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# St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

21st June 2026

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding : Revd Bart

Sermunkle : Revd Charlie

10.30am Family Café Church Service

Leading - Revd Charlie, Mandy & Jen

**Passing on the Word and Baton**



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 Jen

This week, Ben and I were driving home from Gravesend one evening, and we found ourselves noticing how many drivers seemed to have forgotten the Highway Code. There were cars not indicating when turning, poor road positioning, and even people driving across hash lines—the list went on.

Now, we wouldn't claim to be perfect drivers ourselves, but it did make us pause and think. When the rules of the road are ignored, it doesn't just affect the individual—it puts others at risk too. Those rules aren't there to spoil our journey or restrict our freedom; they exist to keep everyone safe.

That simple observation led me to reflect on something much deeper: the Ten Commandments. These are the laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, found in Exodus 20. Just like the rules of the road, they are not there to limit us

or take away our joy. Instead, they are given out of love—to guide us, protect us, and help us live well with both God and one another.

Perhaps it's something we could all take a moment to revisit—reading Exodus 20 again and reflecting on what those commandments mean for us today. They remind us of a healthy reverence for God, encouraging us to turn away from sin and live in a way that honours Him.

Far from being restrictive, these boundaries are a sign of God's care. Like a loving Father, He sets them in place so that we can flourish, stay safe, and remain in close relationship with Him. Through His guidance, we are not bound, but freed—freed to live lives of purpose, love, and faithfulness.



## 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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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>Hedge Place Road, Stone</b>

## Anglican Daily Office Prayer



**Monday & Friday**  
**9.00am**  
**St Mary Greenhithe**

You are warmly invited to join us every

**Wednesday** at 7.30pm

**Thursday** at 6.30am

**For gathered Prayer**

St Marys Church, Greenhithe  
All welcome



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**CHURCH EVENTS**



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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A graphic consisting of a purple speech bubble shape with a yellow-to-orange gradient inside. The text 'UPCOMING EVENTS' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters inside the gradient area.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**17<sup>th</sup> October - Quiz**

**28<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Market**



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Greenhithe



*Enter to Win!*

# Summer Raffle

&

# 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](http://www.stmarygreenhithe.com)

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Raffle tickets are available from Jen, or a member of the Events team - Margaret B, Margaret M and Marion.



# 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**



**Book via the Church Office ;  
office@stmarygreenhithe.co.uk  
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**Dartford  
Lions Club  
(110)**

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



Alpha

GOOD MORNING

GOT QUESTIONS

TRY ALPHA

# Curious about life and faith?

Join the conversation over **breakfast** as we explore life's big questions



Starting Saturday  
12th September

9.45am - 11.45am  
The Church Centre  
Swanscombe St.  
Text/Phone Revd Bart  
07383 334 378



Email: [admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk)





**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 chicken curry, biscuits.*

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.

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Every Wednesday  
9am-1pm

St Mary Greenhithe

Tea, coffee, soup, bacon rolls & sausages, Homemade cakes & scones.

*All are welcome along*

Donations are welcome

Registered as a "Warm Space," supported by:

**DARTFORD**  
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Dartford's Health Walks

The Walk for Health Group meet every Wednesday at St Mary Greenhithe Community Cafe 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 of  
those with a similar age.**

**Every Tuesday from 2-4pm**

St Mary Greenhithe

Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches,  
Homemade Cakes & Scones.

Donations are welcome

***Just come along for a chat***

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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



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## **PRAYER DIARIES**

June Prayer Diary  
[HERE](#)

Link to Sign up to Prayer Diary

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## **HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS**



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 5th July

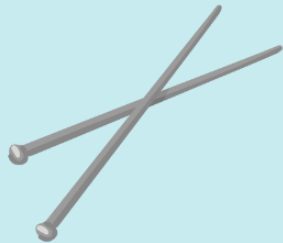
# Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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



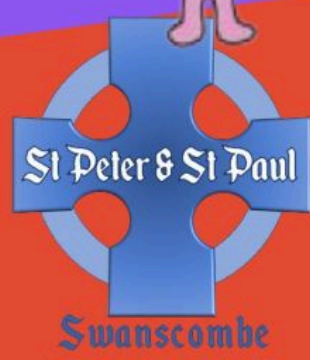
As much tea and  
coffee as you like

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)

**This group will be starting in  
September.**



# **DIGGING DEEPER**

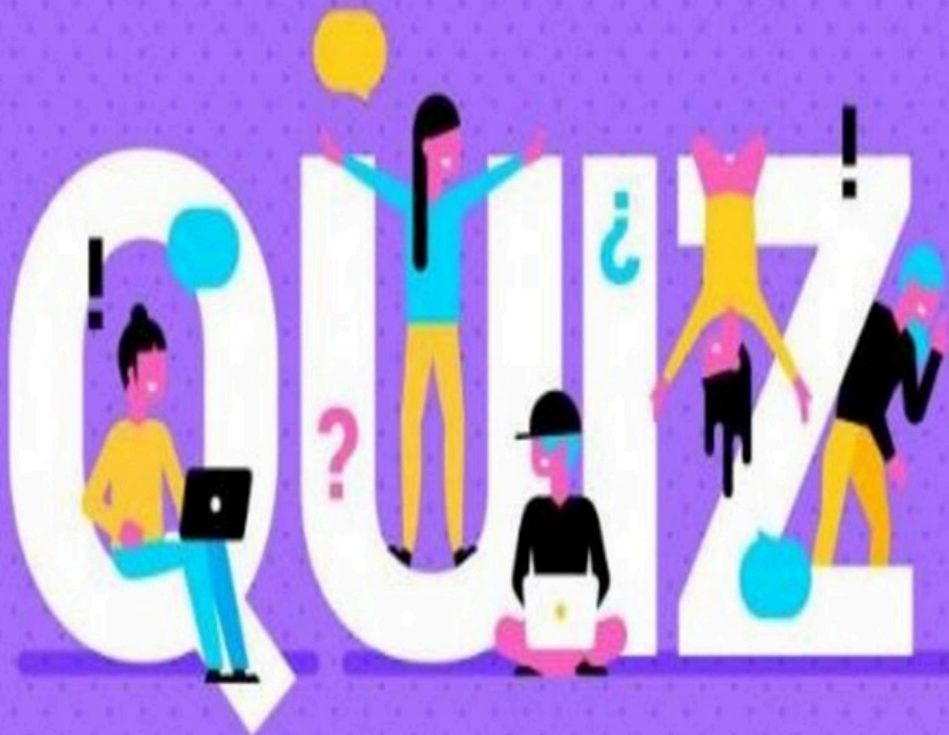
## **Bible Study**

### **2nd + 4th Sunday**



Meeting over a hot drink and cake to explore Matthew's Gospel and have a conversation about faith and ask our questions.

Contact - [admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk)  
Revd. Bart - 07383 334 378



**Sunday 28th June**

7pm to 9:30pm

Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Offices  
Community Hall

£5 Payable in cash on the door

Cash Raffle - winners to be announced  
at the end of the event

**[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)**

Click [HERE](#) for more information

# Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

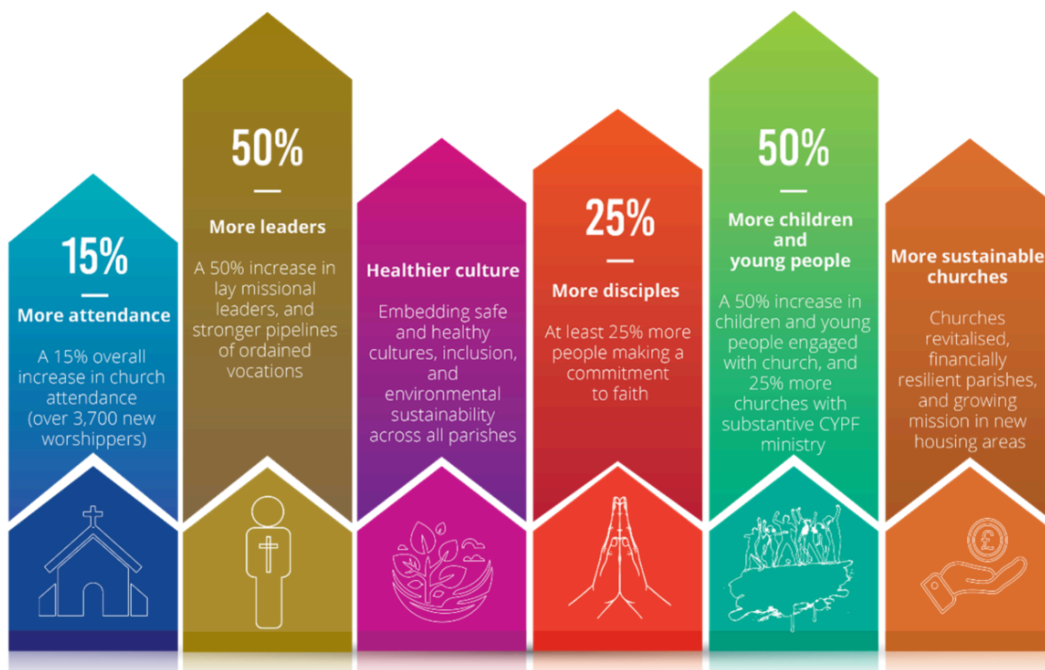
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

## 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](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 £18.45.**



**SERVICE ROTA.**

**Please find the June rota**

HERE

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**MINISTRY TEAM**

**PRIEST**

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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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