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St Peter and St Paul Newsletter

15th November
Second Sunday before Advent

10am Holy Communion.
Leading, Preaching & Presiding -
Revd Keith

Readings -
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection for the Week

St Peter & St Paul Swanscombe

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 will now know we are starting work on our Parish Profile and we need your help!!

Below is a link to a short questionnaire - the answers to which will help us write our Profile for our churches. Please do take a few minutes to complete this, or pick up a paper copy and return to Steve, Helen or Jen. We would like all responses by the 15th November please.

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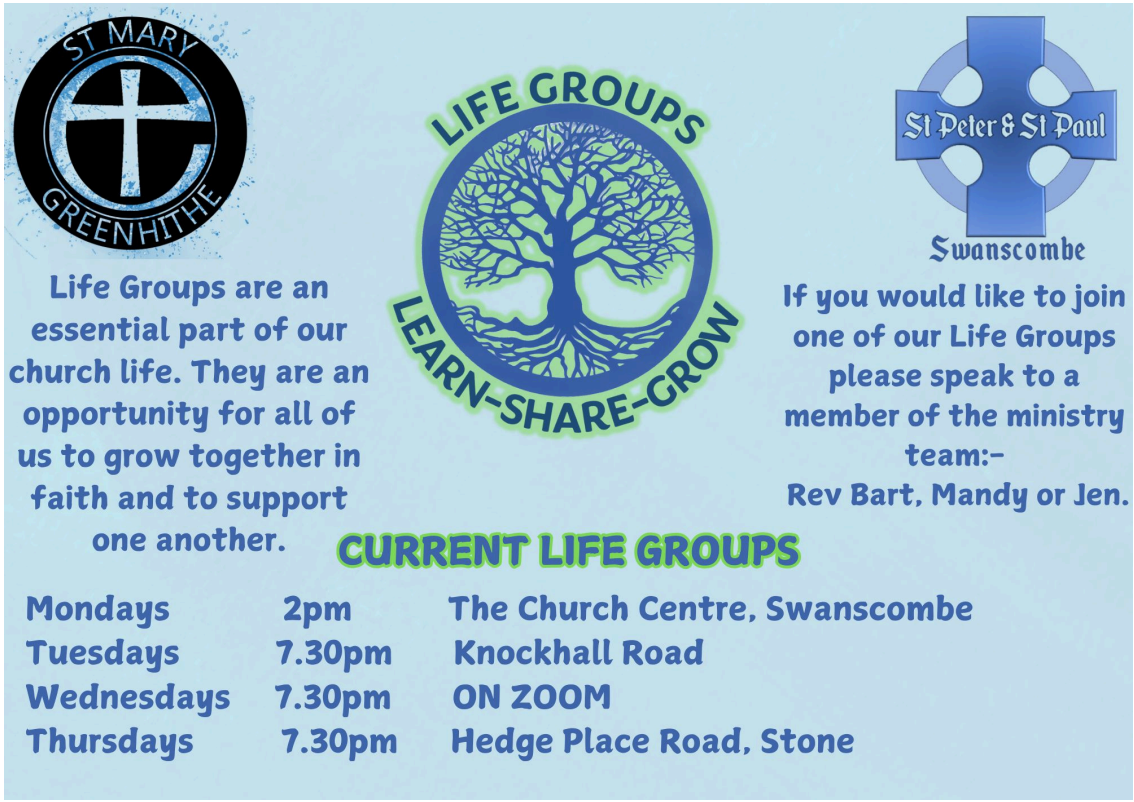
PRAYER DIARY

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There is the option to receive each daily entry by email, which arrives about 5.30am, so is available for you to read whenever your normal prayer time is. If you would like to receive this daily email you can subscribe through the button below:)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

REGULAR EVENTS in the Church Centre

Next meeting - 1st December 2026

Join Our Cozy Knit & Knatter Group

St Peter & St Paul Swanscombe

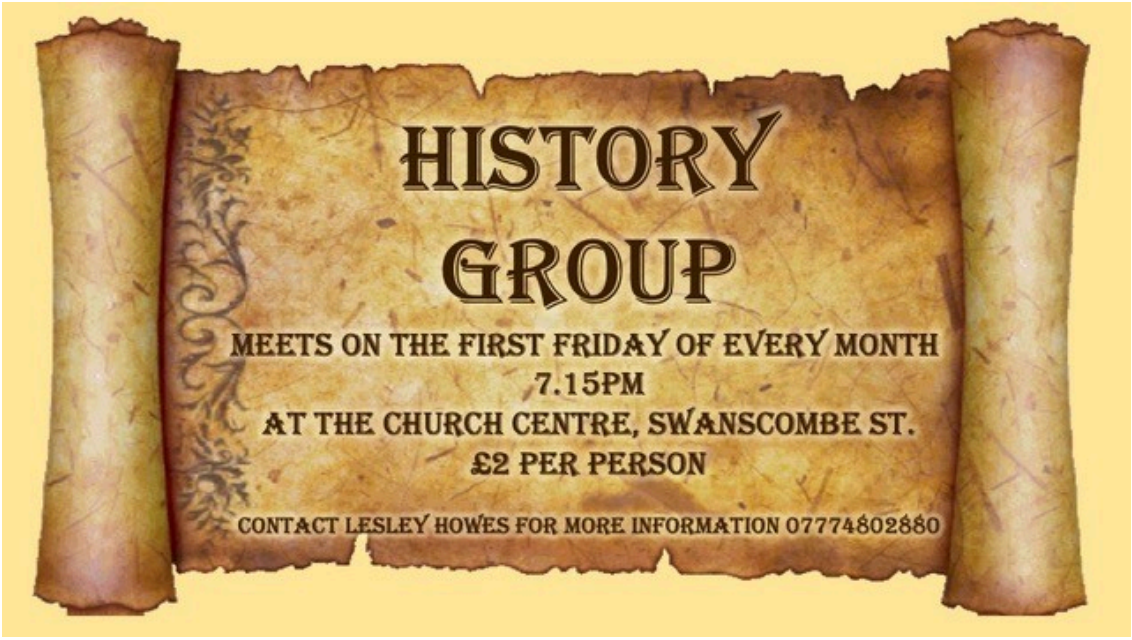
GATHER TOGETHER FOR A RELAXING KNITTING EXPERIENCE

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.



Next meeting 4th December 2026



Next meeting on Sunday 29th November



Next meeting Tuesday 8th December 2026

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

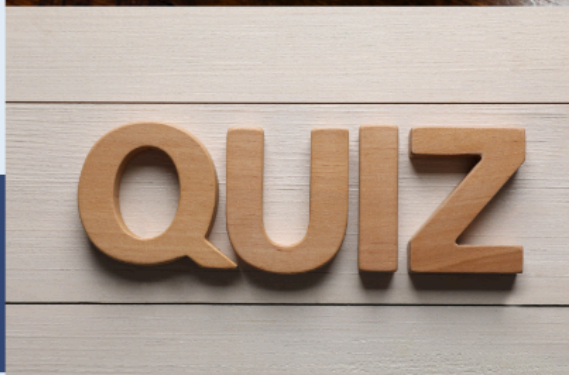
Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits available for a donation

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



ACTIVITIES at ST MARY GREENHITHE

WEEKLY

Sticky Fingers
Every Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am (during term time)
Toddler group suitable from birth to 4 years.
Follow us on Facebook SMG Family Ministry

Seniors Afternoon Tea
Every Tuesday 2pm -4pm.
Everyone is welcome to come along for an afternoon of meeting and making friends and conversation.

Community Café.
Every Wednesday 9am-1pm. Do come and join us.
For more information see the St Mary Greenhithe Facebook Page

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Monthly Coffee Morning
with crafts, Bike repairs and Edible Ebbsfleet planting
3rd Saturday of the month.
9.30-11.30am



Current MCK Newsletter - February 2026

MCK Food Banks

We really appreciate your support of the MCK food banks and are very grateful for all the donations we receive.

Thank you especially for your very generous donations at Harvest.

Did you know that you can always give financially to help with the everyday running costs of the charity. If you do wish to give this way please leave any donations in an envelope in the Church office.

Please do not donate pasta at the current time as we have a huge excess.

Thank you xx

Rochester Diocese Vacancies

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.*

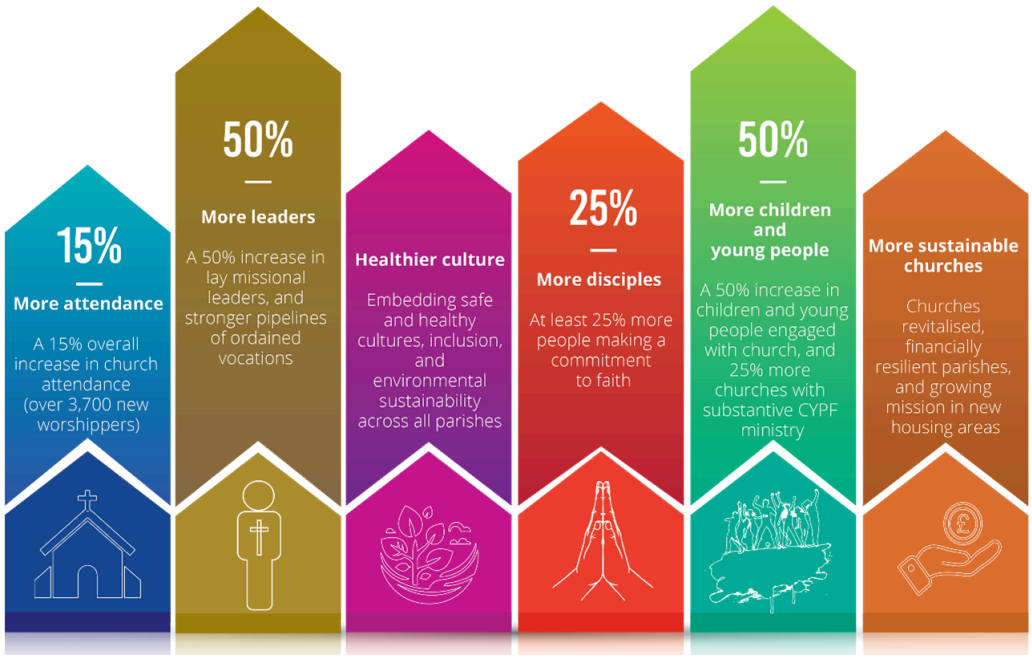
Diocesan-wide vision starting to make a difference in parishes

Last year, the Diocese of Rochester, of which our church is a part, received nearly £11million from the Church of England in support of the Called Together vision.

In a recent update shared with parishes, Bishop Jonathan, the Bishop of Rochester says, that this nine-year programme of work is starting to show early signs of bearing fruit,

'It is very exciting to finally see the Vision programme moving from a place of mobilisation to one of delivery on the ground. Funded posts in parishes are beginning to make a difference locally, and extra capacity for children and schools work, wellbeing programmes, and targeted support for parishes facing challenge, show change and growth are possible, giving hope for the future."

Read the latest update by SCANNING the code or visit: www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/ OR pick up a printed sheet as you leave church today.





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QUICKLY AND EASILY ONLINE

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Just like with telephone and paper donations, by choosing to give online, you can:



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WOULD YOU LIKE AN EASY WAY RAISE FUNDS FOR ST PETER & ST PAUL?

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HELP US RAISE MORE FUNDS FOR CHURCH - we raised £20.75 with the last batch of cartridges. Thank you.

If you have a printer at home or at work and don't know what to do with the used cartridges, please drop them in the box in the Church Centre and we can receive up to £2 per cartridge. Only print cartridges though no laser or toner cartridges. Thank you to everyone who donated.



We are an Eco-Church Silver Award Winner!!

The overall aim of the Eco Church award scheme is to celebrate the ways that church communities have been engaging with caring for the

earth as a key part of our Christian faith.

Have a chat with Steve or Helen to find out more.

November 2026

Date	Sunday	Leading/Preaching /Presiding	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayer	C/A	Chalice Server	Sidesperson	Refreshments	Tech
1st November 10am	All Saints Day Service of the Word	Mandy	Hilary	Lorna	Steve	X	X	Mary	Hilary/Mary	Dayo
8th November 10am	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion	Revd Keith	Jackie	Odun	Daniela	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre
15th November 10am	Second Sunday before Advent Holy Communion	Revd Keith	Steve	Andre	Hilary	X	Carol	Mary	Helen/Margo	Dayo
22nd November 9.30am 10.30am	Christ the King The Sunday next before Advent Spoken Holy Communion Family Service	Revd Bart	X	X	Steve	Marion	X	Steve/Carol	Liz/Brenda	Andre
29th November 10.30am	Advent Sunday Joint Holy Communion at SMG	Revd Bart Mandy	Lorna	Steve	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Normal Office Hours are Monday 11am-2pm and Tuesday 9am - 1pm.

If you would like to make a donation to the ongoing mission and ministry of St Peter and St Paul, Swanscombe, 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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