

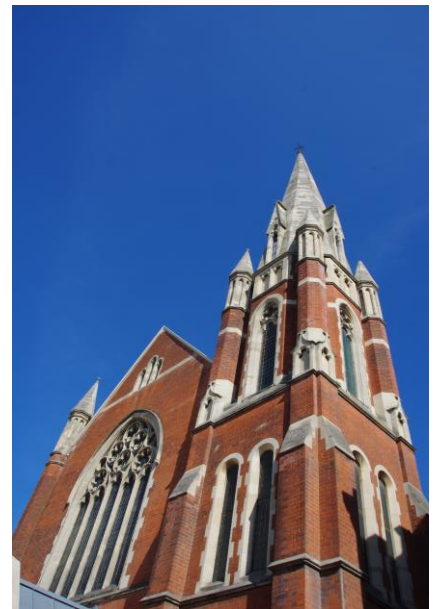
# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

2 February 2025

*"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 .



### Sunday 2 February

2 Feb 10.00am Service preparation  
11.00am Service led by Rev Alexandra Terrett with Holy Communion  
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

9 Feb 11.00am Deacon Vic Downs  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
16 Feb 11.00am To be arranged  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
23 Feb 11.00am John Hudson-Beddows  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

### A MESSAGE FOR YOU

The Leadership Team, Church Council and Minister have for some time been asking the congregation to "step up" and let those in their 70's and 80's who are presently running the church "step back" and take over their duties. If this does not happen soon, we may find ourselves in a very difficult situation with nobody able to run the church and which would lead to inevitable closure; something we are sure that neither God nor you want.

So could you become a:-  
Sunday Steward or Senior Steward.  
Property Steward or Property Secretary (these positions become totally vacant in May 2025).  
Explorers Leaders or Helpers.  
Pastoral Co-ordinator or Pastoral Visitor.  
Member of the Church Council (Trustee).  
Social & Fundraising Team member.  
Finance Team members.

**Please will all members and friends give this article your very serious prayerful consideration and not leave it to the trusted elderly few to "run the show". Please speak to our Minister, Senior Steward or a member of the Leadership Team about this.**

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

**Senior Church Steward** - Sheila Allison Email sheila\_allison@btinternet.com **Pastoral matters**-Joyce Woodcraft Email joyceatlast@talktalk.net **Property or administration** - Eric Davis Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk

**Finances** - Kate or Robert Hardy Email kateahardy16@gmail.com or roberthardy33@gmail.com

**Deacon** -Vic Downs (Retired) Email deacon45@virginmedia.com

**Church Tel:** 01474 328249 (answerphone) **or use the contact form on our church web site –**

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

**Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre**, Milton Road and 4-9 Wilfred Street, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 2RE & DA12 2HA Charity Number:1132238 Please follow us on Facebook – just look up Gravesend Methodist Church. Like the page, then share with others. **[The Grand** - tel 01474 320123 hello@thegrand.org.uk]

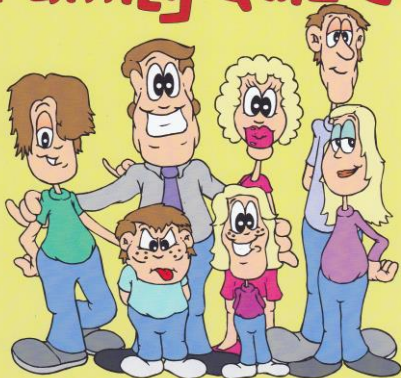
The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.

Mon 3/2	<b>Daytime Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>Coffee, Cake &amp; Conversation</b>	Foyer	1000-1200
	<b>Sisterhood</b>	Foyer	1415-1530
	<b>Badminton Club</b>	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tue 4/2	<b>Community Centre open</b>	Reception	0900-1300
	<b>SUN Group (Kent &amp; Medway NHS - Service user Network)</b>	Foyer	0930-1330
	<b>Meopham Fellowship</b>	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 5/2	<b>Daytime Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>Crafty coffee</b>	Foyer	1000-1215
Thur 6/2	<b>Community Centre open</b>	Reception	0900-1230
	<b>MIND Employment Group</b>	Foyer	1230-1530
Fri 7/2	<b>Daytime Hub</b>	Community Centre	1000-1200
	<b>Street Pastors Support &amp; Prayer</b>	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 8/2	<b>'babyballet'</b>	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	<b>Foodbank</b>	Reception	1000-1200

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

Mon	<b>Grand Active</b>	Wesley Hall	1200-1400
	<b>GYG Adults singing</b>	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	<b>Elite Pathways teenage schooling</b>	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	<b>Grand Active</b>	Wesley Hall	1015-1215
	<b>Mini GYGers*</b>	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	<b>Exercise Class</b>	Wesley Hall	1845-1945
Wed	<b>Ready, Steady, Go</b>	Wesley Hall	1200-1300
	<b>Yoga</b>	Wesley Hall	1400-1500
	<b>GYG Performers*</b>	Wesley Hall & Foyer	1600-2130
	<b>GYG Creative*</b>	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
Thur	<b>Elite Pathways teenage schooling</b>	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	<b>Grand Active &amp; Additional Needs</b>	Foyer	1015-1215
	<b>Seniors Get Active</b>	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	<b>GYG Committee *</b>	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
	<b>GYG Dance*</b>	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
	<b>Exercise Class</b>	Wesley Hall	1815-1915
Fri	<b>English Classes</b>	Foyer	1000-1330

## Family Quiz Evening



*A quiz evening with a twist*

**Saturday 15 February 2025**

**6.30 for 6.45pm**

**Teams of 6 - £8 per head with Ploughmans Platter - Bring your own nibbles and soft drinks (sorry no alcohol)**

Register your team with Robert Hardy tel 357681  
Email [roberthardy33@gmail.com](mailto:roberthardy33@gmail.com)

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## Safeguarding

Following a recent safeguarding query, our Safeguarding Officer and the Leadership Team have undertaken a review of how we record contact details etc. of children attending our Explorers group. As a result, all parents/carers etc. wishing their children to attend Explorers, will be asked to fill in a card recording contact details. Stewards are to ensure that cards are given out/returned before or during the services, even if it is their first time of attending. These confidential cards will then be filed securely by Hazel Davis.

## Gravesham Foodbank

We need Jam, Marmalade, Peanut Butter or other spreads, plus porridge and cereals (smallish packets please e.g. 500g boxes)

Please keep mixed donations coming as they are vital to keep us running. Thank you.