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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 Summer.

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:



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Rev. Stephen Greasley

Blog - Thankfulness...



The idea of 'Harvest' these days may seem a little old fashioned. Our food seems so disconnected with 'fields ripe unto harvest' that people might express astonishment that we are keeping this antiquated concept going. But for me 'Harvest' is one of the most natural, most important, and easiest concepts for people to grasp hold of.

To begin with, it is about thankfulness. 'Harvest' carries with it a recognition that all we have has been given by God. He is the Creator, and we are the created. Consequently, there is a duty on our part to give thanks to God for all that He has made. Whether the food has come directly from the land or from a factory, it is right to give Him thanks and praise. And we have had great fun in Church before now getting people to shout out their favourite foods.

But, the other idea that seems to be integral to 'Harvest' is the idea of sharing. In the Old Testament there were clear instructions that when harvesting the crops you had to make provision for the 'poor and the foreigner' (Leviticus 19:10). Our thankfulness to God was expected to overflow into generosity towards those who were in need and less fortunate. And that is an idea that is just as relevant today as it has ever been. Whether we are supporting Medway Foodbank in the work that it does or looking to help those in need overseas, helping other people is one of the most basic and central values in the Christian life.

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Come and Join us

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

Sunday - 5 October

10.30am - All Age Harvest Festival Celebration

HARVEST SHOPPING LIST 2025

FOOD & DRINK:

Pasta sauce

Instant mash

Tinned ham or corned beef

Tinned fruit

Fruit juice - long-life

Squash

Tinned potatoes

Cup-a-Soup

Tinned vegetables

Milk - long-life

Super noodles

Long grain rice

HARVEST SHOPPING LIST 2025

FOOD & DRINK:

Tinned spaghetti

Tinned custard

Tinned rice pudding

Jam/Marmalade/Meat pastes

Tinned fish

Coffee - small jar

Cereal

Ketchup

Hot chocolate

HARVEST SHOPPING LIST 2025

TOILETRIES AND HOUSEHOLD:

Shampoo

Toothpaste/toothbrush

Deodorant for men and women

Washing-up liquid

Razors

THANK YOU! for joining us to help stop UK

hunger!

medway.foodbank.org.uk; 01634 757057

Registered Charity No: 1166505



Sunday - 12 October

10.30am - Communion Service with Commissioning of Sarah Rai as Minister in Training

Sunday - 19 October

10.30am - Morning Worship6.30pm - Evening Worship Celebration

Prayer ministry is available after most of our Sunday Services.

Sunday - 26 October

10.30am - Morning Worship

Presentation from Dave Stedman and the African Pastors Fellowship

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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' in the Lighthouse on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm.

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

Fridays - 'Half nights' of prayer periodically throughout the Church year in the Lighthouse.

Other activities:

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

Regular prayer meetings are held at Bridge House, Medway Road, Gillingham every other Thursday evening.

The Borstal fellowship usually meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.00am at Borstal Village Hall.

For further information please contact our Church office.

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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).

ALPHA: 9 to 11.30am in the Upper Room (breakfast included). An introduction to the basics of the Christian faith.

Tuesday

BORSTAL FELLOWSHIP: Meet at Borstal Village Hall once a month between 10-12noon. Everyone welcome.

ALPHA: 7pm in the Lighthouse (meal included).

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 ~ 7.30pm in the Lighthouse. Next meeting on 1 October. Looking at Romans 4 & 5.

Thursday

GOOD NEWS @ TEN (to 11.30am). Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 2 October.

CRAFT TIME: 10 to 12 noon: Alternate weeks. Next meeting on 9 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 7.30pm Company & Seniors.

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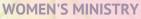




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Calling all ladies at GBC! On Saturday 11 October come and join us for Bold & Beautiful - CONNECT. An informal get-together to catch-up with others whilst enjoying tea and cake. There'll also be a prayer time. If you wish to attend please sign up on the sheet in the Church 'Conversation Area'. Any questions please contact Niki Lownds via the Church Office.



MEN'S MINISTRY



The next men's ministry event is due to take place on Saturday 1 November with a breakfast in the Lighthouse. If you wish to attend please sign up on the sheet in the Church 'Conversation Area'. Any questions please contact the Church Office.

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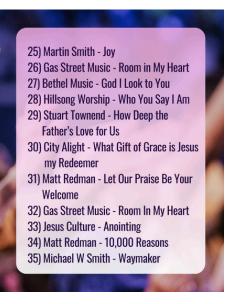


GBC Worship Playlist

Looking to update your Christian music streaming playlist? Here's the GBC Worship Playlist now on Spotify especially for you! Worship and praise our living God in the comfort of your own home, the car or even on the school run. Do you have any favourite Worship songs? Please let us know as we'll be adding more songs very soon! Keep an eye out on our socials for updates!







GBC Community News

One of the things that's great about GBC is people are always willing to help others. Over the summer one of our home groups alongside some other willing volunteers spent a day at our CAP Debt Centre Manager, Ruth Millard's home. They helped clear the overgrown front and back garden to help Ruth who has unfortunately been unwell for some time. They all did a fantastic job! Thank you to all those that helped.

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11 - 14 Years

Seniors

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