

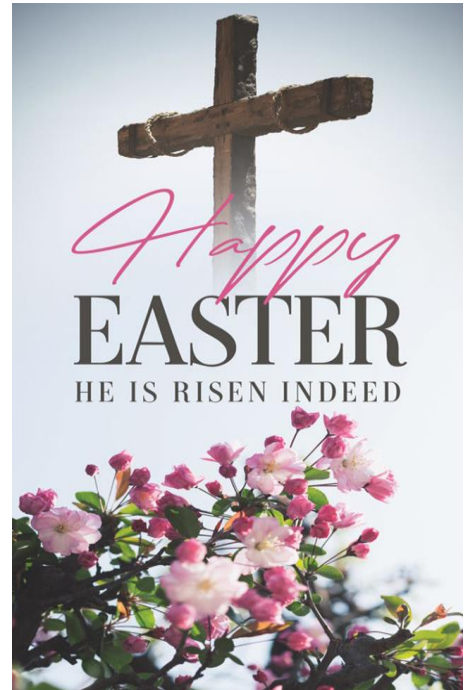
# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

31 March 2024

*“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 services and weekday activities.*



### Easter Day 31 March

**Easter Day** 9.30am **Easter Breakfast** for the congregation in the Community Centre- (see article over the page)  
10.00am Service preparation  
11.00am **Easter Celebration service** with reception of new members and Holy Communion led by Rev A Terrett  
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

7 Apr 11.00am Gill Gray  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
14 Apr United Service at The Brent Methodist Church, St Vincent’s Road, Dartford DA1 1XF  
(No Service at GMCCC today)

**British Summer Time – put your clocks FORWARD an hour on Saturday night 30 March (otherwise you will be rather late for our Easter Day events!!!)**

It is with sadness that we have to report the passing away of **Christina Mayers** recently. Christina was a regular worshiper with us sitting at the front of church and using a walker to get around. Christina’s funeral is at Thames View Crematorium 1pm on Tuesday 9 April followed by refreshments in the Community Centre at Church  
Our prayers are with her family and friends.

It is with sadness that we report the recent passing away of **Pearl Sydall**. Pearl was part of our Mind group a number of years ago and was a much-loved member of our Sisterhood.  
Pearl’s funeral will be held at Thames View Crematorium, 1pm on Monday 15 April.  
Our prayers are with her family and friends.

Minister - Rev Alexandra Terrett– Tel: 01474 320067 Email [a.terrett@btinternet.com](mailto:a.terrett@btinternet.com) (Alex’s day off is Friday)  
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**Bookings** - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249

**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](mailto:eric@ehdavis.me.uk) tel 01474 822570

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Mon 1/4	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>		
	No Daytime Hub today	Community Centre	1000-1200
	No Warm Spaces Coffee, Cake & Conversation today	Foyer	1000-1200
	No Sisterhood today	Foyer	1415-1530
	Youth engage - restarts 8 April	Ground floor	1530
	No Badminton today	Wesley Hall	1930
Tue 2/4	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1300
	Finance & Property Meeting	Foyer	1900
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 3/4	No Daytime Hub today		
	Warm Spaces Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1200
	Easter Pilgrims overnight stay	Ground floor	1500 onwrtd
Thur 4/4	Easter Pilgrims leave today	Ground floor	0800 leave
Fri 5/4	No Daytime Hub today		
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 6/4	No 'babyballet' today	Wesley Hall	0900-1230
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200

**Easter Sunday Breakfast**  
**Breakfast starts at 9.30am for those who booked in advance. A time of celebration and fellowship.**

### **Crème Eggs for Easter**

**It is a big thank you to all who donated crème eggs last Sunday. We beat last years number by 5 – sending 555 to the Whitechapel Mission in London and to our own Daytime Hub.**

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

**During an evening service in the late 1990's a 15-year-old refugee from Belarus walked into our church which sparked off a programme of help for people fleeing the conflicts in Eastern Europe. That was the catalyst for the community work which we carry on today and which has now morphed into the Daytime Hub helping homeless people. The name of that refugee was Sergei Chernyehyog (known to the congregation as Sergei). Many people will remember Sergei (he later changed his name to Slava Nebaduhin) as a friend and much-loved member of our congregation**

**It is with much sadness that we now report the passing away of Sergei. His funeral will be held at Thames View Crematorium at 3pm this coming Thursday 4 April and we would encourage people to attend that service. A floral tribute is to be sent on behalf of our church.**

**Unfortunately, the law is such that his next of kin are responsible for organising and funding his funeral. His next of kin are his two sons, Dennis and Anton. Anton is still at school and Dennis has just started university. They have done some crowd funding, raising £2135 toward the £4000 cost of Sergei's funeral but leaving £1865 yet to be found.**

**If you feel able to help Sergei's sons financially, then please will you give cash donations to Fred Hollick or Robert Hardy and they will see that donations are forwarded appropriately.**