



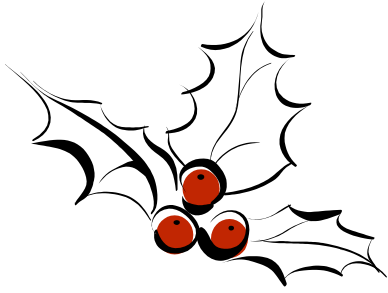
Christmas Eve Services

	Burham	3:00pm	Christingle Service	Rev Tony Graff	
	Dene Holm	6:00pm	Christingle Service	Rev Gareth West	
	Gillingham	4:00pm	Christingle Service		
	Gravesend	11:30pm	Midnight Communion		
	Larkfield	11:00pm	Midnight Communion	Rev Tony Graff	
	Rainham	11:15pm	Midnight Communion	Mrs Monica Wilding	
	St Luke's	4:00pm	Communion Service	Rev Will Grady	
	Spital Street	6:30pm	Communion Service	Rev Tony Graff	
	Swanscombe	4:00pm	Communion Service	Rev Velma Campbell	
	Tonbridge Road	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service	Mr Ian Packham	
	The Brent	11:30pm	Midnight Communion	Rev Clifford Newman	
		11:15pm	Communion Service	Rev Velma Campbell	

Christmas Day Services

	Bearsted	9:30am	Christmas Praise	Rev Clifford Newman	
	Burham	10:30am	Christmas Praise	Local Arrangement	
	Dene Holm	10:00am	Family Service	Jenny Force	
	Eccles	10:00am	Family Service	Local Arrangement	
	Gillingham	10:00am	Christmas Celebration	Rev Will Grady	
	Gravesend	11:00am	Family Service	Mr Gary Cooper	
	Hextable	10:30am	Family Service	Rev Velma Campbell	
	Hope Street	10:00am	Christmas Service	Gillian Collins	
	Larkfield	10:00am	Family Service	Local Arrangement	
	St Luke's	10:30am	Christmas Celebration	Rev Tony Graff	
	Spital Street	10:00am	Family Service @ Highfield Road Baptist Church		
	Tonbridge Road	10:30am	Family Service	Rev Gareth West	
	The Brent	10:00am	Family Service	Mr Ian Sturt	
	Union Street	10:00am	Family Service	Rev Clifford Newman	





GRAVESEND

Here at Gravesend we started Christmas in November, collecting and sending 63 Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Then on 30th November it was our Christmas Bazaar, giving the opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas.

Then in December we have many events taking place.

On 5th December at 2.30 pm - Christmas Selection, this is an afternoon of singing by the Matinee Singers followed by afternoon tea, this is a fund raising event for our Gravesend Street Pastors.

We go carol singing on the 6th December at Asda's Gravesend for Action for Children, entertaining the evening shoppers.

On 8th December at 4.30 we have our Christingle Service, this year being led by Rev. Vic Downs and Karen Willing, this is a lovely service for the children when they are all given a Christingle to take home, although many don't get that far as the sweets are eaten very quickly.

Our Sisterhood group always hold a Christmas Buffet for members plus all the speakers who have given their time through to year to talk to the group.

It will be a busy day on Saturday, 14th December, when we give away on our church steps, mince pies wrapped in a nice serviette with a Christmas message, to all who pass by. Meanwhile there is a coffee morning for our Kenyan School Library Project in Kiziamango from 10am till noon. This will be followed by a soup lunch before we go carol singing for Christian Aid in our St. George's Centre.

The following day, 15th we hold our Toy Service at 11 am, this year led by Monica Wilding, we bring toys for the needy in Gravesend, also a pair of pants or socks Christmas wrapped with a bar of chocolate, these are sent up to the Whitechapel Mission, who we regularly support.

Every year a group goes round to our housebound friends to sing carols, this is welcomed by all those who now are unable to join us at our Church services.

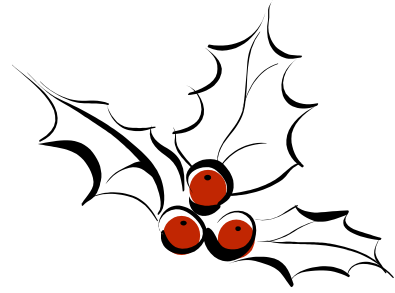
Our Family Carol Service is at 4.30pm on 22nd December.

With Christmas almost upon us, on 24th at 11 pm we gather to have mince pies and carols, leading on to Holy Communion, which comes to an end at midnight.

Our Christmas day service at 11 am is when we encourage all to bring in a present they have received. This will be taken by our Worship Leader, Gary Cooper.

Whilst we are celebrating through the month of December, we must remember those who come to us on a Tuesday or Saturday for the Food Bank. We are now into our second year and have found a steady increase in the numbers visiting us. We are seeing between 6 and 12 clients per session, feeding in the region of 30 people. So we ask that when you are enjoying your Christmas fayre, please remember and pray for those not able to share such delights with their families.

St Luke's



Building Project Update

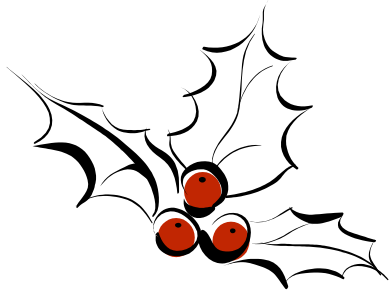
We are now contacting architects, suggested by Chris Lindford from South East District, to discuss our building project. It will consist of two phases – demolition of the existing vestibule, for which we already have a quote, and the building of a new entrance and toilets. Any ideas for fundraising will be gratefully received by Val Gibson on 01634 290079 or by e-mail on valgibson42@gmail.com. We have already demolished the stone notice board to make the church building more visible.

Christmas Events

Christmas is fast approaching and a list of events at St Luke's is below:

Day and Date	Time	Event
Wed 4th December	2.30pm	Wednesday Fellowship Carol Service
Sat 7th December	9am	Pre-School Breakfast with Father Christmas With Coffee Morning
Sun 8th December	10.30am	Gift Service Local Arrangements
Tue 10th December	9.30am	Pre-School Nativity Play
Sun 22nd December	6.30pm	Candlelight Carol Service Local Arrangements
Tue 24th December	6.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service Led by Revd Tony Graff
Wed 25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration Service Led by Revd Tony Graff

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these events but if you are unable to attend, St Luke's congregation sends its glad tidings and wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Hope Street

We will be holding our Carol Service on Sunday 15th December.

Gillian Collins will lead worship on Christmas morning starting at 10:00am.

Churches Together in Sheppey are arranging an Advent Service—a production of “The Gift” for Sunday 1st December to be held at Holy Trinity Sheerness at 6:30pm.

Churches Together in Sheppey are also arranging the usual Carols around the Clock Tower for Saturday 21st December starting at 11:00am.

Swanscombe

We will be holding our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th December beginning at 9:30am—11:00am. Raffle, cakes, refreshments, books & Christmas goods.

We will be holding a time of “Fun & Fellowship” on Sunday 12th January, 4:00pm-7:00pm. Songs, prayers, readings, quizzes, poems and sketches and a faith tea. Everyone is welcome.

Sutton at Hone

Back in September, Ella and Tracey attended the Songs of Praise Big Sing at the Royal Albert Hall. One of the recordings was shown on the 27th October and the next one will be on the 22nd December. See if you can spot us!

On the 19th December at 7:00pm is our Carol Service. The Brent Children’s Choir will be singing again this year and we are going to make a special effort to invite more people from the village.



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A very Happy Christmas
& peaceful New Year

From

The Circuit Leadership Team

