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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 - Simple Acts of Kindness...

Sharon's Sunday School class was looking at the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats from Matthew 25 recently. It is a helpful reminder that we encounter Jesus when we do acts of kindness for other people. As part of the lesson, the children produced several cards for people in the congregation who were unwell, had just moved house, or were effectively homeless. The cards were very well received. A few of the children also made some 'welcome to church' cards, recognising that some people who come to church are quite lonely and are looking for a new family.



Back in my last church in Derby, I remember preaching from a verse in Matthew's gospel. Jesus tells his disciples that "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones … that person will certainly not lose their reward." (Mt.10:42) It is such a simple idea but one that it is so easy for people to understand. By carrying out simple acts of kindness we are not only fulfilling Jesus' instructions, but we can be making a huge impact in the life of someone who is going through a difficult time. So in these weeks running up to Christmas let's look for opportunities where we can do some acts of random kindness that will put a smile on someone's face and lift a load that they may be carrying.

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Come and Join us

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

Sunday - 8 November

10.30am - Communion with Remembrance
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 15 November

10.30am - Baptismal Service
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 22 November

10.30am - CAP Sunday
An opportunity to hear about the work of our Debt Centre here at GBC

Sunday - 29 November

10.30am - Advent Sunday
Preacher: Sarah Rai

After the service on 8 November there will be a retiring collection for the Church Family (Communion) Fund which helps us to support families in the church who are experiencing financial hardship.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
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We were delighted to welcome the Rev. Amanda Maskell from St Augustine's Church to our latest Women's Ministry event in October. Details about our next event can be found later in this newsletter.



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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 - Communion Service at 12 noon in the Lighthouse (starts 9 September). '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.

ALPHA: An introduction to Christianity at 9.30am includes breakfast in the Upper Room.

Tuesday

BORSTAL FELLOWSHIP: Meet at Borstal Village Hall once a month between 10.30am -12.30pm. Everyone welcome. Next meeting on 24 November.

ALPHA: An introduction to Christianity at 7.00pm includes a meal in the Lighthouse.

Wednesday

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

COMMUNION SERVICE: 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 12 November.

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

Anchors Ages 5 to 8 years: School years - Reception to Year 3.

Juniors Ages 8 to 11 years: School years 4 to 6.

7.30pm Company & Seniors.

Company Ages 11 to 14 years: School years 7 to 9.

Seniors Ages 14 to 18 years: School years 10 to 13.

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Take some Christmas crafty time out at our next Women's Ministry Event

Sunday 29 November
4.00 - 6.30pm

Have a go at making - Christmas table tree favours - a hanging Christmas tree (sewing) - chocolate truffles - a candle.

We will also have Christmas card making and coaster painting.

Refreshments will be available.

£5 per person or £10 to pay it forward.

Book your place by signing up on the list in Church or call us on (01634) 850369.

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Christmas 2026

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All Age Service
Sunday 6 December - 10.30am

Communion Service
Sunday 13 December - 10.30am

Children's Nativity Service
Sunday 20 December - 10.30am

Carol Service
Sunday 20 December - 6.30pm

Christmas Celebration
Friday 25 December - 10.00am

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