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

**26th October 2025**  
**Last Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion  
Leading, Preaching & Presiding :  
Rev Charlie

Readings

Luke 18:9-14

10.30am Family Service  
Revd Charlie & Mandy

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Reflection By Rev Charlie

A few weeks ago we had the joy of a Deanery Confirmation Service, led by Bishop Simon, where candidates from across the Deanery were confirmed, including candidates from St Peter and St Paul's and St Mary's.

Bishop Simon preached a great sermon at the service, and as I reflected on it afterwards I thought about how it was a message that we repeat so often in church. Because the basic outline of his sermon was that we should read the bible, pray, come to church and love others. Some element or combination of elements from that list is the core message of about 95% of sermons. I know that I so often in my sermons seem to land on one or other of these as the final message. This could mean that sermons end up being boring, as they keep harping back to the same thing (keep the sarcastic comments at bay please ;)

), however, I was really encouraged as I listened to Bishop Simon that the message was still vibrant and engaging. I am not going to be changing the core message of 95% of my sermons, because it is still the message we need to hear and be reminded of day by day by day.

I wanted to share with you briefly from one of the points from Bishop Simon's sermon, as he expounded this important message in his wonderful and eloquent way. The particular phrase that has stuck with me is *"Those who dip into the bible only when they turn up to church are semi-starving themselves"*

We need to be intentional about what we are fed with. The world now creates as much information in 10 mins as the first 10,000 generations of humanity combined. There is a lot of information out there, a lot of which can be a huge distraction. So we need to be intentional about developing behaviours that build us up and feed us well. What we read feeds us, what we watch feeds us, what we listen to feeds us. Make sure we are feeding ourselves with the right things, that promote spiritual health and eternal life. That is – the word of God. Feed ourselves with this daily. It is not enough to just dip in on a Sunday morning. That is semi-starving ourselves of the food we need. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that proceed from the mouth of God" Matthew 4:4. This daily food is so important. Do you have a pattern of daily bible reading? There are plenty of resources out there to help. Check out the Bible in One Year app, or YouVersion which gives loads of options of bible reading plans. Or you can subscribe to UCB Word for Today as a booklet or a daily email. But whatever way you choose to do it, find a way that works for you, and feed daily of the Word of God – do not semi starve yourself by relying purely on Sunday services.

# 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  
this 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

# 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



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



## **Prayer Diary**

We are very pleased to offer you the monthly prayer diary, something which has been available to St Marys for a few years. It has now been extended to incorporate St Peter & St Pauls and the parish of Swanscombe. There will be printed copies at the back of Church or you can access it by clicking [HERE.](#)

# 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.***



The poster features a vibrant background of out-of-focus, colorful circles in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. In the top left corner is a circular logo for St Mary Greenhithe, containing a white cross on a dark background. In the top right corner is a blue cross logo with the text 'St Peter & St Paul' inside. The central text reads: 'Come and Join us on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October for a Light Party'. Below this, the time '6pm - 7.30pm' and location 'The Church Centre Swanscombe' are listed. The phrase 'Jesus is the Light of the World' is at the bottom. On the left side, 'Party Food' is written in a white script, and on the right side, 'Crafts and Games' is written in a white script.

 Come and Join us on  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 raff

and lots more!!!

All money raised will go towards

**Our Big Church Repair**





## Remembrance Services

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## ST PETER & ST PAULS CHURCH CENTRE

(SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICES ON SUNDAY 9TH  
[WWW.SWANSCOMBECHURCH.CO.UK](http://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

|                   |               |                                      |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| <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 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

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

### *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.





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Next meeting 7th November 2025



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



QUIZ

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www.swanscombechurch.co.uk

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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





# Memorial Service

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:office@stmarygreenhithe.com)  
01322 382031



Books will be  
available for sale

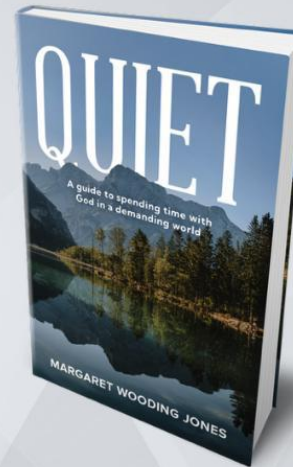
Cash or card  
accepted

# 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 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 - OCTOBER

[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.

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:**



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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**



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



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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

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

**DONATE TO ST PETER & ST PAUL**

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