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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

11th October 2026

8.30am Holy Communion

Sermunkle :
Bart

10.30am Holy Communion
Leading, Preaching & Presiding :
Revd Keith

Readings:

Exodus 32:1-14

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

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



Reflection By Jen

Life is a rollercoaster, you just have to ride it.

Thank you to Ronan Keating for writing this song back in 2000, and to Cheryl Trice, Diocesan Team Lead Advisor for Children and Young People, for reminding me about it last night at our Deanery Synod meeting!!! It has been going round my head on a loop – you are very welcome if you are now singing it.

Yet this is exactly how my life feels at the moment, and I'm sure you have been there at some point if you aren't there now.

We were reminded though that God never promised that life would be easy. In fact, if we are active disciples then life will be very up and down – who wants a boring life anyway?

We are called to have lives that reflect the life of Jesus, and that definitely wasn't boring!

Jesus was curious about those around Him, even those people expected Him to avoid.

Jesus was brave, He came to Earth as a tiny baby, grew and taught in places we would try our hardest to avoid.

Jesus was bold – think of all that He said in direct opposition to the rulers and teachers of the time, think of the people He mixed with, think of the miracles He

performed.

I'm sure Jesus didn't get caught up like I do in practical jobs like creating rotas, writing reflections and making Newsletters all to a deadline. What He did do was spend time with people, listening to them and more than that He spent time with His Father – staying connected and rooted in Him.

When we are reflecting Jesus let us sometimes put the rollercoaster of life, all those practical jobs, to one side and focus on Him. Let us grow our resilience in Him through prayer and study of Scripture. Let us spend time together sharing the goodness of God and the blessings He pours out on us.

There is another line Ronan Keating wrote in that song, 'Can't you feel my heart' – does your heart beat for Jesus, and does it want others to know Him as you do?

Stop. Breathe. Reflect.

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.



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



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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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

Rev'd 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 1st November

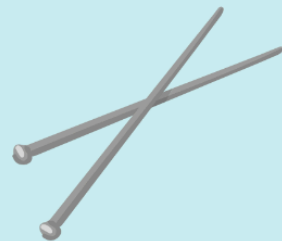
Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group



**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

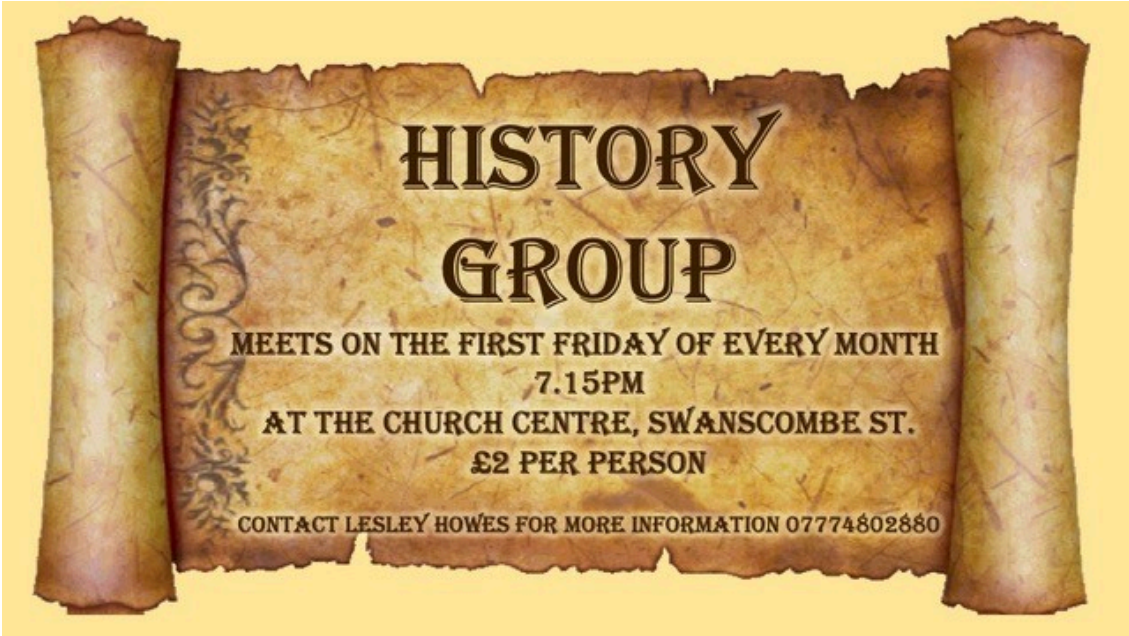
With Hi-Kent in attendance
for hearing aid support

Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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www.swanscombecurch.co.uk



QUIZ

A graphic of a scroll with a yellow background. The scroll is unrolled in the center, showing text. The ends of the scroll are rolled up. The paper has a textured, aged appearance with some decorative flourishes on the left side.

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



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

homemade cakes, one a plate, 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.





TOWN MAYOR'S QUIZ NIGHT



**FRIDAY
27 NOVEMBER**



6 – 9:30PM



**CHURCH ROAD
COMMUNITY HALL
DA10 0HF**

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

CASH

£5

PAY ON THE DOOR



**SWANSCOMBE
AND GREENHITHE
TOWN COUNCIL**
"TAKING PRIDE IN OUR TOWN"

[Diocese of Rochester Job Vacancies](#)

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Diocese of Rochester Vision Update

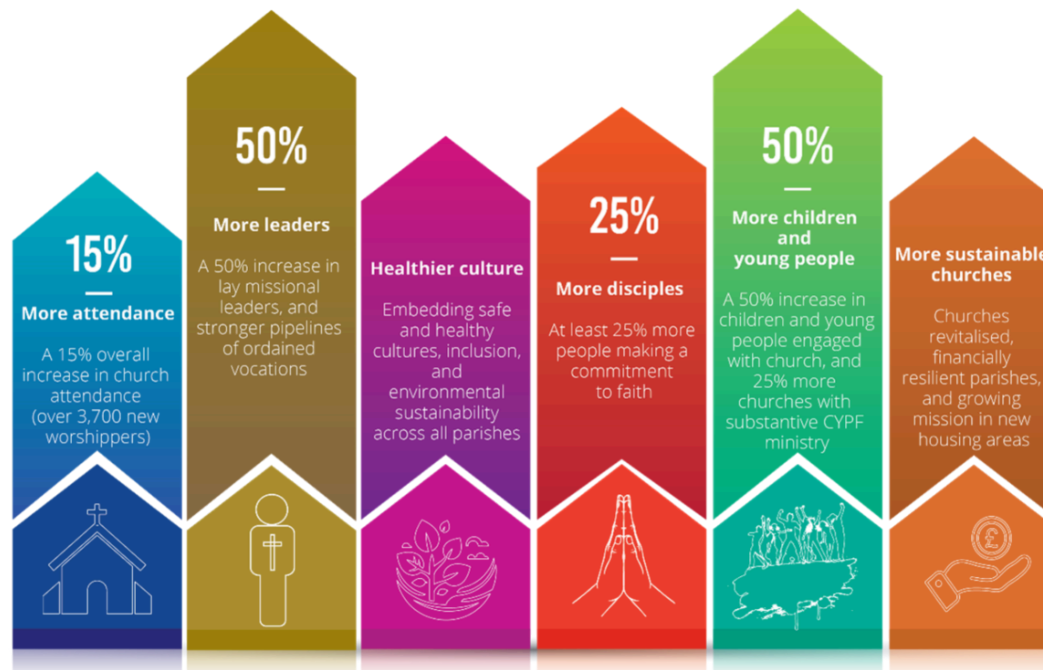
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity.*

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.



Missional Development Places



Missional Leadership Development



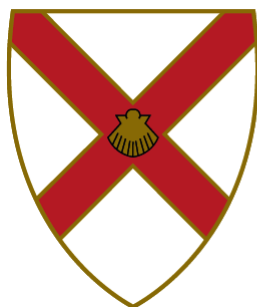
Children, Young People and Families



Revitalise



Safe and Healthy cultures



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



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Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

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Easy Fundraising.

What is easy fundraising ?

<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.

Thank You

For Fundraising and Helping the Environment

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

St Mary Greenhithe

And its supporters have raised £121.15
and saved 6.9kg of ink cartridges from landfills

Recycle  Charity



07 October 2025



**Awarded to
St Mary Greenhithe**

**On
9th September 2026**

Next Renewal due:
9th September 2028

Eg Harrison
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)

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CHURCH WARDENS

Jude Andrews

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LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

Mandy Holloway
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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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