

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

26 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 26 November

26 Nov 10.00am Service preparation
11.00am Led by John Hudson-Beddows
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

3 Dec 11.00am Gill Gray – Toy and Gift Sunday
All Age Service
10 Dec 11.00am Tracey Burch
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
17 Dec 11.00am Christmas Celebration Family
Service with The Grand taking part.

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?**

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) 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
Property or administration - Eric Davis Tel 822570
Church Tel: 01474 328249 (answerphone)
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Bookings - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249
Pastoral matters - Joyce Woodcraft Tel 365771
Finances - Kate or Robert Hardy Tel 357681
Deacon - Vic Downs (Retired) tel. 748608

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.			
Mon 27/11	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 28/11	Decorate Church for Christmas	Church	0900
	Community Centre open	Reception	0930-1330
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 29/11	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1200
Thur 30/11	Community Centre open	Reception	0930-1330
Fri 1/12	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
Sat 2/12	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1230
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230

Next Sunday 3 December will be our annual **Toy & Gift 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

Autumn Market - a great success - total raised was £1582.07 - Thank you to everybody who supported the event in any way, all much appreciated.

Robert Hardy

Gravesham Foodbank

Last week Gravesham Foodbank as a whole fed 125 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			
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
	Women's Exercise	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
Wed	Ready, Steady, Go	Wesley Hall	1200-1300
	Yoga	Wesley Hall	1400-1500
	GYG Performers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1800
	GYG Creative*	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
Thur	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
	GYG Dance*	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1330

Alan Wood would like to thank all who have helped him in recent weeks following the passing away of his late wife, Pauline. Your prayers, cards and good wishes are valued as well as donations sent to the Daytime Hub in memory of Pauline. Like many recently bereaved people, Alan is finding it very quiet at home and values the company of his dog Tilly.

Sunday, after church, coffee - the rota comes to an end soon and a new one will be created for 2024. Those on the current rota, your work every six weeks is much appreciated and I hope you will continue to help in this way.

Anybody else who would like to be on the rota should contact Robert Hardy as soon as possible - new helpers always wanted.