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Weekly offerings Last Sunday Total -£851.62
(Envelopes £698.00, Cash £153.62)

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Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

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

**Weekly Newssheet
w/c 09 April 2017**



*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 April – Palm Sunday

- 10.00am** Preparation for singing, music, av, worship leading
- 11.00am** Time to Worship –
Preacher – Simon Pooley
Worship leader - Melva Mann
- 11.00am** **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.

Next Sunday – 16th April - Easter Day

- 11.00am** Time to Worship – Rev Tony Graff
Reception of New Church Members
and Holy Communion
- 11.00am** **EXPLORERS** (Children's Club)



Donation Guide Spring 17

Yes Please ✓

Rice
Rice pudding
Custard
Tinned meat
Meals in a tin (ravioli etc)
Instant meals –noodles
Mens' toiletries
Biscuits

No thank you ✗

Tea
Soup
Baked beans
Pasta
Soap
Nappies
Tinned fish

Bishop Simon & Mama Margaret from KCP will be visiting us at Gravesend Methodist Church on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th April .
Please come and hear about their work in Kenya.
Further details from Joyce Woodcraft

You have possibly heard that Robert Hardy is going to Fast for 48 hours from 6pm on Friday 5th May until 6pm on Sunday 7th May.
(No food or drink -only water)

He is raising funds for Action for Children (the children's charity of the Methodist Church)

If you have not already done so and would like to sponsor him then please ask for his sponsor form OR go online to sponsor him at :

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RobertHardy33>

Thank you

Bookings Secretary for the Church and Halls is –
Bob Hawkins – 01474 536702 or e-mail:
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Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – for the next two weeks is Bob Hawkins. All items for the news sheet should be with Bob by 12 noon on Thursday please.

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Sun 09/4	Sanctuary Drop in	Jubilee Room	1830-2200
Mon 10/4	"Wash off the city colours" & Laundry for homeless/street people	Reception etc	1000-1200
	Sanctuary Office open	Office	1000-1400
	Tai Chi	Wesley Hall	1030-1230
	Sisterhood – Speaker – Deacon Vic Downs	Jubilee Room	1430
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tues 11/4	Laundry	Shower Room	1000-1400
	Morning Coffee	Jubilee Room	1000-1200
	Lunches	Jubilee Room	1230-1330
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk, Meopham	1930
Wed 12/4	No DIY today		
	"Wash off the city colours" & Laundry for homeless/street people	Reception etc	1000-1200
	Sanctuary & Porchlight advice	Office	1000-1400
	Bright Star Wellbeing	Quite Room	1900-2000
	Lithuanian Church Cell group	Jubilee Room	1900
Thur 13/4	Bright Star Wellbeing – (MIND Group)	Jubilee Room	1000-1200
	Laundry	Shower Room	1000-1400
	Sanctuary Drop in	Jubilee Room	1830-2200
	Maundy Thursday Service	Baptist Church	1930
Fri 14/4	Good Friday Service	St George's Church	1000
	Prayer Walk to Windmill Hill	Town Centre	1030
	A Joint Service	Christchurch	1200-1500
	"Wash off the city colours" & Laundry for homeless/street people	Reception etc	1000-1200
	Sanctuary Office open	Office	1000-1400
	Street Pastors Supt & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200-0230
Sat 15/4	Foodbank	Church	1000-1200
	Coffee Morning	Jubilee Room	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Supt & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2200-0230

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday – 7.30pm

A Joint Service with The Baptist Church and St George's Church at The Baptist Church in Windmill Street

Good Friday – 10am

A joint Good Friday Meditation at St George's Church. Led by the Bishop of Rochester.

Followed by a Prayer Walk to Windmill Hill via Bath St, New Rd, Windmill St and Community Square (11.30)

The car park at the top of Windmill Hill will be open for those who need it, and a 'shuttle service' from the town centre will also operate. For details please contact info@stgeorgesgravesend.org.uk

Good Friday – 12 noon

From 12noon until 3pm There will be a joint Service 'Three Hours at the Cross' at Christchurch, near Echo Square

Easter Sunday – 11am

Morning worship with Holy Communion and reception of new members at Gravesend Methodist Church – led by Rev Tony Graff.

A message from Rev. Chris Stone from St George's Church.

It would be lovely if some of your people would like to come walking with us on Easter Monday.

We plan to meet at 9.45am at St George's Church Hall car park (turn left immediately after the hall and before entering the St George's Centre car park) leaving at 10am for Greenhithe. We operate a car share, taking the drivers back to Greenhithe at the end to collect their cars. The walk is a riverside one, going out on to the Swanscombe Marshes and making its way back to Gravesend. Our leader reckons it will take around 2.5 hours and so we should be finished by lunchtime. The walk is nearly entirely on the level, some on surfaced roads and some on country paths. Appropriately sturdy footwear advised.

On Easter Saturday (15 April) we shall be giving away Hot Cross Buns on the church steps to all who pass by our doors between 10.30am and 12noon. Please can you share in this witness by being there to help if you can.

We shall also be needing lots and lots of Hot Cross Buns to be donated – please ensure that they are 'best before' dated 15 April or longer. Thank you