

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

1 May 2022

“Your local Town Centre Church bringing God’s love to the heart of the community”.

If you are joining us for the first time, please make yourself at home and stay for tea or coffee which is served at the end of the morning service. Here you will have the opportunity to talk to members of the congregation who will be happy to answer any questions you may have about our Sunday services and weekday activities.



Sunday 1 May 2022

1 May 10.00am Service preparation
11.00 Led by Joyce Woodcraft
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

*It would be appreciated if mobile phones are turned off or put in silent mode. Thank you **Care Team*** If you would like someone to talk to or to pray with in confidence, representatives from our Care Team are available at each service. They can be identified by their red badges.

Future Services

8 May 11.00am Deacon Vic Downs
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
15 May 11.00am Rev Linda Cooke
including Holy Communion
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
22 May 11.00 Dr Bart Woodhouse
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

Spring Market

Saturday 21 May
10.00am - 2.00pm



Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre
Milton Road, Gravesend DA12 2RE
(near clocktower)



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Until our next Minister arrives in September, please address any issues to the following people...

Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Tel 535881

Property or administration - Eric Davis Tel 822570

Church Tel: 01474 328249 (answerphone)

Community Centre Manager – Vicki Clarke Tel 328249

Pastoral matters - Joyce Woodcraft Tel 365771

Finances - Kate or Robert Hardy Tel 357681

Deacon -Vic Downs (Retired) tel. 748608

Bookings - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249

Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – next week is **Eric Davis**. All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on Wednesday please. email eric@ehdavis.me.uk Tel. 822570

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Mon 2/5	Closed this Bank Holiday		
Tues 3/5	Community Centre reception open	Reception	0900-1300
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 4/5	Daytime Homeless Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	MHA Crafty Coffee	Foyer	1000-1200
Thur 5/5	One Stop Shop/Clarion Housing	Wesley Hall	0930-1200
	CGL – Yoga support group	Jubilee Room	0930-1030
	Alpha course	Foyer	1900
Fri 6/5	Daytime Homeless Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	MHA Coffee	Foyer	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200-0230
Sat 7/5	'baby ballet'	Jubilee Rm Wesley Hill	0900-1230
	Foodbank Hub	Reception	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200-0230



Alpha

As the Alpha Course continues, we are moving into questions relating to the Christian life. We covered prayer last week and this week looked at the question of "How and Why Should I Read My Bible?". We again had a great conversation and focused particularly on the way God speaks to us through reading the Bible and how we make time to read it with our busy lives often crowding it out. Two helpful tools to help support us reading the Bible were mentioned, one is the Bible App "YouVersion" which has many versions of the Bible and various reading plans and encouraging ways of engaging with the Bible, the other useful tool is the "Bible in a Year" produced by Holy Trinity Brompton (The home of Alpha) which can be accessed through the Bible App "YouVersion" or bought as a printed guide or Bible published with the reading guide and notes already included. Next week we will explore the next question "How Does God Guide Us?" and get ourselves ready for the much-anticipated sessions exploring the work and presence of the Holy Spirit in the following weeks.

Bart Wodhouse

Rotary Charity Dragon Boat Challenge

Venue場地: Basin 2, St Mary's Island,

Chatham Maritime, ME4 3ER

Sunday 5th June 2022 | 2022年6月5日星期日

Fantastic Fun for all the Family

Medway Chinese Methodist Church & North Kent Methodist Circuit would like to recruit a team of 20 crew to participate in this amazing fundraising event. (includes 16 paddlers, a drummer and three reserves, so you can rotate paddlers for each race. No prior rowing experience required; training will be given on the day) Please note that all participants will need to be present from 9am to 5pm.

If you are interested to participate and would like further details, please contact: Henry Chung
email: mhhchung@gmail.com
or mobile: 078 1000 6828

Volunteering

Thank you if you responded to the request made at last Sunday's General Church Meeting to volunteer for various church positions. We had 3 people volunteer for AV, Sound, Newsheet editor and a Sunday Steward. This means that we are now looking for people to help with :-

Sunday stewards, Communion stewards, Church Council Secretary, Porch/door stewards, Pastoral visitors, Explorers helpers and leaders, Daytime Hub helpers

We need the congregation to prayerfully and seriously consider whether they may be able to help with any of the above duties (or any others for that matter).

Please will you let one of the Leadership Team know if you are able to help.



Empty crates where food should be demonstrates that Gravesham Foodbank is now really short of food and will be unable to satisfy needy people unless more donations are forthcoming. They now have no meat products at all.

We need tinned or packeted food, toiletries & especially meat products. We ask that you DO NOT donate cereals, baby milk or baby food as we have sufficient and we are unable to accept fresh foods.

So how about getting back into the habit of dropping a few additional items into your shopping basket or trolley each week?
Thank you