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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

22nd February 2026

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Sermunkle :

Revd Charlie

10.30am - Joint Holy Communion

Leading, Preaching & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



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 Mandy.

Based on Matthew 6:1-6, 12-27

As we begin the holy season of Lent, Ash Wednesday invites us into a sacred time of self-examination, repentance, and spiritual renewal. The words of Jesus in Matthew 6 offer us thought-provoking guidance on how to live this season with true humility and faithfulness.

In this passage, Jesus challenges us to look beyond outward appearances and public recognition in our acts of righteousness. He warns against practicing our faith—whether through giving, praying, or fasting—simply to be seen and praised by others. Instead, Jesus calls us to a deeper spirituality that is rooted in a sincere relationship with God. Our acts of kindness and devotion are meant to flow from a humble heart, seeking God's approval rather than human applause.

Jesus encourages us to pray in secret, to give quietly, and to fast without drawing attention to ourselves. This teaching invites us to move away from

seeking recognition and towards a faith that is personal and private. It is in the quiet moments, away from the eyes of the world, that our souls are truly nourished and our connection with God is strengthened.

Jesus also addresses our anxieties about daily life, urging us not to be consumed by worry over our needs. He points to the birds of the air and the lilies of the field as examples of God's care and provision. This imagery reminds us that God's love is constant and generous, and that we are deeply valued and loved by God. Lent, then, becomes a season to trust more fully in God's faithfulness, letting go of fear and embracing hope.

So let us embrace the invitation to seek God this Lent trusting that he will meet us. May our fasting, prayer, and giving be acts of genuine love that draw us closer to God and to one another. And may we find peace in the assurance that, just as God cares for the birds and the flowers, so too God watches over us with unwavering compassion.

This Lent, let us journey together in faith, humility, and hope, allowing God's grace to renew our hearts and transform our lives

Children's Society Boxes

A huge thank you to everyone who saves their coins in the boxes over the year.

Carl and Deirdre have been able to bank £466.06 for this last year - a great achievement.



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

LENT COURSE FOR 2026



This will be accompanied by a Sermon Series about the various elements of the Communion Service, beginning with a

JOINT SERVICE @ ST MARY GREENHITHE,

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY @ 10.30am

Minibus available from The Church Centre, Swanscombe at 10am

Children and Youth Groups will be available during the service.

The Course Book is available to download from the church websites. If you would prefer a paper copy please email Jen at the church office.

A £3 donation is requested for printed copies.

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

Quiz Night



with the hosts
MARMITE



**Come join us for a fun and competitive
night of quizzing and shared supper of
sausage in a roll and soup**

**BYO Drinks
£5 per person**

**Saturday 21st February 2026
6:30pm at St Mary's Church Hall**



**Join us by booking at
office@stmarygreenhithe.com**

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A graphic consisting of two overlapping speech bubbles. The top bubble is orange and contains the text 'UPCOMING EVENTS' in white, bold, uppercase letters. The bottom bubble is purple and is partially obscured by the orange one.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st February - Quiz

28th March - Spring Fayre, with Bike Repair

20th June - Summer raffle draw with BBQ

17th October - Quiz

28th November - Christmas Market



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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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Please Find the latest MCK February 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 with most things, but we are always short of tinned meat products such as chilli, curry or chicken in sauce etc.

Did you know that you can also contribute financially which would help us with the everyday running costs of the charity. Donations can be made in cash or via the bank account;

MCK

Sort code 51-70-14

Account Number 79029310

Thank you, Jude.

The Church has been given blankets from Dartford Borough Council through the Governments Household Support Fund.

These are for anyone you think will be in need over these colder months.

Please speak to one to the ministry team if you would like any to hand out.



**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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Saturday 21st February
**There won't be any bike repairs until after
the Easter Fayre.**



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

February Prayer Dairy
[HERE](#)

[Link to Sign up to Prayer Diary](#)

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 1st March.

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



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.





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



BABY & ME



Expectant
mum or have
children under
3?

Come and join
us for fun,
play and chat
with friends



Thursday's
in term time
9.30am - 11.00am
Church Centre,
Swanscombe Street
Cost £2 per adult
All parents and
carers welcome

Lots of fun and
educational toys
and song-time

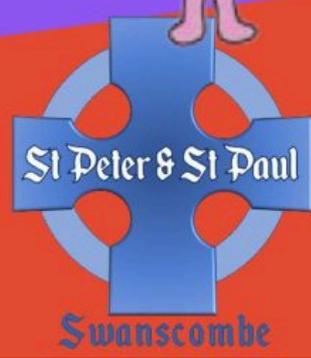


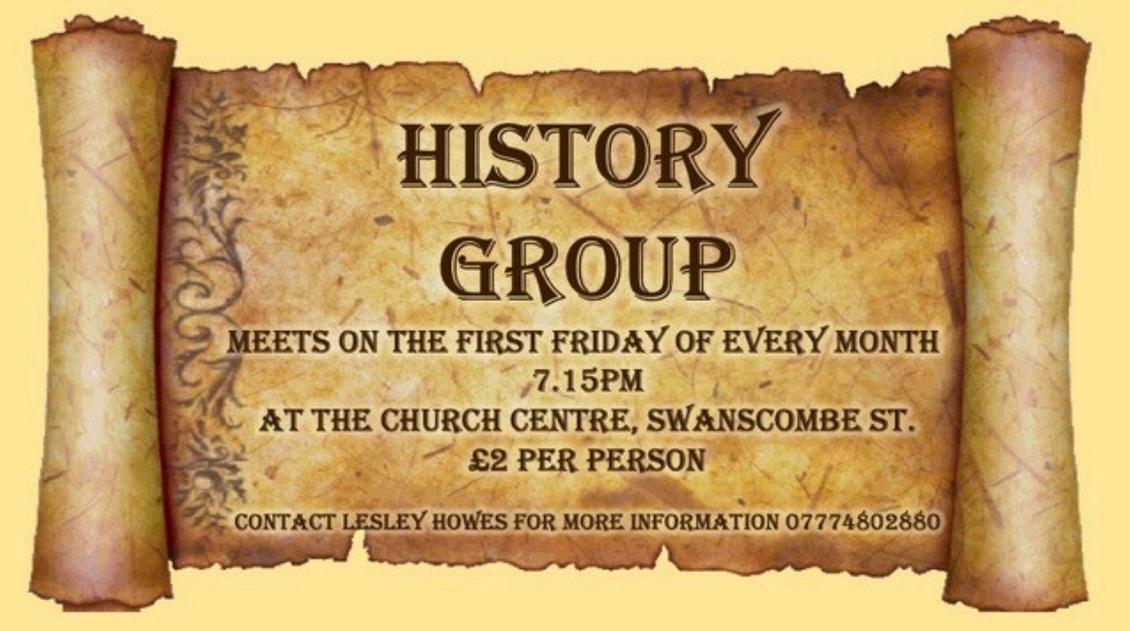
As much tea and
coffee as you like

Healthy snacks
provided



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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



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 8th March -
Taste of Home bring & share lunch**

**Friday 13th March -
Bingo**

**Saturday 6th June -
Summer Fayre**

**Saturday 7th November -
Christmas Fayre**

**Sunday 6th December -
Star Service**



More information nearer each date on our
website: www.swanscombechurch.com

St Peter & St Paul
Swanscombe

BINGO NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF FUN AND GAMES
AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN WIN IN THE
BINGO OR THE RAFFLE 😊

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026
7.30 - 9PM
THE CHURCH CENTRE, SWANSCOMBE

£10 ENTRANCE
includes game book
www.swanscombechurch.co.uk

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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.*

Called Together progress update now available

In the latest update on the diocesan-wide Called Together vision, find out about the additional support now available to help support parishes in areas such as children and youth work, and care of buildings, as well as how we can pray for all that is underway.

Or pick up a printed sheet as you leave church today.

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

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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.

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Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit



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Enhance your gift with an optional 25% Gift Aid



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Donate securely

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Scan your code



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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 February rota

[HERE](#)

Please find the March rota

[HERE](#)

MINISTRY TEAM

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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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