

# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

22 December – 4 Jan 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 you may have about our Sunday services and weekday activities.*



### Sunday 22 Dec

22 Dec 10.00am Service preparation  
11.00am Family Christmas Celebration  
Service Led by Rev A Terrett  
(including Adult Nativity)

*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

#### *Happy Christmas*

25 Dec 11.00am Christmas Day Family Service  
Led by Rev A Terrett  
29 Dec Joint service held at The Brent Methodist Church, St Vincent’s Road, Dartford.  
(No service at GMCCC today)  
5 Jan 25 11.00am Covenant Service led by  
Rev A Terrett with Holy Communion  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

### Advert –

**We need your help** – especially those wondering what to do with their time on **Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January, but who would normally be working during the week. Could that be you?**

**Thursday 2 Jan at 10.00 am. Take down the Christmas decorations from around the premises and put them back in store. Please do not leave it to a few 70 & 80 year olds!**

**Friday 3 Jan at 10.00am. We need to deep clean the Foyer and Community Centre Reception – e.g. clean chairs, walls, windows, ceiling vents etc. and prep any areas needing re-painting. This is the ideal opportunity for our younger/middle age adults to step up and get our premises ready for 2025. Please bring your “marigolds” and aprons etc with you.**

**Minister** - Rev Alexandra Terrett– Email [a.terrett@btinternet.com](mailto:a.terrett@btinternet.com) (Alex’s day off is Friday)

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[www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://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 1 Jan 25 please. Email [eric@ehdavis.me.uk](mailto:eric@ehdavis.me.uk)

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The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 23/12	Daytime Hub closed until 6 Jan		
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation closed until 6 Jan		
	Sisterhood closed until 13 Jan		
	Badminton Club closed until 6 Jan		
Tue 24/12	Community Centre closed until 9 Jan		
	SUN Group (closed until 7 Jan)		
	Meopham Fellowship not meeting today		
Wed 25/12	Daytime Hub closed until 6 Jan		
	Crafty coffee closed until 8 Jan		
Thur 26/12	Community Centre closed until 9 Jan		
Fri 27/12	Daytime Hub closed until 6 Jan		
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 28/12	'babyballet' closed until 12 Jan		
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200
Sun 29/12	No morning service at GMCCC - please see details in 'Future Services'		
Mon 30/12	Christmas closure		
Tue 31/12	Reception - Christmas closure		
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Wed 1/1	New Year closure		
Thur 2/1	Take down and store the Christmas decorations - see advert	Everywhere	1000
Fri 3/1	Foyer/Reception deep clean - see advert	Foyer/Reception	1000
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 4/1	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200
Sun 5/1	Covenant Service & Explorers	Church	1100

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base. * = Youth event			
Mon	Grand Active returns 6 Jan	Wesley Hall	
	Tech Advice returns 6 Jan	Quiet Room	
	GYG Adults singing returns 6 Jan	Foyer	
Tues	Grand Active returns 7 Jan	Wesley Hall	
	Mini GYGers* returns 7 Jan	Wesley Hall	
	Youth Council* returns 7 Jan	Quiet & Counselling	
	Women's Exercise returns 7 Jan	Wesley Hall	
Wed	Ready, Steady, Go returns 8 Jan	Wesley Hall	
	Yoga returns 8 Jan	Wesley Hall	
	GYG Performers* returns 8 Jan	Wesley Hall & Foyer	
	GYG Creative* returns 8 Jan	Jubilee Room	
Thur	Grand Active & Additional Needs returns 9 Jan	Foyer	
	Seniors Get Active returns 9 Jan	Wesley Hall	
	GYG Committee & Gone wild* returns 9 Jan		
	GYG Dance* returns 9 Jan		
	Exercise Class returns 9 Jan	Wesley Hall	
Fri	English Classes returns 10 Jan	Foyer	

*It's a thank you to all who sang and supported the Christian Aid Carol Singing on 14 Dec in the St Georges Shopping Centre. A total of £648 was raised throughout the day.*

### Gravesham Foodbank at Christmas

Foodbank remains open on the Saturdays over the Christmas and New Year period. As a result, we need you to continue to donate food etc. please - especially as donations to supermarkets normally drop dramatically after Christmas.

**Thank you** to all who donated to the Toy/Gift Service. 12 sacks of toys were taken to our local Women's Refuge and 117 Socks & Chocs were taken to the Whitechapel Mission, London to be given out at their Christmas breakfast.

.....and finally for 2024, we wish you a  
**Very Happy CHRISTmas**  
 and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2025  
*from your church*