

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newssheet

12 September 2021

"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 12 September 2021

10.00am Preparation for singing, music, av, worship leading

11.00am Time to Worship – "Action for Children" Service

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

19 Sept 11.00am Harvest Sunday –
Rev Tony Graff - Holy Communion.

11.00am **EXPLORERS**

26 Sept 11.00am Bart Woodhouse

11.00am **EXPLORERS**

3 Oct 11.00am Gill Gray

11.00am **EXPLORERS**

6.30pm Rev Tony Graff - Holy Comm

Thank you to the 30 people who

have returned their *Life at church after covid* forms. If you have not returned your form, please will you do so ASAP. 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.

Harvest Sunday 19 September

We hope to re-start our Foodbank Hub soon so please will you donate packeted or canned food this Harvest which will help us restock our Foodbank. We have sufficient pasta and tea at present. Thank you.

Minister - Rev Tony Graff – Tel: 01474 320785 Email tonygraff@outlook.com (Tony's day off is Monday)

Church Tel: 01474 328249 (answerphone)

Deacon - Vic Downs (Retired) tel. 748608

Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Tel 535881

Pastoral matters - Joyce Woodcraft Tel 365771

Community Centre Manager – Vicki Clarke Tel 328249

Church Treasurer – Kate Hardy Tel 357681

Bookings - For hall and 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 Friday please. eric@ehdavis.me.uk Tel. 822570

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www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk

Sun 12/9	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 13/9	Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast, Showers, Laundry	Ground floor	1000- 1200
	Tai Chi – closed until the winter.		
	Sisterhood	Jubilee Room	1430- 1530
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930- 2200
Tues 14/9	“Make it, bake it, share it” Daytime Hub Project	Wesley Hall	1100- 1400
	Porchlight/Medallion Trust	Wesley Hall	1000- 1300
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 15/9	Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast Showers, Laundry	Ground floor	1000- 1200
	Wellbeing Project starts soon	Wesley Hall & Jubilee Room	
	We’ve Got Your Back Project starts soon		
Thur 16/9	One Stop Shop	Jubilee Room	0930- 1200
Fri 17/9	Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast, Showers, Laundry	Ground floor	1000- 1200
	Wellbeing Project starts soon		
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200- 0230
Sat 18/9	‘baby ballet’	Wesley Hall & Jubilee Room	0900- 1300
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer – not going out on Saturdays at present		



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box appeal 2021

**This coming
Sat 18 September
10.00 - 12.30pm**

**Coffee Morning in the Church
Foyer to raise funds
to buy the boxes.**

**Refreshments, fun, fellowship &
table top sale. See you there?**



Methodist Homes

(MHA) Coming to Gravesend

In addition to operating residential care homes and retirement living schemes for older people throughout the country, MHA also provides services for older people who continue to live in their own properties. Formally known as ‘Live at Home,’ ‘MHA Communities’ provide activities designed to improve well-being, reduce loneliness and isolation and signpost to other providers and services. GMCCC and MHA Communities’ Kent have been in discussions since before the pandemic and we are delighted that we will soon be launching in Gravesend. Together with our care home in Whitstable, our Retirement Living and Community Scheme in Folkestone and our recently launched telephone befriending services and digital activities throughout the county, our partnership with GMCCC will form the foundations of our mission to ensure that the older people of Kent live later life well.

MHA Communities Kent will be opening a **community coffee shop** and also **running social, intergenerational and seated exercise sessions** in the new foyer area. The community coffee shop will operate initially from 10am to 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will welcome everyone, regardless of age. There will be a simple but nutritious and affordable snacks and drinks menu. The organised activities will be open to anyone over 55 years of age who would like to become a member of MHA Communities. The full programme of activities and coffee shop menu will be published in the next few weeks alongside details of how to become a member.

MHA rely on the input of thousands of volunteers, mainly members of local Methodist Churches, to help to deliver all activities. Whatever your abilities, skills or life experiences there is a role for you. Please consider giving your time to help improve the lives of older people in Gravesend. From simply joining in conversations to serving in the Community Café, driving members to activities, to helping with the washing up - MHA Communities Kent needs you. For further details please visit <https://www.mha.org.uk/communities/volunteering> or telephone our area manager for Kent, Steve Thompson on 07817 611 976. *Please hold MHA in your prayers as we embark on this new venture.*