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Charity Number: 1132238

Offerings for Sunday 18th November

Envelopes	£ 262.50
Cash	£ 66.95
Bankers Orders	£ 315.00
Total to date	£ 644.45

Please contact Treasurer: Mike Butler (On 01474 362740).
If you require further details about the Envelope Scheme or
Bankers Orders and the Gift Aid Scheme.

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The Sanctuary Winter Shelter starts this Sunday and will be open Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with a 'Lite' version being considered for Wednesdays until the end of February. Like previous years, it will open at 6.30pm for guests who can have a cooked evening meal, get showered, have their clothes washed or replaced, have social time and help followed by bed. In the morning breakfast will be served before the building is returned to its daytime uses. Of course it doesn't stop or start there for the volunteers who have to set up/prepare and put away, as well as washing bedding and clothes at other times during the week. (it is also hoped that other Churches will rise to the Challenge for them to have 'lite' nights on Monday, Friday and Saturday Nights but that is something for the future).

This coming Wednesday evening Gravesham's Elderly Forum are providing a Fish and Chip Supper (sponsored by Tesco from your 5p bag money) for our homeless guests which will include providing new winter clothes etc.

**Gravesend Street Pastors
Afternoon Tea with Seasonal Music
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Friday 7th December at 2.00pm
Look forward to seeing you there.**

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Your local Town
Centre Church
Bringing God's love
to the heart of the
community".



Weekly News Sheet 2nd December 2018

Welcome To our Worship and Fellowship

If you are joining us for the first time, please make yourself at home and stay for tea or coffee which is served in the church 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 2nd December 2018

- 10.00am Preparation
Singing, music. Av and worship leading.
- 11.00 Deacon Vic Downs**
Readings: Matthew 24 vv 36 - 44
- 10.50 am EXPLORERS** (Children's Club)
- 6.30 pm Evening Service. Holy Communion
Rev Thelma Campbell
Minister from Brent Methodist Church

Sunday 9th December

- Toy/Gift service**
- 10.00am Preparation
Singing, music. Av and worship leading.
- 11.00 am Rev. Tony Graff
- 11.00 am **EXPLORERS** (Children's Club)

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.

Mon 03/12	"Washing off the city colours" , "tea and toast" and laundry.	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	Tai Chi-	Wesley Hall	1030 1230
	Mental Health Stage 2 training course	Parlour	1000 1400
	No Sisterhood Out for Christmas Lunch	Jubilee Room	
	Youth N'gace Youth Group	Wesley Hall	1600 1800
	Lithuanian Language School	Parlour	1700 2000
	Walk Tall – training course	Jubilee Room	1730 2130
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930 2200
Tues 04/12	Morning Coffee	Jubilee Room	1000 1200
	Prayer Time	Church	1000 1200
	Mini-meals	Jubilee Room	1230 1330
	Sanctuary Overnight Stay	Ground Floor	1830
Wed 05/12	"Washing off the city colours" "tea and toast" and laundry.	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	Porchlight Sports	Wesley Hall	1000 1200
	Gravesham Elderly Forum Fish and Chips for The Homeless	Ground Floor	1930
Thurs 06/12	Reception		1000 1400
	Ladies Fellowship	3 Cerne Road	1400 1600
	DIY Volunteers Required	All Areas	1200 Onwards
	Sanctuary Overnight Stay	Ground Floor	1830
Fri 07/12	Sanctuary Office	Sanctuary Office	1000 1200
	"Washing off the city colours" , "tea and toast" and laundry.	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	Time of Quiet and Reflection 1st/3rd Fri in each month.	Gravesend	1400
	Sanctuary Training	Ground Floor	1930
	Street Pastors	Jubilee Room	2200 0230
Sat 08/12	Baby Ballet	Wesley Hall	0900 1300
	Food Bank	Church	1000 1200
	Coffee Morning	Jubilee Room	1000 1200
	Youth Ngace Choir	Parlour	1600 1700
	Christmas sing along concert	Church	1900
	Street Pastors	Jubilee Room	2200 0230
Sun 09/12	Sanctuary Overnight Stay	Ground Floor	1830

Food Bank Needs are:

Fruit Juice. Fruit Squash. Baked beans. Biscuits. Deodorants.
Also needed are more FoodBank volunteers
Can you spare 2 hours on a Saturday Morning, on a rota, every 4-6 weeks? If you can help please speak to Eric, Kate or Robert.
With Christmas fast approaching and **having no treats in store** please will you consider buying **Christmas Puddings (all sizes) Small Christmas iced cake, Christmas Biscuits and Christmas sweets** (no Advent calendars thank you)

Gravesend Methodist Church. A Christmas Singalong Concert. Saturday 8th December @ 7.00pm

With Local Artists

Bring your voice and have some Christmas fun!
Admission £5.00 (under 10's free)
Proceeds in aid of our C21st Community Project
Tickets are now available

This week Advent starts which means Christmas is around the corner.

So please will you:-

Provide new toys for the Toy/gift service on 9th Dec

(Toys go to the local women's refuge for their children)
Provide a bar of chocolate wrapped in socks or hats (wrapped in wrapping paper) to go to the Whitechapel mission in London for the Homeless from the above service.

Provide Mince pies(with use by date after Christmas please) – we need hundreds of them starting on Saturday 15th Dec when we will be giving them out on the church steps along with an invitation to our Christmas services.

Provide Christmas food items or smellies for our Food bank clients – we need them ASAP please.

Provide new warm clothing for our Clothes Bank for Homeless people whenever you are able (our "Sanctuary" Winter Night Shelter starts on Sunday 2nd December – (3 nights a week for 3months)

Bring your voice to the carol singing at ASDA on Friday 7th December at 7.00pm (In aid of Action for Children); and The Sing-along Christmas Concert on Saturday 8th December at 7.00pm. Meet by the Cafe. Singing to the housebound on Tuesday 11th December Carol Singing for Christian Aid on Saturday 15th December (our churches slot is 1.00 – 1.30pm)

Recently, you were asked to submit your personal details so that our records can be updated and maintained with GDPR requirements. If you have not yet had a form to fill in please ask for one and return it ASAP
Thanks Robert Hardy – Data Protection Officer – GMC

At recent church meeting I set the challenge to our church to increase our fundraising for the 21st Building Project to £20.000 by the end of the year. I am pleased to say that we are at **£18.320** already. Please keep your donations coming in (direct to me or in an envelope marked 21st project.) I'm sure we can do it. Thank you. Robert Hardy.

Bazaar. Thank you everybody. who helped to raise a total £1434 last week everybody.