

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 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:



gbc-kent.org.uk



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 Worship
6.30pm - Evening Worship Celebration

Sunday - 26 October

10.30am - Morning Worship
Presentation from Dave Stedman and the African Pastors Fellowship

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Prayer ministry
is available
after most of
our Sunday
Services.

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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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BOLD & *Beautiful* JUST AS GOD INTENDED

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

STRONG *& Courageous*

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!

- 1) CityAlight - Yet not I but through Christ in me.
- 2) Cody Carnes - Firm Foundation
- 3) Forrest Frank - Your Way Is Better
- 4) Phil Wickham - This is Amazing Grace
- 5) Rend Collective - My Lighthouse
- 6) Chris Tomlin - Everlasting God
- 7) Planetshakers - Nothing is Impossible
- 8) Bethel Music - It is Well
- 9) Kari Jobe - Love Came Down
- 10) Hillsong Worship - Mighty to Save
- 11) Gas Street Music - Thanksgiving
- 12) Harbour Collective - All Things
- 13) Joe Hardy (New Wine) - It Was You

- 14) Lauren Daigle - Love Like This
- 15) Elevation Worship - Let Everything that has Breath
- 16) Caleb Culver... - Reckless Love
- 17) Lou Fellingham - Lean Hard (Everlasting Arms)
- 18) Bethel Music - The Goodness of God
- 19) Bethel Music - Raise a Hallelujah
- 20) Kari Jobe - The Moon and the Stars
- 21) Here Be Lions - I Speak Jesus
- 22) Pat Barrett & Tony Brown - Good Good Father
- 23) Shane & Shane - You've Already Won
- 24) Jesus Culture - Yes and Amen

- 25) Martin Smith - Joy
- 26) Gas Street Music - Room in My Heart
- 27) Bethel Music - God I Look to You
- 28) Hillsong Worship - Who You Say I Am
- 29) Stuart Townend - How Deep the Father's Love for Us
- 30) City Alight - What Gift of Grace is Jesus my Redeemer
- 31) Matt Redman - Let Our Praise Be Your Welcome
- 32) Gas Street Music - Room In My Heart
- 33) Jesus Culture - Anointing
- 34) Matt Redman - 10,000 Reasons
- 35) Michael W Smith - Waymaker

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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SUNDAY

Worship



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friends and family.**

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**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

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