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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

18th October 2026

8.30am Holy Communion

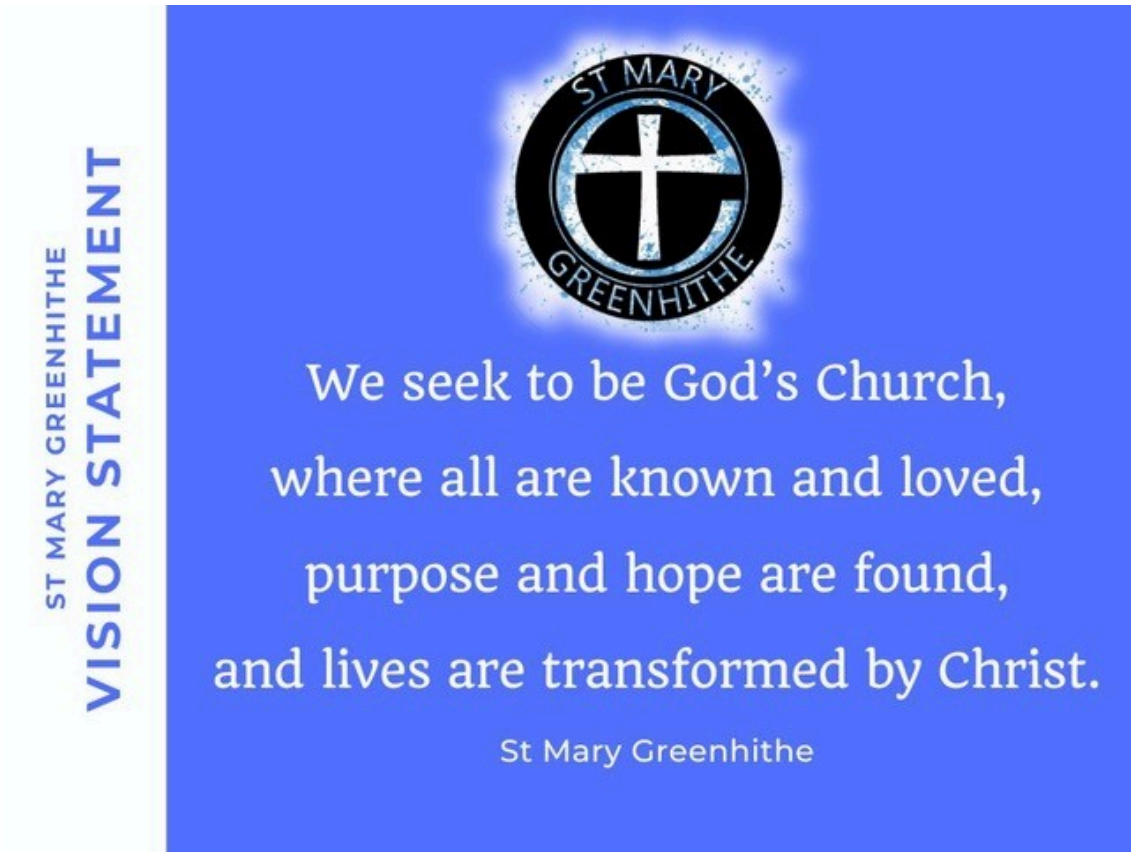
Leading Rev Kenneth Clark

Sermunkle :
Jen

10.30am Family Cafe Church

With Guest Speaker Lydia-May Lewison from Tearfund.

Readings:
Psalm 19
Colossians 1:15-20





Reflection by Revd Bart

Do Not Worry: Finding Peace in Troubled Times

As we look around the world today, it is hard not to feel troubled. Conflicts continue, communities are suffering, families are grieving, and uncertainty about the future can weigh heavily on our hearts. The constant stream of news can leave us feeling anxious, helpless and wondering what tomorrow may bring.

Yet, into a world filled with uncertainty, Jesus offers words of comfort and hope. In Matthew 6:25–34, Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their lives, what they will eat or drink, or what tomorrow may bring. He points them towards the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, reminding them of God's faithful care for all creation. If God cares for these, Jesus assures us, how much more precious are we to him?

Jesus is not suggesting that we should ignore the suffering around us or pretend that everything is well. Rather, he invites us to trust God in the midst of our concerns, instead of allowing fear to dominate our lives. His words, “Do not

worry about tomorrow" (Matthew 6:34), remind us that we are not called to carry tomorrow's burdens today.

So, how might we respond to the turmoil of our times? We can begin with prayer, bringing before God those affected by war, violence, poverty and injustice. We can choose compassion over indifference, kindness over hostility, and generosity over fear. We can support those in need and work for peace wherever we are able.

As two church communities in Swanscombe and Greenhithe, we can also offer one another, our friends, and our neighbours a place of welcome, encouragement and hope. We may not be able to resolve the world's conflicts, but we can reflect Christ's love in our homes, neighbourhoods and everyday encounters. Were we are each day is also where the Kingdom of God is too, by His presence through the Holy Spirit.

Let us remember that our hope is not founded on world events being predictable or peaceful, but on the unchanging faithfulness of God. Whatever tomorrow holds, we do not face it alone.

May we place our worries in God's hands, seek his kingdom first, and become bearers of his peace in a troubled world.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." — 1 Peter 5:7

As you are probably very aware now we are a Parish in Vacancy, there is a lot that needs to be done in order to be able to advertise for a new Priest-in-Charge. One part of this is to create a Parish Profile - and this is where we really need your input.

Could you please spare 5 minutes to fill in this short questionnaire, the link below, we would be very grateful and your responses will help create this important document.

https://forms.gle/onUG83YNGKprwGoNA

Could we please have all responses by Sunday 15th November. Thank you.

Monthly Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the Month	8.30am Spoken Communion 10.30am Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the Month	8.30am Spoken Communion 10.30am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the Month	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
LEARN-SHARE-GROW

St Peter & St Paul Swanscombe

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



You are warmly invited to join us every

Tuesday at 7pm

Thursday at 6.30am

For gathered Prayer

St Marys Church, Greenhithe
All welcome

ST MARY Prayer Ministry GREENHITHE



CHURCH EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th October - Quiz

28th November - Christmas Market



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QUIZ
Night
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
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ST MARY
GREENHITHE
Memorial Service
Sunday 1st November 2026
4pm
Come to remember loved ones who are no longer with us.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
If you wish to have your loved ones name read out please contact the Church office on
office@stmarygreenhithe.com
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ST MARY
GREENHITHE
Remembrance Service
Sunday 8th November 2026
10am
A Service at St Mary Greenhithe
with a procession to the Greenhithe Royal British Legion for an Act of Remembrance at 11am

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.









ST MARY The Community Café GREENHITHE

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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ST MARY GREENHITHE
Seniors' AFTERNOON TEA

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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PRAYER DIARIES

October Prayer Diary
Here

Link to Sign up to Prayer Diary

HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS



Next meeting on the 1st November

Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group

St Peter & St Paul
Swanscombe

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.



St Peter & St Paul
Swanscombe

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

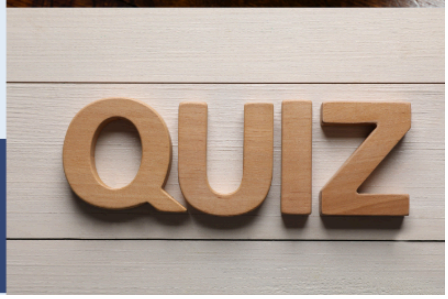
Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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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

St Peter & St Paul
Swanscombe

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



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th November 2026

1pm - 4pm

at

The Church Centre, Swanscombe

Christmassy stalls, knitted items, tombolas homemade cakes, bric a brac, hot dogs, tea/coffee, Christmas sweets, sweet sleighs, luxury tombolas and grand Christmas raffle and lots more !!!

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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.



Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies

Click HERE for more information

Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

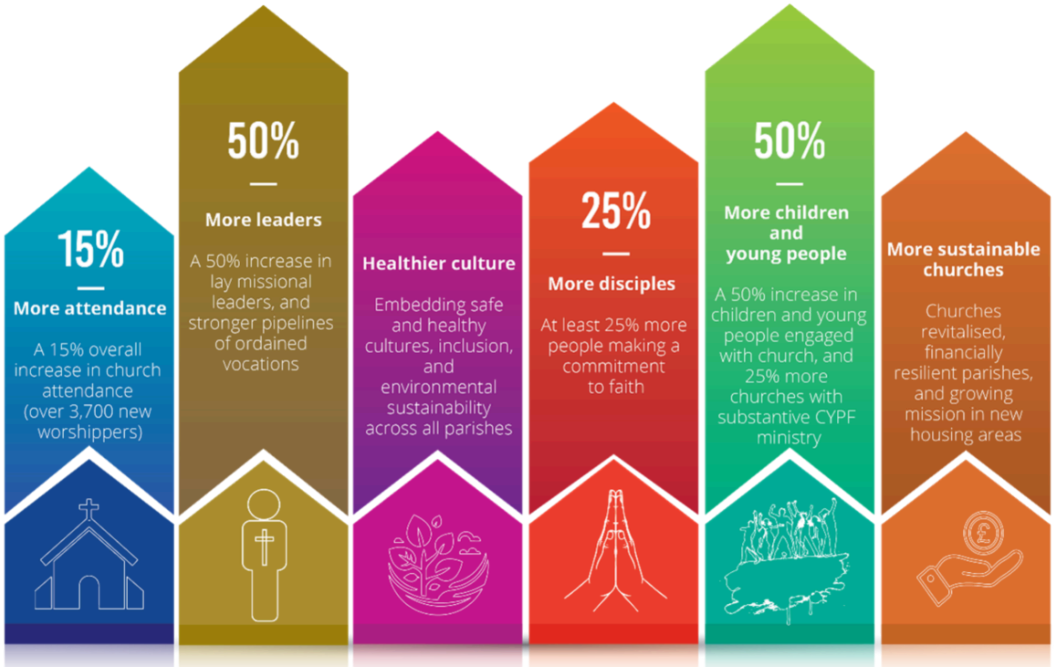
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow* with *compassion, courage and creativity.*

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/

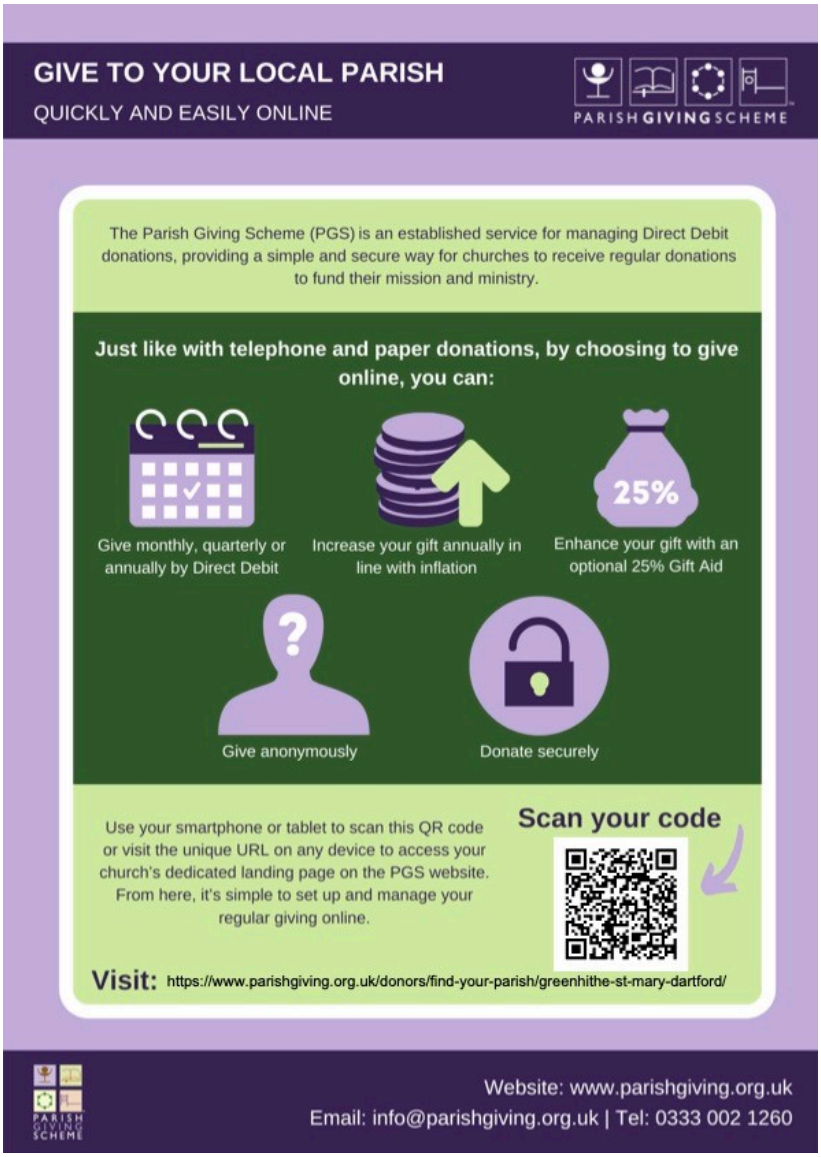
Please click here to go the website for more information.





Diocese of Rochester

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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.*





FAIRTRADE

We are a
Fairtrade
Community

Awarded to
St Mary Greenhithe

On
9th September 2026

Next Renewal due:
9th September 2028

Eleanor Harrison
Chief Executive
Fairtrade Foundation

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FOUNDATION
fairtrade.org.uk



SERVICE ROTA.

Please find October's rota
HERE

MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST
In Vacancy

CURATE
Revd Bart Woodhouse
(Day off Friday)
Email- revbartwoodhouse@gmail.com
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CHURCH WARDENS
Jude Andrews
Phone -07805243933

Barry Edwards

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LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

Mandy Holloway
(Day off- Friday)
Email - mandy@stmarygreenhithe.com

Jen White
(Day off - Friday)
Email - jen@stmarygreenhithe.com

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR
Jen White
Phone - 01322 382031
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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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