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# St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

**8th March 2026**

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Sermunkle :

Revd Charlie

10.30am - Holy Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Keith

Preaching :

Jen

## **Readings**

Nehemiah 1:4-11

Ephesians 6:18-23

John 17:6-26

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  
For  
The  
Week



Reflection by Rev Charle

We are coming into the the third week of Lent now. Many of you may have made Lenten commitments, in terms of giving up things, or committing to something new in your prayer life, or you pattern of bible reading, or something else to strengthen your relationship with God. How is your commitment going? Is it having an impact? Today I want to share some simple words on this theme that help us reflect on what our Lenten commitments are about. These are

adapted from words of Pope Frances

***Give up saying hurtful words and say kind words,  
Give up feeling sad and be filled with happiness,  
Give up getting angry and be filled with patience,  
Give up thinking you have failed and be filled with hope,  
Give up worries and trust in God,***

*Give up complaining and live simply,  
Give up feeling pressurised and be prayerful,  
Give up selfishness and be loving to others,  
Give up holding grudges and make peace,  
Give up words and be silent so you can listen.*

May you be blessed this week.



## 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

<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>

## 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.



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## 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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JOIN US FOR OUR



# SPRING FAYRE

FUN GAMES | PRIZES | REFRESHMENTS |  
HOMEMADE CAKES | TOMBOLAS | THE  
TEDDY BEAR ZIP LINE

28TH MARCH 2026  
11AM - 2PM

AT ST MARYS  
CHURCH,  
GREENHITHE

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The Events team are looking for your support in running our Spring Fayre.

We are in need of chocolate - any type, shape, size.  
Homemade cakes.

A simnel cake - decorated - for Guess the weight of the cake.

Volunteers on the day to help set up, run stalls and pack away.

If you are able to help and support in any way please speak to Jen, Marion, Margaret B or Margaret M.  
Thank you.



**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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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.

**Dartford's Health Walks**



**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](#)

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## 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 our website.

[www.swanscombechurch.co.uk](http://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



The Next Our Space will be in April – we are not meeting in March due to it being Mother's Day.

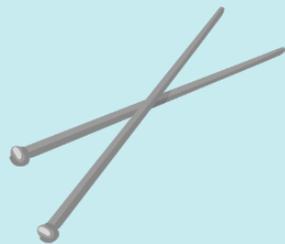
# Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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

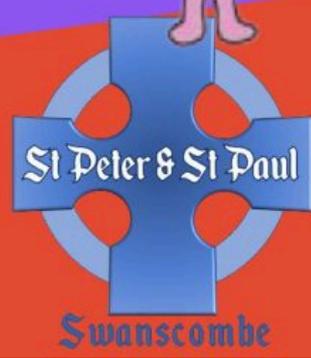


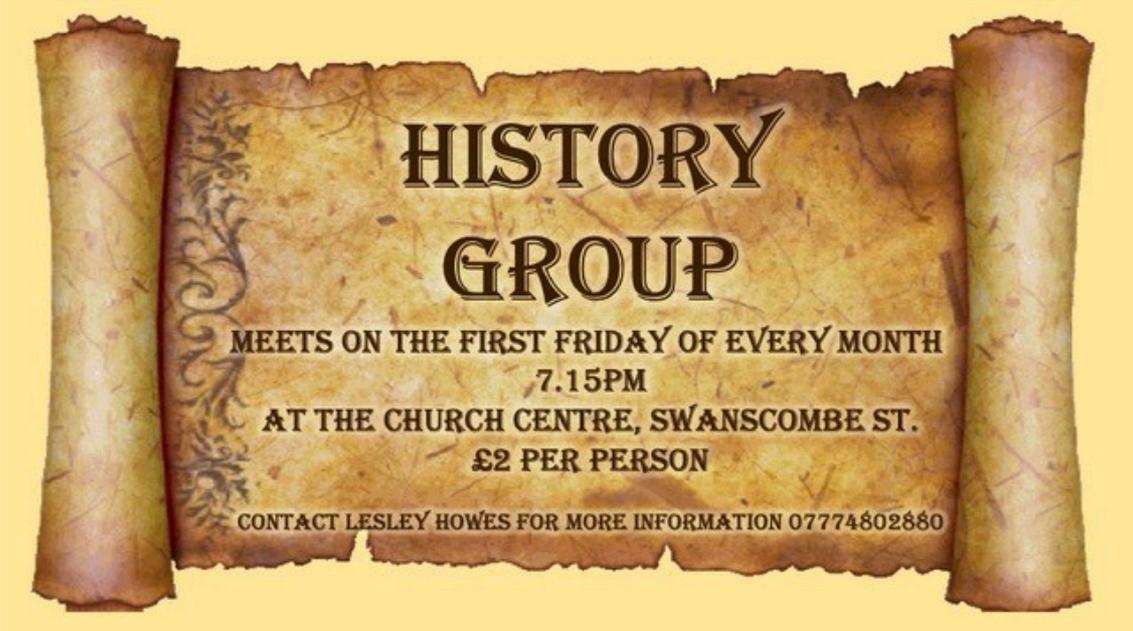
As much tea and  
coffee as you like

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  
[www.swanscombechurch.co.uk](http://www.swanscombechurch.co.uk)

[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

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# Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

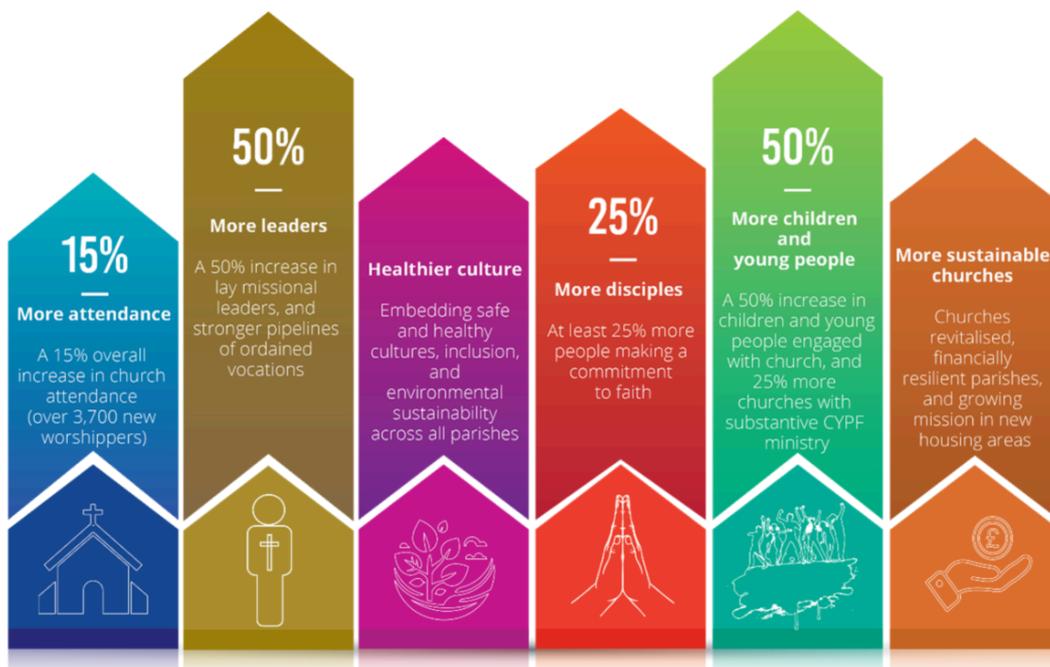
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

## 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



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



Visit: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/greenhithe-st-mary-dartford/>



Website: [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

Email: [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto: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.



**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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**MINISTRY TEAM**

**PRIEST**

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**Jen White**

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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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