

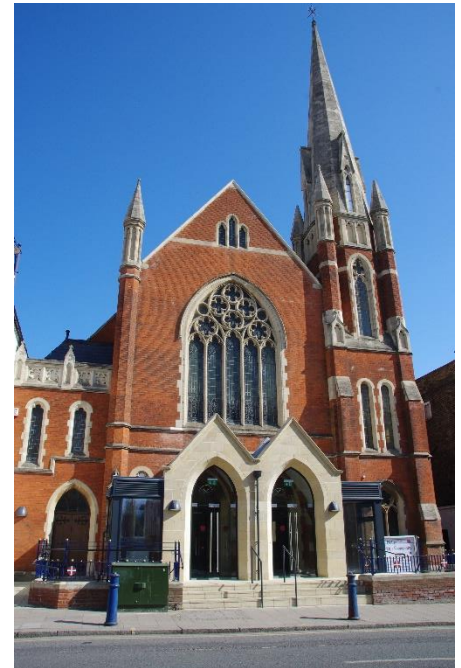
# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

### 8 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 8 May 2022

**8 May** 10.00am Service preparation  
11.00 Led by Deacon Vic Downs  
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

**15 May** 11.00am Rev Linda Cooke  
including Holy Communion  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
**22 May** 11.00 Dr Bart Woodhouse  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
**29 May** 11.00am Phebe Povey  
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

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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

**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 9/5	<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>Badminton Club</b>	Wesley Hall	1930
Tues 10/5	<b>Community Centre reception open</b>	Reception	0900-1300
	<b>Meopham Fellowship</b>	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 11/5	<b>Daytime Homeless Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>MHA Crafty Coffee</b>	Foyer	1000-1200
Thur 12/5	<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 13/5	<b>Daytime Homeless Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>Private hire</b>	Parlour	0930-1400
	<b>MHA Coffee – please see article about future changes</b>	Foyer	1000-1200
	<b>Street Pastors Support &amp; Prayer</b>	Jubilee Room	2200-0230
Sat 14/5	<b>'baby ballet'</b>	Jubilee Rm Wesley Hill	0900-1230
	<b>Foodbank Hub</b>	Reception	1000-1200



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** reaches week seven with the question "How does God Guide Us?" This question always produces some interesting conversation and sharing of stories and moments where we've sensed the guiding nudge of the Holy Spirit. It's such a privilege to hear these life stories which are often deeply significant in the opening of new chapters and directions of travel in our lives. There is also something of the struggle of not hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit as often or as clearly as we'd like, and this can be frustrating and make us slightly envious of those who seem to hear so clearly. Our next session on Thursday 12th May will begin the three sessions covering the work of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for us as we begin this crucial and exciting section of the course, I know many of us are expectant and others equally apprehensive. Pray we will have a loving and transforming renewal of our relationship with God through our openness to the Holy Spirit!

### 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.

### MHA Communities Kent (MHAC-K)

have had feedback from volunteers and members which we have listened to and taken on board. As a result of the feedback we have taken the decision that MHA will no longer operate from the Foyer Café on Fridays after 13 May.

Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays are unaffected until Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

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*