

# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

16 March 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

*“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.*



### LENT 2025

Rev Alex is currently running a Lent course on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm for about an hour

These are held at The Brent Methodist Church in Dartford and are for all the churches in our group so include Dene Holm, The Brent, Spital Street and Gravesend.

Everyone is welcome.

Further details from Rev Alex Terrett – [a.terrett@btinternet.com](mailto:a.terrett@btinternet.com) or 01474 320067

On the 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm there will be a Maundy Thursday United service at The Baptist Church in Windmill Street, Gravesend.

And on Good Friday a Walk of Witness at 10.30am From St George’s Church to Windmill Hill with a stop en route at The Community Square for a prayer for Gravesham.

### Sunday- 16 March

**16 March** 10.00am Ian Watton  
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.

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

**23 March** 11.00am Worship Leader led  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

**30 March** 11.00am Rev Alex Terrett including Holy Communion  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

**Minister** - Rev Alexandra Terrett– Email [a.terrett@btinternet.com](mailto:a.terrett@btinternet.com) (Alex’s day off is Friday)  
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[www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://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](mailto:roberthardy33@gmail.com)  
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The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 17/3	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood	Foyer	1415
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tue 18/3	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1300
	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
Wed 19/3	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
	Y Easter	Church	1200-1400
Thurs 20/3	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1300
	MIND Employment Group	Foyer	1230-1530
Fri 21/3	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support and Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 22/3	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200

## FINANCE

### at GRAVESEND METHODIST CHURCH

The church is receiving large increase in **all** its costs, which includes:

**GAS** – Up by **33%** and **ELECTRIC** – Up by **25%**

Maybe this is the time that we could ask you to review your giving to the church. All that you give is much appreciated, but we rely on your generosity to 'keep us afloat' and that 'afloat' figure is increasing all the time.

Whether you currently put cash in the collection plate or make a regular donation by standing order from your bank, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your giving for the future – It would be much appreciated.

If you do not currently donate via a standing order at your bank maybe that is something you could consider.

It is very easy to set up, and avoids you having to make sure you have cash for the plate!

To set up a standing order, ask your bank to make payments to HSBC Bank plc, Westminster,  
sort code **40-05-30** a/c no. **84594010**

in the name of **The Central Finance Board of The Methodist Church**

Please ensure that you reference the payment with the number **00968010** - followed by **YOUR NAME** – this is important to ensure that your money comes to this church. *Thank you.*

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

## Gravesham Foodbank

**We have a steady stream of clients coming to our Saturday Foodbank. As a result, we need tinned veg, tinned fruit, shower gel, biscuits and toilet rolls 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.**

Easter is approaching and we will be taking Crème Eggs to Whitechapel Mission once again just before Easter. Look out for the offers and maybe buy some now and hang on to them till Palm Sunday.