

# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

29 March 2026

*"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.*



Sunday 22 March – Palm Sunday	Future Services
<p>22 Mar 10.00am Service preparation 11.00am Morning Service led by John Hudson -Beddows <i>with your donation of Easter Eggs</i></p> <p>11.00am <b>EXPLORERS</b></p> <p><i>It would be appreciated if mobile phones are turned off or put in silent mode. Thank you <b>Care Team</b></i> 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.</p>	<p>5 April 11.00am Easter Day - All Age Holy Communion service with Rev Alexandra Terrett</p> <p>12 Apr 11.00 am <b>EXPLORERS ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p>19 Apr 11.00am John Hudson -Beddows <b>EXPLORERS</b></p>

Easter Offering envelopes will be in the pews for the next three few weeks for your generous donations please.

### Events This Easter

**Maundy Thursday** - Joint service in the town centre church of St Georges at 7.30pm

**Good Friday** - Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness – 10.30am St George's Church - Songs & Readings; 11.20 Community Square – Worship & Prayer; 12.15 Windmill Hill - Time of Reflection *Showing our town the love of God as we consider Good Friday through the eyes of Jesus*

**Easter Saturday** - Coffee Morning in the Foyer 10.00 – 12.30 with table top sale, in aid of the Methodist Church Easter Offering – *Wear your best Easter Bonnet?!?*

### **Easter Day**

**Sunrise service** – 6.00am at the Bluebell Hill Picnic Site (ME5 9RG) led by the Rev Alexandra Terrett

**Easter Church Breakfast with Easter Egg Hunt** – 9.30am in our Community Centre (Use Wilfred Street entrance) – All welcome - *Please see Linda Brereton if you are able to help.*

**Easter Day All Age Celebration Service with Holy Communion** at 11.00am led by the Rev Alexandra Terrett

*In future at Holy Communion services, there will be offering plates at the entrances to the church for donations to the Benevolence Fund. This is used by our minister at her discretion to help those in desperate need. It is presently very small and needs keeping a useable size.*

The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 30/3	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Warm Welcome coffee	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood	Foyer	1415-1530
	Badminton	Wesley Hall	1930
Tue 31/3	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS – Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
Wed 1/4	Last Daytime Hub until Monday 13 April	Wesley Hall	1000-1200
	Warm Welcome coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
Thur 2/4	No Lent Wise course tonight		
Good Friday 3/4	No Daytime Hub until Monday 13 April		
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 4/4	No 'babyballet' until 19 April		
	Easter Coffee Morning	Foyer	1000-1230
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200

### Changes afoot.

The church is suffering from water seeping into its brickwork as a result of the building works at 12-14 Milton Road. Our insurers are involved and are working with the new builders to stem the flow of water. Once stemmed we can start the process of "drying out." We are likely to have dehumidifiers working in tents behind the organ console and in the basement to try and return the brickwork and plaster to normal moisture levels. As preparation, we have cleared the music cupboard behind the organ console ready for panelling etc. to be removed. We will be meeting with a consultant /builder in a couple of weeks time to start the works. We apologise for any disruption caused.

### Gravesham Foodbank

This week the needs for our Saturday Foodbank are:- Tins of soup, custard, cooking sauces, biscuits and baked beans please. Thank you.

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base. * = Youth event			
Mon	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1215-1400
	GYG Committee	Foyer	1700-1900
	GYG Adults singing	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	Elite Pathways teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1030-1500
	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	Mini GYGers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1900-2000
Wed	Ready, Steady, Go	Wesley Hall	1200-1300
	Yoga	Wesley Hall	1400-1500
	GYG Performers*	Wesley Hall	1600-2000
	GYG Creative*	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
Thur	Elite Pathways teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	Grand Active & Additional Needs	Foyer	1030-1200
	Seniors Get Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1130
	Grand Active Additional needs	Wesley Hall	1230-1300
	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1830-1930
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1315
	Elite Pathways teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500

**UPDATE - On Sunday 10 May** we have no preacher, no worship leader and no AV operator available. We do not want to close the church that day, but it will be dependant upon whether anyone(s) come forward to take on any of those duties. **A steward has volunteered to do the talk** but we need others to participate too. We have had a number of groups of people suggest that they would like to take a service but nothing ever comes of it!!! **SO NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.** Please speak to Sheila Allison urgently.

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