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Weekly offerings

Envelopes	£ 433.00
Cash	£ 133.03
Banker's orders	£ 190.00
Total	£ 756.03

The weekly Giving Envelopes are now ready for collection on the back pew of the Church. Please check your number, as some have changed, and if it has changed do not use the old ones after December 31st 2017.

Also Mike Butler thanks everyone for their generosity to those have contributed to the Ministry and Mission of our Church over the past year, through the Envelope scheme, Bankers Orders or Cash Offerings.

Please contact Mike, (On 01474 362640). If you require further details about the Envelope Scheme or Bankers Orders and the Gift Aid Scheme.

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Food Bank

We thank you for your Christmas donations which were enthusiastically received by our clients. We need general donations please including long life milk, long life fruit juice, shaving foam and men's antiperspirant.
Eric Davis- Hub Manager

Laundry Improvements

Work has commenced, the Bund wall has been removed, services installed and Dry Lining walls fitted. Soon a new floor coating will be installed. Watch this Space.

Bookings Secretary for Halls and Church:
Centre Manager .Tel 01474 328249

Weekly Notice Sheet Editor: Bob Hawkins All items to Bob please by 12 noon on Thursday.

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Weekly News
Sheet
January 7th 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 7th January 2018
Covenant Sunday

10.00am Preparation
Singing, music. av and worship leading

11.00am .A contemplative service with Holy Communion when we renew our covenant with God for another year
Preacher. Rev Tony Graff.

Readings: Exodus 24 v3-11: Mark 14 v22-25

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

6.30pm No Evening Service

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 14th January

10.00am Preparation
11.00 am Time to Worship:
Preacher: Deacon Vic Downs.
11.00 am **EXPLORERS** (Children's Club)

Mon 08/01	"Wash off the city colours" & Laundry	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	Tai Chi	Wesley Hall	1030 1230
	Sisterhood	Jubilee Room	1415 1530
	Lithuanian Language School	Parlour	1700 2000
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930 2200
Tue 09/01	Morning Coffee	Jubilee Room	1000 1200
	Mini-meals	Jubilee Room	1230 1330
	Prayer Time	Church	1000 1200
	Sanctuary night shelter	Ground floor	1830 0830
Wed 10/01	D.I.Y	Everywhere	0900
	"Wash off the city colours" & Laundry	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	Sanctuary	Sanctuary Office	1000 1200
	Food Bank	Riverside Centre	1030 1230
	Lithuanian Church Cell group.	Quiet Room	1930 2100
Thurs 11/01	Reception and Laundry	Reception Laundry	1000 1400
	The Thursday Group	Jubilee Room	1000 1200
	Encounter Group	Parlour	1000 1200
	Sanctuary Night Shelter	Ground Floor	1830 0830
Fri 12/01	Sanctuary office	Sanctuary Office	1000 1200
	"Wash off the city colours" & Laundry	Reception Showers Laundry	1000 1200
	Street Pastors Support And Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200 0230
Sat 13/01	Baby Ballet	Wesley Hall	0900 1300
	Food Bank	Church	1000 1200
	Coffee Morning	Jubilee Rom	1000 1200
	Street Pastors Support and Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200 0230

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

January 18th -25th January 2018

This year the material for 2018 was produced in the Caribbean and uses Exodus 15, a song of triumph over oppression, as the motif for the week of prayer.

As part of the Week of Prayer we welcome;
Rev.Russell Braund to lead our 11.00am service on
21st January,

In the evening 6.30pm Churches Together in
Gravesend will celebrate at Christ Church.

Prayers for the Leadership team

Please remember in your prayers the Leadership Team who will be meeting with Grants Officer Paul Playford, from the Methodist Insurance and All Churches Trust, at 2.00pm on Monday 15th January to discuss our applications for grants towards Phase 2 of our 21st Century Project. We pray for a positive outcome.
Gracious and Loving God we thank you for all the resources you give to us, not least the property entrusted to our care.

Church Flowers.

Due to the Pauline's and Val's being indisposed at the present time we will be unable to decorate the Church with Flowers unless there is someone who is willing to help either on a temporary or permanent basis. Please contact Pauline Butler 01474 362740 if you can help.

Community Centre Management.

The congregation on Christmas morning were introduced to our new **Community Centre Manager – Vicki Clarke**. Vicki will be starting her duties on Monday 8th January and she has some big boots to fill; so help Vicki to settle in if you can.

Paddy Daniel is now taking a well-earned rest but plans to volunteer in the Community centre toward the end of January.

Please address any queries to Vicki, or Eric (her line manager). Vicki has now an e-mail address for GMCC matters which is: communitycentremanager@gmail.com
Or Tel: 01474 328249.

Change at GMCC!

Surely, not a change in the Methodist Church. Well we are sorry to break with tradition but yes, change is on the way.

Firstly, in addition to the **Lithuanian Language School** which has met in the parlour for many years (now only on Monday nights),

We now welcome a **Russian Language School** too.

They will be meeting in the Parlour on Tuesdays between 4.30 and 6.00pm and we will need to find a key holder to let them in

Secondly, we now welcome

Walk Tall Counselling Service

www.walktallcounselling.com

Walk Tall have come our way via Cllr Diane Marsh and part of the recent £10k KCC Grant will pay for the use of the premises. See the above link to their website. They are in the process of change, so it is unclear at present how often they will use our premises but it will be mainly the Quiet Room but with some sessions in the parlour. As a result of them having to vacate their Northfleet premises, we now have their furniture and play therapy toys boxed in the Quiet Room

Some time after Christmas Hazel and Eric will have a go at making the Quiet Room into a soft lounge/counselling room (as C21st Phase 1 intended it to be;)So until then it will be a little like a store room. We plan to sort out storage in the Parlour too. Ta Eric