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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion

Leading :

Revd Bart

Sermunkle :

Jen

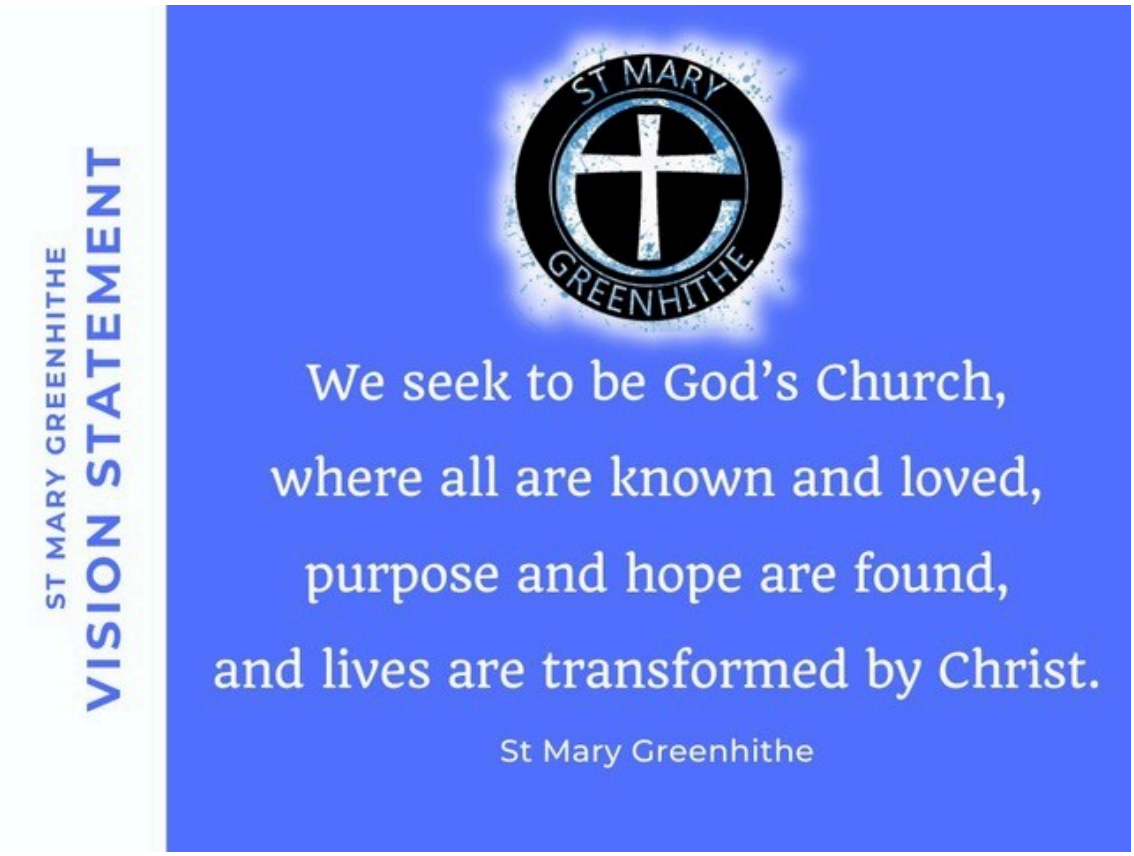
10am Remembrance Service with Procession to the British Legion

Leading & Preaching:

Revd Bart

Readings:

Micah 4:1-5
Romans 8:31-39
1 Corinthians 15:50-58



Reflection For The Week

WARDENS REPORT – NUMBER 4

INTERREGNUM/VACANCY

For both churches, November is a time for Remembrance and planning for the forthcoming Advent season. However, this year, the process to find our next Priest in Charge will also continue to be a priority, with the members of the

“Parish Profile” groups continuing to work on their respective assignments and for all their hard work to be submitted to us and Jen by the 30th November 2026.

Please hold them in your prayers.

As Churchwardens we are keen for every member of our congregations to have the opportunity to give their opinion with regard to the kind of Priest in Charge they would like to see fill the vacancy. We would therefore encourage all church members to be involved, by completing the Questionnaire that the two PCC’s have made available.

Questionnaire forms can be found at the rear of both our churches, or please use the QR Code below. The final date for submitting forms is the 15th November 2026.

We understand that views and opinions will differ, but by completing the questionnaire we can determine the majority view and proceed accordingly.

Please do get involved and we thank your ongoing support.

Please continue to pray for our Ministry Team as they lead us through this time of interregnum, and as they look to plan services beyond the Christmas period to Easter.

THE RECTORY

Our thanks go to everyone who attended the rectory garden working party on Saturday 24th October. It was a very successful event and we managed to fill a Six yard skip with the waste items that needed to be cleared, and to begin cutting back overgrown foliage. We plan to arrange a further working party in the Spring.

Internal re-decoration works have began, by members of the maintenance teams and by contractors employed by the Diocese.

Thank you

Steve, Jude and Barry

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.



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

- ***Please bring all donations by the 11th November 2026***

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 Spoken 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

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



LOVING, SUPPORTING AND CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

MCK

Charity Reg No. 1204242



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.

There is 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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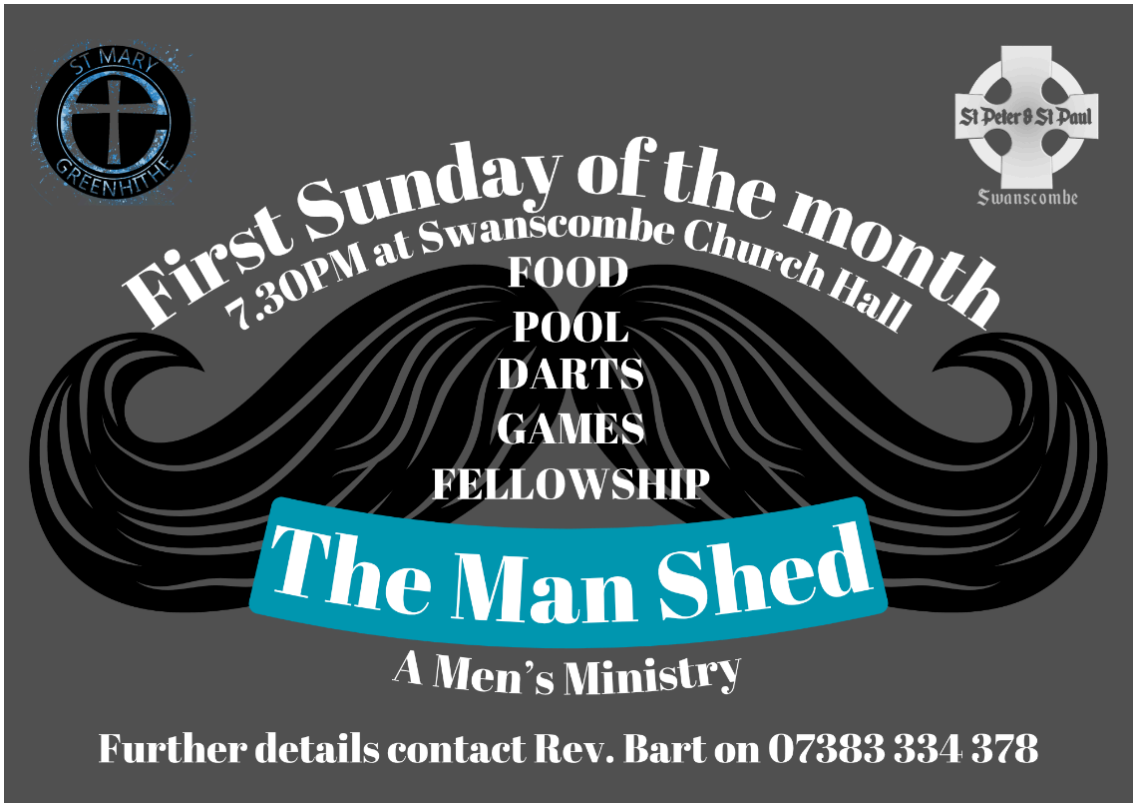


PRAYER DIARIES

November Prayer Diary
Here

Link to Sign up to Prayer Diary

HAPPENING AT ST PETER AND ST PAULS



Next meeting on the 29th 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

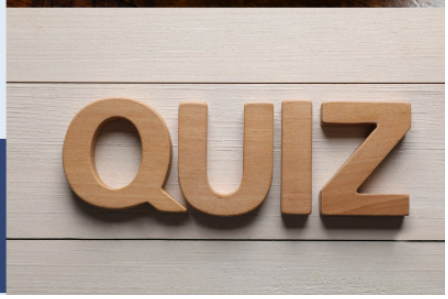
Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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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



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

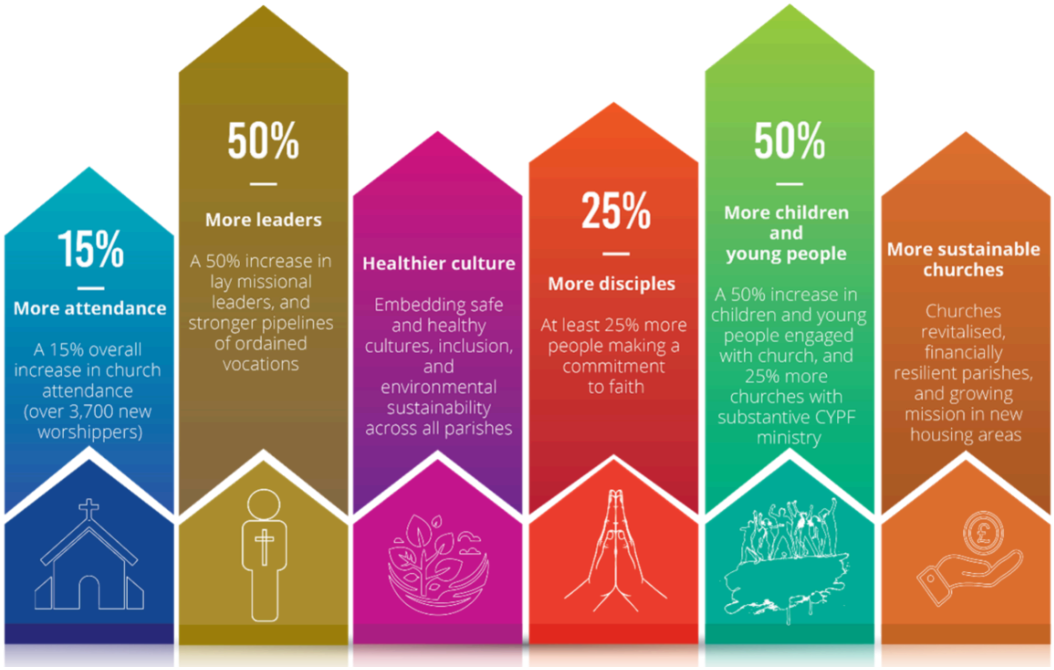
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow* with *compassion, courage and creativity.*

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/

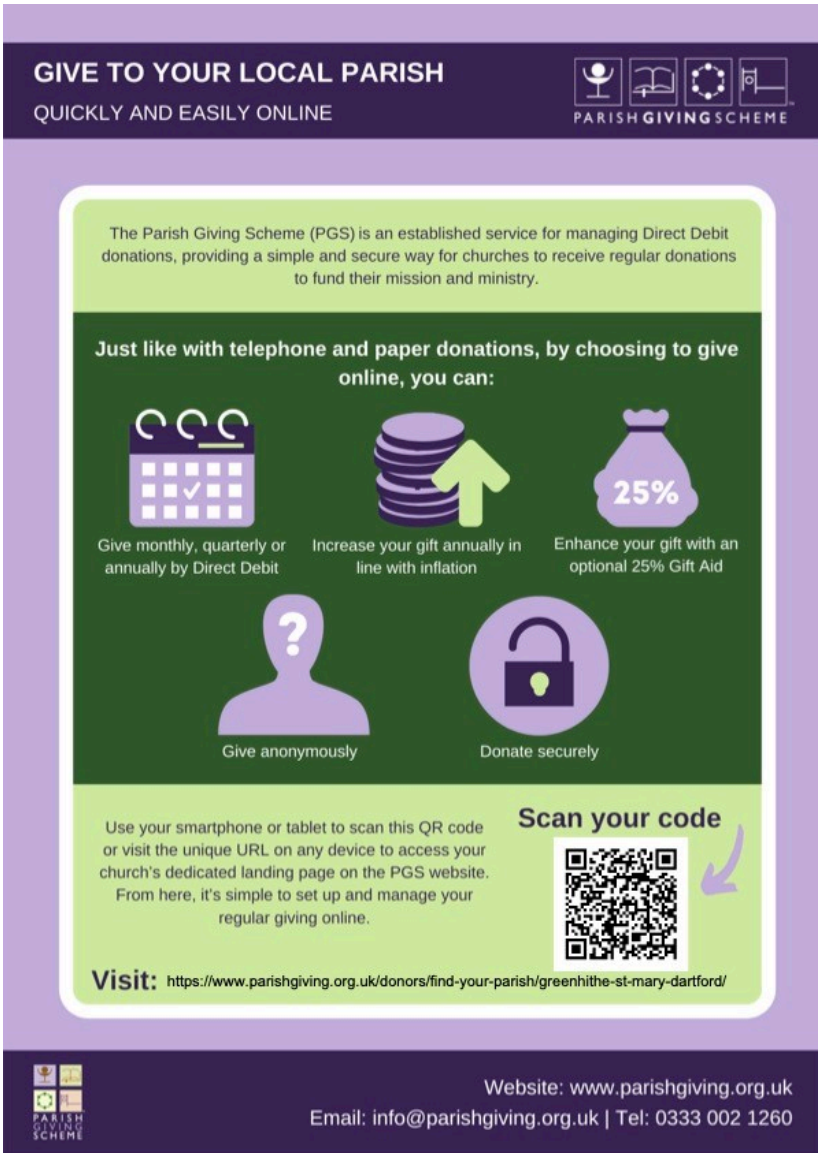
Please click here to go the website for more information.





Diocese of Rochester

called together



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

FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION
fairtrade.org.uk



SERVICE ROTA.

Please find November'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
Phone -07805243933

Barry Edwards

Email - warden@stmarygreenhithe.com

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
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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