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St Peter and St Paul Newsletter

25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion.
Leading, Preaching & Presiding -
Rev Bart

Readings -
Matthew 22:34-46

10.30am All-Age Family Service.
Leading -
Rev Bart

1st November 2026
All Saints Day

10am Service of the Word.
Leading & Preaching -
Mandy

Readings
Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



Reflection by Jen

I have been deeply moved by the generosity shown over the past few weeks. As I look at all the food donated to MCK through Harvest celebrations in churches, schools and nurseries, the garage is full to overflowing. It is a wonderful picture of an abundant harvest.

This generosity feels especially significant at a time when so many people are struggling with the cost of living.

And yet, people continue to give so willingly—sharing what they have so that others may be supported and cared for.

It connects closely with what Lydia from Tearfund spoke about on Sunday at St Mary's. If you missed her talk, you can catch up with it on YouTube.

Each of us holds something in our hands, whether it seems like a lot or a little. Everything we have is a gift from God, and the way we use those gifts is at the heart of faithful living. Throughout the Bible, we see people offering what they have: the widow who gave her last coins; Abraham, who was willing to surrender what was most precious to him; and Moses, who offered himself in service despite feeling that he was not eloquent enough. Their stories remind us that God does not ask us to give what we do not have. He invites us to place what we do have into his hands and trust him to use it.

So, what has God placed in your hands? Do you recognise the blessings that have been poured out on you, and how might you share them with those around you?

As you will now know we are starting work on our Parish Profile and we need your help!!

Below is a link to a short questionnaire - the answers to which will help us write our Profile for our churches. Please do take a few minutes to complete this, or pick up a paper copy and return to Steve, Helen or Jen. We would like all responses by the 15th November please.

https://forms.gle/kdzZkcDDuK2W3XLS8


A REMINDER THAT
THE CLOCKS GO BACK
THIS SUNDAY
25th October 2026

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)

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Facebook: StPeterStPaulSwanscombe

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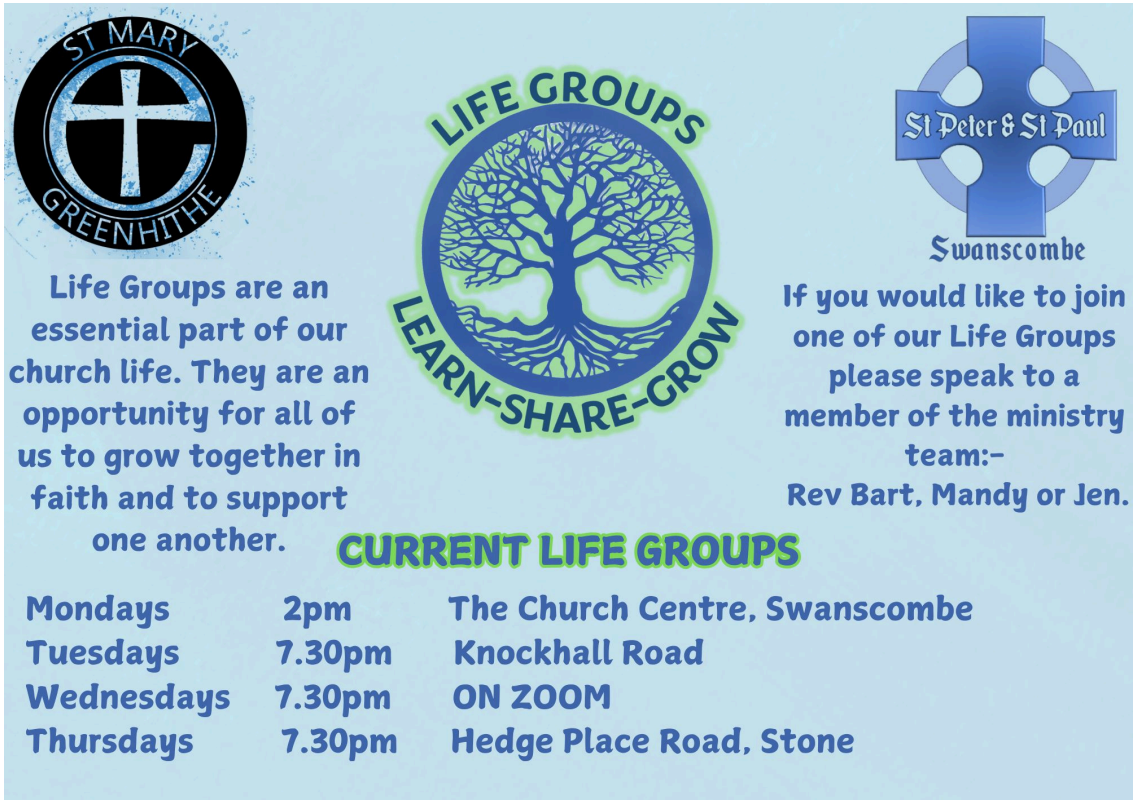
PRAYER DIARY

Prayer Diary for October
HERE

Prayer Diary for November
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



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ST MARY
GREENHITHE

Garden work party

At The Rectory

24th October | from 9.30am



Everyone welcome

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Swanscombe

ST MARY
GREENHITHE

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 dont have their own copy.

Please pass them to Bart, Jen or Mandy.


BELL RINGING
at
SWANSCOMBE CHURCH
7:30 – 9:00 PM
No skills required!
Just come along and give it a go!
Meet new people
Learn something new
Be part of your local community
If you are under 16, you must bring a parent or trusted adult with you for the first time.

T4U

St Peter & St Paul Swanscombe

ST MARY GREENHITHE



GIVE LOVE IN A BOX THIS YEAR

If you would like to support us in sending shoeboxes please pick up a list of the things we need and bring your donations to church by the 8th November.



From your hand to theirs. Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child or family, distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Eastern Europe.

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T4U Shoe boxes

- Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/ brush, face cloth, roll on deodorant, shampoo & Conditioner, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, small ball, bubbles, note pads, small colouring books, colouring pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, pencil cases, rulers, pens, playing cards, Top Trump cards, Glow Sticks, Marbles, tennis balls, cars/trucks, pocket games, fidget toys, sweets (use by date from June 2027)

- The Home box: Candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels, washing up cloths, hairbrush, small toiletries, hair gel, roll on deodorant, bowls & cups, small Christmas decoration, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks and underwear, jewellery, new makeup, nail varnish, draw string bag, shopping bags

- A non-religious Christmas Card, a photo and message from yourself.

- Please no knitted toys this year due to the filling not being regulated, military toys, medicine, sharp items, novels/books.

- The cost to send a shoebox is £3.50

UPCOMING EVENTS





REGULAR EVENTS in the Church Centre

Next meeting - 3rd November 2026

Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group

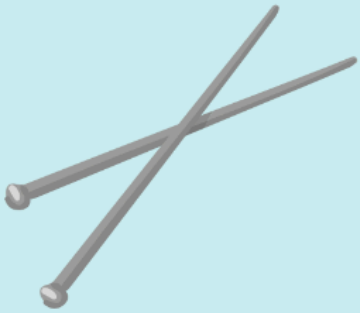
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GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING KNITTING EXPERIENCE

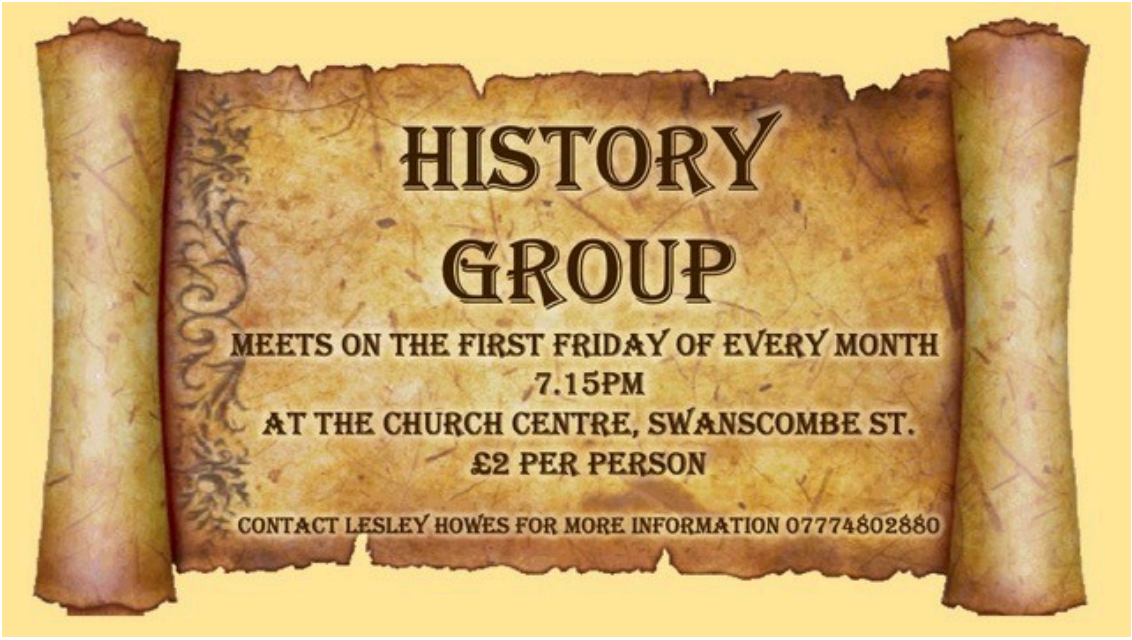
Come share your passion for knitting with others!

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 6th November 2026



Next meeting on Sunday 1st November



Next meeting Tuesday 10th November 2026

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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

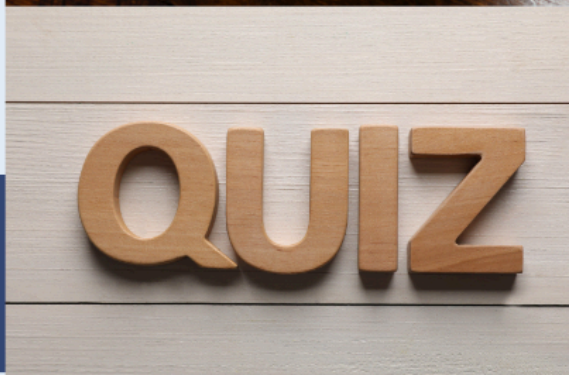
Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits available for a donation

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



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

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Monthly Coffee Morning
with crafts, Bike repairs and Edible Ebbsfleet planting
3rd Saturday of the month.
9.30-11.30am





Current MCK Newsletter - February 2026

MCK Food Banks

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

Thank you especially for your very generous donations at Harvest.

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

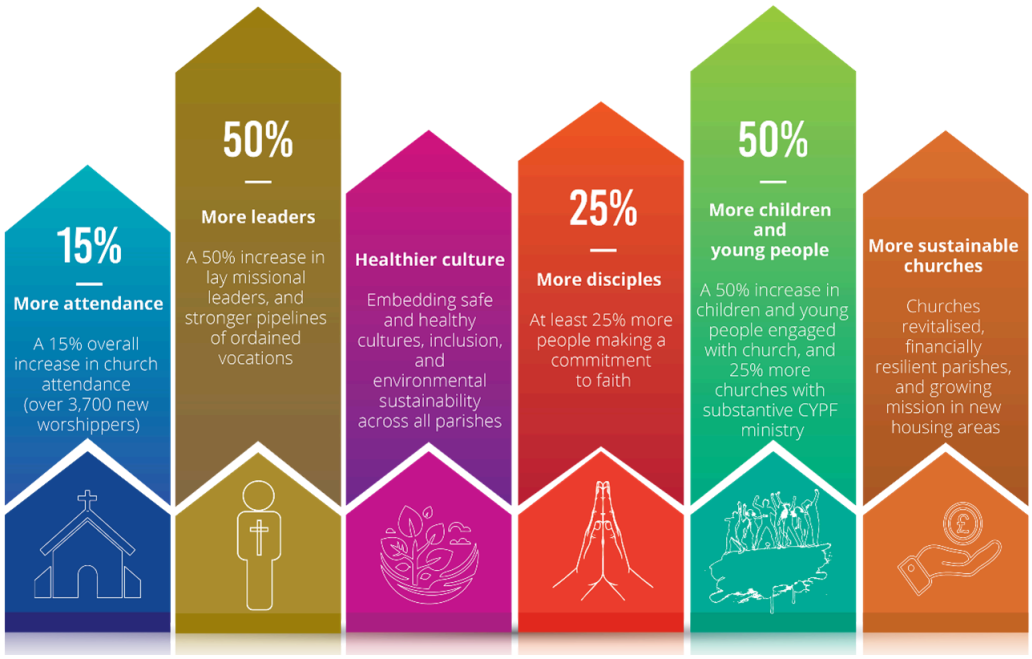
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow* with *compassion, courage and creativity.*

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

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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/

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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

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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.

October 2026

Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Chalice Server	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech
4th October 10am	Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity Service of the Word	Jen Mandy	Aaron	Lorna	Steve	X	X	Mary	Hilary/Mary	Dayo
11th October 10am	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Bart	Odun	Hilary	Daniela	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre
18th October 10am	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Revd Keith	Jackie	Steve	Andre	X	Carol	Mary	Helen/Margo	Dayo
25th October 9.30am 10.30am	Last Sunday after Trinity Spoken Holy Communion Family Service	Revd Bart	X	X	Hilary	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre

November 2026

Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Chalice Server	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech
1st November 10am	All Saints Day Service of the Word	Mandy	Hilary	Lorna	Steve	X	X	Mary	Hilary/Mary	Dayo
8th November 10am	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion	Revd Keith	Jackie	Odun	Daniela	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre
15th November 10am	Second Sunday before Advent Holy Communion	Revd Keith	Steve	Andre	Hilary	X	Carol	Mary	Helen/Margo	Dayo
22nd November 9.30am 10.30am	Christ the King The Sunday next before Advent Spoken Holy Communion Family Service	Revd Bart	X	X	Steve	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre
29th November 10.30am	Advent Sunday Joint Holy Communion at SMG	Revd Bart Mandy	Lorna	Steve	X	X	X	X	X	X

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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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