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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Sermunkle :

Revd Charlie

10am - Remembrance Service

Leading & Preaching -Revd Charlie

Followed by a procession at 10.40am to the Royal British Legion for
the Act of Remembrance at 11am



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**

Holding the Past, Hoping for Peace

This weekend we will be gathering as two churches and as communities to remember and reflect on the sacrifice of countless men and women who gave their lives to preserve the peace and freedom we now enjoy. Each year, as Remembrance Sunday arrives, the act of pausing becomes its own kind of prayer. We pause to honour those whose lives were given or taken in war. We pause to acknowledge the grief carried by families and communities across generations. And we pause, too, to recognise the sobering truth that peace—true, sustaining peace—remains a fragile hope in our world. Remembrance is not merely about looking backward. It is an invitation to see clearly: to remember where violence leads, to remember the cost of conflict, and to remember that every name etched into a memorial was a person treasured by God. These moments of quiet, when the air itself seems to still,

remind us that each human life is a reflection of God's own image. That alone gives weight to the act of remembrance.

But Christian remembrance always sits alongside Christian hope. We hold the stories of sacrifice in one hand, and in the other we hold the promise that God is at work—often unseen—moving creation toward reconciliation and renewal.

Even when peace feels distant, Scripture insists that it is not impossible. It speaks of swords beaten into ploughshares, of tears wiped from every eye, of a kingdom where mercy and justice walk side by side. These promises do not erase the pain of the past, but they prevent us from becoming people of despair.

Remembrance Sunday therefore calls us to a particular way of living. It asks us not only to remember but also to respond. The question it presses into our hearts is this: What does it mean to be peacemakers in our own time? Most of us will not be asked to make the sacrifices that soldiers made on foreign fields, nor can we single-handedly stop the conflicts that trouble today's world. Yet each of us is capable of nurturing peace in the spaces we inhabit—our families, our workplaces, our communities.

Peace begins in the small gestures that seem insignificant: choosing patience when frustration rises, listening more deeply than we speak, forgiving someone who may never fully understand the hurt they caused. These are not dramatic acts, but they are seeds. And when a community chooses to sow such seeds together, the harvest can be transformative.

At the heart of the Christian faith is the belief that God does not leave humanity to its own brokenness. Christ's death and resurrection proclaim that hatred does not have the final word and that love—sacrificial, persistent, hope-filled love—is stronger than the forces that divide us. When we remember those who died in war, we honour them most fully by committing ourselves anew to the way of Christ: the way of reconciliation, compassion, and courage.

This Remembrance Sunday, may our silence be more than a pause. May it be a prayer that shapes us, a remembrance that softens us, and a hope that strengthens us. And may the God of peace, who calls us into a future made whole, guide our steps as we continue to work for the peace our world so deeply longs for.



Monthly Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the Month

8.30am Spoken Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the Month

8.30am Spoken Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the Month

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.



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.



Christmas Services And Activities



14th December - 6pm Carols By Candlelight

19th December - 7pm Carols at the Abbey

20th December - 10am Carol Singing at Asda

24th December 6pm - Christingle and Nativity

24th December 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

25th December 10.30am - Christmas Holy Communion



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CHURCH EVENTS





Remembrance Service

**Sunday 9th November 2025
10am**



**A Service at St Mary
Greenhithe
with a procession to the
Greenhithe Royal British
Legion for an Act of
Remembrance at 11am**

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

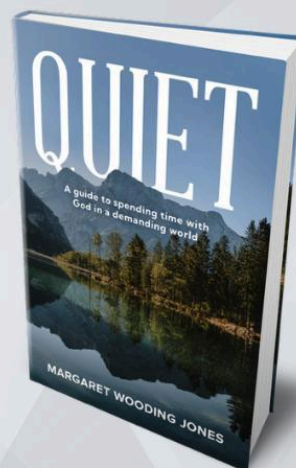


THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
7PM



ST MARY'S CHURCH
GREENHITHE, DA9 9ND

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



CONTACT HERE

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Please speak to one of the Christmas Market planning team for more information - Jen, Marion, Charlie, Charis, Margaret B, Margaret M and Nigel.





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.



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



**ST MARY GREENHITHE
CHURCH HALL**
BEHIND THE CHURCH LONDON ROAD

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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STMARYGREENHITHE



Charity Reg No. 1204242

Please Find the latest MCK October 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 festival donations from churches and local schools.

However, if you would like to contribute financially we would be very grateful as this would help with the running of the charity.

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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**ONE
YOU**



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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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

November 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 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 7th December.



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





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)

*Our next session is
November 16th*

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

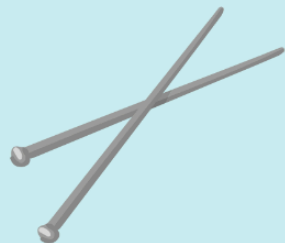
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**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

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

HISTORY GROUP

MEETS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7.15PM

AT THE CHURCH CENTRE, SWANSCOMBE ST.
£2 PER PERSON

CONTACT LESLEY HOWES FOR MORE INFORMATION 07774802880

Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies

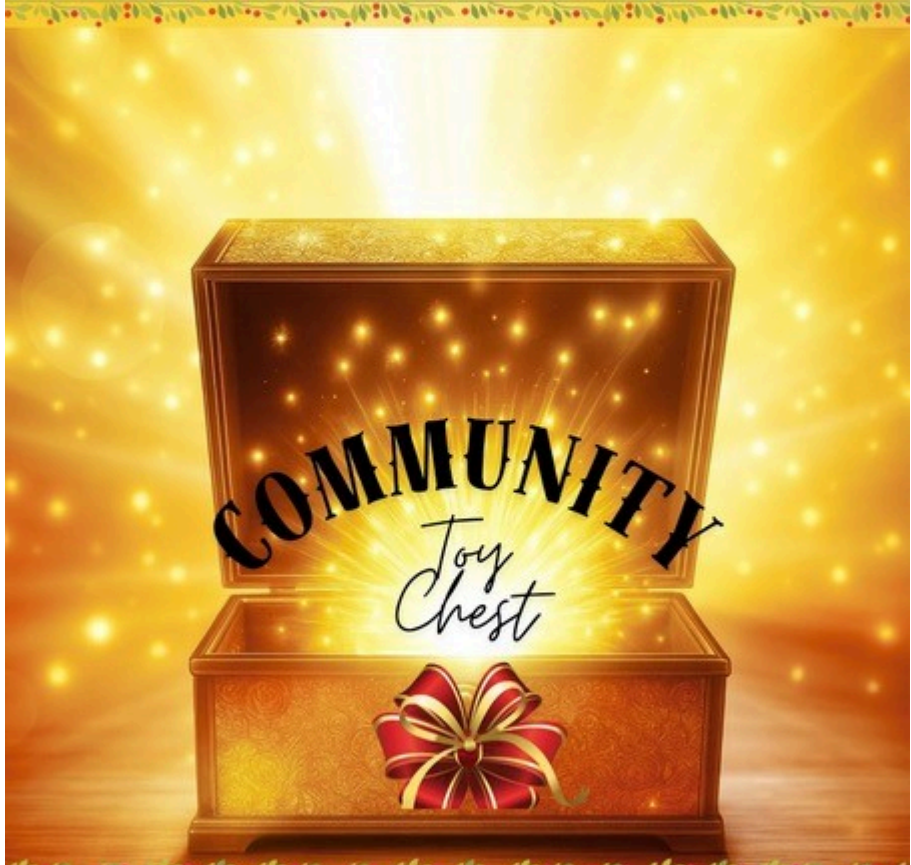
Click [HERE](#) for more information

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.

**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

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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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What is easy fundraising ?

<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 November Rota

[HERE](#)

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Jen White

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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.

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