

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Newsheet

July/August 2022

“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 Services

- 24 July** 11.00am Action for Children Sunday
All age service
- 31 July** 11.00am Led by Joyce Woodcraft
All age service
4.00pm Circuit Farewell Service for
Tony Graff, Elaine Cranmer from Holy Trinity,
Chatham & Paul Lau from the Chinese Church
- 7 Aug** 11.00am Dr BartWoodhouse
All age service
- 14 Aug** 11.00am Rev D Read –Holy Communion
All age service
- 21 Aug** 11.00am R Byard
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
- 28 Aug** To be arranged.
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
- 4 Sept** 11.00am Rev Alex 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.

Social events planned for the autumn. Raising funds for our C21st Project

Puzzle evening – 24th September - 4.15pm start – Join a team and make up a jigsaw puzzle with refreshments at ‘half time’. - £5 per adult

International Evening – 15th October – 6.00pm - bring some food to share relating to your heritage, play some games and let’s see your dance moves - Admission free

Autumn Market (For Church funds) – 12th November 10.00am to 2.30pm
Stalls of various varieties and light refreshments

Quiz Evening – 26th November 6.30 for 6.45pm – The Family Fun Quiz with a twist. £7 per head including ploughman’s platter. Put together a team of 6 or be put into a team on the night. Bring your own drinks (no alcohol please) & nibbles.

Until our next Minister arrives in September, please address any issues to the following people...

Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Tel 535881

Pastoral matters - Joyce Woodcraft Tel 365771

Property or administration - Eric Davis Tel 822570

Finances - Kate or Robert Hardy Tel 357681

Church Tel: 01474 328249 (answerphone)

Community Centre Manager – Vicki Clarke Tel 328249

Deacon -Vic Downs (Retired) tel. 748608

Bookings - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249

Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – for 4 September is **Eric Davis** All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on 31 August please. email eric@ehdavis.me.uk

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www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk

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| Mon | Daytime Hub – closed for August reopening 5 Sept | Community Centre | 1000-1200 |
| | Coffee, Cake & Conversation closed for August reopening 5 Sept | Foyer | 1000-1200 |
| | No Sisterhood until September | Jubilee Room | |
| | Youth ngage closed until September | Wesley Hall | |
| | No Badminton Club until 5 September | Wesley Hall | |
| Tue | Community Centre reception– closed 26 July & all of August | | 0930-1330 |
| | Meopham Fellowship | 14 Poplar Walk | 1930 |
| Wed | Daytime Hub closed for August reopening 5 Sept | Community Centre | 1000-1200 |
| | Youth ngage 3 Aug | Community Centre | 1100-1400 |
| | Crafty coffee | Foyer | 1000-1200 |
| Thur | Community Centre reception closed 28 July & all of August | | 0930-1330 |
| | One Stop Shop Clarion Housing | Wesley Hall | 0930-1200 |
| | Ukraine Family Help Centre (Monthly) arranged by Adam Holloway M.P. | Wesley Hall | 1700-1900 |
| Fri | Daytime hub for 1 August reopening 5 Sept | Community Centre | 1000-1200 |
| | Street Pastors Support & Prayer 5, 12 & 19 Aug | Jubilee room | 2200-0230 |
| Sat | 'babyballet' closed until September | Wesley Hall | |
| | Foodbank Hub | Reception | 1000-1200 |
| | Charity Fashion Show booking 3 Sept | Wesley Hall/ Jubilee Room | 1200-2000 |
| | Street Pastors Support & Prayer 30/7, 13 & 27 Aug | Jubilee Room | 2200-0230 |



Don't forget to take pictures for our 2023 calendar over the summer and email them in Landscape format to Eric - eric@ehdavis.me.uk

The new Circuit Plan indicates that our new Minister - Rev. Alex Terrett - is taking her first service in this circuit at our church on the morning of 4 September which will include Holy Communion. Please put this in your diary and come and support Alex.

Link to the circuit plan is :-
<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/doc/2022-sept-nov-nkmc-plan-D674228.pdf>

Please do not forget Alex's welcome service at The Brent, Dartford on Sunday 4 Sept. at 4pm and we look forward to seeing you at that service too?

Gravesham Foodbank

Thank you to those of you who have re-commenced donating regularly into our Foodbank Trolley. We now need mixed donations please.

Have you had time to consider whether you could help out regularly as one of your helpers? You would be needed on Saturdays from 9.45 – 12noon ish fortnightly or monthly and must be able to make it up and down the basement stairs. Please have a word with Eric Davis or Robert or Kate Hardy for more information or if you could become part of our team. Thank you.

**BREAST
CANCER
NOW**

Come and enjoy afternoon tea at St George's Arts Centre in support of 'Breast Cancer Now' on Saturday 20. August from 2pm onwards. This is being arranged by Nalita Narain. £10 per person. Includes sandwiches, scones and cakes. There is a vegan option available. For further information or to book please contact Reeves.refreshments@btopenworld.com or call Grant 07563514719.

Negotiations with The Grand -

Gravesham's Healthy Living initiative – negotiations are progressing well and, subject to their Board meeting on 26 July, they should be moving in with us toward the end of August for a September start.

Before then however, we need to do some clearing out, moving of furniture and generally getting the premises "ship shape" for their arrival. If you are able to help with this e.g. deconstruct the table tennis table in the parlour and reconstructing it on the ground floor or do a "tip run with your car" please will you contact Eric Davis or Robert Hardy

The Foyer Coffee Mornings.

Due to not having enough keyholders available, we will not be running the coffee mornings in the foyer on Mondays during August, However, we will be able to continue Wednesdays as usual. Monday coffee will restart on Monday 5 September at the normal time of 10.00am to 12 noon.