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### Offerings for Sunday 2nd December

Envelopes	£ 362.00
Cash	£ 150.00
Bankers Orders	£ -
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£ 512.00</b>

Please contact Treasurer: Mike Butler (0n 01474 362740).  
If you require further details about the Envelope Scheme or  
Bankers Orders and the Gift Aid Scheme.

**Gift Envelopes for year 2019 are now available and are  
on the shelf in the back pew.  
Please collect them .Thanks**

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### Hello to you all.

I refer to my challenge at our last Leadership Team meeting for our local fundraising to achieve a figure of £20,000 by the end of the year! (it was £17560 at the time).

15 days from now will be the last day of the year.  
How are we doing?

At this time of writing we have raised £19141.73 – we are nearly at the challenge marker!!!

I remain confident we can not only achieve it but smash through it – my calculator says we have we have just £858.27 to go.

I still have a few calendars to sell and don't forget to mention donations and the little round donation boxes to everyone.

Thank you everybody who has helped with this challenge – let's achieve it – and more, then have a new challenge for the New Year.  
Robert Hardy

# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

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



## Weekly News Sheet 9th 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 9th December 2018

#### Toy/Gift service

10.00am Preparation  
Singing, music. Av and worship leading.

#### 11.00 Rev.Tony Graff

Readings: Isaiah 40 v 1 – 11  
Luke 1 v 5-25

11.00 am **EXPLORERS** (Children's Club)

### Sunday 16th December

10.00am Preparation  
Singing, music. Av and worship leading.

11.00 am Rev.Tony Graff - Holy Communion

11.00 am **EXPLORERS** (Children's Club)

4.00 pm Christingle Service  
A candle light service for all.

#### 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 10/12	<b>“Washing off the city colours” “tea and toast” and laundry.</b>	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	<b>Tai Chi-</b>	Wesley Hall	1030 1230
	<b>Mental Health Stage 2 training course</b>	Parlour	1000 1400
	<b>Sisterhood Christmas Buffet</b>	Jubilee Room	1430
	<b>Lithuanian Language School</b>	Parlour	1700 2000
	<b>Walk Tall – training course</b>	Jubilee Room	1730 2130
	<b>Badminton Club</b>	Wesley Hall	1930 2200
Tues 11/12	<b>Morning Coffee</b>	Jubilee Room	1000 1200
	<b>Prayer Time</b>	Church	1000 1200
	<b>Daytime Services Team Meeting</b>	Quiet Room	1100
	<b>Mini-meals</b>	Jubilee Room	1230 1330
	<b>Sanctuary Overnight Stay</b>	Ground Floor	1830
Wed 12/12	<b>“Washing off the city colours” “tea and toast” and laundry.</b>	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	<b>Porchlight Sports</b>	Wesley Hall	1000 1200
	<b>Sanctuary Training</b>	Ground Floor	1930 2100
Thurs 13/12	<b>Reception</b>		1000 1400
	<b>Ladies Fellowship</b>	3 Cerne Road	1400 1600
	<b>DIY Volunteers Required</b>	All Areas	1200 Onwards
	<b>Sanctuary Overnight Stay</b>	Ground Floor	1830
Fri 14/12	<b>Sanctuary Office</b>	Sanctuary Office	1000 1200
	<b>“Washing off the city colours” , “tea and toast” and laundry.</b>	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	<b>Time of Quiet and Reflection 1st/3rd Fri in each month.</b>	Gravesend	1400
	<b>Sanctuary Training</b>	Ground Floor	1930
	<b>Street Pastors</b>	Jubilee Room	2200 0230
Sat 15/12	<b>Baby Ballet</b>	Wesley Hall	0900 1300
	<b>Food Bank</b>	Quiet Room	1000 1200
	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Jubilee Room	1000 1200
	<b>Youth Ngage Choir</b>	Parlour	1600 1700
	<b>Amulet House of Women</b>	Wesley Hall	1400 1800
	<b>Street Pastors</b>	Jubilee Room	2200 0230
Sun 16/12	<b>Private Booking</b>	Wesley Hall	1300 1700
	<b>Christingle Service</b>	Church	1600
	<b>Sanctuary Overnight Stay</b>	Ground Flr	1830

### Food Bank Needs

**“Please** continue to give general donations to Foodbank whenever you are able. Although we now have some Christmas items, we don’t have enough to give every client a treat, or two so please remember to buy a Christmas treat or two when next shopping. Please can we have these ASAP otherwise clients will get them as late presents.”

### Now we are in Advent

**So please will you:-**

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

### Bring your voice to the carol singing:

**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)

### Sanctuary Winter Night Shelter

“The Sanctuary Winter Night Shelter is now in operation and is planned to continue until the end of February. However it can only continue if more overnight volunteers can be found as there are presently too few available. So if this something which you could consider, that would be great. This week there have been on average 9 guests per night but we imagine that will increase once the really cold weather starts. We had a successful Fish and Chip Supper on Wednesday with Gravesham 50 + Forum providing the food + clothing via a grant from Tesco (the 5p bag fund).

**“World Pay”**. We welcome eight managers from “World Pay” this Monday who are volunteering at our community centre for the day. We anticipate that they will help with Tea and Toast, Reception, Clothesbank and Foodbank duties. Thankyou “World Pay”.”

**Thanks -** We thank Dominic Braima and Junior for their help with the AV and sound on Sundays. Unfortunately they are now unavailable for these duties so our AV rota is now down to three people and Sound down to ONE. **Please, please** will you consider whether you, or you know of someone who fits either bill and could be trained up to help. If not, there may be some Sundays when there will be **No SOUND or AV**.

**Cleaning –** We have been recently informed that our contract cleaning company, “Sebias,” is ceasing to trade from 12th December. We are investigating new companies who may be interested in this contract; but in the meantime there may be a period when there is no contract cleaner. More on this when we know more.

### Gravesham Churches together Nativity Parade Event Saturday 15th December

The event starts 2pm by St Georges Church. At 3.30pm the parade will move through the town pausing in the middle of the town and continue to the Community Square where the meaning of Christmas will be enacted. Please support this Christian event. See you there.