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St Peter and St Paul Newsletter

6th September 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Service of the Word

Leading -

Jen

Preaching - Mandy

Readings -

Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20



WARDENS REPORT – NUMBER 2

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We are now entering the 2nd Month of the Interregnum and as Churchwardens for both churches, we continue our commitment to keep both church families up to date with the progress of the

Vacancy process, the Interregnum and the works associated with the now vacant Rectory.

VACANCY PROCESS

As advised in our first report, both PCC's will soon be attending the Pre-Section 11 meeting, planned for Tuesday 8th September 2026, when Sandra, the Archdeacon, will officially commence the formal process to select our new Priest in Charge.

In the meantime, both churches are actively appointing their two Parish Representatives, who will be very much be involved in the selection process, including the actual interviews, and the forming of their respective groups to "work on" and produce their Parish Profiles. An important document that will be available to potential applicants interested in becoming our new Priest in Charge.

Our thanks go to everyone who has put their name forward to be considered as a Parish Representative or to be a member of the Parish Profile groups.

We are also committed to producing a Questionnaire, for each church, where each congregation will have the opportunity to give their views and comments as to the kind of Priest in Charge they would like to see as our next incumbent.

INTERREGNUM

Our thanks go to our Ministry Team, led by Rev. Bart, for planning and arranging all the services for both churches up until Christmas, and for their leadership at the services during the month of August.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue their respective ministries during this time of interregnum.

THE RECTORY

Since our last report, the following works have been carried out by the Diocese Contractors:

1. Tarmac repairs to areas of the drive identified by the Surveyor.
2. A safety inspection of the glazed sliding door to the kitchen. The glazier contracted by the Diocese will be recommending the installation of a “Safety Film” to each of the glass panels within the door. To date the proposed works are yet to be carried out.

The Blackberry Picking, after the church service on Sunday the 16th August and the Apple Picking after the church service on the 30th August went ahead as planned. Thank you to all who participated in the “picking”, within the Rectory garden, and ensured that the fruit did not go to waste.

We are looking to organise a “Working party” sometime in the Autumn to keep the garden up to standard, so please do look out for the date and if you are able, please do come along and help us to keep the garden under control.

Until the Diocese have completed all the works internally, we as Churchwardens propose to restrict our working activity to the garden area during the Autumn months. It is hard to give a time as to when the Diocese works will be completed but we do not expect it be before Spring next year.

The internal works for which we are responsible, will mainly be decoration to some of the walls, ceilings and skirting boards.

Thank you.

Jude, Barry & Steve.

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

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER DIARY

Prayer Diary for September

[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



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



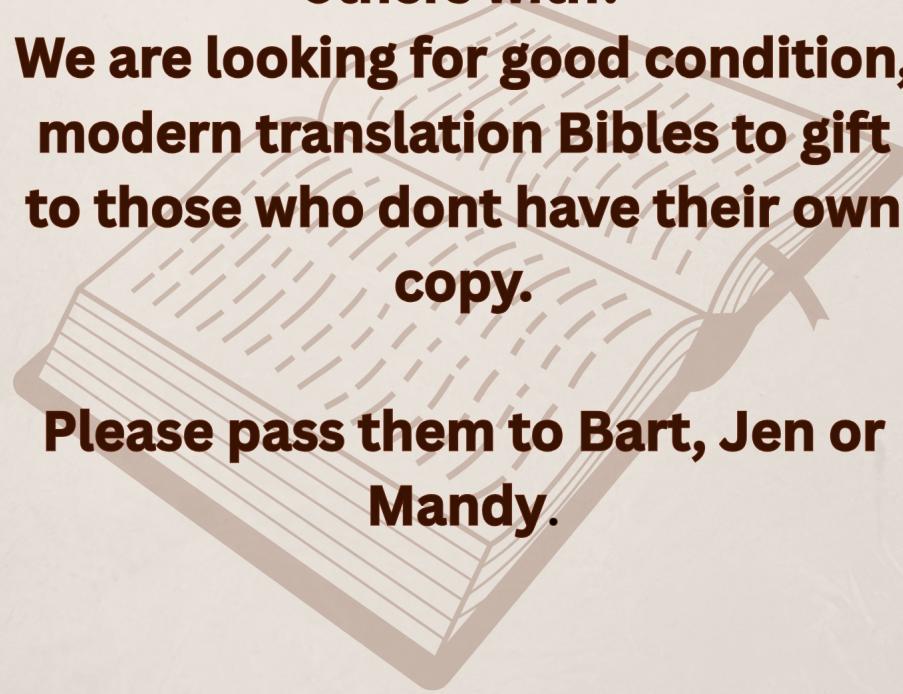
If you would like to join one of our Life Groups please speak to a member of the ministry team:-
Rev Bart, Mandy or Jen.



Do you have any spare Bibles at home that you would love to bless others with?

We are looking for good condition, modern translation Bibles to gift to those who don't have their own copy.

Please pass them to Bart, Jen or Mandy.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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



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

REGULAR EVENTS in the Church Centre

Next meeting - 6th October 2026

Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING
KNITTING EXPERIENCE**

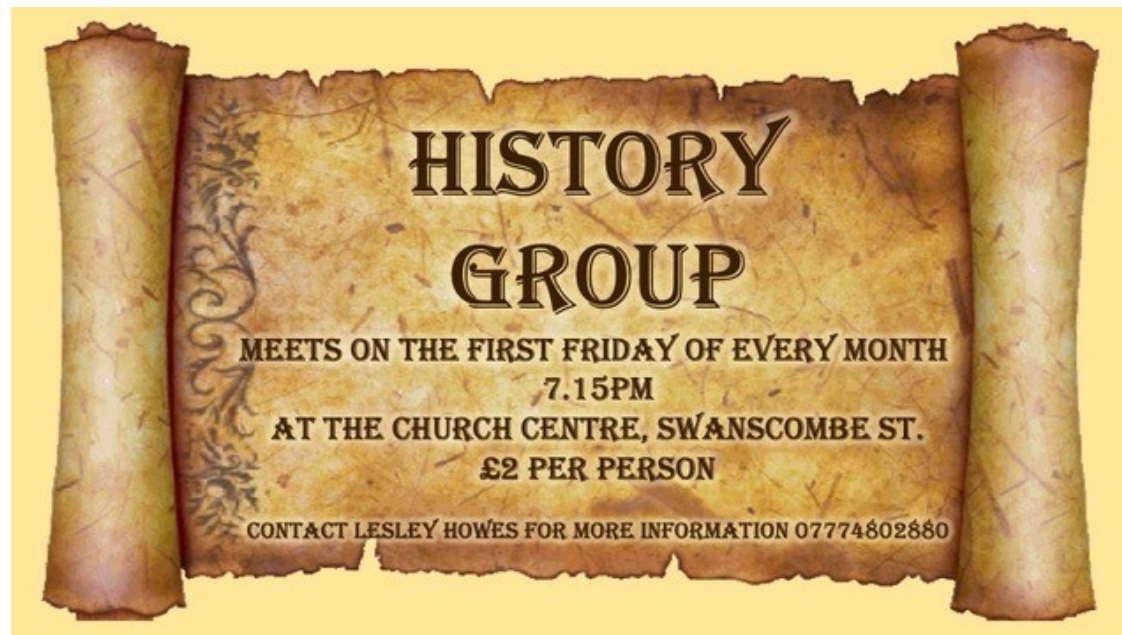
Come share your passion for knitting
with others!

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 4th September 2026



Next meeting on Sunday 6th September



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 8th September 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



QUIZ

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QUIZ



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





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
Rev. Bart - 07383 334 378

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LEARN THE SKILLS TO LISTEN, CONNECT AND ORGANISE WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

Community Organisers training

Community Organising is about listening, building relationships and bringing people together to take collective action on the issues that matter locally.

Join our free training programme to meet other local people and learn practical skills for bringing communities together and creating positive change.

Training dates: Saturdays 9am-1pm
19th Sept '26, 10th Oct '26, 16th Jan '27, 27th Feb '27
The Observatory, Castle Hill Drive, DA10 1EE

Lunch and childcare available

REGISTER
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Community
Organisers





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.

[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



17th October - Quiz

**28th November - Christmas
Market**



www.stmarygreenhithe.com
Facebook: StMaryGreenhithe
01322 382031



MCK Food Banks

We really appreciate your support of the MCK food banks and are very grateful for all the donations we receive.

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

Rochester Diocese Vacancies

Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

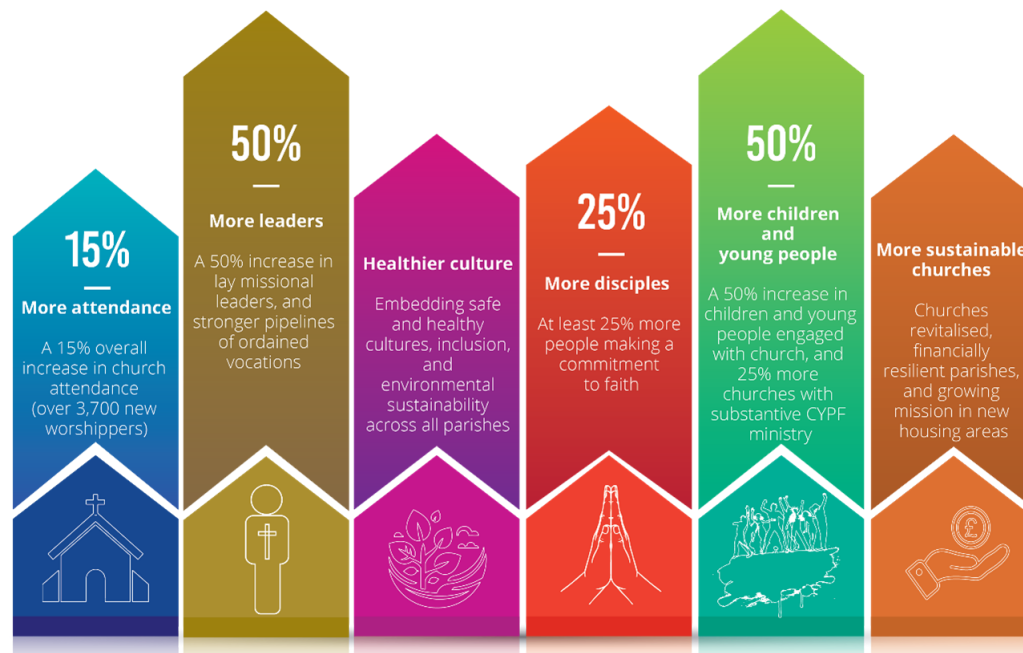
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

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. To
read it, visit: www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/ OR
pick up a printed sheet as you leave church today.





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 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/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 or
Helen to find out more.

September 2026											
Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Chalice Server	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech	Open Church
6th September 10am	Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity Service of the Word	Jen Mandy	Hilary	Odun	Andre	X	X	Mary	Hilary/Mary	Dayo	3rd September Carol/ Steve
13th September 10am	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Bart	Lorna	Aaron	Daniela	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre	10th September Bart/Susan
20th September 10am	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Keith	Andre	Jackie	Hilary	X	James	Mary	Helen/Margo	Dayo	17th September Carol/Steve
27th September 9.30am 10.30am	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Spoken Holy Communion Family Service	Revd Bart	X	X	Steve	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	/Brenda	Andre	24th September Bart/Susan

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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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