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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

9th August 2026

8.30am Quiet Communion

Leading & Presiding: Revd Bart

Sermunkle : Mandy

10.30am Holy Communion

Leading, Preaching & Presiding : Revd Bart

Readings:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33



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



Warden report – Number 1

As both churches begin this time of Interregnum we reflect back over the last five and a half years with thanks and gratefulness for all that Charlie and Gareth did during their time with us. I think we can all agree they both made a huge impact on not only church life but also lives of individuals.

But now we look to the future, and all that God has planned for us in both churches. As you can imagine this involves both a lot of prayer and seeking God's will but also an awful lot of practical tasks that need undertaking by the wardens and ministry team. There will also be times when we will be needing the support of the wider church. As part of this we feel the best way of keeping everyone informed is through the newsletter where there will be a monthly warden update.

Currently, this is where we are at.

- We have a pre- section eleven meeting booked for Tuesday 8th September for both PCCs. This will be led by Archdeacon Sandra and will layout the process as we begin the recruitment of a new priest in charge.
- Both PCC's will be electing two Parish representatives who will be involved in the interview and decision making. You will be informed in due course as to who these four people will be.
- There will also be the formation of a team in both churches to create two parish profiles to advertise the role. To assist this group there will be a questionnaire produced to enable you to contribute your thoughts to this document. Keep an eye on the newsletter and What's App groups over the next month or so.
- Both PCCs will need to complete 'Unconscious Bias' training as part of the whole recruitment process.
- All three wardens have met with Mark Trivett, who is the Diocesan Surveyor, to inspect the rectory as we move into vacancy and he has sent through a report of works that will need to be carried out, either by us or the diocese. Over the coming months there will be joint work parties where we will be looking for volunteers to help us complete the maintenance jobs required.

Please remember to pray for the vacancy and all that this entails.
Please also pray for the wardens, ministry team and PCC's as they take on the extra workload over the next year or so.

Thank you – Jude, Barry and Steve.



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.



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

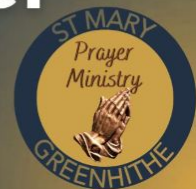
You are warmly invited to join us every

Wednesday at 7.30pm

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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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





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,
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.



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



**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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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
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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





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

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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

**Friday 13th March -
Bingo**

**Saturday 6th June -
Summer Fayre**

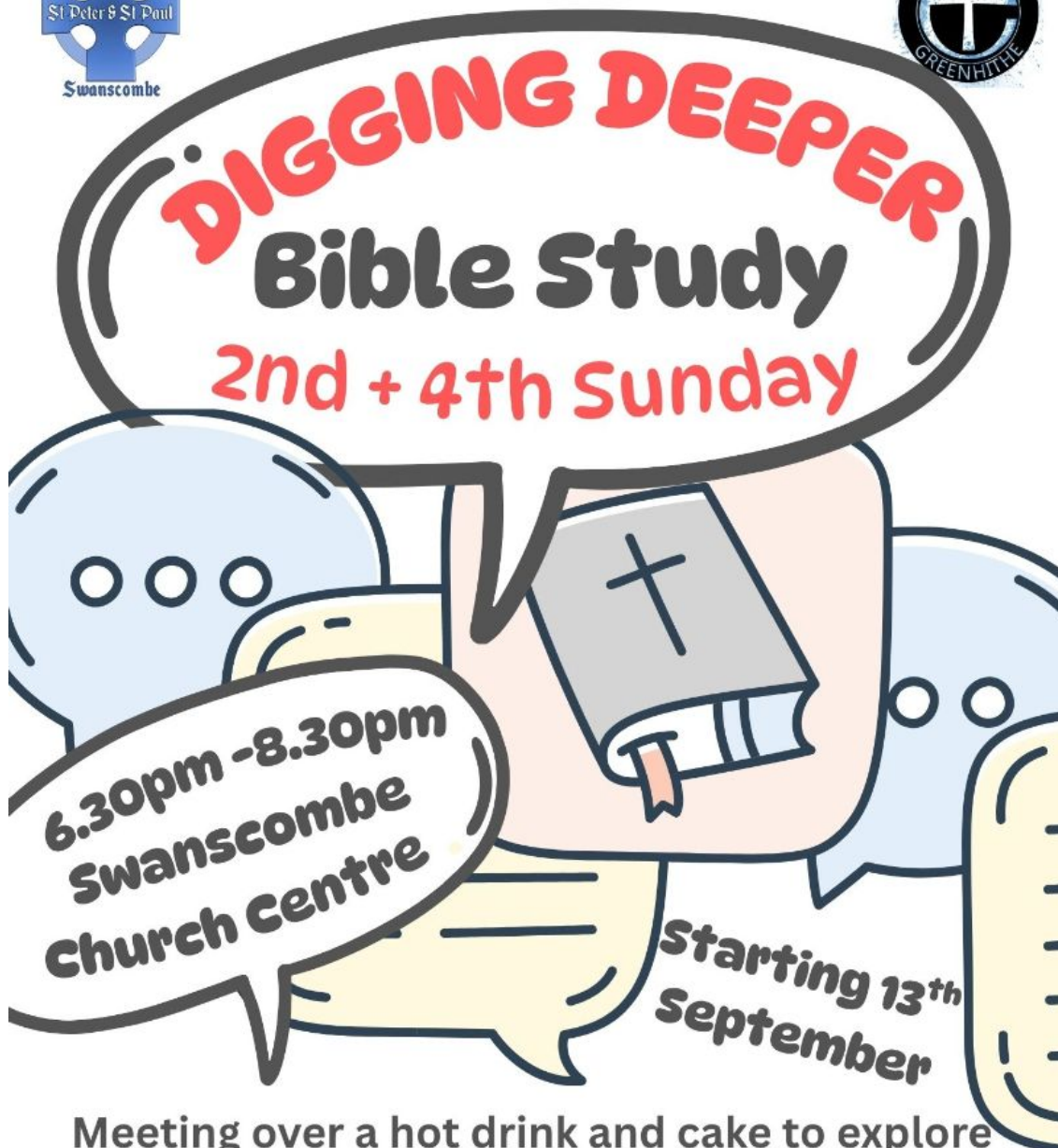
**Saturday 7th November -
Christmas Fayre**

**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

[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

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Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

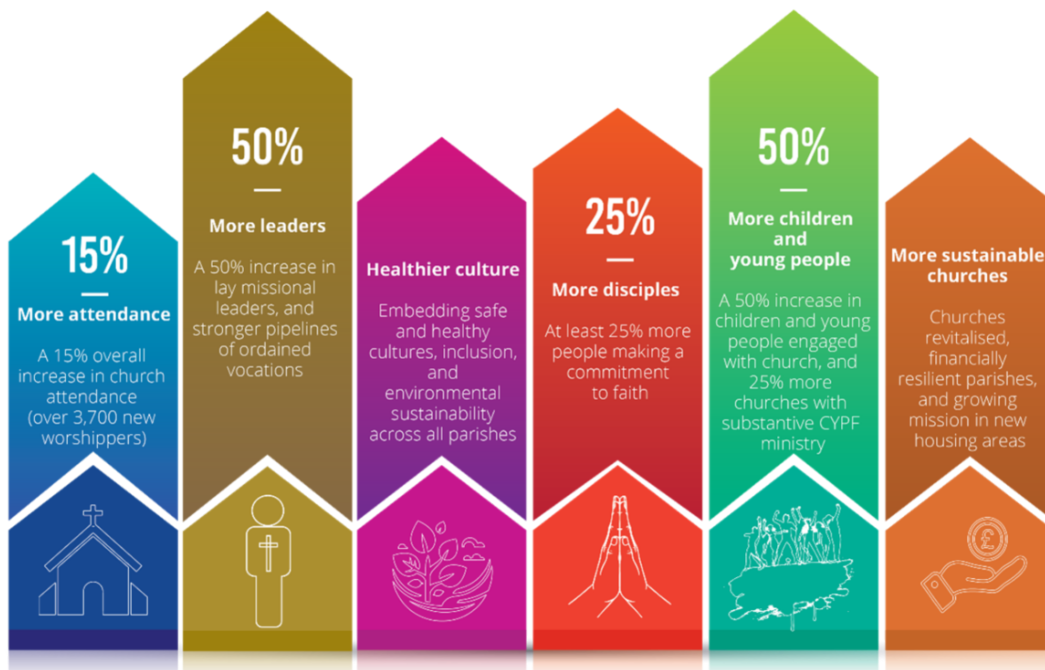
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

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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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.

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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 August's rota

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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)

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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.

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