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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

27th September 2026

8.30am Morning Prayer

Sermunkle :
Jen

10.30am Service of the Word

Leading

Jude

Preaching

Jen

Readings:

Psalm 100

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

John 6: 25-35



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 Revd Bart

A Harvest of Thankfulness

As we come to our Harvest celebrations at St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe, and St Mary, Greenhithe, we are reminded of the importance of giving thanks.

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to pause amid the busyness of life and recognise the many ways in which God provides for us.

The Psalms are full of this spirit of thankfulness. Psalm 65 begins with the words, *"Praise is awaiting you, our God"*, and goes on to celebrate God's provision: *"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly."* The Psalm reminds us that the food we enjoy, the land around us, the changing seasons and the gifts of creation are not things we should simply take for granted. They are blessings for which we can give thanks.

Yet Harvest invites us to look beyond the physical gifts of food and creation. We can also give thanks for the people God has placed around us: our families and

friends, our neighbours, our church communities and all those who serve others in practical and generous ways.

Psalm 107 repeatedly calls God's people to *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”* This is perhaps at the heart of Harvest. Our thanksgiving is not dependent upon whether life has been easy or difficult. It flows from the character of God, whose love remains faithful in every season.

As we bring our Harvest gifts, may they be a visible expression of grateful hearts. And as we share what we have with others, especially those who are struggling or in need through the work of MCK, may our thanksgiving become generosity. There are lists of various foods that the MCK Foodbank would value available in church and on the church newsletter... but please no pasta!

This Harvest, may our churches be places where gratitude is expressed, generosity is practised and God's goodness is celebrated—not only in the abundance of the harvest, but in every blessing God gives us.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” — Psalm 107:1



 Sunday 27th September

 10:30am

 Donations for MCK.



MCK FOODBANKS

Would you like to help us fulfill our vision to support people in need in the local area this harvest time by donating to our foodbanks?

Here are some suggestions to help guide you.



- **Rice - bags and sachets**
- **Pasta sauce**
- **Tinned meatballs**
- **Soup**
- **Tinned tomatoes**
- **Tuna, mackerel, sardines**
- **Tinned meats - chicken, stew, chilli, curry etc**
- **Hot dogs**
- **Macaroni cheese, ravioli**
- **Baked beans, tinned spaghetti**
- **Beans and sausage**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Custard, rice pudding**
- **Coffee, Hot Chocolate, tea bags, squash**
- **Noodles, pot noodles**
- **Tinned potatoes and vegetables**
- **Breakfast cereals**
- **Long life milk**
- **Jam, marmalade, honey, peanut butter**
- **Jelly, Angel delight**
- **Biscuits**
- **Toilet rolls**
- **Toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc**

AT THE CURRENT TIME WE DO NOT NEED PASTA OR SPAGHETTI
THANK YOU



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



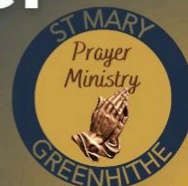
Monday & Friday
9.00am
St Mary Greenhithe

You are warmly invited to join us every

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



17th October - Quiz

**28th November - Christmas
Market**



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Facebook: StMaryGreenhithe
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**A night of quizzing and shared
supper of sausages in a roll and soup**

BYO Drinks

£5 per person

Saturday, 17th October 2025

6pm

St Mary's Church hall

JOIN US BY BOOKING

AT

www.office@stmarygreenhithe.com

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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





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 and biscuits.

There is also an ongoing need for tinned meat products.

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

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

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 4th October

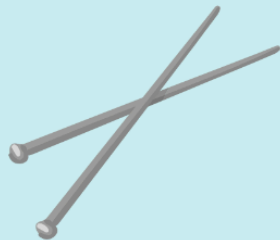
Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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

07927546172

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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



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
Revd. Bart - 07383 334 378

www.bexleyphoenixchoir.org.uk

Bexley Phoenix Choir Concert

*Directed by John MacKenzie - Accompanied by Richard Cooper
With the Preston Ensemble*

Saturday 26th September 2026 - 7.00pm

*St John the Baptist, Meopham
Wrotham Rd, DA13 0AA*

A varied programme of sacred and secular music including:

Gloria - A.Vivaldi

All The Things You Are - J.Kern

Blue Moon - R.Rogers

Rhythm of Life - Coleman

Tickets £10.00 - Students £5.00 - 16 & under Free

**Available from Pat Shelbrooke 01732 823745
Or on the door, cash or card accepted**



**Come and hear this
vibrant Choir
returning again to
St John's singing
sacred, secular and
contemporary
songs. Something
for everyone!**

[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Diocese of Rochester Vision **Update**

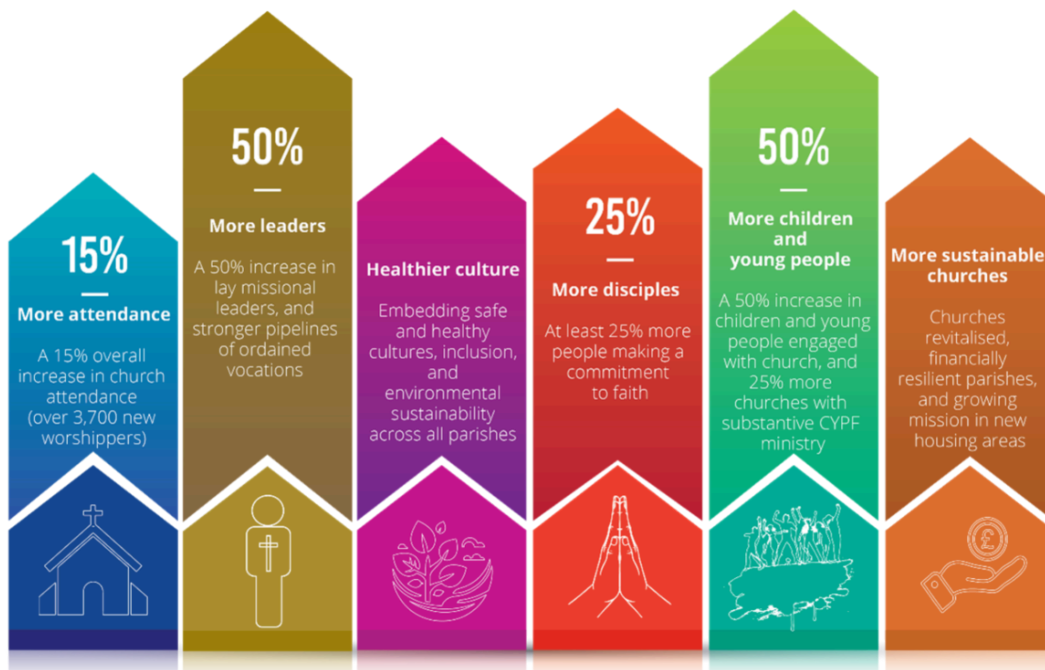
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

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](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/) to go the website for more information.



Diocese of Rochester
 called together



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QUICKLY AND EASILY ONLINE



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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



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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.

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Visit: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/greenhithe-st-mary-dartford/>



Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

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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.

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.**





**Awarded to
St Mary Greenhithe**

**On
9th September 2026**

Next Renewal due:
9th September 2028

E. Harrison

Eleanor Harrison
Chief Executive
Fairtrade Foundation



SERVICE ROTA.

Please find September's rota
[HERE](#)

Please find October's rota
[HERE](#)

MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST

In Vacancy

CURATE

Revd Bart Woodhouse

(Day off Friday)

Email- revbartwoodhouse@gmail.com

Phone- 07383 334378

CHURCH WARDENS

Jude Andrews

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Barry Edwards

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LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

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.

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