

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

10 October 2021 (MHA Sunday)

“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 10 October 2021

- 10.00am Preparation** for singing, music, av, worship leading
- 11.00am Time to Worship** – MHA Sunday led by Cllr Steve Thompson
- 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 Sundays

- 17 Oct** 11.00am Rev. Vic Downs
11.00am **EXPLORER**
- 24 Oct** 11.00am Local arrangement incl. Shoe Box appeal
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
- 31 Oct** 11.00am Tracey Burch
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

Today's service



Today is our MHA Sunday (MHA is the Methodist supported elderly care provider) led by Cllr Steve Thompson. We welcome the Mayor of Gravesham, the Mayor's Chaplain and a Deputy Lieutenant of Kent into our congregation. Come and learn about the forthcoming partnership between MHA and your Church.

Thank you to the people who have returned their *Life at church after covid* forms. If you have not returned your form, please will you do so URGENTLY. If you have not received one, please ask a steward, your pastoral visitor or member of the Leadership Team to give you this vital consultation letter and opportunity to do God's work.

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

Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – 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 Tel. 357681

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Sun 10/10	Welcome back stay and have a coffee - rather than staying in the foyer – please return into the church to drink it/talk to your friends where it is quieter		
Mon 11/10	Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast, Showers, Laundry	Ground floor	1000-1200
	Tai Chi – closed until the winter.		
	Sisterhood	Jubilee Room	1415-1530
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tues 12/10	“Make it, bake it, share it” Daytime Hub Project	Jubilee Room	9.30 - 1230
	Porchlight/Medallion Trust	Wesley Hall	1000-1300
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 13/10	Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast Showers, Laundry	Ground floor	1000-1200
	Wellbeing Project starts soon		
Thur 14/10	One Stop Shop/Clarion Housing	Wesley Hall	0930-1200
Fri 15/10	Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast, Showers, Laundry	Ground floor	1000-1200
	Wellbeing Project starts soon		
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200-0230
Sat 16/10	‘baby ballet’	Wesley Hall & Jubilee Room	0900-1300
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer – not going out on Saturdays at present		

Quiz – to ensure that we are not encouraging the spread of covid, the Quiz planned for Saturday 20 November has been cancelled. Hopefully we will have a quiz in the spring.

Our 2022 Calendar.

We hope to produce a new calendar for 2022 raising funds for the church. However, at present it would be a very “one-sided” calendar as most pictures would be coming from Hazel and myself - because we have received very few from members and friends so far. We know that “holiday” photos this year may be few and far between but they neither need to be holiday pics nor from this year. They just need to be taken by you/your family and taken in “landscape” format – i.e. horizontal. So, please get looking through your pics and send them to me as attachments to an **email by 17 October please to:- eric@ehdavis.me.uk**
Ta Eric Davis

“Christmas Nativity Filming 16th October

Location: Meopham Vineyard Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Cast: Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Kings (come with the camels), Herod

Purpose: Film the stable tableau and scene with Herod

The camels will already have been filmed earlier travelling to Bethlehem.

Cast needed: Joseph and up to five shepherds of any age or sex.

17th October - Recording Carols

Location: City Praise Centre Time: 1:00- 2:00pm

Carols: O little town of Bethlehem, Hark the herald, O holy night

Snacks and drinks provided

We would like a good strong group choir to sing these carols for the recording

6th November

Location: Old Town Hall and Gordon Gardens

Time: 9:00am- 2:00pm (Not everyone will need to be there all that time. More precise

timings to follow)

Cast: Mary, Joseph, Angels (up to five any sex or age), Angel Gabriel, Shepherds (same as angels), Inn Keeper, Town Crier, up to twelve to form a crowd. The Town Crier and Gabriel will have very small speaking parts.

Purpose: Film Gabriel and Mary, announcing census, travel to Bethlehem, angels with the shepherds.

Cast needed: Joseph, Angels (up to five any sex or age), Angel Gabriel, Shepherds (same as angels), Inn Keeper, Town Crier, up to twelve to form a crowd.”

Thank you - Graeme Baldwin

The Gr@nd

We are in the process of signing a licence for **The Gr@nd** to use our premises for their **GYG (Gifted Young Generation)** programmes. They are having extensive building work done in the old courtroom which would have prevented this work continuing for a year. They will now use all of our Community Centre on **Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday nights from 3.30 – 8.30pm** for the next twelve months.

This is just one of the many partnerships we are forging with our community post lockdown.