

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

Rev. Stephen Greasley



Blog - An Exciting Venture...

August is often considered a quiet month in Church life. Most groups take a break for a few weeks. Evening meetings don't happen. Church life goes into a form of hibernation. But not this year!! Our Sunday services have been as busy as ever with healthy congregations. We have received new people into Church membership and welcomed the arrival of a family from Zambia into our congregation. But the main event, bubbling away below the surface, has been negotiations to purchase a commercial unit at Victory Pier, Gillingham, to serve as a community hub in that growing part of town.

If everything goes according to plan, we should be able to complete the purchase later this month. This is such an exciting venture for us. And while there is quite a lot of work to be done AFTER purchase to get it fit for purpose, we are confident that by the New Year we can have this new Centre up and running and serving the community down at Gillingham Waterfront.

John Wesley, the great 18th century evangelist, coined a wonderful phrase which I believe captures our purpose in this new venture as in every aspect of what we do as a Church. "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." We say 'Amen' to that.

Come and Join us

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

Sunday - 6 September

10.30am - All Age Worship

Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 13 September

10.30am - Communion Service

Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 20 September

10.30am - Morning Worship

Preacher: Rev. Stephen Greasley

Sunday - 27 September

10.30am - Morning Worship

Preacher: Sarah Rai

After the service on 13 September 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.



Simon and Eunji pictured here with baby Yuna at her wonderful dedication in July.

We recently welcomed Folasade into membership at GBC. We thank God for our growing membership.

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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.

Tuesday

BORSTAL FELLOWSHIP: Meet at Borstal Village Hall once a month between 10.30am -12.30pm. Everyone welcome. Next meeting on 22 September.

Wednesday

FRIENDSHIP MORNING: Everyone is welcome to come between 10 & 11.45am to enjoy company, tea/coffee and biscuits in a relaxed atmosphere. Returns on 9 September.

COMMUNION SERVICE: 12 noon in the Lighthouse. Everyone welcome. Starts on 9 September.

BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER ~ Fortnightly at 7.30pm on Zoom only. Next meeting 9 September.

Thursday

GOOD NEWS @ TEN (to 11.30am). Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 10 September.

CRAFT TIME: 10 to 12 noon: Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 17 September.

Friday

CAP DEBT CENTRE DROP IN: 10am to 12 noon in the Upper Room. (Closed 11 & 18 September)

1st GILLINGHAM BOYS' BRIGADE and GIRLS' ASSOCIATION:

6.15pm Anchors & Juniors 7.30pm Company & Seniors. Returns on 11 September.

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GBC Community News

New Beginnings...

September has rolled around quicker than I expected and that means the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association (we'll just call it Brigades) is back, and the leaders and I would love to welcome children of the Church along to join us.

I appreciate I haven't been around much, so many of you won't have the slightest clue who I am. My name is Martin Green. My favourite colour is green. Coconut is possibly the worst thing I've ever eaten and don't believe it should be considered "food".



[1stGillKentBB](#)

Captain Martin Green

1st Gillingham Boys' Brigade
and Girls' Association



I've been a member of Brigades since I was 9, which is a grand sum of 31 years service now. Brigades was my gateway to the Church and God. I'd not had much experience with Christians before joining, so it was a nice surprise when I discovered Christians were normal people.

I've served the church in Sunday school and did a stint on the Leadership Team, but Brigades is what I'm called to. This is my ministry. Fun. Learning. Craft (kind of!). Fellowship. Stories. Above all, a safe space to be ourselves. All underpinned by the Brigades central pillar of advancing Christ's Kingdom.

We're starting back on 11 September. Ages 4 to 11 (up to primary year 6) meet at 6:15 to 7:30. Ages 11 (year 7) to 19 from 7:30 to 9:30. We'd love to see you.

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.

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JOIN THE ADVENTURE

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

WE MEET AT 

GILLINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
GREEN STREET, GILLINGHAM, ME7 5TJ

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL GROUP BY CONTACTING
1GILLINGHAM@BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK

COME AND DISCOVER MEDWAY VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP!

OPEN DAY!



SEE WHAT WE DO...

- Thinking about volunteering or know someone who is?
- Come and meet the team, find out more and discover great value pre-loved tools while supporting us.
- No previous volunteering experience necessary.



WHERE TO FIND US...

Unit iB10, Elm Court Village, Capstone Road,
Gillingham, Kent. ME7 3JQ

Behind Elm Court Garden Centre.

Plenty of parking available.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



SATURDAY

31

OCTOBER

10-2PM



Learn more about us on
the MVW website.



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**Medway
Volunteer
Workshop**
Collecting and preparing for:
Tools with a Mission