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St Peter and St Paul Newsletter

7th June 2026

First Sunday after Trinity

10am Service of the Word

Leading

Mandy

Preaching

Giovanni

Readings -

Genesis 12:1-9

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



Reflection by Revd Bart

Living Faithfully in Ordinary Time

As we move into the season known as Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to reflect on the extraordinary presence of God within the ordinary rhythms of daily life. Following the great celebrations of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost, we enter a period that may appear less dramatic, yet it offers a rich opportunity for spiritual growth and discipleship.

The term “Ordinary Time” does not mean commonplace or unimportant. Rather, it comes from the numbering of the weeks in the Church year. These weeks provide a framework for us to deepen our understanding of Christ’s teachings and to consider how we are called to live out our faith day by day.

In a culture that often values constant excitement and instant results, Ordinary Time reminds us that God is at work in the steady, faithful moments of life. It is

in daily prayer, acts of kindness, worship, service, and fellowship that our faith is nurtured and strengthened. Just as a garden grows gradually through patient care, so too our relationship with God develops through consistent devotion and trust.

The Gospel readings during this season often focus on Jesus' ministry, his parables, miracles, and teachings. They challenge us to become more attentive disciples, listening carefully to God's voice and responding with faithful action. Ordinary Time encourages us not only to hear the Word but to embody it in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

This season also offers an opportunity to recognise God's presence in the ordinary events of our lives. Whether sharing a conversation with a neighbour, supporting a local charity, caring for family members, or offering a simple prayer, we participate in God's work of love and reconciliation. These seemingly small acts can have a profound impact and reflect the Kingdom of God in our midst.

As church communities in Swanscombe and Greenhithe, let us use this season to renew our commitment to worship, fellowship, and service. Let us encourage one another in faith and seek ways to share Christ's love with those around us. Ordinary Time reminds us that every day is an opportunity to follow Jesus and grow in holiness.

May God grant us grace to recognise his presence in the ordinary moments, courage to serve faithfully, and joy in the journey of discipleship. For it is often in the ordinary that God accomplishes his most remarkable work.

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” (Colossians 3:17)

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](https://www.facebook.com/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



CHURCH NEWS

Funeral of the Late Rae Sayers

Thursday 18th June 2026,

St Peter & St Paul's church at 12.00 noon.

Cremation to follow at Medway crematorium.

All are welcome to refreshments afterwards in The Church Centre.

Please do hold the family in your prayers at this time.

PRAYER DIARY

Prayer Diary for June

[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





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	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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUMMER FAIR



Saturday

*6th June 2026
1pm - 4pm*

The Church Centre

**RAFFLES GAMES HOT DOGS
SWEETS NEW KNITTED HOMEMADE CAKES
SUMMER RAFFLE PLANTS REFRESHMENTS
TOMBOLAS AND MUCH MORE !!!**



REGULAR EVENTS in the Church Centre

Our Baby and Me team are in real need of extra support.

Are you able to make tea and coffee?

Prepare fruit for snacktime?

Sing Nursey Rhymes?

**Or come along to help set up the hall by putting out the carpets
and toys?**

**Anything you can do to lighten the load for the team would be
gratefully received.**

Please speak to Revd Bart or Carol.



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 - 7th July 2026

Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



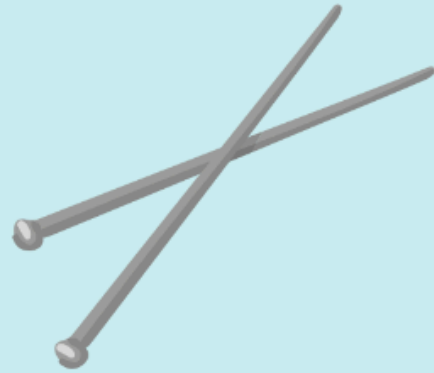
**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

Come share your passion for knitting
with others!

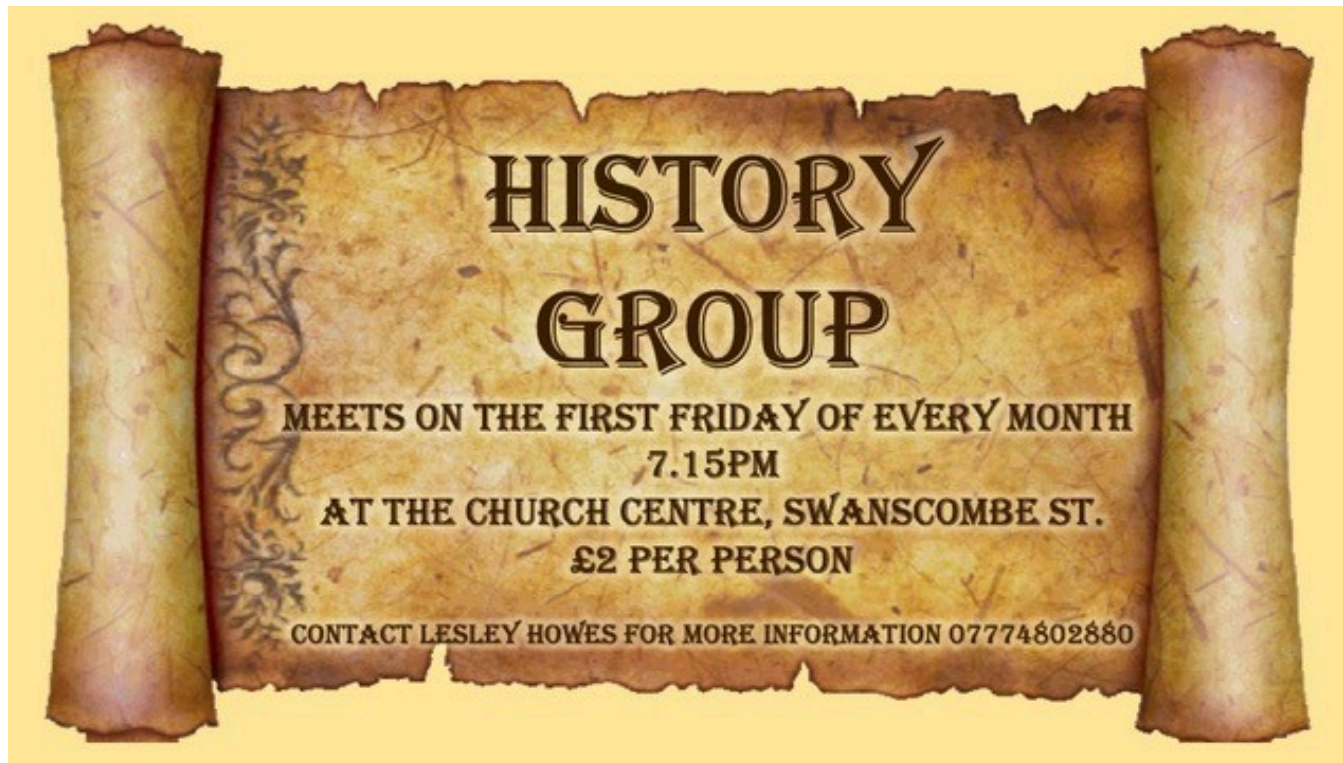
Join us every 1st
Tuesday of the
month from 2-
4pm. Bring your
favorite yarn and
enjoy a friendly
atmosphere filled



with creativity and
inspiration.



Next meeting 5th June 2026



Next meeting on Sunday 7th June



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 9th June 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

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 in need of tinned vegetables and toilet rolls.

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.*

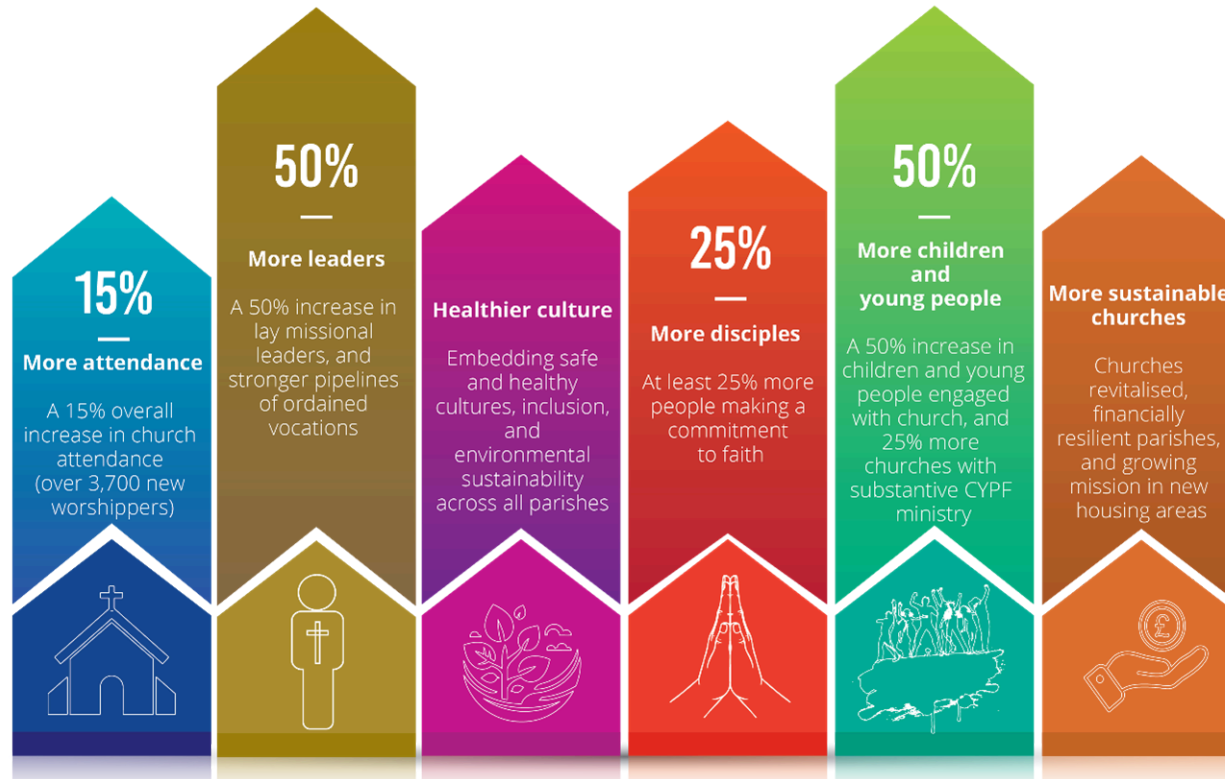
Did you know? In March 2025, the Diocese of Rochester secured nearly £11 million of funding from the National Church to support the Called Together vision.

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



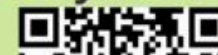
Give anonymously



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.

June 2026

Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Chalice Server	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech	Open Church
7th June 10am	First Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word	Giovanni Mandy	Jackie	Lorna	Steve	x	x	Mary	Hilary/Mary	Andre	4th June Charlie Bart
14th June 10am	Second Sunday after Trinity Holy Commnuion	Revd Bart Revd Charlie	Odun	Andre	Daniela	x	Carol	Steve	Liz/Brenda	Dayo	11th June Hilary Norma
21st June 10am	Third Sunday aftyer Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Bart Giovanni	Steve	Hilary	Andre	Marion	x	Mary	Helen/Margo	Andre	18th June Charlie Bart
28th June 9am 10am	Fourth Sunday after Trinity Spoken Communion Family Service	Revd Charlie	x	x	Hilary	x	Carol	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Dayo	25th June Carol Steve

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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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