

# 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 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](https://www.gbc-kent.org.uk)

Rev. Stephen Greasley



## Blog - Expectation & Anticipation...

Sunday 26 April was our Church Anniversary. Exactly 147 years in 1879 the founder members of New Brompton Baptist Church came together to form a new Christian community. Gillingham as such didn't exist. It was empty land that was ready for massive redevelopment which took place over the next thirty years. The pioneers of Gillingham Baptist Church recognised the missionary potential of this new housing area and capitalised on it. Within thirty years they had reached more than 400 Church members. It was a rip-roaring success.

Over the subsequent years there were highs and lows. But our Anniversary celebrations this year were especially pleasing. We had a great crowd squashed into the worship space with the Rev Luke Bacon from St John's Chatham as our guest speaker. This was followed by an African meal prepared by some of our own Church families. It was a wonderful occasion. There were far too many people to fit into the main hall, so we had an overflow in the Lighthouse. An estimate of 130 people sat down for the meal – and in true Biblical fashion there seemed to be as much leftover at the end as we started with at the beginning!!

We have been truly blessed these last few years with all that God has been doing here at Green Street. And there is a real sense of excitement and anticipation about what the next few years might bring.

# Come and Join us

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

## Sunday - 3 May

10.30am - All Age Worship

## Sunday - 10 May

10.30am - Communion Service

## Sunday - 17 May

10.30am - Morning Worship

## Sunday - 24 May

10.30am - Pentecost Service  
Preacher: Sarah Rai

## Sunday - 31 May

10.30am - Morning Worship



It was a brilliant Church Anniversary celebration on Sunday 26 April with the Rev Luke Bacon from St John's Chatham as our guest speaker.



Thank you to our incredible Church families who catered for our African Meal following the Church Anniversary Service.

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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.

# GBC Worship Songs on Spotify

Have you turned into our [Spotify GBC Worship Songs Playlist](#)? Check out a collection of old classics as well as some you may not yet have heard. Stream to your listening device today by scanning the QR code.

If you have any favourite Worship songs please let us know.

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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).

## Tuesday

**BORSTAL FELLOWSHIP:** Meet at Borstal Village Hall once a month between 10.30am -12.30pm. Everyone welcome.

## 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.

## Thursday

**GOOD NEWS @ TEN** (to 11.30am). Alternate weeks.

**CRAFT TIME:** 10 to 12 noon: Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 7 May.

## 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.

# 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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# Donating to GBC

There are various ways you can donate to help with the work of the Church. We've recently launched a way for you to donate online by scanning this QR code:



We also accept donations direct to our bank account (BACS) or via Standing Order. An Offering is usually taken during our Sunday services too.

If you wish to make a donation, gift or legacy to the Church please get in touch with the Church Office today.



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 theme will be '**Blessing**' and 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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**Come and join us for  
breakfast at our next  
women's ministry event.**

## **Theme: Blessing**

**Time for meeting new friends, food, craft,  
fellowship, prayer, praise & worship.**

# **Saturday 6 June**

**9.30am (doors open\*) - 12.00 noon**

**Gillingham Baptist Church, Green Street,  
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**Book your place on (01634) 850369  
Please note this is a free event.**

**\*Doors will not be open before 9.30am.**

