

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

8 June 2025

"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.



The Opening ceremony of the church in 1906



And the church today – 119 years later

Sunday- 8 June - Church Anniversary & Gift Day

8 June 11.00am Rev Naomi Oates –
All age service to celebrate our
anniversary with Holy Communion

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.

A credit/debit card reader is also available for your financial gifts- please ask if you would like to make your offering that way.

Future Services

15 June 11.00am Café Church & Annual
Church Meeting in Wesley Hall

22 June 12 Noon – Gravesend Churches
Together Outdoor service & Picnic at
The Riverside Leisure Centre

***No Service at our church on 22 June ***

Happy Birthday

Gravesend Methodist Church

**Welcome to this special service
as we celebrate our
119th birthday.**

You are invited to make a special financial gift to the church which helps towards the running and maintenance of this building.

You should have received a letter from the finance team explaining the ways this can be done.

If you need any help or explanation about this then please contact Robert Hardy
roberthardy33@gmail.com

Minister - Rev Alexandra Terrett– Email a.terrett@btinternet.com (Alex's day off is Friday)

Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Email sheila_allison@btinternet.com **Pastoral matters**-Joyce Woodcraft

Email joyceatlast@talktalk.net **Property or administration** - Eric Davis Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk

Finances - Kate or Robert Hardy Email kateahardy16@gmail.com or roberthardy33@gmail.com

Deacon -Vic Downs (Retired) Email deacon45@virginmedia.com

Church Tel: 01474 328249 (answerphone) or use the contact form on our church website –

www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk

Community Centre Manager – Vicki Clarke Tel 328249

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

Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – for next week is **Robert Hardy** All items for the news sheet should be with Robert by 12 noon on Wednesday please. Email: roberthardy33@gmail.com

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre, Milton Road and 4-9 Wilfred Street, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 2RE & DA12 2HA Charity Number:1132238 Please follow us on Facebook – just look up Gravesend Methodist Church. Like the page, then share with others. **[The Grand** – Tel: 01474 320123 hello@thegrand.org.uk]

The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 9/6	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood	Foyer	1415
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tues 10/6	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
Wed 11/6	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
Thurs 12/6	MIND Employment Group	Foyer	1230-1530
Fri 13/6	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
Sat 14/6	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200

We celebrate today the 119th birthday of our current church building but did you know there was a Wesleyan Chapel on this site before the building we have today ?

In 1812 the chapel was built but by 1904 it was too small – they had outgrown it !

It was in 1905 that a decision was made to build a new church on the site, and that is the building that we know and love now, and this church opened in June 1906.

The total cost of that building was £9000 !! (About the same cost as our gas and electricity bills for 1 year in 2025)

The full history of the building, together with some interesting old photos (including the Stone Laying ceremony) is available on the history page of the church website:

www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk

I recommend that you take a look – you will learn a lot about our past – enjoy !

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base.

* = Youth event

Mon	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1200-1400
	GYG Adults singing	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	Elite Pathways teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1015-1215
	Mini GYGers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1845-1945
Wed	Ready, Steady, Go	Wesley Hall	1200-1300
	Yoga	Wesley Hall	1400-1500
	GYG Performers*	Wesley Hall & Foyer	1600-2130
	GYG Creative*	Jubilee Room	1600-2000
Thurs	Elite Pathways teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	Grand Active & Additional Needs	Foyer	1015-1215
	Seniors Get Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	Grand Active Adults	Wesley Hall	1230-1300
	GYG Committee*	Foyer	1600-1800
	GYG Dance*	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1815-1915
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1330
	Elite Pathways teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1230-1430

Gravesham Foodbank

We have a steady stream of clients coming to our Saturday Foodbank. As a result, we need Pasta, Cooking Sauces, Baked Beans, Tinned Fish and Fruit Squash as well as mixed donations please.

Thank you for your continued support.

If helping at Foodbank on a Saturday morning between 10 and 12noon is something you would like to volunteer to help with please speak to Kate or Robert Hardy.

Following last week's appeal for sorting clothes at our Clothesbank it is a big thank you to the two volunteers who spent time this week sorting through them. It is much appreciated.