

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

19 November 2023

“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 19 November

19 Nov 10.00am Service preparation
11.00am Led by Simon Rowe
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

26 Nov 11.00am Roger Byard
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
3 Dec 11.00am Gill Gray – Toy and Gift Sunday
All Age Service
11 Dec 11.00am Tracey Burch
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

Sunday 3 December will be our annual **Toy & Gift Service**. For that service, please will you obtain a new (unwrapped) toy(s) which will be given to the local Oasis Women’s Refuge - for children staying there with their mothers; and/or a pair of warm socks or woolly hat wrapped around a bar of chocolate all wrapped in Christmas paper - to be given to a homeless person at Christmas. Thank you

On Sunday 17 December we will be holding a **Christmas Celebration Service** at 11.00am (which replaces the evening Christingle service held previously). For this Celebration Service we would like to have **mince pies** to eat during coffee after the service. Please will you donate boxed mince pies (in date please for 17.12.23) and leave them in the Foyer kitchen.

Minister - Rev Alexandra Terrett– Tel: 01474 320067 Email a.terrett@btinternet.com (Alex’s day off is Friday)
Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Tel 535881
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Bookings - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249
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Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – for next week is **Eric Davis** All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on Wednesday please. Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk tel 01474 822570

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[The Grand - tel 01474 320123 hello@thegrand.org.uk]

The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.

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| Mon 20/11 | Daytime Hub | Community Centre | 1000-1130 |
| | Coffee, Cake & Conversation | Foyer | 1000-1200 |
| | Sisterhood | Jubilee Room | 1415-1530 |
| | Youth engage | Ground floor | 1600 |
| | Badminton | Wesley Hall | 1930 |
| Tue 21/11 | Community Centre open | Reception | 0930-1330 |
| | Meopham Fellowship | 14 Poplar Walk | 1930 |
| Wed 22/11 | Daytime Hub | Community Centre | 1000-1200 |
| | Crafty coffee | Foyer | 1000-1200 |
| Thur 23/11 | Community Centre open | Reception | 0930-1330 |
| | No Ladies Fellowship today | | |
| Fri 24/11 | Daytime Hub | Community Centre | 1000-1200 |
| | Street Pastors Support & Prayer | Jubilee Room | 2130-0230 |
| Sat 25/11 | 'babyballet' | Wesley Hall | 0900-1230 |
| | Foodbank | Reception | 1000-1200 |

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Tuesday 28 November** starting at **9.00am**. Anyone who feels able to help will be very welcome. We have 3 Christmas Trees to put up and decorate; window sills, the Wesley Hall, the porch & the foyer to decorate plus we need to "fly" the angels to their vantage point. **See you then?**

Gravesham Foodbank

Last week Gravesham Foodbank as a whole fed 91 people.

As we near Christmas please will you add Christmas items to your donations to give foodbank clients that "little extra". e.g Christmas Puds, Christmas sweets, long life mince pies, small Christmas cakes, etc. etc. Please start donating them now so that we are able to give them out in advance of Christmas itself.

Thank you

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

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| Mon | Tech course & Advice | Quiet Room | 1000-1330 |
| | Grand Active | Wesley Hall | 1215-1345 |
| | Active Listening* | Counsel Room | 1530-1830 |
| | GYG Adults singing | Foyer | 1830-2030 |
| Tues | Grand Active | Wesley Hall | 1030-1200 |
| | Mini GYGers* | Wesley Hall | 1600-1700 |
| | Be You Project* | Jubilee Room | 1600-1730 |
| | Active Listening* | Quiet & Counselling | 1530-1830 |
| | Drumming Workshop* | Church/Foyer | 1600-1800 |
| Wed | Women's Exercise | Wesley Hall | 1900-1945 |
| | Ready, Steady, Go | Wesley Hall | 1200-1300 |
| | Yoga | Wesley Hall | 1400-1500 |
| | GYG Performers* | Wesley Hall | 1600-1800 |
| Thur | GYG Creative* | Jubilee Room | 1600-1800 |
| | Grand Active & Additional Needs | Foyer | 1030-1230 |
| | Seniors Get Active | Wesley Hall | 1030-1130 |
| | Active Listening* | Quiet Room | 1530-1830 |
| | GYG Committee & Gone wild* | Foyer | 1600-1800 |
| Fri | GYG Dance* | Wesley Hall | 1630-1830 |
| | English Classes -cancelled this week | | |

Safer Recruiting

In order to protect volunteers and people who we meet in the life of the church from harm, The Methodist Church has put in place a system called "Safer Recruiting." All churches must now adhere to this and we are now implementing it at this church. Present volunteers are being asked to complete a reduced questionnaire; new volunteers will have to complete a two-part check which will include the need to put forward two references. We are rolling this out to the Church Council first and this is now underway. If you are a volunteer and are not a member of the Church Council it will be coming your way in the next few months. It is nothing to be worried about and is designed to keep us all safe; so, we look forward to your co-operation. Thank you Eric Davis on behalf of your Church Council