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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 month.

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 - Help from outside...from above

In a recent sermon I preached on 'The Prayer of Jabez' from 1 Chronicles 4:10. It is a very simple prayer but one that can prove very effective.

*"O that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory!
Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will
be free from pain."*

It's not about being self-absorbed or introspective but about inviting God to minister into our lives and to bless us. One of the aspects of being a Christian is recognising that we don't possess all the solutions to our own problems. We need help from outside – from above. And sometimes the best thing we can do is to confess that we are out of our depth and that we need help. Reaching out to God – appealing to Him – can be a shrewd strategic move. We may need to swallow a bit of pride and adopt a humbler mind-set, but ultimately it will prove hugely beneficial.

But as well as recognising our dependence on God, the Prayer of Jabez is based on the premise that God is eager and willing to help us. More than that, God desires to bless us and see us flourish. God is not mean-spirited or miserly. He is generous and delights to pour good things into our lives. So, if you are accustomed to things always going wrong. If bad and sad things seem to be your lot in life, then try saying the Prayer of Jabez. Don't say it just once. Rather keep on saying it until you start to believe it. It might just transform your life.

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Come and Join us

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

Sunday - 7 June

10.30am - CAP 13th Anniversary Service
Guest Speaker: Wendy Parkinson

Sunday - 14 June

10.30am - Communion Service
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 21 June

10.30am - Father's Day Service
Guest Speaker: Rev. Andy Twilley - SEBA Regional Minister

Sunday - 28 June

10.30am - Morning Worship
Preacher: Ayodeji Ibitoye



Theme: Blessing

6 June 2026

9.30am

Bold and Beautiful, GBC's Women's Ministry is holding another event on Saturday 6 June at 9.30 am. We will be sharing breakfast together followed by a time of sung worship, a talk, testimonies, craft..... This is open to all women and older teenage girls, and those not just from GBC. Please think about who you might bring - a friend, a neighbour, a work colleague. Our prayer is that this will be a real blessing to all who attend and in turn that it will bless the Lord.

This a free event but we will need you to sign up for it. We look forward to seeing you.

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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' on Zoom on a Wednesday evening every fortnight from 7.30pm.

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

Other activities:

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

The Borstal fellowship usually meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Borstal Village Hall.

For further information please contact our Church office.

Live-streamed Services

A reminder that all our live-streamed Sunday services are available for at least a month for you to watch on Facebook and You Tube. Don't miss out - be part of our community today!

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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) in the Lighthouse.

Tuesday

BORSTAL FELLOWSHIP: Meet at Borstal Village Hall once a month between 10.30am -12.30pm. Everyone welcome. Next meeting on 23 June.

Wednesday

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

PRAYER TIME: 12 noon in the Lighthouse. Everyone welcome.

BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER ~ Fortnightly at 7.30pm on Zoom only. Next meeting 10 June.

Thursday

GOOD NEWS @ TEN (to 11.30am). Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 11 June.

CRAFT TIME: 10 to 12 noon: Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 4 June.

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.

New Members

We love welcoming people into membership. Congratulations to Lev on joining us. What a fascinating testimony he had to share. God Bless you in your faith journey Lev.

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#VolunteersWeek

This month sees the return of Volunteers Week from 1-7 June. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our amazing volunteers. A lot of unseen hard work goes on behind the scenes to make things happen. Special thanks goes to all our trustees as part of the Church Leadership Team. As well as those involved in wider Ministry such as the Worship Team, Children's Ministry, Bible Class, PA, Visuals & Live-streaming. Plus the befrienders of CAP, leaders of STEPS, Strong & Courageous Men's Ministry, Bold and Beautiful Women's Ministry, The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association. Not forgetting our Prayer Ministry team, Home Group leaders, Friendship Morning staff and mid-week Prayer and Bible study leaders. We pray that God will bless you and lead you in all He calls you to do today and in the future.

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