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Revd Bart	Hilary	Andre	Daniela	Marion	Mary	Liz/Brenda	Andre
16th November 10am	Second Sunday before Advent	Revd Charlie	Jackie	Steve	Andre	Norma	Steve	Helen/Margo	Arne
23rd November 9.30am	Sunday Next before Advent Christ the King	Revd Bart	Arne	Steve	Hilary	Marion	Mary	Hilary/Mary	Andre
10.30am	Family Service								
30th November 10am	Advent Sunday Joint Service	Revd Charlie Revd Bart	Nigel	Yemi	Steve	Norma	Steve	Liz/Brenda	Arne

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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.

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