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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

16th August 2026

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding: Revd Bart

Sermunkle : Jen

10.30am Family Café Church Service

Leading : Revd Bart, Mandy & Jen

Readings:

Genesis 45:1-15

Showing our True Colours.

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 Revd Bart

Feeling the Heat? Come to the Waters!

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the water... Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy?" (Isaiah 55:1–2)

The recent heatwaves across Kent (and much of the UK) have reminded us just how precious water is. On those sweltering afternoons, a cool drink, a shady tree, or a refreshing shower can feel like a real gift. When the ground becomes dry and gardens begin to wilt, we are reminded that thirst is not just an inconvenience, it is a sign of our need for something vital, something that gives life.

Isaiah uses that familiar experience to speak of a deeper thirst. God invites everyone to come freely to the waters, not because we have earned it, but because his grace is given without price. The prophet asks a searching question; why do we keep investing ourselves in things that never truly satisfy? Success, possessions, and endless busyness can promise fulfilment, yet often leave us feeling just as dry and thirsty as before.

The summer heat can slow our pace and encourage us to notice what really sustains us. Just as our bodies need water every day, our souls need the refreshing presence of God. Prayer, Scripture, worship, and fellowship are not duties to tick off but springs from which God renews our strength. Seeking the sustaining presence of the Lord is even more vital for us currently as we prayerfully discern and journey through the months of interregnum ahead. Let's make sure we drink from the well of salvation and seek God's voice as we look for His leading in the decisions and conversations that lie before us.

As we continue through these last (hopefully!) warm weeks, perhaps each glass of water can become a gentle reminder of God's invitation. Whenever we pause to quench our physical thirst, we might also remember the One who satisfies our deepest longings with his generous love, and has promised to be always with us, guide and defend us.

May we accept that invitation afresh, finding in Christ the living water that never runs dry, and becoming people who share that refreshing hope with

neighbours, friends, and all who are weary in churches and our wider community.



Monthly Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the Month

8.30am Spoken Communion

2nd Sunday of the Month

10.30am Holy Communion

8.30am Spoken Communion

3rd Sunday of the Month

10.30am Holy Communion

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.



Swanscombe

If you would like to join one of our Life Groups please speak to a member of the ministry team:-

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	Hedge Place Road, Stone

Anglican Daily Office Prayer



Monday & Friday
9.00am
St Mary Greenhithe

You are warmly invited to join us every

Tuesday at 7pm
Thursday at 6.30am

For gathered Prayer

St Marys Church, Greenhithe
All welcome



PRAYER
OUR MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE MONTH

**THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH
7.30-9pm
PRAYING TOGETHER
AS A COMMUNITY**

All other weekly meetings are asked
not to meet on this third week of the
month, so that this prayer meeting
can be a priority.



CHURCH EVENTS



17th October - Quiz

**28th November - Christmas
Market**



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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



**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 sort of tinned tuna, tinned meat and pasta sauces.

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

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

All are welcome along

Donations are welcome

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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 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

August Prayer Diary

[Here](#)

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

HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS



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 6th September



Monthly Coffee Morning

2nd Tuesday of the month
from

10-11.30am

At St Peter & St Pauls
Church Centre

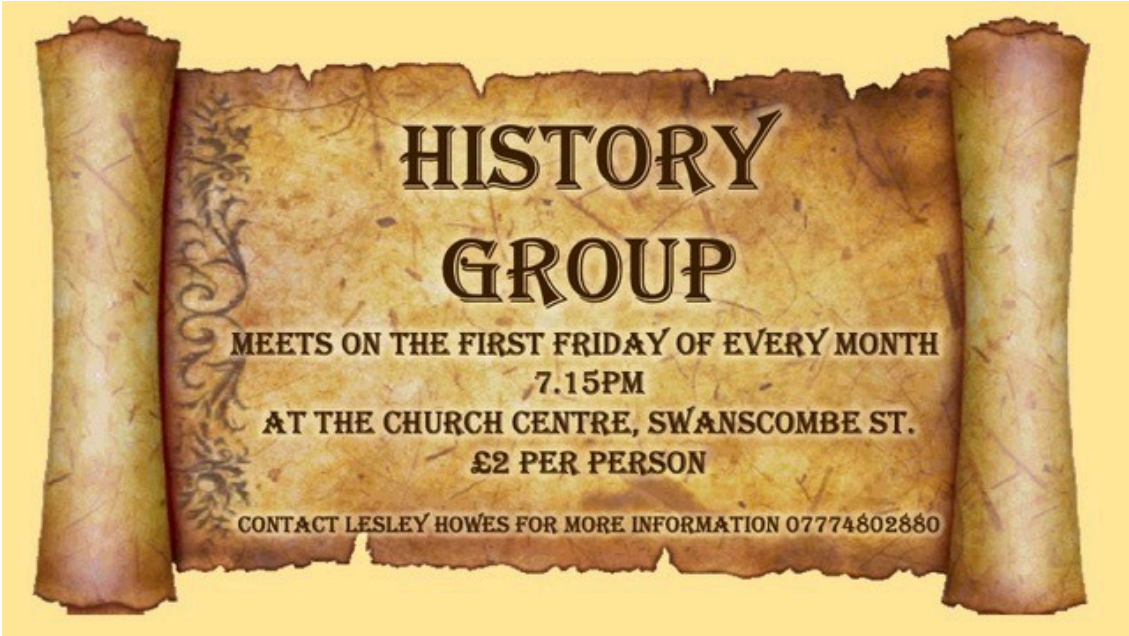
With Hi-Kent in attendance
for hearing aid support

Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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QUIZ



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



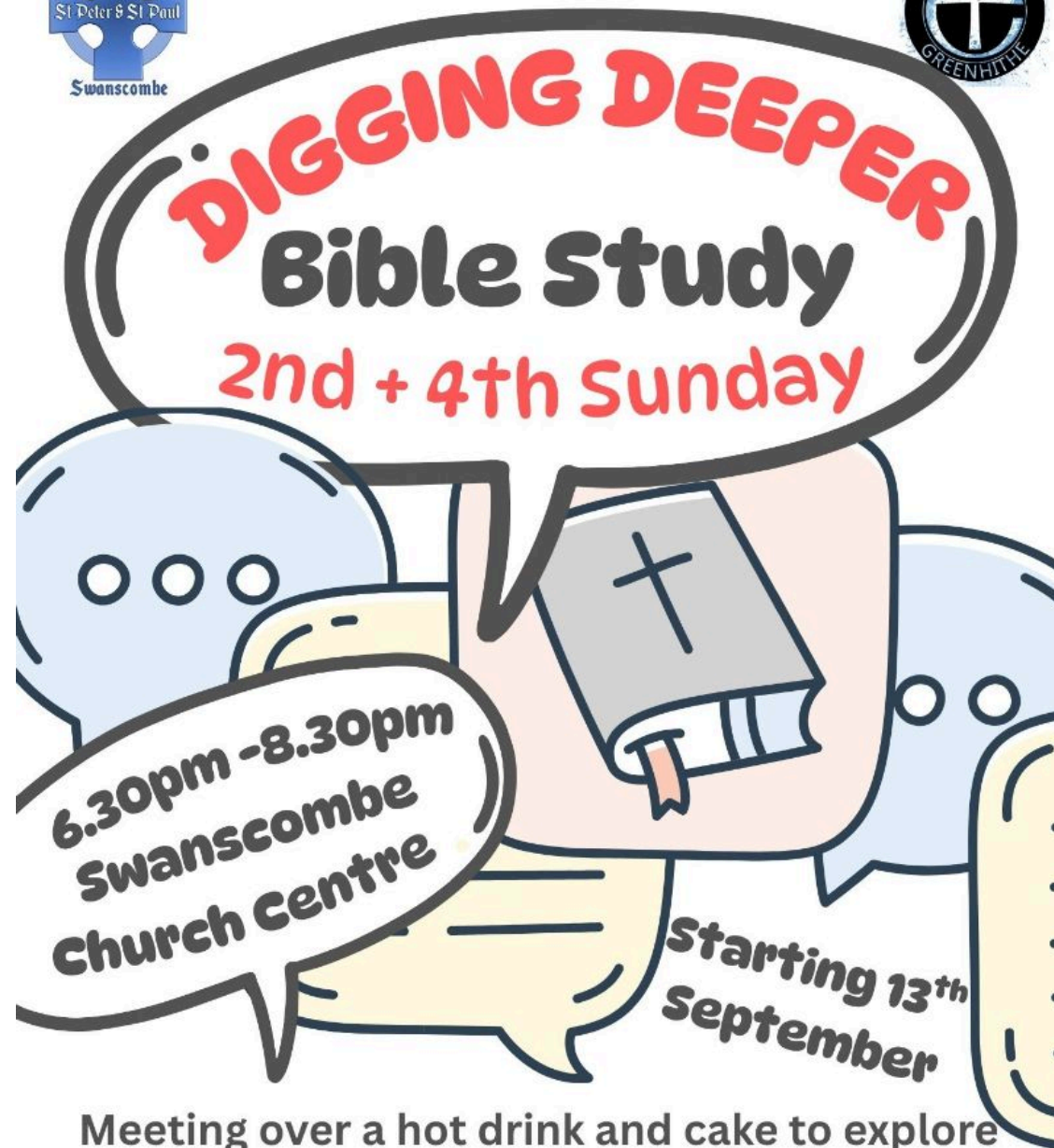
**Saturday 7th November -
Christmas Fayre
Sunday 6th December -
Star Service**





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

[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*.

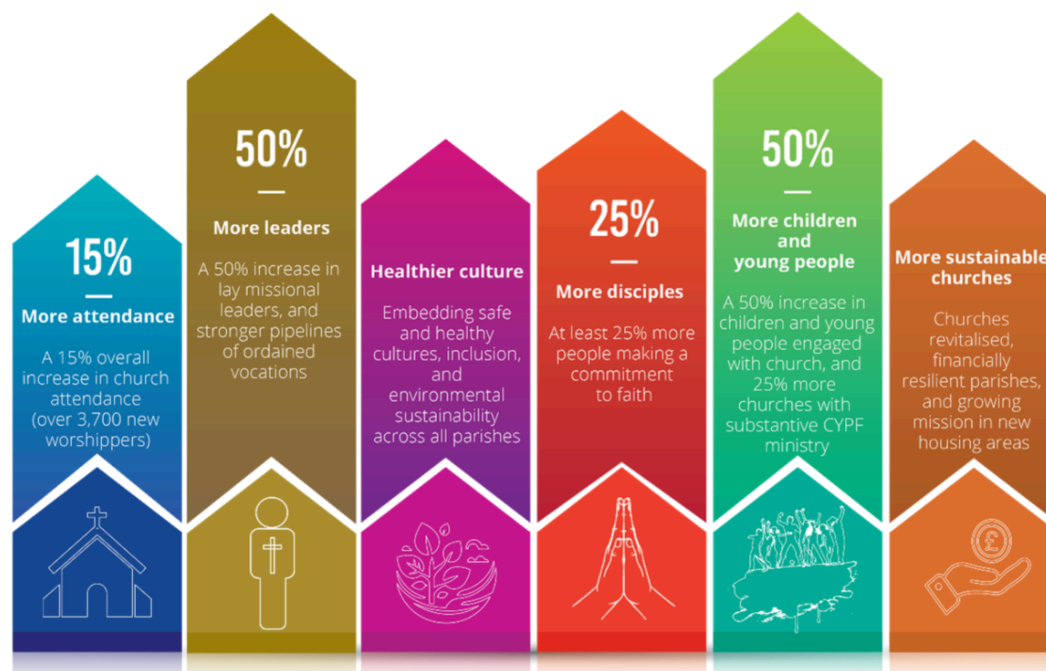
Diocesan vision helping support local parish plans

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.



Missional Development Places



Missional Leadership Development



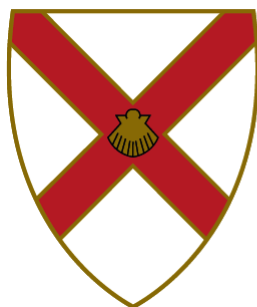
Children, Young People and Families



Revitalise



Safe and Healthy cultures



Diocese of *Rochester*
called together

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



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Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

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Easy Fundraising.

What is easy fundraising ?

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st->

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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.





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 August's rota
HERE

MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST

In Vacancy

CURATE

Revd Bart Woodhouse

(Day off Friday)

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Phone- 07383 334378

CHURCH WARDENS

Jude Andrews

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Barry Edwards

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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.

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