

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

1 December 2024

“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.



First Sunday in Advent - 1st Dec

1 Dec 10.00am Service preparation
11.00am Worship 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

8 Dec 11.00am Toy & Gift Sunday
Rev Bonni-Bell Pickard
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
15 Dec 11.00am John Hudson-Beddows
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
22 Dec 11.00am Family Christmas Celebration
Service Led by Rev A Terrett
25 Dec 11.00am Christmas Day Family Service
Led by Rev A Terrett



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

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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 the next edition is **Eric Davis**. All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on Wednesday please. Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk

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The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 2/12	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood	Foyer	1415-1530
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tue 3/12	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1300
	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 4/12	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
Thur 5/12	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1230
Fri 6/12	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 7/12	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200
	Christmas International Evening	Community Centre	1800 onwrd

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base. * = Youth event			
Mon	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1215-1345
	Tech Advice	Quiet Room	1230-1330
	GYG Adults singing	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	Mini GYGers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	Youth Council*	Quiet & Counselling	1600-1800
	Women's Exercise	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
Wed	Ready, Steady, Go	Wesley Hall	1200-1300
	Yoga	Wesley Hall	1400-1500
	GYG Performers*	Wesley Hall & Foyer	1600-2130
	GYG Creative*	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
Thur	Grand Active & Additional Needs	Foyer	1030-1230
	Seniors Get Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	GYG Committee & Gone wild*	Foyer	1600-1800
	GYG Dance*	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1330

Extract from a report to the recent Church Council

EXPLORERS - "You may have noticed that there have been rather more all-age worship services recently. This is because we do not have sufficient staff to run the group/groups. So, while we have a good number of young people, we do not have those of an age to help run Explorers. Poor health, age and other commitments mean that the three regular leaders cannot always be on duty; so, we are facing desperate times if we want to continue our children/young people's work.

We have already appealed on a number of occasions for support from members of the congregation to come forward and offer their services. Unfortunately, this has not met with any success.

We have reached a critical point and, in all probability, we will have to close Explorers on a Sunday morning unless we get some more volunteers or we think of another way to do Explorers. Even then we would need helpers.

If you have any ideas or would like to spend one Sunday with Explorers to see what goes on and gauge if you could join the team, please speak to David, Mary or Hazel. The more helpers we have, the less often you would be on the rota.

Please think and pray about the situation. It would be tragic if we had to close Explorers." Hazel Davis

Next Sunday 8 December. Toy & Gift Service -

Children's toys & Socks n Chocs at Christmas

We will be sending toys to a local refuge for mothers & young children. They would like:- 0-12 months toys, Arts & Crafts for children & Chocolates/ Smellie gift sets for teenage boys.

This year we will again be sending "socks wrapped around a bar of chocolate all wrapped in paper" to homeless people at the Whitechapel Mission in London. We can only send them if you kindly donate the items needed.- so it's over to you please!

Gravesham Foodbank at Christmas

It is that season when we all look forward to that special item of food, drink or smellies. Unfortunately, for many of our Foodbank clients Christmas will be a normal week and they will not be getting that special item – well they won't unless we step up and provide our Foodbank with special items. So, here is this week's challenge for you. Please will you donate Christmas treats next Sunday 8 December. Thank you