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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

12th October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Sermunkle :

Jen

10.30am - Holy Communion

Leading & Presiding:
Revd Keith

Preaching:
Jen

ST MARY GREENHITHE
VISION STATEMENT



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 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.



Monthly Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the Month

8.30am Spoken Communion

2nd Sunday of the Month

10.30am Holy Communion

8.30am Spoken Communion

3rd Sunday of the Month

10.30am Holy Communion

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.



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.

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

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

*Our next session is
October 19th*

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





QUIZ

Night

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

BYO Drinks

£5 per person

Saturday, 18th October 2025

6.30pm

St Mary's Church hall

JOIN US BY BOOKING

AT



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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 24th October.

The Events team are starting to plan the Christmas Market and are after donations of smellies and bottles of drink. We will also be looking for volunteers on the day and homemade cakes.

Please speak to one of the team for more information.



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22ND NOVEMBER 2025
12-3PM

Christmas
MARKET

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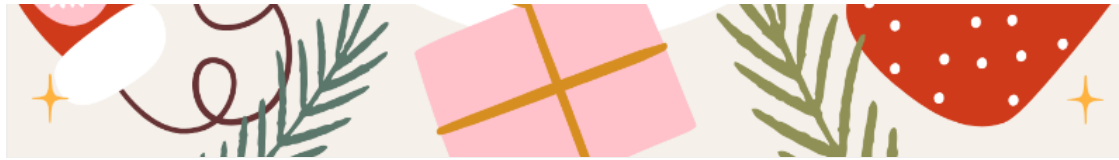
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Books will be
available for sale

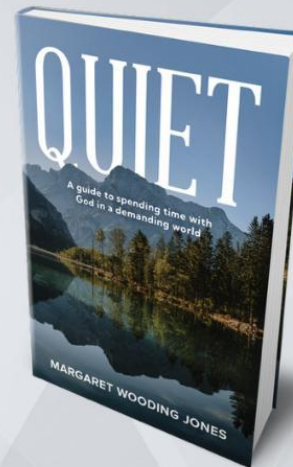
Cash or card
accepted

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 20TH 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 | 0777 571 2045



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.





Please note that you must book for this training.

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 22nd October 2025 7pm-9pm
FOUNDATIONS COURSE (C1)
Wednesday 29th October 2025 7pm-9pm
AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

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

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



CONTACT:-

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**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 really well stocked due to Harvest festivals from churches and local schools.

However, if you would like to contribute to our Christmas parcels we would appreciate pouches of Celebrations/Heroes/Roses or

financial donations.

Please do not donate pasta, baked beans or cereal 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

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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



NEXT SESSION
↓

SERVICING

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

October 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



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



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our website.

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 5th October.

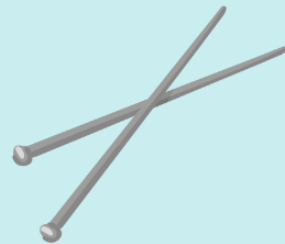
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**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

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

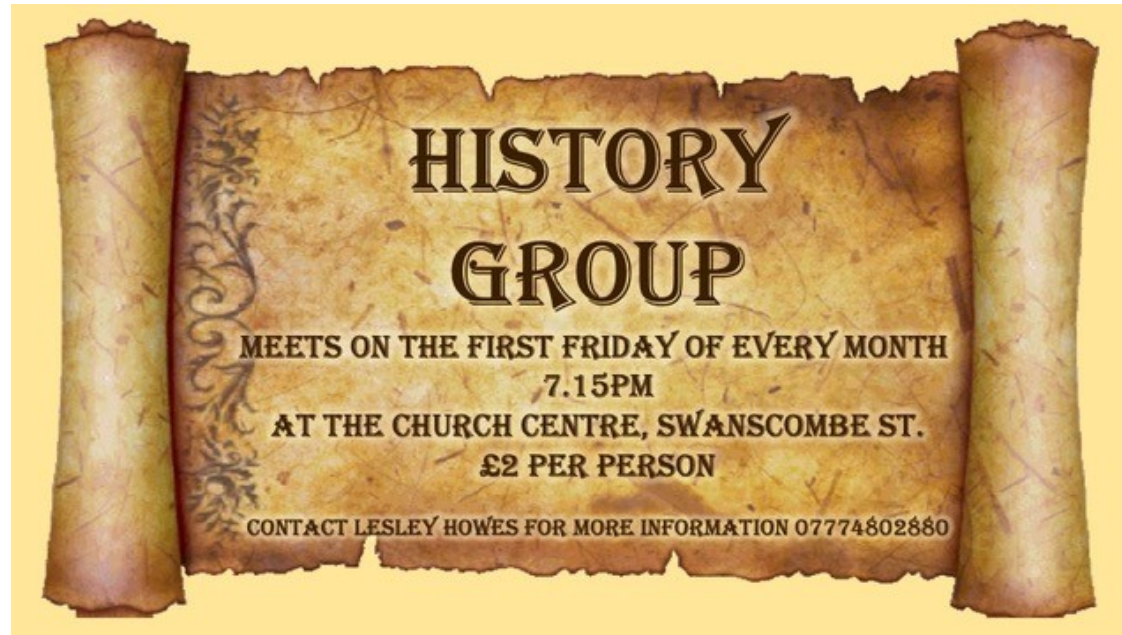
With Hi-Kent in attendance
for hearing aid support

Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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QUIZ



Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies

Click [HERE](#) for more information

[Job vacancy](#) for Children and Young peoples Mission and
Ministry advisor

[Job Vacancy](#) for Mission and Ministry team administrator

The Big Knit

Knitting for charity

Saturday 11th October 2025
Rochester Cathedral, Kent
10am - 1pm



**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

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



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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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Easy Fundraising.

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<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 £26.10.



[SERVICE ROTA.](#)

Please find the October Rota
[HERE](#)

MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST

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CURATE

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(Day off- Friday)

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Jen White

(Day off - Friday)

Email - jen@stmarygreenhithe.com

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Jen White

Phone - 01322 382031

Email - office@stmarygreenhithe.com

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.

DONATE TO ST MARY

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