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

**5th October 2025**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10am Service of the Word  
Leading & Preaching :  
Mandy

Readings

1 Kings 17:17-24  
Ephesians 3:13-21  
Luke 7:11-17

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Reflection By Jen White

Over this last week I have been 'confronted' with the beauty of the Trinity – whether through morning prayer, our Life group study or general reading and it made me think about the very first sermon I gave on Trinity Sunday 202. The beauty of creator God, Humble Son and Wise Holy Spirit who live within and around one another in a dance together – responding to each other and yet moving as one.

At that time I came across the following poem and felt I would like to share it with you this week.

Dave Hopwood – Trinity Poem

In the beginning,  
when all was not as it is now;  
in the darkness,  
when light was just a twinkle in the Creator's eye;  
in the past,  
when history was waiting to be born;  
a new day dawned.  
A day when the Creator shaped the universe  
by the power of his living Word,  
and the breath of his live-giving Spirit.  
He spoke and called forth life,  
he breathed and his spirit hovered over the waters,  
he took dust and formed the foundations.  
Creator, Word, Spirit.  
The Holy Community,  
working, living, being as one,  
harmonised in love and purpose,  
shaping, forming, gifting light and life.  
Before time, throughout time, when time has run its course.  
Days without number, life without end.  
Love without limit.  
Three and one, above us, beyond us, beside us, within.  
Mysterious and majestic,  
humble and holy,  
creative and kind.  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

# 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



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



# TEA LOVERS UNITE



**EVERY DAY, TEA BRINGS US TOGETHER.  
IT GIVES US COMFORT.  
A MOMENT TO REST AND REVIVE.**

But right now, the global tea trade doesn't work in favour of the people who grow and pick the leaves behind our brews.

All of us – tea drinkers, businesses and the UK government – have the power to change this. So that growers and pickers can support themselves and their families, protect the environment and see their communities thrive.



**SIGN THE PETITION.**

Ask the government to stand with the people behind the tea we drink.



It's [Fairtrade Fortnight](#) 22 Sep - 5 Oct .

How can you help 'Brew it Fair'?

There is a petition to ask the government to stand with those behind the tea we drink.

A poster for Safeguarding training. At the top, the word 'SAFEGUARDING' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the title is a row of stylized human figures in various colors (blue, teal, green, yellow, orange, red, pink, purple) with their arms raised in a celebratory or protective gesture. Below the figures, the text reads: 'Training to help everyone engage positively with the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults in both a practical and theologically informed way.' Further down, it states: 'The Diocese of Rochester approved training is being offered at The Church Centre, 112 Swanscombe Street'. Then, the dates and times for two sessions are listed: 'Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 7pm-9pm' for the 'FOUNDATIONS COURSE (C1)', and 'Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7pm-9pm' for 'AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE'. At the bottom, it says: 'For more information and to book your place please email [jude@mckcharity.co.uk](mailto:jude@mckcharity.co.uk)'.

**SAFEGUARDING**

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**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 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

# 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



# 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 - 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.

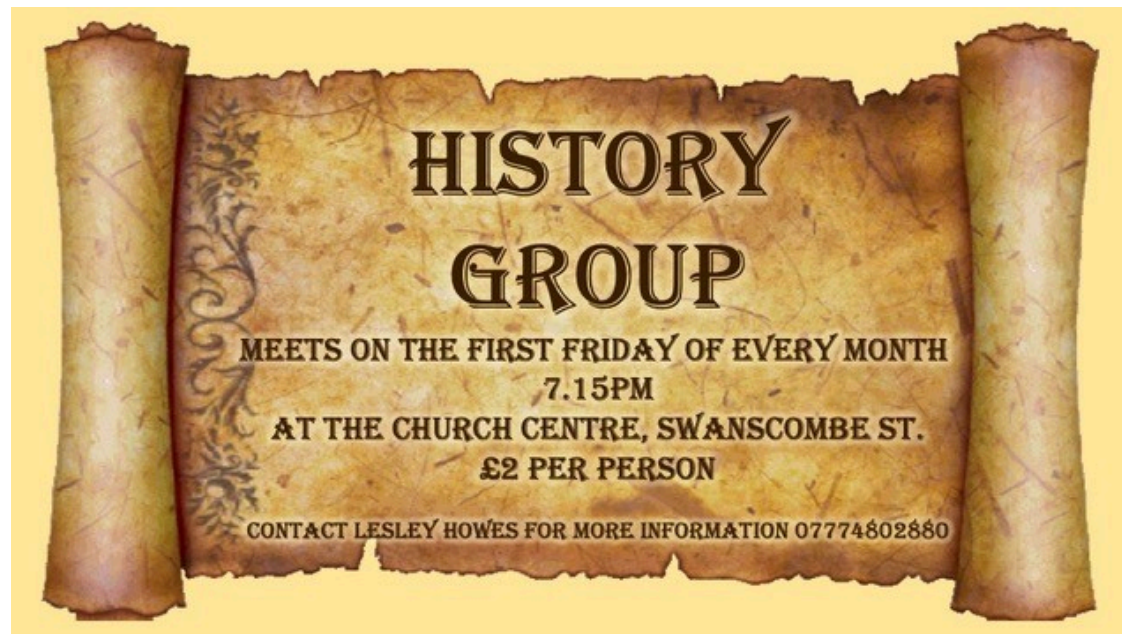






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Next meeting 7th November 2025



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



QUIZ

07927546172  
admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk  
www.swanscombechurch.co.uk

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Next meeting on Sunday 5th October



**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

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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**  
**01322 382031**



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

# CELEBRATING CREATION CARE

Eco Conference 2025



St Luke's Maidstone,  
Foley Street,  
Maidstone, ME14 5AR



Saturday 4  
October 2025  
9am–1pm



Topics to  
include →

Book your place  
here

Can't attend?  
Stream it live or



Net Zero  
Team



Eco Churches



Young voices



Demonstrator  
Churches



Cathedral  
reflections





watch afterwards



This is a joint conference  
with the Canterbury and  
Rochester Dioceses

# 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**



**Visit:** <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/swanscombe-st-peter-w-st-paul-dartford/>



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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 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.

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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									

## CONTACT US

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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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