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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 - Being Still...

I have just come back from a wonderful Retreat at Fountains Abbey, North Yorkshire. This must be my 6th visit there in as many years. The Abbey has been a ruin for nearly 500 years, but it is an extensive site, well maintained by English Heritage and the National Trust, and I just love wandering round these ancient ruins which I described recently as 'Holy Stones'. Somehow, in some way, I feel connected to my spiritual forebears in this place. And through that closer to God.

The Psalmist once said, 'Be still and know that I am God'. We don't have to disappear off to Holy Places to encounter God. We can perfectly connect with Him in our own living rooms. But cultivating the art of stillness does take some doing when we are so conditioned to be rushing about in busy-ness. Sitting in God's presence isn't easy when the house is teeming with children or when we have nowhere private to retreat to.



Many of us struggle to find the right words to say to God. We find it hard to pray. But sometimes just sitting still in God's presence is enough. Being in His presence is all we need. And when we reach that moment of stillness make a point of staying there; savour the precious time. We can encounter God in these profound moments of silence.

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Come and Join us

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

Sunday - 4 October

10.30am - Harvest Celebration
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 11 October

10.30am - Communion Service
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 18 October

10.30am - Morning Worship
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 25 October

10.30am - Morning Worship
Preacher: Sarah Rai

After the service on 11 October 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.

Medway Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest appeal

Please donate an item or two from the list to help local people left without enough money to live on.

Harvest Shopping list 2026

FOOD & DRINK:

- Long-life milk
- Pasta sauce
- Coffee
- Tea bags
- Instant mash
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned custard
- Tinned ham
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Cup-a-Soup
- Pot Noodles/Packet noodles
- Jelly
- Angel Delight
- Savoury snacks

TOILETRIES & HOUSEHOLD:

- Shampoo
- Washing-up liquid
- Deodorant – male and female
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

THANK YOU! for joining us to help stop UK hunger!

medway.foodbank.org.uk; 01634 757057

Registered Charity No: 1166505

For our Harvest appeal this year we are collecting items for Medway Foodbank. You can still make donations via the Church until 18 October.

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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 - *NEW* 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 27 October.

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. Next meeting 7 October.

Thursday

GOOD NEWS @ TEN (to 11.30am). Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 8 October.

CRAFT TIME: 10 to 12 noon: Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 15 October.

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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GBC Community News

Medway Volunteer Workshop - Open Day



Could you put your skills to good use while helping unwanted tools find a new purpose?
Based just behind Elm Court Garden Centre in Hempstead, Medway Volunteer Workshop is an independent local charity that has been making a difference since 2019. Our friendly team collects, sorts and refurbishes unwanted tools and sewing machines, stopping them from ending up in landfill and giving them a valuable second life.

Working with organisations such as Tools With A Mission, we send refurbished equipment to Africa, where it helps newly trained craftspeople start businesses, earn a living and support their families. Tools are also distributed in the local community and across the UK to help charities and tradespeople build and grow their organisations.

Come and meet us!
If you'd like to find out more, come along to our **Open Day** on **Saturday 31 October, from 10am–2pm**. Meet the team, see what we do and discover how you could get involved.

MEN'S MINISTRY

STRONG & Courageous

All men @ GBC are invited along to a Nepalese meal in the Main Hall on **Saturday 24 October** (7 for 7.30pm)

3 different costs: £10pp full price
£5pp if you cannot afford the full amount
£15pp if you wish to pay it forward

Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the conversation area in Church if you wish to attend.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BOLD & Beautiful

JUST AS GOD INTENDED

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Come and join us for breakfast at our next Womens' Ministry Event with Guest Speaker - Rev. Amanda Maskell

Theme: El Roi - The God Who Sees



Saturday 17 October
Doors Open at 9.30am





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



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Book your place on (01634) 850369.

Please let us know your preference for continental or cooked breakfast or even both at the time of booking.

You can also sign up in the conversation area in Church.

Please bring a friend or a neighbour.

This is a free event for all ladies and older teenage girls.