

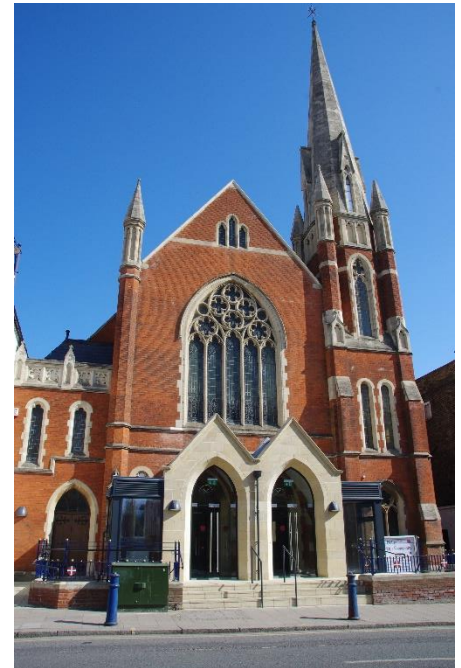
# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

### 15 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 15 May 2022

**15 May** 10.00am Service preparation  
11.00 Led by Rev Linda Cooke  
including Holy Communion  
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

**22 May** 11.00 Dr Bart Woodhouse  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
**29 May** 11.00am Phebe Povey  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
**5 June** 11.00am 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)

Proceeds to  
**21st Project**  
Phase 2

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](mailto:eric@ehdavis.me.uk) Tel. 822570

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Mon 16/5	<b>Daytime Homeless Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>MHA Coffee, Cake &amp; Conversation</b>	Foyer	1000-1200
	<b>Sisterhood</b>	Jubilee Room	1415-1530
	<b>Youth Ngage</b>	Wesley Hall	1600-1900
	<b>Street Pastors</b>	Jubilee Room	1900-2100
	<b>No Badminton Club tonight</b>		
Tues 17/5	<b>Community Centre reception open</b>	Reception	0900-1300
	<b>Meopham Fellowship</b>	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 18/5	<b>Daytime Homeless Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>MHA Crafty Coffee</b>	Foyer	1000-1200
Thur 19/5	<b>One Stop Shop/Clarion Housing</b>	Wesley Hall	0930-1200
	<b>CGL – Yoga support group</b>	Jubilee Room	0930-1030
	<b>Alpha course</b>	Foyer	1900
Fri 20/5	<b>Daytime Homeless Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>Spring Market Preparation</b>	Foyer & Church	1430
	<b>Street Pastors Support &amp; Prayer</b>	Jubilee Room	2200-0230
Sat 21/5	<b>'baby ballet'</b>	Jubilee Rm Wesley Hill	0900-1230
	<b>Spring Market – see advert</b>		
	<b>Foodbank Hub</b>	Reception	1000-1200
	<b>Street Pastors Support &amp; Prayer</b>	Jubilee Room	2200-0230

**Christian Aid Week  
Sunday 15th to 21st May.**  
We are not doing house to house collections this year but ask you to take envelopes from the pew and encourage donations from family and friends. Please bring filled envelopes back and put in collection bag the following Sunday.



Thank you to those who are now bringing food etc to put in the foodbank trolley. Foodbank stocks generally are very low compared with before the pandemic and our client numbers are steadily increasing.

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

Alpha has now begun three weeks looking specifically at the work of the Holy Spirit. We started with the question "Who is the Holy Spirit?" on Thursday and again we had some honest and open conversations. We wrestled with the idea of the trinity and came away with a slight headache as we retreated to the position that "he's simply mysteriously wonderful!" We also talked about both our desire and our hesitation in allowing the Holy Spirit to move within our lives. Next week we continue as we ask "What does the Holy Spirit do?" and will look at many aspects of the Spirit's work in our lives and the church, including the Gifts of the Spirit.  
*Bart Woodhouse*

### Church Anniversary and Gift Day - Sunday 19 June

Would you like to take advantage of the lunch being provided at Church between the 11.00am morning and the 3pm afternoon Holy Communion Anniversary Services? If you would like to lunch with Rev Andrew Lindley and Margaret, please let Sheila Allison know asap so that we know how many to cater for. Bon appetite.

**Congratulations to Vicki Clarke and her team of volunteers for achieving the highest hygiene rating of "5" for the Community Centre kitchen. However, the Environmental Health inspector commented that the kitchen is looking very tired and needs replacing as soon as possible!!**

### MHA Communities Kent (MHAC-K)

MHA will no longer operate from the Foyer Café on Fridays; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays are unaffected.

From 1<sup>st</sup> June we will be running sessions on a Monday and Wednesday from 10am – 2pm; this will give us a greater flexibility to provide a wider array of activities. Iris is currently working on producing an activity schedule which will show what is on and when. If you have any ideas of activities you would like to see at the scheme then please do let Iris know.

As many of you are aware MHA was planning to operate a café from the Foyer 5 days a week. However due to the increase in the cost of living MHA have sadly taken the decision to place this on hold for the time being.

The Tuesday lunch club at TJ's is unaffected.  
*Justin Edwards*