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### Weekly offerings – 4th March.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Envelopes       | £ 217.00 |
| Cash            | £ 119.75 |
| Banker's orders | £ 660.00 |
| Total           | £ 996.75 |

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

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#### Food Bank

**During the last few weeks the demand for Food bank has increased and our stocks are running low.**

**We are very low on Meat, Rice Pudding, Custard and Long Life Milk**

So when next shopping please will you consider buying these items for the Food bank  
Small items are preferable. Many Thanks.  
Eric Davis-Food bank Hub Manager

#### Church and Halls Heating

We apologise for the recent heating challenges we have been having. The Church has not been getting up to its correct temperature; the Parlour and wash room heater is awaiting repairs; the foyer reception heating system is awaiting a new pump controller and a Wesley Hall pipe froze last week causing that heating to fail. The result of these challenges is more expenditure plus DIY works. Thanks Eric

#### Bookings Secretary for Halls and Church:

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**Weekly Notice Sheet Editor:** Bob Hawkins All items to Bob please by 12 noon on Thursday.  
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# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

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



### Weekly News Sheet March 11th 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 11th March 2018

#### Mothering Sunday

##### Theme: The Mothering God

10.00am Preparation  
Singing, music. av and worship leading

**11.00am .** Preacher: Samuel Koffie - Williams

Readings: Ephesians 6:1-10. Isaiah 66: 12-14

**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.

***It would be appreciated if mobile phones are turned off or put in silent mode. Thank you.***

### Sunday 18th March

#### Explorers Anniversary Celebration

10.00am Preparation.  
11.00 am Time to Worship:

The Explorers Team will be leading the service

Please Note:  
The planned Communion service for this Sunday will now take place on Palm Sunday 25th March.

|                |  |                                 |              |
|----------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Mon<br>12/03   | <b>“Wash off the city colours” &amp; Laundry</b>       | Reception<br>Showers<br>Laundry | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Tai Chi</b>   | Wesley<br>Hall                  | 1030<br>1230 |
|                | <b>Sisterhood Speaker<br/>Mrs Charlotte Darlington</b> | Jubilee<br>Room                 | 1415<br>1515 |
|                | <b>Youth’n Gage</b>                                    | Wesley Hall                     | 1600<br>1800 |
|                | <b>Lithuanian Language School</b>                      | Parlour                         | 1700<br>2000 |
|                | <b>Badminton Club</b>                                  | Wesley Hall                     | 1930<br>2200 |
| Tue<br>13/03   | <b>Morning Coffee</b>                                  | Jubilee<br>Room                 | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Prayer Time</b>                                     | Church                          | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Mini-meals</b>                                      | Jubilee<br>Room                 | 1230<br>1330 |
|                | <b>Russian Language Course</b>                         | Parlour                         | 1630<br>1800 |
|                | <b>Meopham Fellowship</b>                              | 14 Poplar<br>Ave                | 1900         |
|                | <b>Sanctuary night shelter</b>                         | Ground floor                    | 1830<br>0830 |
| Wed<br>14/03   | <b>D.I.Y</b>   | Everywhere                      | 0900         |
|                | <b>“Wash off the city colours” &amp; Laundry</b>       | Reception<br>Showers<br>Laundry | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Sanctuary</b>                                       | Sanctuary<br>Office             | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Food Bank</b>                                       | Riverside<br>Centre             | 1030<br>1230 |
|                | <b>Lithuanian Church Cell group.</b>                   | Quiet Room                      | 1930<br>2100 |
| Thurs<br>15/03 | <b>Reception and Laundry</b>                           | Reception<br>Laundry            | 1000<br>1400 |
|                | <b>The Thursday Group</b>                              | Jubilee<br>Room                 | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Encounter Group</b>                                 | Parlour                         | 1230<br>1500 |
|                | <b>Ladies Fellowship</b>                               | 3 Cerne<br>Road                 | 1400         |
|                | <b>Fire Training</b>                                   | All Areas                       | 1900         |
|                | <b>Sanctuary Night Shelter</b>                         | Ground<br>Floor                 | 1830<br>0830 |
| Fri<br>16/03   | <b>Sanctuary office</b>                                | Sanctuary<br>Office             | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>“Wash off the city colours” &amp; Laundry</b>       | Reception<br>Showers<br>Laundry | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Resting in God<br/>A short series on prayer</b>     | Jubilee<br>Room                 | 1400<br>1600 |
|                | <b>Street Pastors Support<br/>And Prayer</b>           | Jubilee<br>Room                 | 2200<br>0230 |
| Sat<br>17/03   | <b>Baby Ballet</b>                                     | Wesley Hall                     | 0900<br>1300 |
|                | <b>Food Bank</b>                                       | Church                          | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Coffee Morning</b>                                  | Jubilee<br>Room                 | 1000<br>1200 |
|                | <b>Street Pastors Support and<br/>Prayer</b>           | Jubilee Rom                     | 2200<br>0230 |
| Sun<br>18/03   | <b>Sanctuary Night Shelter</b>                         | Ground<br>Floor                 | 1830<br>0830 |

**Women’s World Day of Prayer  
Friday 16th March at St George’s Church.  
1.45 – 2.45pm**

The Christian women of Suriname have prepared this years service, which has a timely theme of caring for the world and is entitled “All God’s creation is very good”

All are welcome

This is a rearranged date due to the weather

**Date for your diary!  
Gravesham Street Pastors Quiz Night  
17th March 2018  
St George’s Church Hall.6.30 for 7.00pm**

Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

Tea and Coffee available

Come as a team of 6 or individual - we will fit you in a team. Cost £4 per person

Booking essential-Melva 01474 33415

**Date for your Diary  
Family Quiz Evening. Wesley Hall  
Saturday 7th April.6.30pm for 6.45pm**

A Quiz with a twist.

Teams of 6 - £6 per head with a Ploughman’s platter.

Bring your own nibbles and soft drinks (sorry no alcohol).Register your team with Robert Hardy  
Tel: 01474 357681

e-mail roberthardy33 @gmail.com

**The Exciting news from Explorers  
This will take place on  
Sunday 18th March at 11.00am**

We know how you have enjoyed our Explorers Anniversary in past years and hope you will soon be able to enjoy another one.

Please will you support Explorers by coming to their special service on Sunday March 18th at 11.00am.

Please bring along family, friends, neighbours etc and make sure you are there by 11.00am prompt as we wouldn’t want you to miss anything.

Thank you. Hazel Davis and the Explorers team.

**Basement Laundry**

This facility is now being well used  
To finish off the basement Laundry, a metal kitchen cupboard set and worktop is presently being manufactured which is costing £2,203.20.  
Donations towards this would be gratefully received.  
Thanks Eric.