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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

6th September 2026

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

Leading, Preaching & Presiding : Revd Keith

Readings:

Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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



WARDENS REPORT – NUMBER 2

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.



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





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.



CHURCH EVENTS



St Marys Harvest Service



Sunday 27th September



10:30am



Donations for MCK.







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 July 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 short of tinned tuna, tinned curry, tinned chicken, tinned meatballs, tinned spaghetti and 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.



**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

Rev'd Keith 01322 382444

Or email the church office

office@stmarygreenhithe.com

PRAYER DIARIES

September 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

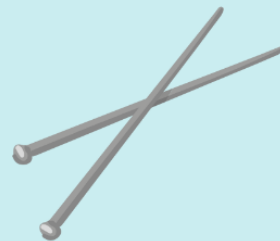
Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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

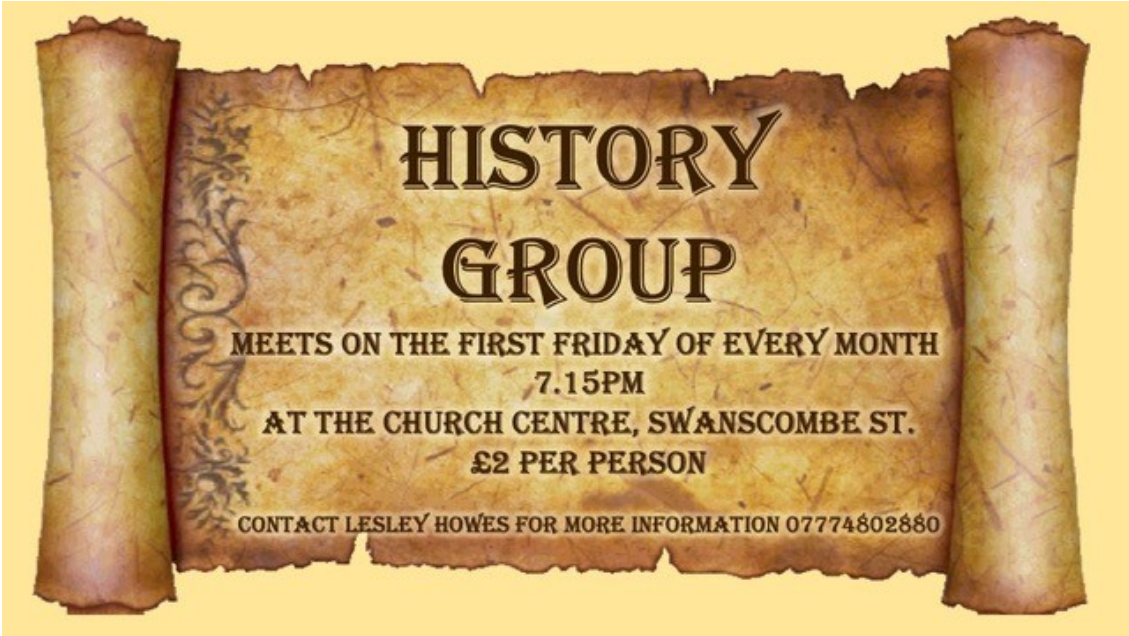
With Hi-Kent in attendance
for hearing aid support

Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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QUIZ



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.**



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.

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Contact - admin@swanscombechurch.co.uk
Revd. Bart - 07383 334 378

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



Community Organisers



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[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

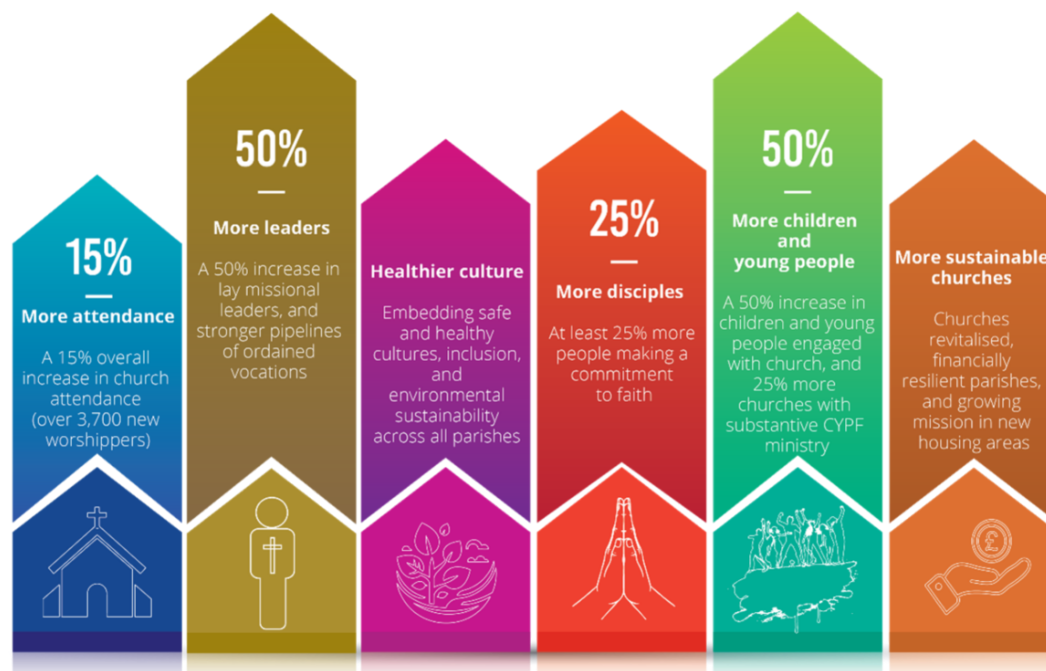
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

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



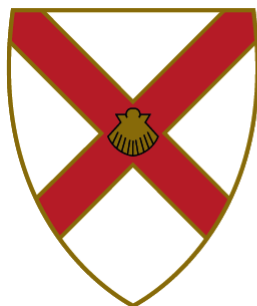
Children, Young People and Families



Revitalise



Safe and Healthy cultures



Diocese of *Rochester*
called together

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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



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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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<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.

**WE HAVE JUST RECIEVED £18.73 FROM
EASYFUNDRAISING.**

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 September's rota
[HERE](#)

MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST

In Vacancy

CURATE

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CHURCH WARDENS

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(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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