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St Peter and St Paul Newsletter

10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion & Baptisms

Leading & Presiding

Revd Charlie

Preaching

Revd Bart

Readings -

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-10

Gospel: John 14:15-21



Reflection by Rev Bart

Be Refreshed by the Promise of Jesus – The Gift of the Holy Spirit

(John 14:15-21)

John 14:15–21 is one of the most comforting and challenging passages in the Gospel of John. In these verses, Jesus speaks to His disciples shortly before His crucifixion, preparing them for a time when they will no longer see Him physically. Yet His message is not one of abandonment, but of promise, love, and presence. He assures them that although He is leaving, they will never truly be alone because God will remain with them through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus begins with the words, “If you love me, keep my commands.” Love for Christ is not simply expressed in words or feelings, but in faithful living.

Obedience is not meant to be a burden; rather, it is the natural response of hearts transformed by God's love. In a world where faith can sometimes become private or passive, this passage reminds us that Christian discipleship is active. We are called to live in ways that reflect the compassion, mercy, and truth of Christ.

One of the most beautiful promises in this passage is Jesus' assurance that the Father will send "another Advocate" to be with His followers forever. This Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is God's continuing presence among His people. The disciples feared being left alone, but Jesus promised that they would not be orphaned. Those words continue to speak powerfully to the Church today. In times of uncertainty, grief, or change, we hold onto the truth that God is with us. We are never abandoned in our struggles, our ministries, or our mission.

This promise also shapes the Church's calling to evangelism. Because God is with us, we do not share the Gospel in our own strength. Evangelism can sometimes feel daunting in a society where faith is often misunderstood or ignored. Yet Jesus reminds us that the Holy Spirit works within and through believers. We are simply called to bear witness through our words, actions, and relationships. The Spirit prepares hearts, gives courage, and reveals Christ to the world.

Evangelism is not only about preaching; it is also about embodying the presence of God in everyday life. A kind word to a neighbour, practical help for someone in need, patient listening, or welcoming a newcomer into church fellowship can all become signs of God's love. When the Church lives in

obedience to Christ's command to love, people begin to see something different — a community shaped by grace and hope.

Jesus concludes this passage by saying that those who love Him will be loved by the Father, and that He Himself will be revealed to them. This is an invitation into deep relationship with God. Christianity is not simply a set of beliefs or traditions; it is life lived in communion with the living Christ.

As we reflect on these verses and prepare for the Thy Kingdom Come season of prayer, may we be encouraged to trust in God's abiding presence. May we live boldly and lovingly as witnesses to Christ, confident that the Holy Spirit goes with us. And may our churches continue to be places where people encounter the reality that God is truly with us, today and always.

Services



Sunday Service Monthly Pattern

- 1st Sunday - 10am - Service of the Word*
- 2nd & 3rd Sunday - 10am - Holy Communion*
- 4th Sunday - 9:30am - Spoken Holy Communion*
*- 10:30am - Family Service in the Church
Centre*
- 5th Sunday - 10am - Joint Service with St Mary Greenhithe
(Check Website or Facebook for details)*

www.swanscombechurch.co.uk

Facebook: StPeterStPaulSwanscombe

***Our next Monthly All-Age Service is
Sunday, 24th May - Pentecost***



Monthly All-Age Service
For All the Family

**4TH SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH**


**INFORMAL,
INTERACTIVE
TEACHING**

**REFRESHMENTS
FROM 10AM**



**SING-A-LONG
SONGS**



**SERVICE STARTS
AT 10:30AM**

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FACEBOOK: STPETERSTPAULSWANSCOMBE



St Peter & St Paul's



2nd & 3rd
Sunday
of the
Month

10-10.45
in the
Church
Centre



(4th Sunday
of every
Month we
have an All
Age Service)

Sunday School

Come and learn bible stories and about
Jesus through story, craft and song

Before joining
the end of the
service in
church

Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult





**THURS
14TH MAY
TO
SUN 24TH
MAY**

THY KINGDOM COME
ASCENSION TO PENTECOST
WHO WILL YOU PRAY FOR?



**OPEN CHURCH
WITH PRAYER
LABYRINTH**

**SATURDAY 16TH MAY
1PM-8PM AT ST MARYS
1PM-6PM AT ST PETER & ST
PAULS**

EVERY MON TO SAT THROUGHOUT
MORNING PRAYER
7.30 AM AT ST MARY, GREENHITHE
8.30AM AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S, SWANSCOMBE
EVENING PRAYER
5.30 PM AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S, SWANSCOMBE
7.30PM AT ST MARY, GREENHITHE



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Download on the
App Store



Please let Rev Charlie know before the end of May if you are planning on coming to her Licensing Service. Thank you

LICENSING OF

REV CHARLIE LLOYD-EVANS



AS VICAR OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HUGHENDEN

21ST JULY 2026 AT 7.30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE EMAIL REV CHARLIE IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING
SO THAT WE CAN INFORM HUGHENDEN CHURCH OF NUMBERS.

REVCHARLIELLOYDEVANS@GMAIL.COM

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER DIARY

Prayer Diary for May

[HERE](#)

There is the option to receive each daily entry by email, which arrives about 5.30am, so is available for you to read whenever your normal prayer time is. If you would like to receive this daily email you can subscribe through the button below:)

Subscribe to Daily Prayer Diary

Due to the generosity of our Church family and the wider community we are in a much better financial position - but we are incurring further costs as the true extent of repairs are being revealed. Are you able to help in any way in reaching this milestone?



Our Big Church Repair

St Peter & St Paul

*Preserving Sacred Heritage
for Generations to Come*

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



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.



*For our next fundraising event - the SUMMER FAYRE on the 6th June-
the team are looking for donations of toys and games. Please bring
any donations and give to Carol.*

Thank you.



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



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.

'Friends of St Peter & St Paul'

For more information, see the leaflets in Church or contact Revd
Charlie, the Church warden or the Administrator.

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

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 3 weeks notice. Contact Jen in the office in the first instance.



UPCOMING EVENTS

REGULAR EVENTS in the Church Centre



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

healthy snacks
provided





Next meeting - 5th May 2026

Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



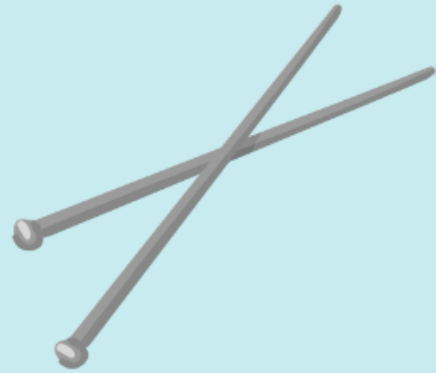
**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

Come share your passion for knitting
with others!

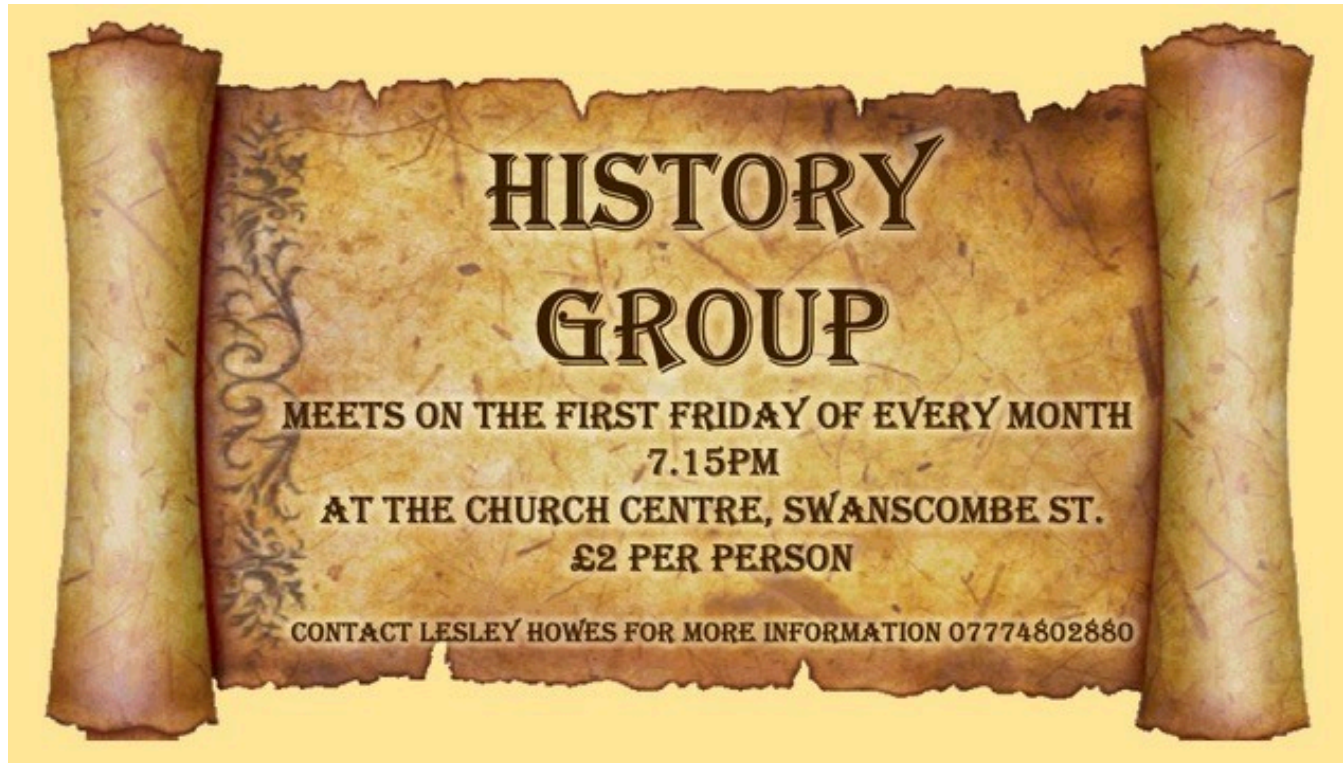
Join us every 1st
Tuesday of the
month from 2-
4pm. Bring your
favorite yarn and
enjoy a friendly
atmosphere filled



with creativity and
inspiration.



Next meeting 1st May 2026



Next meeting on Sunday 10th May



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 Tuesday 12th May 2026



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

We will meet again on May 17th and have a Games night.

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



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Do you have time on your hands and the ability to knit? Would you like to knit these special therapy toys for young children?

A worry monster is designed to discuss and reduce worries. Children write or draw their worry onto a piece of paper and then feed it to their worry monster. Once the monster has eaten it, the worry can then be discussed and shared with an adult. There are also self image monsters to help children work through these issues.

We are calling on all knitters to get involved in knitting these for donation to Walk Tall's Children's Therapy. Ann Duke, CEO of Walk Tall, says 'Our child-

specialist psychotherapists use them. Each child is given their own Worry Monster. It then becomes the child's friend and, as part of the therapeutic process, gobbles up all their worries. We have so many little Twinkles (from 3 years old upwards!!) who are in therapy because of the trauma/abuse/neglect they've suffered. The Worry Monsters are SO useful in externalising internal states.'

If you would like to knit these for donation to Walk Tall Children's Therapy, then the patterns are on our Church Website under News and Events. Or why not come along to St Peter and St Paul's Knit and Natter group on the first Tuesday of every month, from 2pm-4pm. Wool can be supplied. Please contact [Revd Charlie](#) if you would like more information.

[Click here for knitting patterns](#)

ACTIVITIES at ST MARY GREENHITHE



WEEKLY

Sticky Fingers

Every Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am (during term time)

Toddler group suitable from birth to 4 years.

Follow us on Facebook [SMG Family Ministry](#).

Seniors Afternoon Tea

Every Tuesday 2pm -4pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along for an afternoon of meeting and making friends and conversation.

Community Café.

Every Wednesday 9am-1pm. Do come and join us.

For more information see the [St Mary Greenhithe Facebook Page](#)

Monthly Coffee Morning
with crafts, Bike repairs and Edible Ebbsfleet planting
3rd Saturday of the month.
9.30-11.30am



**12th July - Summer raffle draw with
BBQ and farewell to Revd Charlie**

17th October - Quiz

28th November - Christmas Market





www.stmarygreenhithe.com
Facebook: StMaryGreenhithe
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Current MCK Newsletter - February 2026



St Mary ✨
Greenhithe



Summer Raffle

Enter!
to win!

&
BBQ



ALONG WITH OUR GOODBYE TO CHARLIE & GARETH

12TH JULY 2026

12.30-4PM
ON THE CHURCH SITE.

£5 Per person
to cover food costs.

Please book via

www.stmarygreenhithe.com

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ST MARY GREENHITHE *Annual Beach Trip*



**Broadstairs
Tuesday 25th August**

**The coaches will leave Bluewater coach park at 9.15am,
return from Broadstairs will be 4pm**

**£10 Per Person
Payable upon booking.**

**Subsidised by St Marys Church,
and additionally subsidised
by Dartford Lions**



**Dartford
Lions Club**

**Book via the Church Office ;
office@stmarygreenhithe.co.uk
01322 382031**

or in the Community Cafe with Jen, Mandy or Bart.

MCK Food Banks

We really appreciate your support of the MCK food banks and are very grateful for all the donations we receive.

We are currently well stocked due to the generosity of our community.

Did you know that you can always give financially to help with the everyday running costs of the charity. If you do wish to give this way please leave any donations in an envelope in the Church office.

Please do not donate pasta at the current time as we have a huge excess.

Thank you xx



MCK

Charity Reg No. 1204242

AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

2.00 – 4.30PM

£15 PER PERSON

(SPACES WILL BE BOOKED ON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT)

**HOSTED AT ST MARY GREENHITHE
MOUNTS ROAD DA9 9ND**

LIVE MUSIC

RAFFLE

Contact details for booking:



jude@mckcharity.co.uk

07512 460221

Rochester Diocese Vacancies

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.*

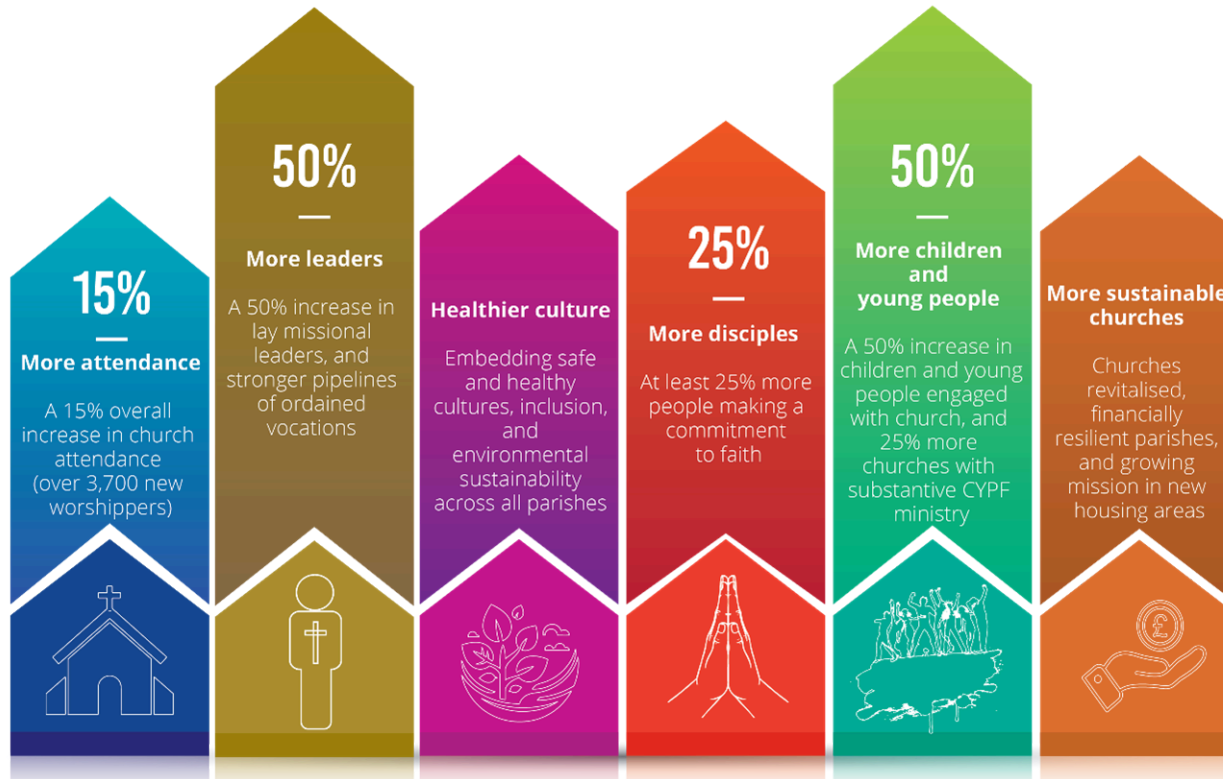
Did you know? In March 2025, the Diocese of Rochester secured nearly £11 million of funding from the National Church to support the Called Together vision.

This is a nine-year programme of work to grow missional churches, with missional leaders and missional disciples.

This is the largest external funding award the Diocese has received in support of mission and ministry. It is designed to enrich every church setting.

An update has just been shared about how work around the vision is progressing

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



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

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

Scan your code



church's dedicated landing page on the PGS website.
From here, it's simple to set up and manage your
regular giving online.



Visit: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/swanscombe-st-peter-w-st-paul-dartford/>



Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

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

Or donate here

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE? WOULD YOU LIKE AN EASY WAY RAISE FUNDS FOR ST PETER & ST PAUL?

If you answered yes to both of those questions then we would like to direct you to 'Easy Fundraising'. A huge range of online retailers have signed up with Easy Fundraising to donate a percentage of each purchase made with them to an organization of your choice. To take advantage of this you need to access the retailer through the Easy Fundraising page and then shop as normal.

(You get all prices and deals as normal 😊) Visit

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstpaulswanscombe>



HELP US RAISE MORE FUNDS FOR
CHURCH - [we raised £20.75 with the
last batch of cartridges. Thank you.](#)

If you have a printer at home or at work and don't know what to do with the used cartridges, please drop them in the box in the Church Centre and we can receive up to £2 per cartridge.

Only print cartridges though no laser or
toner cartridges. Thank you to
everyone who donated.



We are an Eco-Church
Silver Award Winner!!

The overall aim of the Eco Church award scheme is to celebrate the ways that church communities have been engaging with caring for the earth as a key part of our Christian faith.

Have a chat with Steve, Helen or Charlie to find out more.

NEWSLETTER- SHARE THE NEWS

If you know of others who would be interested in receiving the St Peter and St Paul Newsletter, please ask them to email me. I do not have a comprehensive email list for the church, so I am relying on you sharing with others about this newsletter to expand its reach and ensure all are kept up to date with what is going on at St Peter and St Paul.

Thank you.

Revd Charlie

May 2026

Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Chalice Server	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech	Open Church
3rd May 10am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion	Revd Bart	Lorna	Jackie	Hilary	Marion	x	Mary	Liz/Brenda	Andre	7th May Carol Steve
10th May 10am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion & Baptisms	Revd Charlie Revd Bart	Steve	Odun	Daniela	x	Carol	Steve	Hilary/Mary	Dayo	14th May Charlie Bart
17th May 10am	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Communion	Revd Keith	Hilary	Andre	Steve	Marion	x	Mary	Helen/Margo	Andre	21st May Hilary Norma
24th May 9am 10am	Pentecost Spoken Communion Family Service	Revd Bart	x	x	Steve	x	Carol	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Dayo	28th May Carol Steve
31st May 10am	Trinity Sunday Joint Communion at SMG	Revd Charlie	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

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Normal Office Hours are Monday 11am-2pm and Tuesday 9am - 1pm.

If you would like to make a donation to the ongoing mission and ministry of St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe, 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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