

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

19 January 2025

"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 19 January

19 Jan 10.00am Service preparation
11.00am Service led by John Hudson -
Beddows
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

Churches Together AGM 4.30pm followed by the United Service at 6.00pm at RCCG Winners Way (opposite our church) -see advert over the page.

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

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.

Future Services

26 Jan 11.00am Sarah Smith
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
2 Feb 11.00am Rev Alexandra Terrett with Holy
Communion
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

Your New Year's resolution?

The Leadership Team, Church Council and Minister have for some time been asking the congregation to "step up" and let those in their 70's and 80's who are presently running the church "step back" and take over their duties. If this does not happen soon, we may find ourselves in a very difficult situation with nobody able to run the church and which would lead to inevitable closure; something we are sure that neither God nor you want.

So could your New Year's resolution be to become a:-
Sunday Steward or Senior Steward.

Property Steward or Property Secretary (these positions become totally vacant in May 2025).

Explorers Leaders or Helpers.

Pastoral Co-ordinator or Pastoral Visitor.

Member of the Church Council (Trustee).

Social & Fundraising Team member.

Finance Team members.

Please will all members and friends give this article your very serious prayerful consideration and not leave it to the trusted elderly few to "run the show".

Please speak to our Minister, Senior Steward or a member of the Leadership Team about this.

Minister - Rev Alexandra Terrett- Email a.terrett@btinternet.com (Alex's day off is Friday)

Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Email sheila_allison@btinternet.com **Pastoral matters**-Joyce Woodcraft Email joyceatlast@talktalk.net **Property or administration** - Eric Davis Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk

Finances - Kate or Robert Hardy Email kateahardy16@gmail.com or roberthardy33@gmail.com

Deacon -Vic Downs (Retired) Email deacon45@virginmedia.com

Church Tel: 01474 328249 (answerphone) **or use the contact form on our church web site -**

www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk

Community Centre Manager - Vicki Clarke Tel 328249

Bookings - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249

Weekly Notice Sheet Editor - for the next edition is **Eric Davis**. All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on Wednesday please. Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk

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The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 20/1	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood	Foyer	1415-1530
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tue 21/1	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1300
	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 22/1	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
Thur 23/1	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1230
Fri 24/1	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 25/1	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base. * = Youth event			
Mon	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1200-1400
	GYG Adults singing	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	Teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1015-1215
	Mini GYGers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1845-1945
Wed	Ready, Steady, Go	Wesley Hall	1200-1300
	Yoga	Wesley Hall	1400-1500
	GYG Performers*	Wesley Hall & Foyer	1600-2130
	GYG Creative*	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
Thur	Teenage schooling	Jubilee Room	1000-1500
	Grand Active & Additional Needs	Foyer	1015-1215
	Seniors Get Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	GYG Committee *	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
	GYG Dance*	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1815-1915
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1330

Churches Together in Gravesham are holding their United Service this Sunday, 19 January, 6.00pm at RCCG Winners Way (nearly opposite our church) and all are welcome/encouraged to attend. (their church is on the second floor reached via stairs) . The CTG AGM is held before the service at 4.30pm. and you may attend this too if you wish.

Heating etc. at GMCCC

As a part of Eric Davis stepping down from being the Property Secretary and Steward, the matter of who is going to set the heating etc. needed to be addressed. It has been agreed that our Community Centre Manager - Vicki Clarke - will in future programme the heating. Vicki has started the process of learning how to set the heating (4 programmers with 7 zones plus water heating) and will in future need to know of ALL building uses. So, if you organise an event/group please will you ensure that all bookings are put into our 'iknow church diary' and that Vicki knows of any changes needed. This is especially important at school holidays etc when some groups may not meet for a week or so.

It is by regulating the heating to the times needed that we keep unnecessary expenditure and energy use to a minimum, so we need your co-operation with this please. Thank you

Safeguarding

Following a recent safeguarding query, our Safeguarding Officer and the Leadership Team have undertaken a review of how we record contact details etc. of children attending our Explorers group. As a result, all parents/carers etc. wishing their children to attend Explorers, will be asked to fill in a card recording contact details. Stewards are to ensure that cards are given out/returned before or during the services, even if it is their first time of attending. These confidential cards will then be filed securely by Hazel Davis.

Gravesham Foodbank

This is a difficult time for the Foodbank as Christmas donations are finished and there is usually a dramatic drop of giving from supermarket customers from January to March. This makes your regular giving of mixed items vital to keep this service going. Thank you.