

The Tidings

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Welcome to our monthly community newsletter from Gillingham Baptist Church (Kent). Read on for a blog from our Minister the Rev. Stephen Greasley, as well as an overview of all our services and activities happening this Summer.

About Us

Situated near to the High Street in Gillingham (Kent), we're a friendly, welcoming, multinational worshipping community with a heart to share Jesus and serve the people of Gillingham. Find out more about us on our website:



gbc-kent.org.uk

Rev. Stephen Greasley



Blog - Embracing the New...

Our Church Meeting in July agreed to the appointment of Sarah Rai as our Minister in Training. Sarah will be part time with us at GBC and part time undertaking theological study. It's an exciting appointment which we are hoping will feed into our growth strategy for the coming three years. Sarah will be concentrating on working with teenagers and young adults as well as helping to improve our social media reach. She will also be helping to develop our links with the Kent Nepalese fellowship which is another potential growth area.

In Jesus' ministry he was often quizzed about why he did things differently to those around him and those who had gone before him. On one of those occasions, he used a memorable illustration. "New wine" he said, "requires new wineskins". There is no point trying to contain the new move of the Spirit within old structures.

Here at Green Street we try to employ the best of the old while embracing the best of the new. There are several outreach strategies that are still working well for us. Our CAP Debt Centre and the Alpha Course continue to bear fruit, and we are keen to promote these going forward. In the New Year we hope to start a 'Freedom in Christ' course as well. But it's right to stay open to what the Spirit is saying and to seek new ways of reaching more people with the Good News of Jesus.

This new appointment is very exciting and feeds into our aspiration to be a missionary people.

Come and Join us

We'd love to see you at one of our services this Summer.

Sunday - 3 August

10.30am - All Age Worship with a presentation from MAF.

Sunday - 10 August

10.30am - Communion Service with Infant Dedication.

Sunday - 17 August

10.30am - All Age Worship with presentations from Craft Time and Friendship Morning.

Sunday - 24 August

10.30am - All Age Service led by Anne Newnham.

Sunday - 31 August

10.30am - All Age Service led by Ruth Millard.

Sunday - 7 September

10.30am - All Age Service with Baptism and a presentation from the 1st Gillingham Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

**We're looking forward to
welcoming Sarah Rai as our
Minister in Training this
September.**

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Prayer ministry
is available
after most of
our Sunday
Services.



Prayer & Bible Study at GBC

At Gillingham Baptist Church we prioritise prayer and Bible Study and have a variety of different opportunities for both throughout the week and the Church year. Some activities only take place during school term time so please check before leaving home.

Sundays - we aim to meet before every Sunday service at 10am in our designated church 'Prayer Room'.

Wednesdays - Lunchtime prayer meeting every week from 12noon-12.40pm in the Lighthouse. 'Prayer and Bible Study' in the Lighthouse on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm.

Thursdays - Good News @ 10 - Bible Study meets alternate weeks at 10.00am-11.30am in the Lighthouse.

Fridays - 'Half nights' of prayer periodically throughout the Church year in the Lighthouse.

Other activities:

We have a number of 'Home Groups' that meet throughout the week during the day and evenings.

Regular prayer meetings are held at Bridge House, Medway Road, Gillingham every other Thursday evening.

The Borstal fellowship usually meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.00am at Borstal Village Hall.

For further information please contact our Church office.

SUNDAY
Worship

**YOU CAN NOW JOIN US ON
YOU TUBE OR FACEBOOK
EVERY SUNDAY**

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Weekly Activities

We run a number of mid-week activities. There is normally no weekday activities during school holidays.

Monday

STEPS: 10 to 11.15am: A play and chat group for mums, dads and carers with their young ones (under fives). Returns 8 September.

Tuesday

BORSTAL FELLOWSHIP: Meet at Borstal Village Hall once a month between 10-12noon. Everyone welcome. Next meeting 27 August.

Wednesday

FRIENDSHIP MORNING: Everyone is welcome to come between 10 & 11.45am to enjoy company, tea/coffee and biscuits in a relaxed atmosphere. Returns 10 September.

PRAYER TIME: 12 noon in the Lighthouse. Everyone welcome. Returns 10 September.

BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER ~ 7.30pm in the Lighthouse. Will return in September.

Thursday

GOOD NEWS @ TEN (to 11.30am). Alternate weeks. Will return in September.

CRAFT TIME: 10 to 12 noon: Alternate weeks. Signing on - 11 September and restarts on 25 September.

Friday

CAP DEBT CENTRE DROP IN: 10am to 12 noon in the Upper Room.

1st GILLINGHAM BOYS' BRIGADE and GIRLS' ASSOCIATION:

6.15pm Anchors & Juniors 7.30pm Company & Seniors.

Returns on 12 September.

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE
& GIRLS' ASSOCIATION
> the adventure begins here



ANCHORS

4 – 8 Years

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8 – 11 Years

Company

11 – 14 Years

Seniors

14 – 18 Years

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