

# Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

## Weekly Newsheet

24 November 2024

*"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- 24 November

24 Nov 10.00am Service preparation  
11.00am Worship led by Tracey Burch  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

*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

1 Dec 11.00am Deacon Vic Downs  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
8 Dec 11.00am Toy & Gift Sunday  
Rev Bonni-Bell Pickard  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**  
15 Dec 11.00am John Hudson-Beddows  
11.00am **EXPLORERS**



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The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 25/11	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood	Foyer	1415-1530
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tue 26/11	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1300
	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 27/11	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Decorate the church for Christmas	Church etc.	1000
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
Thur 28/11	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1230
Fri 29/11	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
Sat 30/11	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230

**Extract from a report to the recent Church Council EXPLORERS** - "You may have noticed that there have been rather more all-age worship services recently. This is because we do not have sufficient staff to run the group/groups. So, while we have a good number of young people, we do not have those of an age to help run Explorers. Poor health, age and other commitments mean that the three regular leaders cannot always be on duty; so, we are facing desperate times if we want to continue our children/young people's work. We have already appealed on a number of occasions for support from members of the congregation to come forward and offer their services. **Unfortunately, this has not met with any success.**

**We have reached a critical point and, in all probability, we will have to close Explorers on a Sunday morning unless we get some more volunteers or we think of another way to do Explorers. Even then we would need helpers.** If you have any ideas or would like to spend one Sunday with Explorers to see what goes on and gauge if you could join the team, **please speak to David, Mary or Hazel.** The more helpers we have, the less often you would be on the rota.

**Please think and pray about the situation. It would be tragic if we had to close Explorers."**

Hazel Davis

### Gravesham Foodbank

We need a regular supply of mixed food etc please; so please remember Foodbank when doing your shopping. Thank you

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base. * = Youth event			
Mon	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1215-1345
	Tech Advice	Quiet Room	1230-1330
	GYG Adults singing	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	Mini GYGers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	Youth Council*	Quiet & Counselling	1600-1800
	Women's Exercise	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
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	Grand Active & Additional Needs	Foyer	1030-1230
	Seniors Get Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	GYG Committee & Gone wild*	Foyer	1600-1800
	GYG Dance*	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1330

### ***A message from Robert Hardy.....***

I shall shortly be creating a new rota for Sunday Morning Coffee. Thank you to all those on the rota at present and I shall include you again in my rota for 2025, unless I hear from you to the contrary.

**Also, any new volunteers are more than welcome** (once every 6 or 7 weeks or so) and if you would like to volunteer, please speak with me very soon so I can include you in the new rota.

### **Christmas Decorations**

**We will be decorating the church for Christmas this coming Wednesday 27 November from 10.00am.**

**The more volunteers we have the better the decorations will be. So, see you on Wednesday at 10.00am?**