

[View this email in your browser](#)



St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

22nd March 2026

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding :

Revd Charlie

Sermunkle :

Jen

10.30am - Holy Communion

Leading, Preaching & Presiding : Revd Bart

Readings

Psalm 119:89-96

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

John 14:1-11

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 Charlie

For me one of the most fruitful times for reflection and prayer is while dog walking, especially if I am able to go somewhere where I can safely let Bailey off the lead and he can have a good run around and investigation and I can amble along with my thoughts. This is why I branched out into recording the occasional TikTok video when something comes to mind. You can find me as 'TheDogWalkingVicar' J. This is a summary and extension of my reflection while out with him one day last week.

As I amble along on a dog walk Bailey actually ends up out of my sight quite a lot. He has headed off into the brush, or found some soggy marshland to splash about in. Most of the time, however, if I give a whistle, he will come rushing out onto the path I am on so we can both see where each other are. This reminded me this week of our relationship with Jesus. As we amble through life, do we sometimes lose a sense of where he is? Does he appear to be out of sight? In

which case do we just carry on walking and forget about him? Or do we stop and do something to bring him back to our sight? How do we do that proverbial 'whistle' when we are not sure where he is?

Well, the truth is, he is always there, the issue is in our sight, not in him. So how do we position ourselves so that we are aware of him more consistently? The answer is, of course, prayer. When we pray, we are seeking him. When we pray, we are training ourselves to be more aware of his constant presence. We had to spend time training Bailey to get the response we now get, and there are times when it is not as effective as it should be. When that happens, we have to spend time re-educating him. Maybe getting the treats out again more often on the walks. Reminding him of the behaviour that is needed in order for him to have that off-lead freedom. When it comes to our relationship with Jesus, we are the ones that regularly need to be re-educated and reminded. We are the ones that are at risk of not being effective in our relationship. So let's take the time to remind ourselves this Lent, as we come towards Holy Week, of the importance and value of prayer. Let's rebuild and strengthen that core behaviour that allows us to live in the greatest freedom of all. Prayer is not just as occasional activity. In many ways it is a state of life. May prayer be at the centre of all we are. Have a blessed week.

Finance update for January and February

Total income for January was £5,439.19 and for February was £11,481.67 (This includes £5,368.86 Tax rebate of 2025 so income was £6,112.81)

Total expenditure for January was £6,420.68 and for February was £5,583.24

That is a difference over the two months of £4,916.94.

If you compare this to last year's figures our income is up about £500 for the same period as last year and the direct giving through the Parish Giving Scheme is double of that from last January. Also our expenses are down by about £200 for the same period as last year.

The reason you are receiving January and February figures together is that we changed the way we bring in all the card transactions into the accounting software. In January alone there were 128 card transactions which is lower than the 192 card transactions in December. Each transaction needed to be entered into the accounts, so we have come up with a new easier way of bringing in these transactions and had to trial it out so the delay in completing the account in time.

Please keep praying for our income to be higher than our expenditure in 2026.



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 29th March 2026

**Procession from All Saints,
Galley Hill at 10am.**

**Joint Service starts
10.30am**

**At St Peter & St Pauls Church,
Swanscombe.**



St Mary Stone



JOIN US FOR A
REFLECTIVE SERVICE
JOURNEYING THROUGH
HOLY WEEK

TENEBRAE SERVICE

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
7PM AT ST MARY
GREENHITHE



office@stmarygreenhithe.com Swanscombe



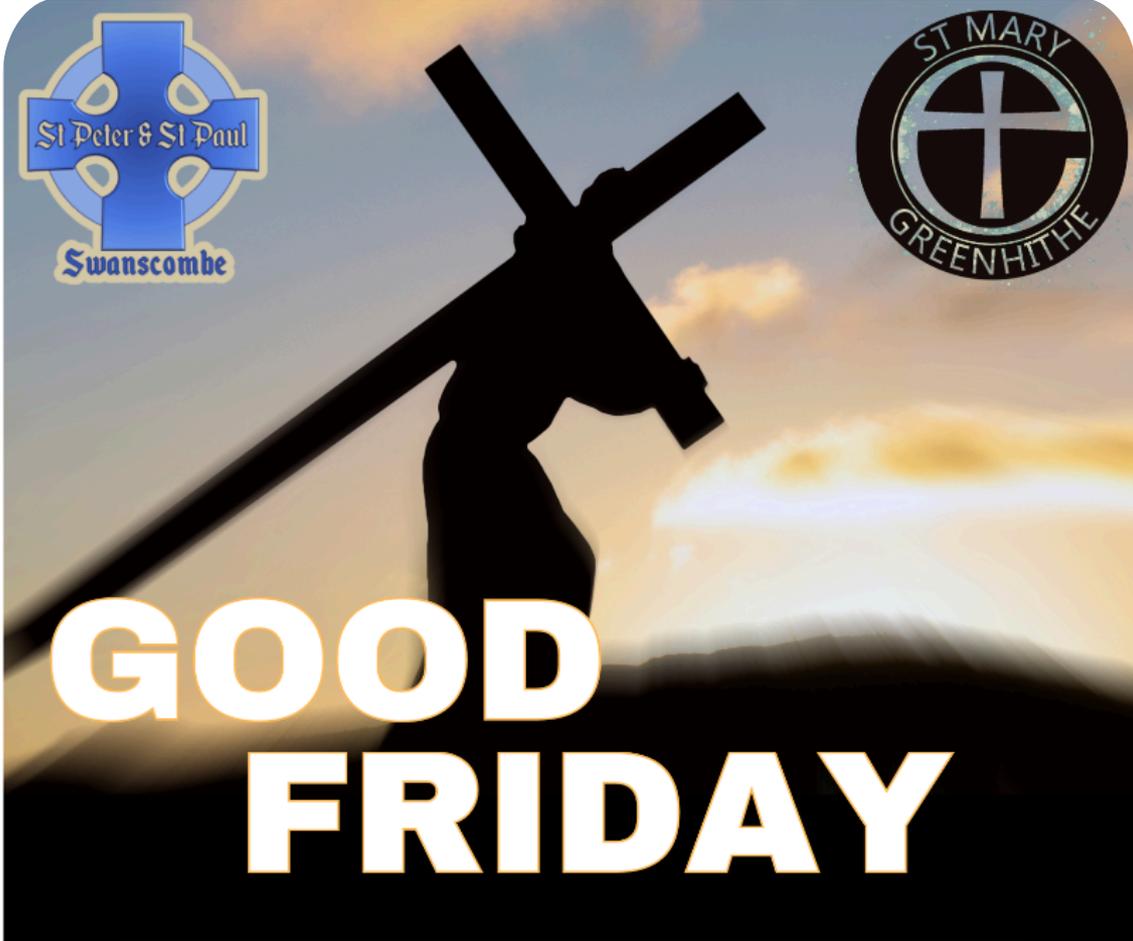
MAUNDY THURSDAY
2nd APRIL
**EXPERIENCING
PASSOVER**
7pm at St. Peter & St. Paul's
Church Hall Swanscombe

We will use the symbols, food, and pattern of
the Seder Meal to help us understand and
encounter Jesus at His Last Supper.



Contact: Rev'd Bart - 07383 334 378

The poster for Maundy Thursday (2nd April) features a yellow background with various Passover symbols including matzah, a chalice, a seder plate, and a wine cup. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. Logos for St. Peter & St. Paul Swanscombe and St. Mary Greenhithe are placed at the bottom, along with contact information for Rev'd Bart.



GOOD FRIDAY

WALK OF WITNESS

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

**10AM FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SWANSCOMBE
TO ST PETER & ST PAULS CHURCH SWANSCOMBE**

10.30AM SERVICE AT ST PETER & ST PAULS

**1PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE AT
ST MARY GREENHITHE FOLLOWED BY THE LAST
HOUR AT THE CROSS.**

WWW.SWANSCOMBECHURCH.COM

WWW.STMARYGREENHITHE.COM

The Glass Risen

Easter Sunday

6.15am Sunrise Service
St Marys

10am Holy Communion
St Peter & St Pauls

10.30am Holy Communion
St Marys

Come and Celebrate our risen Saviour
with us at one of our Services this
Sunday 5th April.



www.stmarygreenhithe.com

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk



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

www.stmarygreenhithe.com

01322 382031

office@stmarygreenhithe.com



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

Deanery Confirmation Service

Sunday 24th May

at 4pm

St Mary, Stone

If you are interested in coming for Confirmation please speak to a member of the Ministry Team in the first instance.



CHURCH EVENTS

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

28th March - Spring Fayre, with Bike Repair

20th June - Summer raffle draw with BBQ

17th October - Quiz

28th November - Christmas Market



www.stmarygreenhithe.com
Facebook: StMaryGreenhithe
01322 382031





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

www.stmarygreenhithe.com

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.

Volunteers on the day to help set up 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.



As mentioned in our Church services the Demonstrator Project team need to gather some information from members of the church. Below is a link to the Questionnaire, or if you prefer there will be printed copies in church on Sunday morning.

[Click Here](#) to complete the form.



**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

CONTACT:-
OFFICE@STMARYGREENHITHE.COM
01322 382031
WWW.STMARYGREENHITHE.COM
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STMARYGREENHITHE



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, biscuits and tinned spaghetti.

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.



**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

Registered as a 'Warm Space' supported by



01322 382031 | office@stmarygreenhithe.com

www.stmarygreenhithe.com | StMaryGreenhithe

Registered Charity No. 1180908



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

Registered as a 'Warm Space'
supported by

DARTFORD COMMUNITY
BOROUGH COUNCIL FUND GRANT

01322 382031 | office@stmarygreenhithe.com

www.stmarygreenhithe.com | StMaryGreenhithe

Registered Charity No. 1180908

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

www.stmarygreenhithe.com 01322 382031

Facebook: StMaryGreenhithe



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

March Prayer Diary

[HERE](#)

Diocesan Prayer Diary for March

[HERE](#)

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

HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS

FIVE STRING VOICES

Sunday 22nd March, 4 pm

Tadasuke Iijima, Violin



Colli Chan, Violin



Jordi Morell, Viola



Natalie Morell, Cello



Manuel dell'Oglio,
Double Bass



Part of the proceeds go to
Big Church Repair fund



J.S. Bach Toccata and Fugue Dm

L. v. Beethoven Grosse Fugue

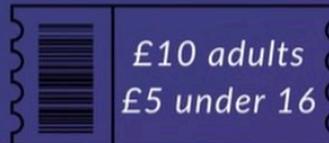
A. Dvorak Quintett Op.77

SWAN ENSEMBLE



St Peter & St Paul Church

Swanscombe St, Swanscombe DA10 0BT



Tickets are limited, you can reserve yours at:

swan.concerts@gmail.com

07927546172 (Monday 11am-2pm and Tuesday, 9am-1pm)

www.swan-ensemble.com

**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 5th April.

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 on 19th April for a Take Away.

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

07927546172
admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk
www.swanscombechurch.co.uk



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



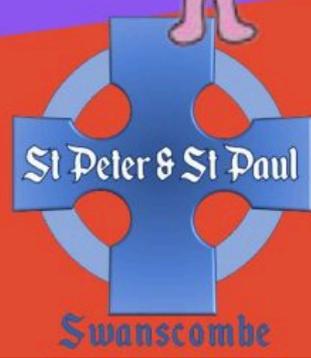
As much tea and
coffee as you like

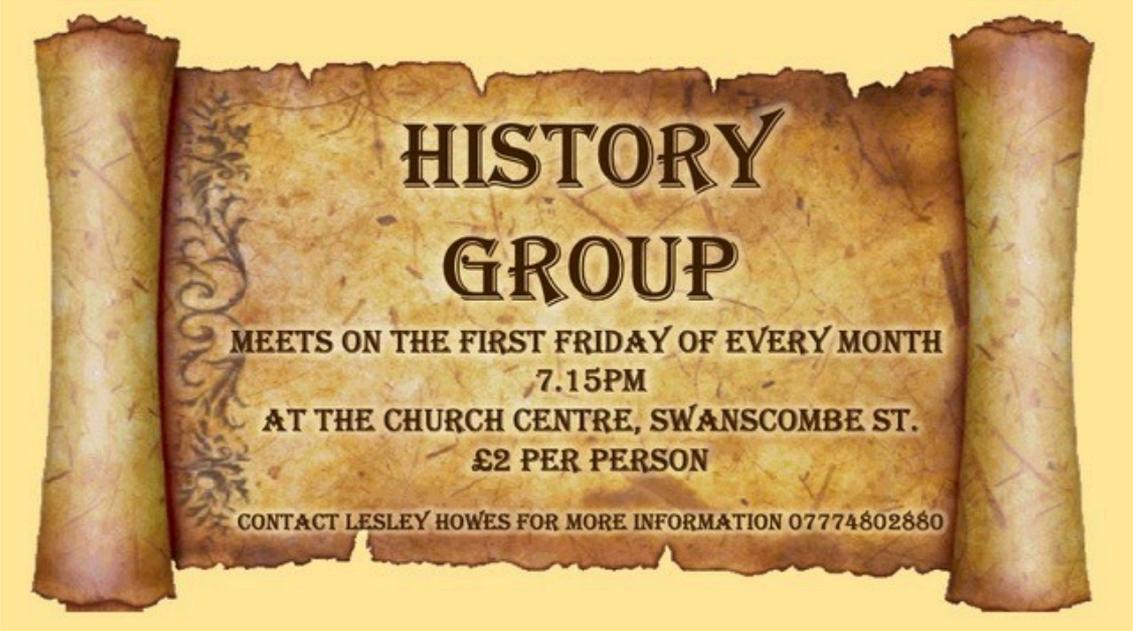
Healthy snacks
provided



Church Centre, Swanscombe Street
admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk
07927 546172

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk
www.facebook.com/StPeterStPaulSwanscombe



A scroll with text on a parchment-like background. The scroll is unrolled, showing a central rectangular area with text. The background is a light yellow color. The scroll itself is a light brown color with a textured, aged appearance. The text is in a black, serif font. The scroll is flanked by two vertical rolls of parchment on the left and right sides. The central area has a decorative, floral-like pattern on the left side.

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

[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

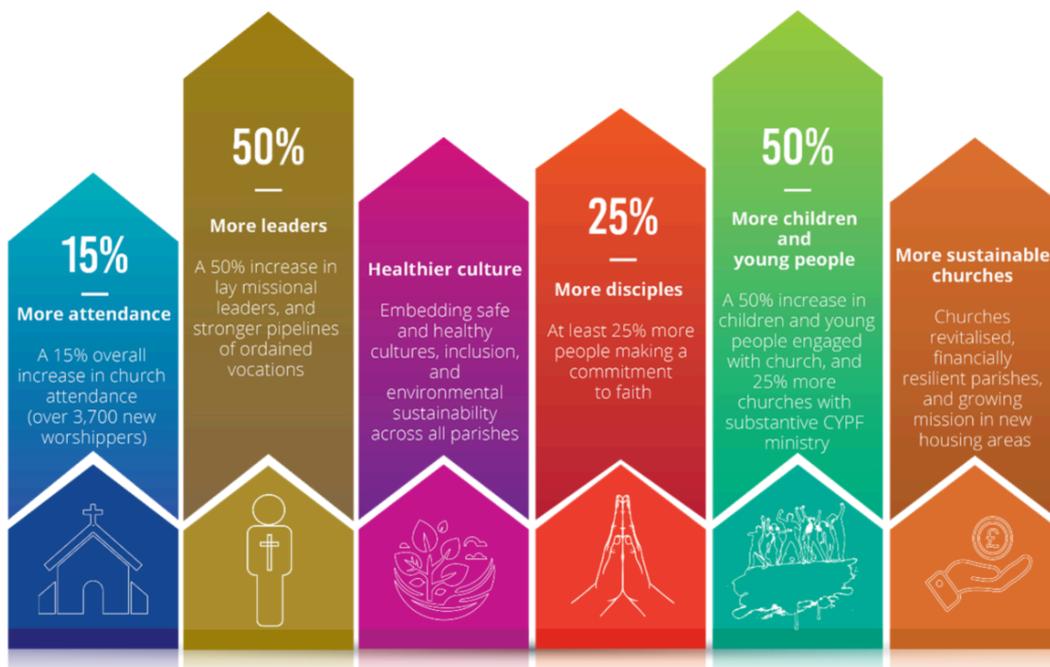
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

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

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.



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](#)

MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST

Revd Charlie Lloyd-Evans

(Day off - Monday)

Email - revcharlielloydevans@gmail.com

Phone - 01322 383160

CURATE

Revd Bart Woodhouse

(Day off Friday)

Email- revbartwoodhouse@gmail.com

Phone- 07383 334378

LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

Mandy Holloway

(Day off- Friday)

Email - mandy@stmarygreenhithe.com

Jen White

(Day off - Friday)

Email - jen@stmarygreenhithe.com

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Jen White

Phone - 01322 382031

Email - office@stmarygreenhithe.com

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.

DONATE TO ST MARY

Our mailing address is:

St Mary Greenhithe
Church Office
131 Mounts Road
Greenhithe, Kent DA9 9ND
United Kingdom

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

