

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newssheet

25 July 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.



Welcome back

It is great to be together again in God's presence.

Sunday 25 July 2021

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

11.00am Time to Worship – led by Rev Tony Graff – All age and Holy Communion service

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.

Next Sunday

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

11.00am Time to Worship – led by Linda Brereton

11.00am EXPLORERS (Children's Club)

6.30pm Evening service with Holy Communion led by Rev Tony Graff

In line with guidance from "The Methodist Church", please will you continue to be covid vigilant when at church. Please use the QR test and trace app or register in the covid file; and amongst normal precautions, please wear your face mask and sit socially distanced. We want you to stay safe.

The seating area at the front of the church, formerly the quiet area and where the Christmas tree goes, is now allocated for wheelchair users and their carers as well as parents with buggies which are occupied.

Unoccupied buggies should either be left in the foyer or behind the last pew on the East side. We are encouraging parents to sit with their children please.

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| Sun 25/7 | Welcome back stay and have a coffee | | |
| Mon 26/7 | Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast, Showers, Laundry | Ground floor | 1000-1200 |
| | Tai Chi – closed until the winter. | | |
| | Sisterhood – closed for the summer | | |
| | Badminton Club – closed until September | | |
| Tues 27/7 | Daytime Hub | Parlour | 1100-1400 |
| | Meopham Fellowship – not meeting this week | | |
| Wed 28/7 | Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast Showers, Laundry | Ground floor | 1000-1200 |
| | Finance Team Meeting | Jubilee Room | 1900-2200 |
| Fri 30/7 | Daytime Homeless Hub, Advice Breakfast, Showers, Laundry | Ground floor | 1000-1200 |
| | Street Pastors Support & Prayer | Jubilee Room | 2200-0230 |
| Sat 31/7 | 'baby ballet' | Wesley Hall/Jubilee Room | 0915-1200 |
| | Street Pastors Support & Prayer – not going out at present | | |
| Sun 1/8 | <i>No need to clear the Wesley Hall of chairs etc to return it to weekday uses any longer!!! HOORAY!!</i> | | |

Please include in your prayers the families of two of our members/friends who passed away recently.

Firstly, Terry Owen whose funeral was held in this church last Thursday.

Secondly, Trevor Blake-Morris who died recently in Darent Valley Hospital. We will publish any funeral details once they are known.

We hope to partner with the later life provider – MHA – to deliver the community café in the new foyer with an emphasis on helping the more elderly in our society. Once we know more, we will be asking for your support for this new chapter in our church life. Whilst we wait, please will you include not only the MHA but also use of the new foyer and its kitchen in your prayers.

The last newsletter I edited was for the service on **15 March 2020** when we were in the Wesley Hall and talking about what corona virus precautions we were putting in place as a church. Well, what a lot of water has flowed under many bridges since then! Next weeks newssheet will be one for the whole of August, so please let me know of anything you would like to see in it. In the meantime, may God bless you and yours and please stay safe. Eric Davis



New foyer set out with new tables and chairs in a café setting

Sundays Offering - **please continue** to give via BACS, Standing Order etc. if that is how you have been supporting the church over the lockdown. However, we can now take individual payments from **credit and debit cards**; please see Robert Hardy if you are interested in this.

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Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – next week is Eric Davis. All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on Wednesday please. eric@ehdavis.me.uk Tel. 822570

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