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St Mary Greenhithe Newsletter

15th November 2026

8.30am Morning Prayer

Leading :

Jen

Sermunkle :

Mandy

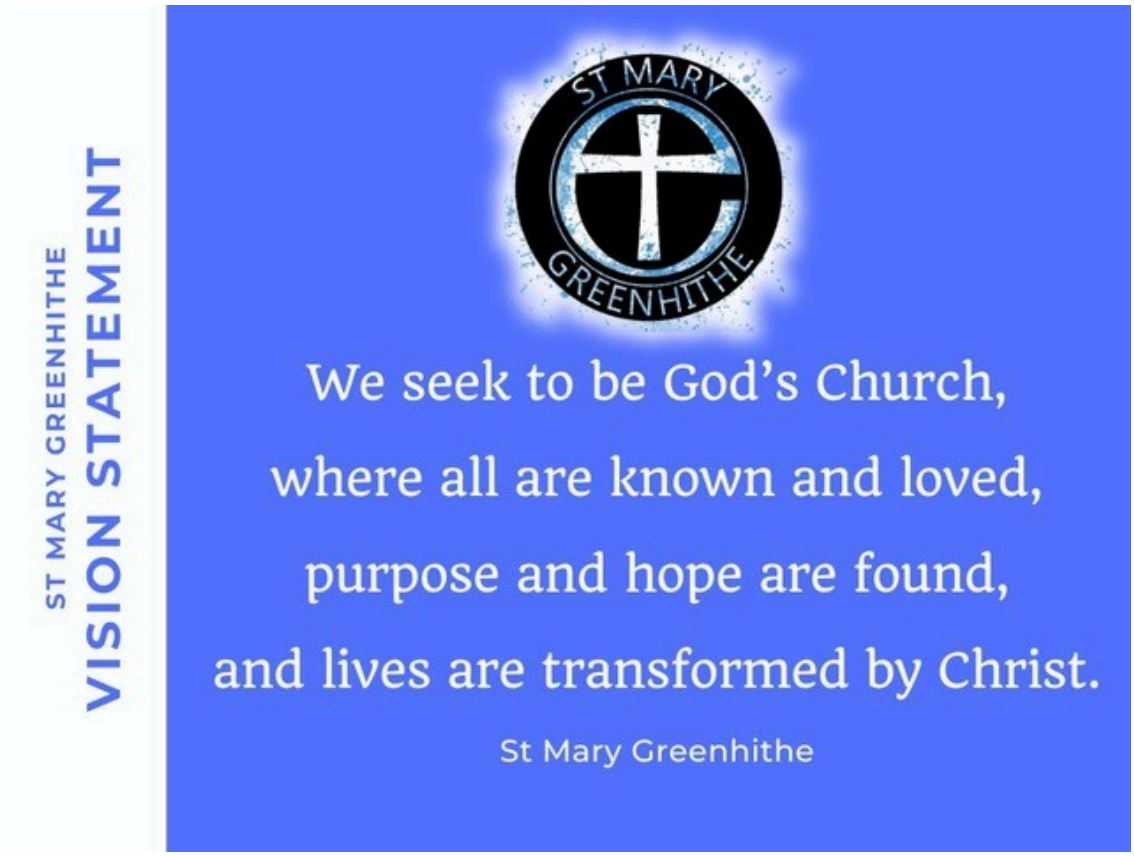
10.30am Family Café Church Service

Leading & Preaching:

Mandy & Jen

Readings:

Matthew 25:14-30





Reflection by Jen

This week Armistice Day, and Remembrance Sunday, have given us an opportunity to pause, remember, and give thanks for those who served and sacrificed in times of conflict. As we reflect on the courage and commitment of past generations, we are reminded of Christ's call to be peacemakers in our own time.

The words spoken on the first Armistice Day in 1918 marked the end of years of suffering, but they also pointed towards the hope of a more peaceful future. This week, as we have remembered those who lost their lives and those whose lives were forever changed by war, we have also prayed for peace in places where conflict continues.

May we continue to honour their memory not only with a yearly silence and remembrance, but through daily acts of kindness, reconciliation, and service to others. In a world that often feels divided, each of us can play a part in sharing the peace, hope, and love that Christ offers.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
(Matthew 5:9)

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.

Finance Update

Total income for July was £6,097.38, August was £4,553.03, September was £5,390.78 and October was £4,778.38

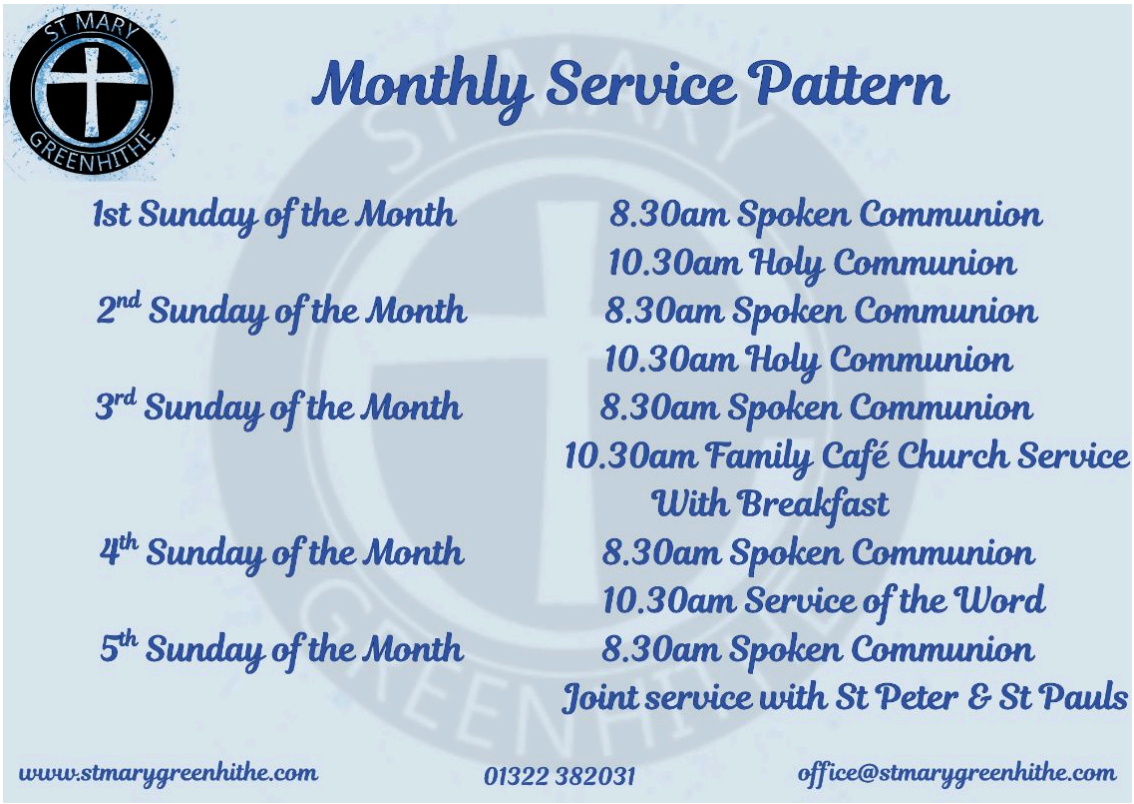
Total expenditure for July was £5,528.92, August was £6,108.00, September was £6,432.50 and October was £4,574.83

That means that over these last 4 months there was £2,393.14 more expenditure that income.

If you compare this to last year's figures our income is about the same as this period last year. But our expenses are up by about £1,000 for this same period as last year.
On these last couple of months figures it will look like we will finish the year with a small overspend.

Please keep praying for our income to be higher than our expenditure by the end of 2026.

Thank you
Ben



ST MARY GREENHITHE

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

PRAYER

OUR MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE MONTH

THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7.30-9pm

PRAYING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

All other weekly meetings are asked not to meet on this third week of the month, so that this prayer meeting can be a priority.

ST MARY
TOGETHER IN PRAYER
GREENHITHE



CHURCH EVENTS



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

Registered as a "Warm Space," supported by:

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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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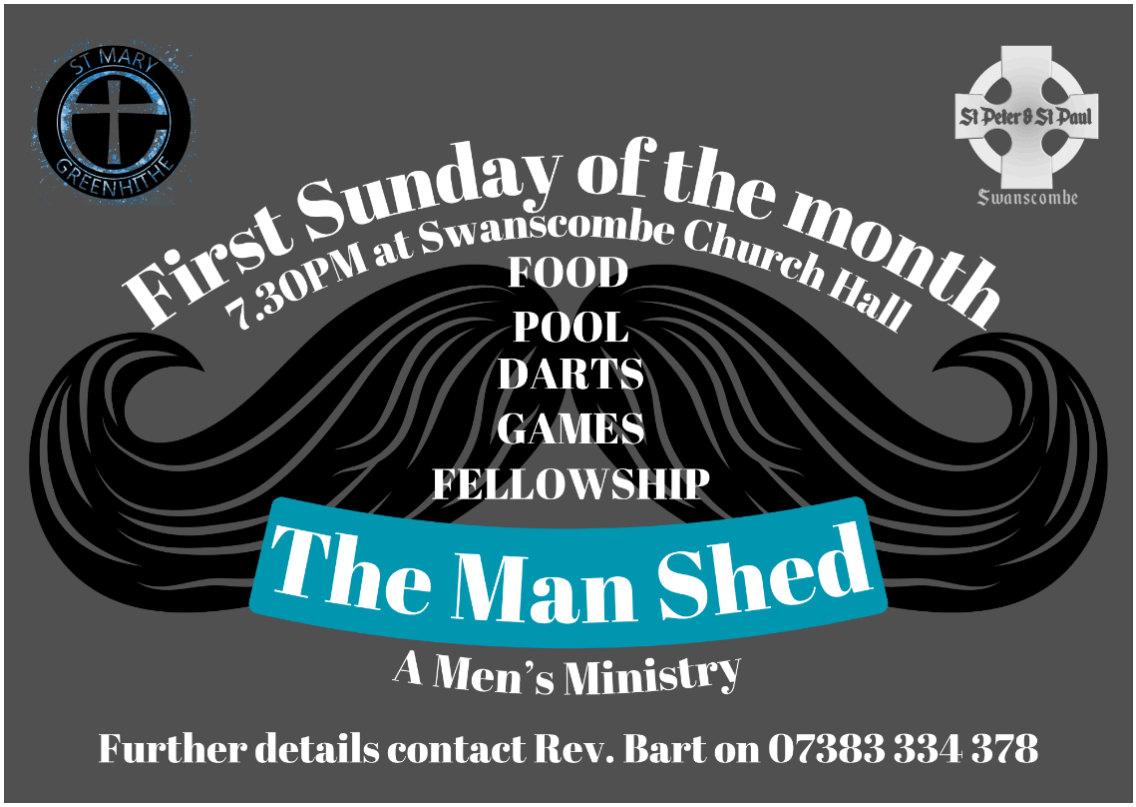


PRAYER DIARIES

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

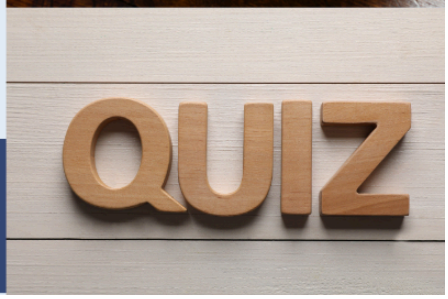
Tea, coffee, cakes,
biscuits available for a
donation

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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


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

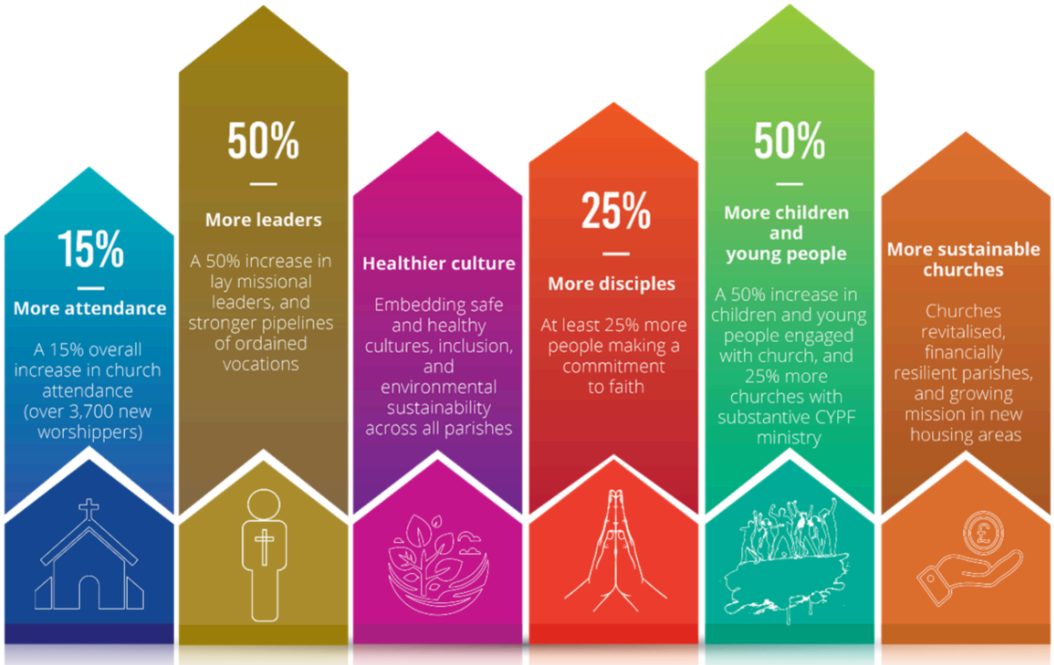
Seeking first the Kingdom of God we are called together by God to *change, serve and grow* with *compassion, courage and creativity.*

Growing God's kingdom across the Diocese of Rochester
Our church is part of the Diocese of Rochester. As a family of faith across Medway, north and west Kent, and the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley, we are on a shared journey to grow God's Kingdom.

This diocesan-wide plan – known as Called Together - has received nearly £11 million from the National Church to support work to make this vision a reality.

Read the latest update that has just been shared on how work is progressing. SCAN the code or visit: www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/ OR pick up a printed sheet as you leave church today.

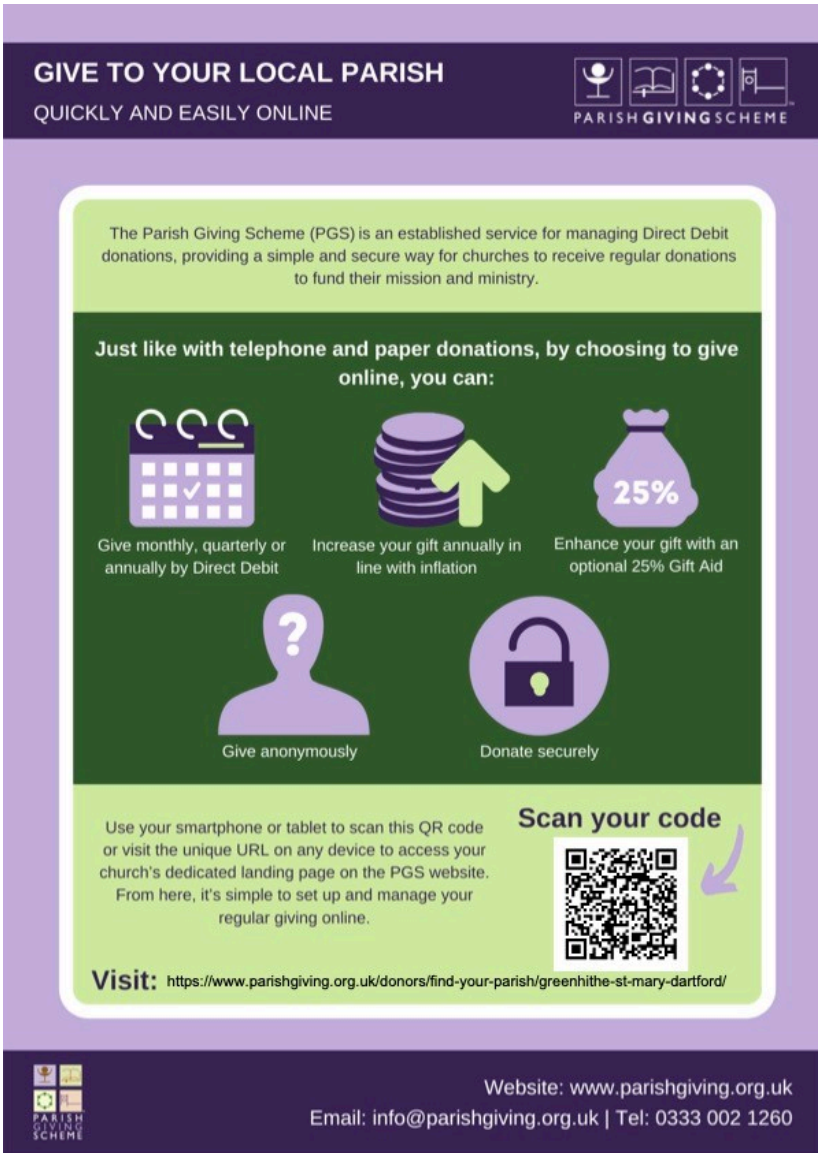
Please click here to go the website for more information.





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

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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