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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

4th October 2026

8.30am Holy Communion

Sermunkle :

Mandy

10.30am Holy Communion

Leading, Preaching & Presiding :

Revd Bart

Readings:

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

Philippians 3:4-14

Matthew 21:33-46



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 Reflection October 2026

This is the third wardens update since we entered our time of vacancy across both churches. We are very grateful to Bart, Jen, Mandy and Keith for continuing to lead both churches in worship on a Sunday morning, as well as other times. We thank them for their time and commitment to this. There is quite a lot going on behind the scenes in regards to the recruitment process but progress is slow.

- We are still awaiting our notice of vacancy from the registrar which is the legal documentation that officially puts us in vacancy. Once we receive this, we will be able to choose our Parish representatives (two for each church)
- Members of both PCCs attended a pre – section eleven meeting with Archdeacon Sandra where she laid out the process that we have to follow for recruitment of a new Priest in charge. She explained everything in detail and there was opportunity for questions and clarification. One of the

big things that came out of this meeting is that we need to produce just one profile for both churches (not two separate ones as we originally expected).

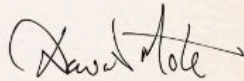
- Both churches have chosen a group of people to do the initial brainstorming for their own church and then all this information will be drawn together in just one document by 2 or 3 people.
- Team for St Mary's is Jason, Jen, Charis, Mandy, Dom, Nigel and Jude
- Team for St Peter and St Pauls is Steve, Helen, Margo, Stephanie, James and Jen.
- Please pray for all involved as they pull this information together.
- All members of both churches as well as the local communities are asked to contribute to this, and you can do so by completing the questionnaire that has been produced. These will be available as hard copies or by scanning the QR code/ following links sent out on What's App, newsletters etc. Please do get involved!
- Members of both PCC's have attended an 'Addressing Bias' training run by Jane Winter from the diocese to assist us with the process of putting together the profile.
- **Practical help is needed** – During the vacancy both churches are responsible for the rectory and garden. With this in mind there will be a joint work party at St Peter and St Pauls on Saturday 24th October from 9.30am to work in the garden and prepare it for the winter months. Bring tools, gloves etc and join us for some fellowship whilst chopping and pruning trees.



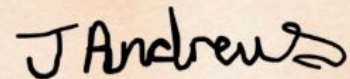
Thank You



Thank you to everyone who contributed food items to the Harvest collection at St Mary's for the MCK foodbanks.
Thank you also for the financial donations received.
We are very grateful for all your support.



Mr David Mote
Chair of Trustees



Jude Andrews
Operations Manager



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>



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 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

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Alpha

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





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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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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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
Revd Keith 01322 382444
Or email the church office
office@stmarygreenhithe.com



PRAYER DIARIES

October 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

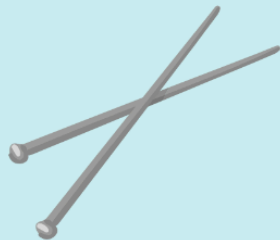
Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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

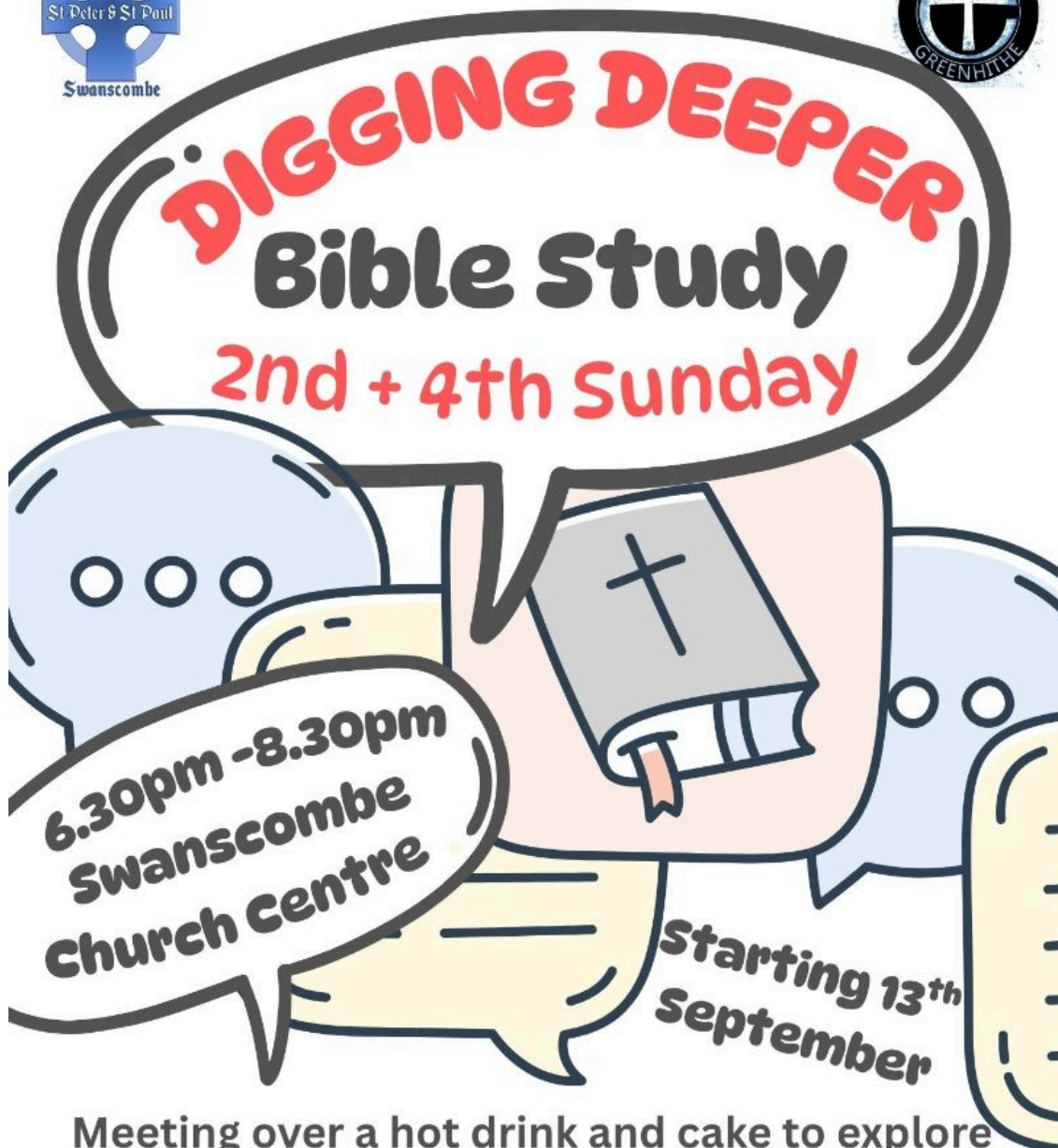
CONTACT LESLEY HOWES FOR MORE INFORMATION 07774802880



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



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



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

[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

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Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

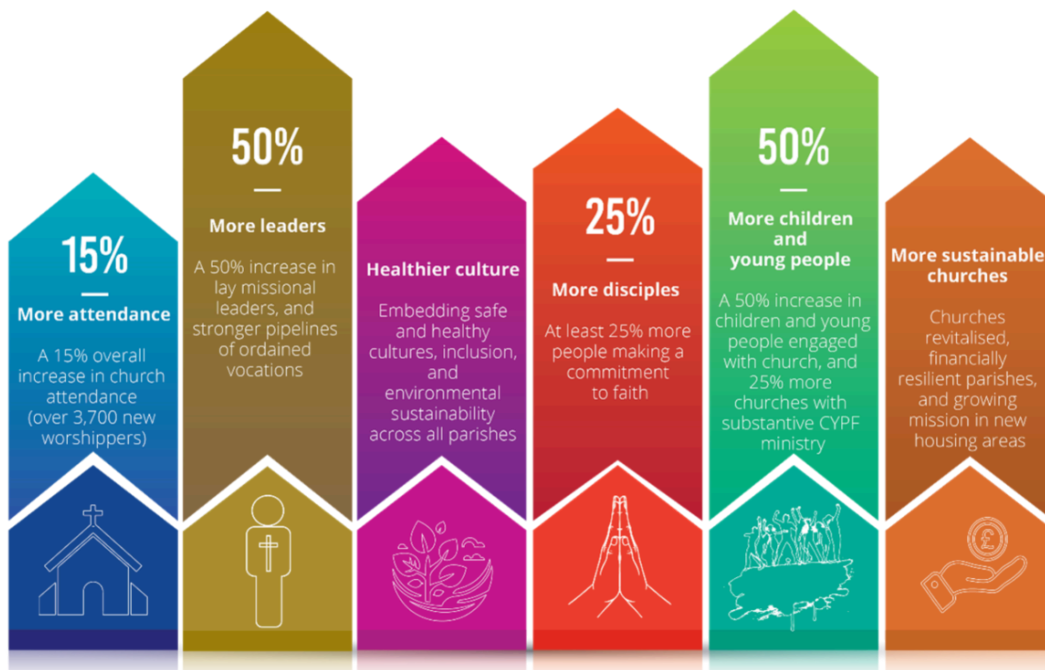
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

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
 called together



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/greenhithe-st-mary-dartford/>



Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

Email: info@parishgiving.org.uk | Tel: 0333 002 1260

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 October's rota
[HERE](#)

MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST

In Vacancy

CURATE

Revd Bart Woodhouse

(Day off Friday)

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Phone- 07383 334378

CHURCH WARDENS

Jude Andrews

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Barry Edwards

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LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

Mandy Holloway

(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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