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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

19th July 2026

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding : Revd Bart

Sermunkle : Mandy

10.30am Family Café Church

Leading :

Jen & Mandy

Readings:

Psalm 139:1-11, 23 & 24

Ephesians 2:10

Esther 4:14



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 by Jen

I would like to begin by apologising to you all. I have been trying to think all week about what to reflect on, and I find myself coming back to the same theme we seem to have had the last few weeks – change! So sorry if that is repetitive, but it is what is on my heart.

We, as churches are in the midst of great change with Charlie and Gareth leaving this last week. But it isn't just us who are in the midst of change and therefore uncertainty.

I look at the whole world and see countries still at war or struggling with natural disasters and cannot contemplate the changes the people are living through and the uncertainty of their futures.

Then as we focus in on our own country, we are about to see a change of Prime Minister and therefore a change in his cabinet – this is unsettling for so many people, they are uncertain of what this change at the top means for the ordinary person on the street.

We can then bring our focus in even closer to our local councils. It was announced yesterday that there will be a reorganisation of local councils, merging current smaller councils into unitary authorities (I think that is right!!). That brings about huge change and uncertainty for so many who work in those current councils – will they still have a job in a year or so's time? What does it mean for us and our daily living – bin collections, council tax, school buses etc, etc.

I have also seen young people, and staff, who are facing changes at school – whether that is a new teacher or class for next year, a new role or a whole new school and learning environment. For some it can be so unsettling and absolutely brings uncertainty.

With all of this change and uncertainty around us no wonder people are struggling. It may seem to some that they are stranded out at sea, buffeted around by the waves without any hope of finding something secure to hold onto.

Yet we see things differently. We may still feel as though we are at sea, but we have an anchor that gives us security. Our hope is in our Lord and Saviour, whose plan reaches beyond life's uncertainty, and in Him we can be sure. So, we need to hold firmly to God, show grace to those around us who do not yet know Him, and share the hope of Christ Jesus with them, especially in this unsettling time.

Financial Update

Total income for May was £5,417.45

Total income for June was £7,123.10

Total expenditure for May was £5,741.56

Total Expenditure for June was £6,434.59

That is a difference over the two months of £364.40.

If you compare this to last year's figures our income is up about £500 for the same period.

Our expenses are down by about £200 for the same period as last year.

The PCC also looked at the first 6 months finance report to do a comparison to the budget set in December.

Total budgeted income was £39,300 and actual income was £37,695

(-£1,604 less than budgeted).

Total budgeted expenditure was £38,392 and actual expenditure was £37,431

(-£961 less than budgeted).

In total over this six-month period £264 more has come in than has been spent.

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



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.



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



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.**

Most Important Meeting of the Month will not take place on the 21st July as it coincides with Charlie's Installation service at St Michael and All Angels Hughenden.

Instead we would encourage you to watch the service on their YouTube channel if you cannot attend in person and pray for Charlie, Gareth and the congregation at the beginning of this new chapter of Ministry.

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



CHURCH EVENTS



17th October - Quiz

**28th November - Christmas
Market**



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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





**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



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CHURCH HALL**
BEHIND THE CHURCH LONDON ROAD

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Charity Reg No. 1204242

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 would like to be able to provide our families with snacky bits over the Summer Holidays – crisps, ice poles 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.



ASDA
Foundation



Kent
County
Council



Summer Food and Fun

11am - 1pm

Friday 7th August - Manor School Swanscombe

Tuesday 11th August - St Mary Greenhithe Hall

Thursday 20th August - Church Centre Swanscombe

Tuesday 25th August - St Mary Greenhithe Hall

To book a place contact:

jude@mckcharity.co.uk or **07512 460221**

stating names of child/ adult and any allergies.

Most suitable for 3 - 11 year olds



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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BICYCLE



NEXT SESSION
↓

SERVICING

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT ST MARY GREENHITHE STARTING 9.30AM

COME AND JOIN US WITH YOUR BIKE
SIMPLE REPAIRS AND SERVICING
COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

DETAILS - BART - 07383 334 378





**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,"
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**ONE
YOU**



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



PRAYER DIARIES

July Prayer Diary
[HERE](#)

Link to Sign up to Prayer Diary

HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS



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 24TH JULY 2026

7.30 - 9PM

THE CHURCH CENTRE, SWANSCOMBE

£10 ENTRANCE
includes game book

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 2nd August

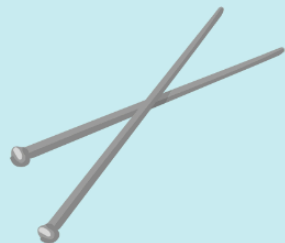
Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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

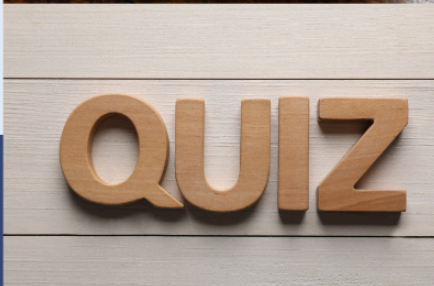
At St Peter & St Pauls
Church Centre

With Hi-Kent in attendance
for hearing aid support

Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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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



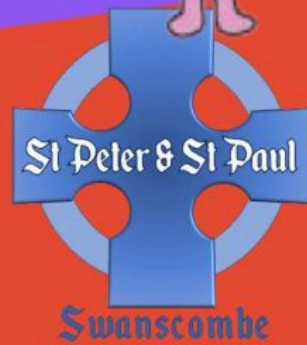
As much tea and
coffee as you like

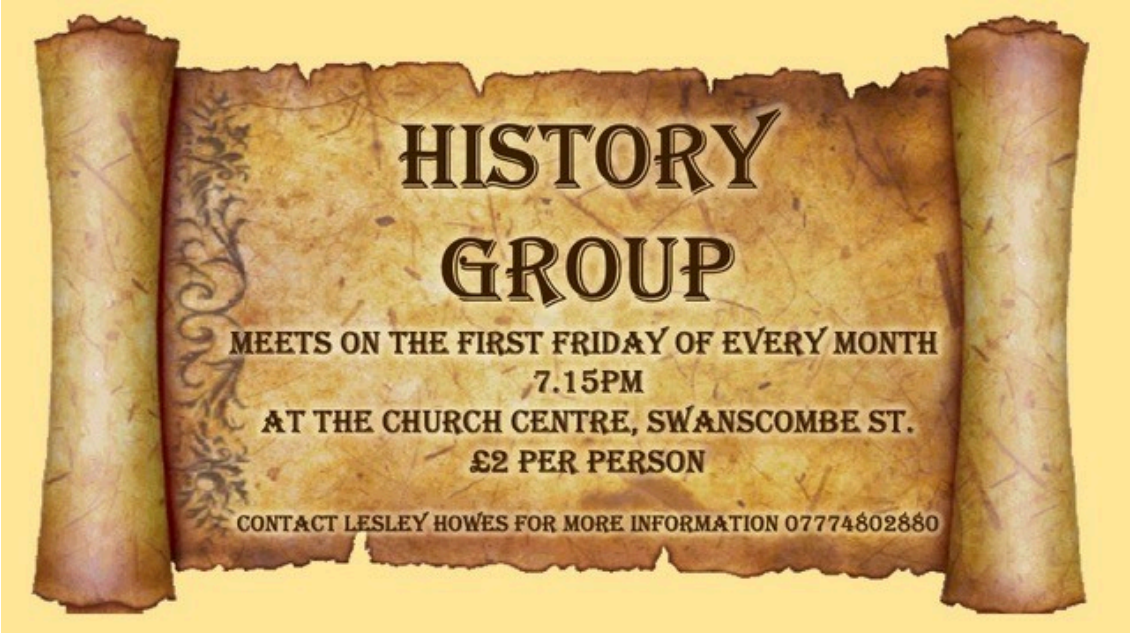
Healthy snacks
provided



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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 8th March -
Taste of Home bring & share lunch**

**Friday 13th March -
Bingo**

**Saturday 6th June -
Summer Fayre**

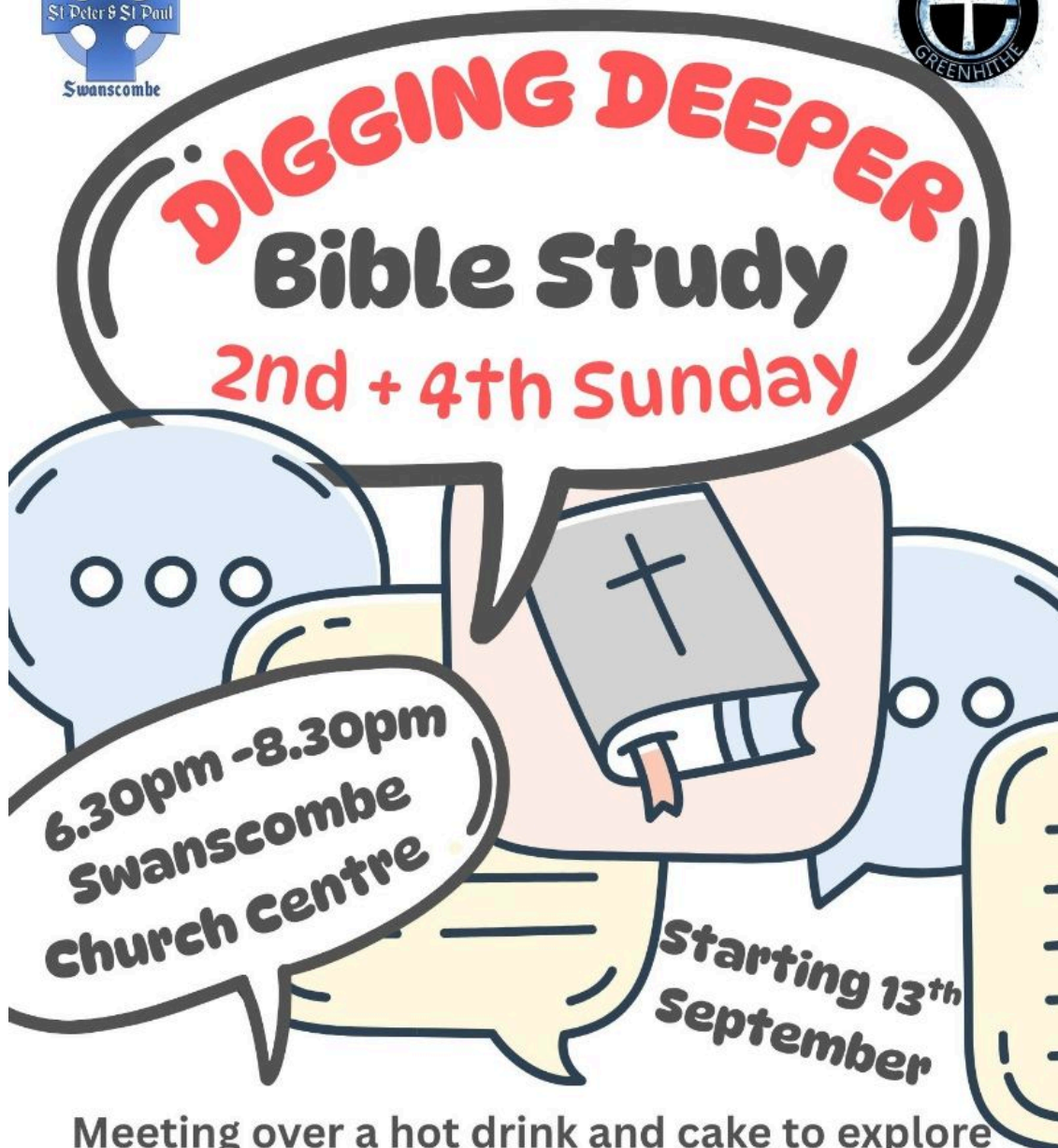
**Saturday 7th November -
Christmas Fayre**

**Sunday 6th December -
Star Service**



More information nearer each date on our
website: www.swanscombechurch.com

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



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
Revd. Bart - 07383 334 378

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Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

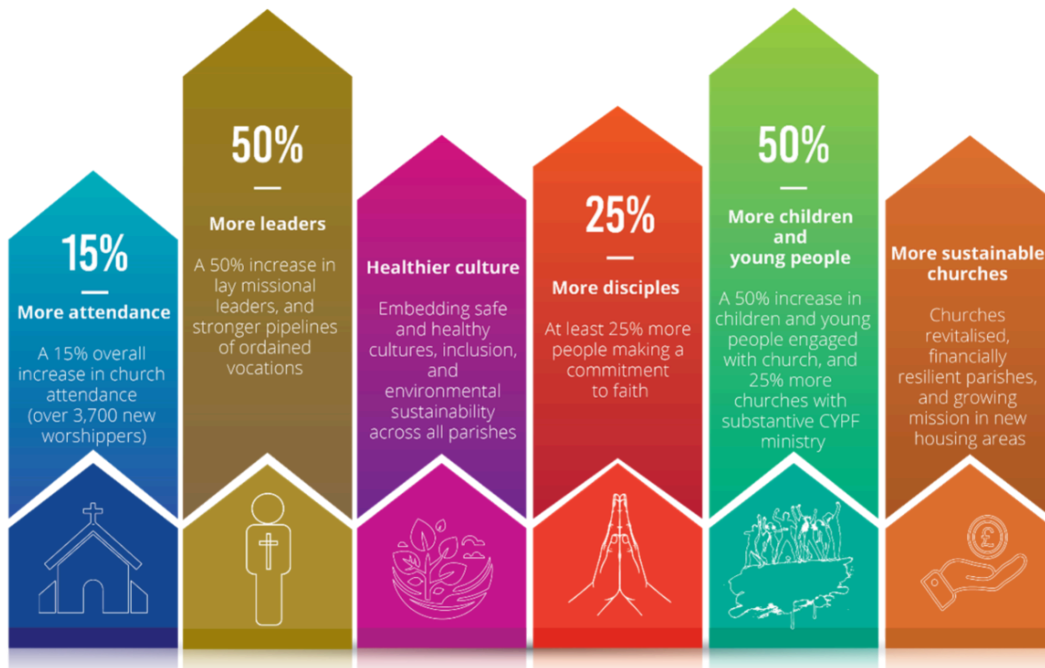
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

Diocesan vision helping support local parish plans

In the latest update on the diocesan-wide Called Together vision, find out how churches across the Diocese are starting to see the benefits, with new staff funded by the bid in post, bringing increased capacity to support churches with their local mission, from schools' engagement and leadership development to parish revitalisation and mission initiatives.

Read the latest update by visiting:
www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/

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



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 called together

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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.



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SERVICE ROTA.

Please find July's Rota

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MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST

In Vacancy

CURATE

Revd Bart Woodhouse

(Day off Friday)

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CHURCH WARDENS

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Barry Edwards

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Mandy Holloway

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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

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