

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

5 January 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 you may have about our Sunday services and weekday activities.



Sunday 5 Jan

5 Jan 10.00am Service preparation
11.00am Covenant Service led by
Rev Alex Terrett with Holy Communion

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

12 Jan 11.00am Tracey Burch
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
19 Jan 11.00am John Hudson-Beddows
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
26 Jan 11.00am To be arranged
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

Your New Year's resolution?

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 your New Year’s resolution be to 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 members.

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

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The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 6/1	Daytime Hub Lite	Community Centre	1000
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood closed until 13 Jan		
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tue 7/1	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1300
	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 8/1	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
Thur 9/1	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1230
Fri 10/1	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 12/1	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base. * = Youth event			
Mon	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1215-1345
	Tech Advice	Quiet Room	1230-1330
	GYG Adults singing	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	Teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	Mini GYGers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	Youth Council*	Quiet & Counselling	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 & Foyer	1600-2130
	GYG Creative*	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
Thur	Teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	Grand Active & Additional Needs	Foyer	1030-1230
	Seniors Get Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	GYG Committee & Gone wild*	Foyer	1600-1800
	GYG Dance*	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1330

Received from Oasis Domestic Abuse Service following the donation of toys from our Toy Service on 8 Dec. :- "I am writing to thank you and everyone who contributed to the wonderful donation of toys for the children we support this Christmas.

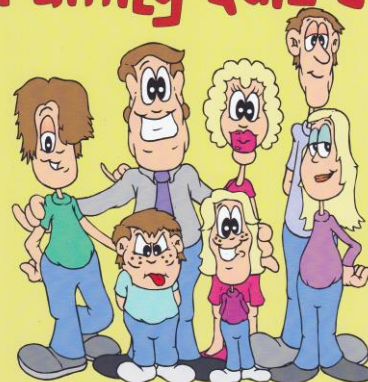
As you can imagine, Christmas can be a challenging time for those living in refuge or safe accommodation. Being away from family and friends, missing cherished traditions, and facing an uncertain future can be incredibly difficult. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to ensure our clients feel safe and loved, and get to experience some much-needed fun and festivity, giving them a break from their trauma. Your act of generosity makes a huge difference in people's lives, and will bring real comfort and joy over the festive season.

Our wish for everyone we help is that of a brighter future and renewed hope in the coming year. Your support means the world to those staying with us, and it can be a real boost to their wellbeing to know that the local community cares. We are truly grateful for your generosity."

Gravesham Foodbank

This is a difficult time for the Foodbank as Christmas donations are finished and there is usually a dramatic drop of giving from supermarket customers from January to March. This makes your regular giving of mixed items vital to keep this service going. Thank you.

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 **Ptoughmans Patter** -
Bring your own nibbles and soft drinks (sorry no alcohol)

Register your team with Robert Hardy tel 357681
Email roberthardy33@gmail.com