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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

1st February 2026

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Bart

Sermunkle :

Revd Bart

10.30am - Holy Communion

Leading, Preaching & Presiding :
Revd Bart

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 12:1-2
Luke 14:25-34

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 Rev Charlie

I have been accused of being 'De-mob Happy' several times in the last few days. This is because I am flying off to visit Gareth tomorrow and will be with him for just over two weeks. But, I have been reflecting on that expression 'De-mob Happy'. It of course originates from a military context, referring to when soldiers got to leave the area of battle and head home, but is now used to just refer to any situation of leaving behind an environment that is busy or stressful, and have a time of relaxation. As I was thinking about this I was thinking that my role is certainly busy, sometimes stressful, but not too often, and I am looking forward to a couple of weeks of relaxation. But I think modern usage of the phrase has lost an important element, that is very relevant to my situation, which is that of going and seeing loved ones. This is extremely significant in war-time military contexts, which would often involve long periods of separation, and of course separation from loved ones is always a trial, and we do love to be reunited. I am certainly looking forward to spending some time with Gareth, and that is the main influence in my sense of excitement that others are commenting on this week.

As we deal with the various struggles and trials of life, maybe we should hold on to a stronger sense of being De-mob Happy. Because, as Christians, we can all look forward to being united with our Saviour, Jesus Christ when we leave this place. It is the welcome and the reunion that is in place for all of us. It is a source of hope and peace in all we are dealing with in life. Because, unlike the battlefield, where soldiers would often live with the uncertainty of whether they would get to be reunited with their loved ones, we have it as a guarantee, no matter the circumstances. We will be united the one who loves us above all else. That is certainly a reason for an inner joy and excitement that permeates every day of our lives.

See you in a couple of weeks. Every blessing.



Monthly Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the Month

2nd Sunday of the Month

3rd Sunday of the Month

4th Sunday of the Month

5th Sunday of the Month

8.30am Spoken Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

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*10.30am Family Café Church Service
With Breakfast*

8.30am Spoken Communion

10.30am Service of the Word

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





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

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



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.

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

PANCAKE EVENING

February 17, 2026
6pm - 8pm

Sweet Pancakes
with various
toppings
£4 per adult
£3 for under 11's

Book Via
St Mary Greenhithe



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Ash Wednesday

Join us for the Ash Wednesday Service as we begin Lent with prayer and ashing as a sign of humility and God's grace.

All are welcome to attend.

18th February

10am at St Peter & St Pauls Swanscombe

7pm at St Mary Greenhithe





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





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LENT COURSE FOR 2026



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th February - Pancake Evening

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



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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 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.



Family Food and Fun Event

11am - 1pm

Thursday 19th February '26
Manor School Swanscombe

Friday 20th February '26
St Mary Greenhithe Church Hall

All children must
be accompanied
by a responsible
adult.



Please state names
of children/ adults
and any allergies.

Please sign up for this free
event so we can ensure
everyone is catered for.



jude@mckcharity.co.uk
07512 460221



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 wont 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

January Prayer Diary
[Here](#)

February Prayer Diary
[HERE](#)

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

HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS



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



the project and ways to donate on
our website.

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk



ST MARY
GREENHITHE

St Peter & St Paul
Swanscombe

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 February.

*Our next session is
15th February 2026*

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

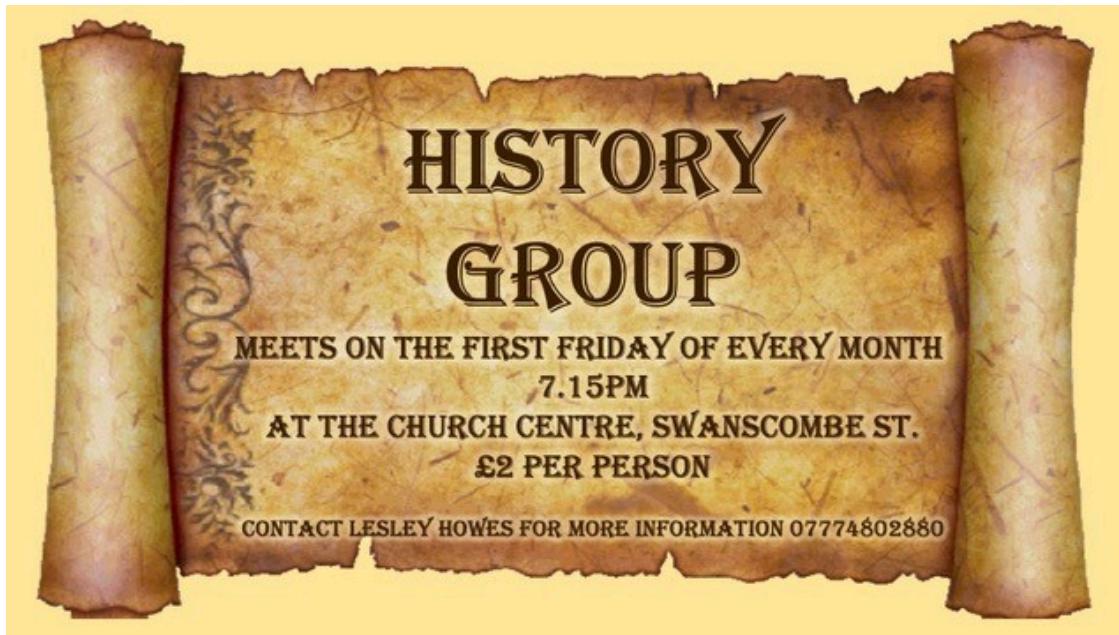
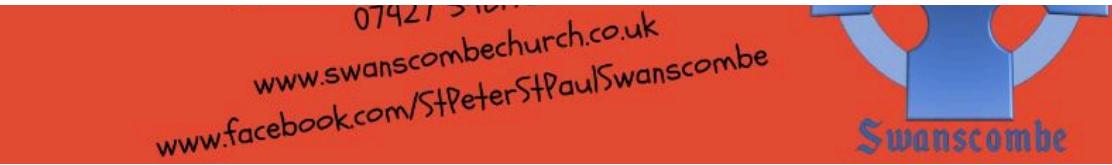
Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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QUIZ







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

Friday 13th March -
Bingo

Saturday 6th June -
Summer Fayre

Saturday 7th November -
Christmas Fayre

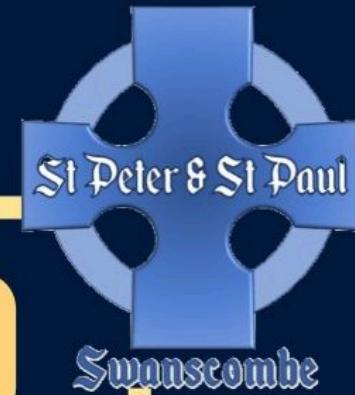
Sunday 6th December -
Star Service



Star Service



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



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



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.

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QUICKLY AND EASILY ONLINE

 PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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



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Email: info@parishgiving.org.uk | Tel: 0333 002 1260

Easy Fundraising.

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.



**Recycle Your
Ink Cartridges**
and help us raise money!

Recycle 4 Charity



**Thank you to those of you
who have brought your old
cartridges to be recycled.
From our last box we have
received £26.10.**

Thank You

For Fundraising and Helping the Environment

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

St Mary Greenhithe

And its supporters have raised £121.15
and saved 6.9kg of ink cartridges from landfills

Recycle 4 Charity



07 October 2025

SERVICE ROTA.

Please find the February rota
HERE

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Jen White

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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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