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# St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

*1st March 2026*

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Sermunkle :

Revd Bart

## 10.30am - Holy Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Preaching :

Mandy

### **Readings**

Psalm 32

1 John 1:5-2:2

Luke 15:11-24

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 by Church of England

Draw Near Lent Reflections

There was something so compelling about the prayer-life of Jesus that his first disciples asked: 'Lord, teach us to pray'. This week we will explore six different aspects of the prayer-life of Jesus as described in Luke's gospel, guiding us to posture and pray, like Jesus.

**Prayer for the week**

*God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask.  
Amen.*

*He said to them, 'When you pray, say:*

*Father, hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

Luke 11.2



**When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he showed that prayer begins not with us, but with God. Our first words are to God and for God.**

As the writer to the Hebrews declares, we can “approach the throne of grace with boldness”, for through Christ, access is open to the One Jesus unashamedly knew as his “Father”, whom he now shares with us. This God has many qualities, but his defining virtue, discovered by the prophet Isaiah in his great vision in the Jerusalem temple, is “holy”. As we declare in the hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, he truly is perfect in power, love and purity. We are not. And yet he so graciously welcomes us.

This is the God Jesus tells us to pray to and live for: our Father who is holy.

**Response**

Hear Christ’s invitation to come before our glorious, gracious and good God. Kneel in his presence; call on his name; honour his majesty. He is holy and deserving of all adoration.

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## 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.



### **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>



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.

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**28th March - Spring Fayre, with Bike Repair**

**20<sup>th</sup> June - Summer raffle draw with BBQ**

**17<sup>th</sup> October - Quiz**

**28<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Market**



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**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**



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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.

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**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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**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](mailto:office@stmarygreenhithe.com)

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## PRAYER DIARIES

March Prayer Diary

[HERE](#)

Diocesan Prayer Diary for March

[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](http://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.

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**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



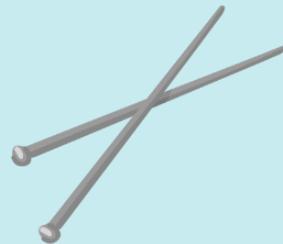
# Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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 8<sup>th</sup> March -  
Taste of Home bring & share lunch**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March -  
Bingo**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June -  
Summer Fayre**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November -  
Christmas Fayre**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December -  
Star Service**





More information nearer each date on our  
website: [www.swanscombechurch.com](http://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 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

**7.30 - 9PM**

THE CHURCH CENTRE, SWANSCOMBE

£10 ENTRANCE  
includes game book

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## [Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

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## **Diocese of Rochester Vision Update**

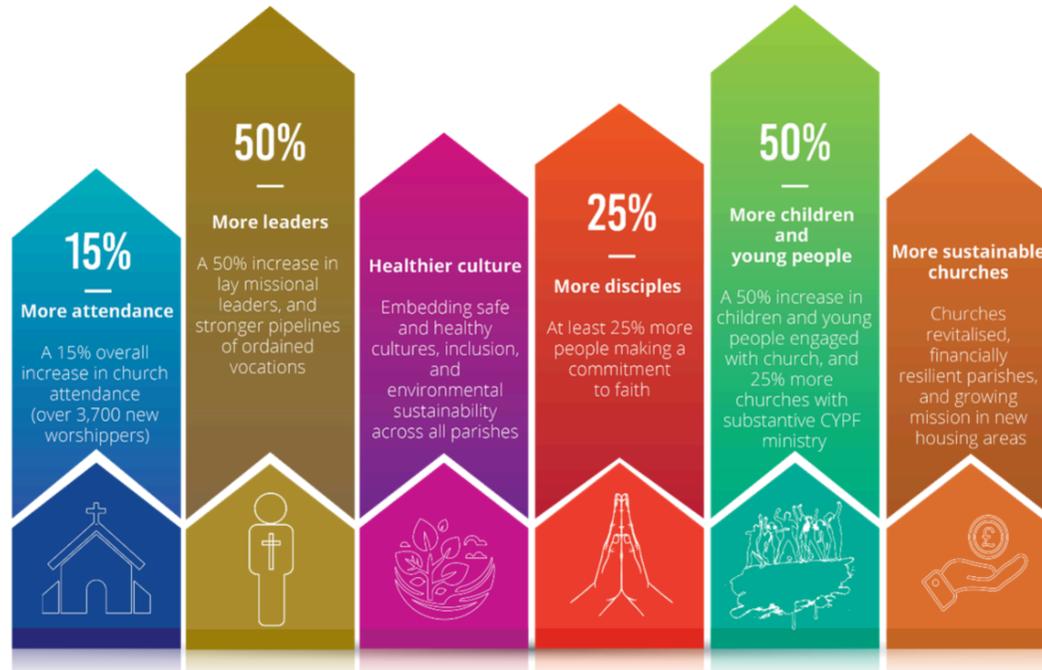
**Seeking first the Kingdom of God** we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

### **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.



## 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.

What is easy fundraising ?

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-mary->

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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 March rota  
[HERE](#)

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Office Hours - Wednesday 10am-2pm, Thursday 9am-2pm

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*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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