

# The Way



**SPRING**

**2022**

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

St Luke's is a place to worship, grow and to serve.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, no matter your age, or your background,

we would love to invite you to experience our church family as we seek God together.

St Luke's is a place where everyone finds a loving welcome.

## Editor's News

Please keep all the articles rolling in! Remember articles do not have to be three pages long as every little article helps make The Way more enjoyable for all to read.

A copy can be viewed on the church website by clicking on the month at:

<http://www.stlukesrochester.co.uk>

Hard copies are free but any donations are kindly accepted. All monies go to the Project Funds.

Don't forget if you need the article typed just give it to Danny Gibson or leave it in an envelope at the church marked "The Way". So put your thinking caps on and get writing!

When leaving the Church premises in a vehicle would you please ensure that you turn immediately left out of the entrance and access City Way via the traffic islands in front of the George Pub. The church has been in contact with the police regarding going straight across onto City Way from our entrance and have been advised, that for safety reasons, due to the speed of traffic coming down City Way, you are less likely to have an accident and technically you are going round a roundabout the wrong way and could be liable to prosecution.

## Prayer

**Prayer Chain:** The St Luke's On-Line Prayer Chain is still going strong and I would like to thank all those who are part of it for their faithfulness in praying for many needs during this past difficult year. I am sure that many people have benefited and are thankful. If you have a prayer request or you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain, please contact me by email or phone or speak to me at church.

**Weekly Prayer:** on our new weekly notice sheet there is a space for prayers. At the moment I am contributing to this but if you have a particular request, which doesn't involve people's names, please let me know. I am tending to stick to more general subjects as personal requests can be shared with the Prayer Chain.

**Fran Shepherd**

## Hall available in City Way

For classes, parties, playgroups,  
Reasonable rates.

Please check for availability and book on-line using the form on the website at

<http://www.stlukesrochester.co.uk>

# Easter Hope

We have been living in unprecedented times which none of us have ever experienced before. The Suffering and the death of so many love ones, has raised the

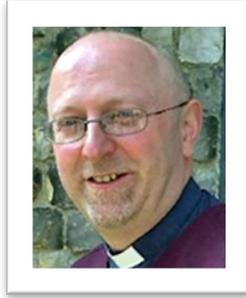
question as to where God is in it all. I mean if God is so closely involved in creation, how are viruses, earthquakes and floods possible? Why does God allow suffering?

For people who are involved in terrible suffering, there is really no answer and all one can do is to share their pain in the context of belief in a loving God who holds them in His arms. Ultimately the question of human suffering is a divine mystery which will become clear after death when we will no longer see it through humanity's tinted glasses but see clearly face to face.

However, for those of us not so personally involved and who struggle to justify our faith with family and friends, there are several things to be said.

Firstly, I firmly believe that God does NOT make people sick; and God does NOT want people to suffer. We can see this by looking at the life of Jesus. He healed the sick. He cured people. He did not make them sick! But why, then, are so many in pain?

There is no good or easy answer when tragedies occur. But to try and



understand, we must step back and look at the big picture. In that God gave humans free will and unfortunately people will choose to do bad things. God is not into controlling people's lives. If God was merely to control

everyone's actions, feelings

and responses that would take away our rights as individuals. He had to allow us the freedom to sin. Yet, on the other hand God does not want us to conform to the patterns of this world instead he wants to renew our minds by the Holy Spirit. As our minds are transformed into the likeness of Christ, the more the ways of the world behaviour and thought are pushed out of us.

Whilst God may not interfere with free will he does not leave us to suffer on our own, He is fully involved in His world and, I believe, fully suffers with each human person. That involvement is supremely seen in Jesus – God actually became a suffering human being with us and, although he was an innocent and righteous man, he suffered more than anyone else who ever lived, dying for humanity's sin upon the cross. So in answer to the question, where is God in all the suffering? Well right at the heart of it, holding the hand of the person crushed by the falling rubble. Wiping away the tears of those who are grieving.

These thoughts I have shared with you I have believed for a long time and is the

only way I can cope with devastating natural disasters, the death or suffering of children and the pain of bereavement. However, as I have listened to people and read many articles in the last few years, I have come to a further insight. That as people turn to God in their suffering, He can work with them to transform the suffering and to bring new life and hope out of what seemed to be death and desolation. This is what Christian hope is rooted in, the death and resurrection of Jesus. Real hope is found in Easter because after every Good Friday there is always an Easter and Easter is about hope and restoration.

The last two years has reminded us of how fragile and fleeting life is. But hope reminds us that we will one day be

reunited with those we love. Death does not last forever. Jesus has conquered death and the grave! And through this it gives us **HOPE** for better things.

Easter is also a glimpse of eternity. Though this world is no longer perfect, as God intended it to be; He will create a perfect world for us in heaven where there will no longer be any tears, pain, or suffering; and "death will be swallowed up in victory." Why? Because God will ultimately get rid of everything that is not HIS. Suffering, sin, pain, tears and death are not HIS.

We may not know what our earthly future holds but we have HOPE that all suffering will be relieved when we go to spend eternity with God.

## **No Time To Pray**

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me and heavier came each task,  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty but the day toiled on grey and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me;  
He said, "But you didn't seek."  
I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock;  
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child you didn't knock."  
I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

Grace L. Naessens

# St Luke's Methodist Church Centre

Groups that use the Church

Contact details for groups can be found at Community Group Page on church website



**St Luke's Pre-School**  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Friday  
9am to 3.30pm  
Thursday  
9am to 1pm

**Rainbows and  
Brownies**  
Mondays

See Leaders for details



**Medway Towns  
Bridge Club**  
Monday  
At 7.30pm



**Angie's Over**  
55s

*Keep fit!*  
Every Tuesday/Thursday at 2pm

**Blind Club**  
Tuesdays  
2pm to 4pm

**Apolostic Faith Group UK**  
Tuesday  
7.30pm to 9pm

**Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs  
Explorers and Scouts**  
Wednesday  
5.15pm to 9pm



**Bible Study and  
House Group**  
Wednesday at 7.30pm  
at Fran's



**Homemakers**  
Thursday at 2pm



**Club AUsome**  
Thursday  
5pm to 7pm



**Singing Choir**  
Thursday  
between 7pm to 9pm

**Craft Club**  
Every Friday between  
10.30am and 1.30pm



**Amethyst Dance Club**  
Fridays at 4.30pm



**Coffee Morning**  
Last Saturday in month  
At 10am



**Pentecostal  
Church Group**  
Every Sunday between 2-4pm

# Services— March to May 2022

|                          | <b>6th March</b> | <b>13th March</b>    |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Minister/Preacher</b> | Roger Byard      | Revd Robin Selmes—HC |
| Duty Steward             | Ian Smith        | Jean Wahanchuk       |
| Reader                   | Fran Shepherd    | David Warrington     |
| Finance                  | Sylvia Kane      | Ian Smith            |
| Door Stewards            | Angie Rastall    | Roger Eastwood       |
| Flowers                  | Deborah Ingram   | Jean Wahanchuk       |
| Junior Church            | Tim Crouch       | Tim Crouch           |

|                          | <b>20th March</b> | <b>27th March</b>    |
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| <b>Minister/Preacher</b> | Read              | Revd Robin Selmes—AA |
| Duty Steward             | Dorothy Odell     | Angie Rastall        |
| Reader                   | Jean Wahanchuk    | Dorothy Odell        |
| Finance                  | Rosemary Moss     | Jean Wahanchuk       |
| Door Stewards            | Jan Sellings      | Brenda Munchin       |
| Flowers                  | Val Gibson        | Ian Smith            |
| Junior Church            | Tim Crouch        | Tim Crouch           |

|                          | <b>3rd April</b>    | <b>10th April</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Minister/Preacher</b> | Revd Brian Tolhurst | Kasongo           |
| Duty Steward             | Fran Shepherd       | Ian Smith         |
| Reader                   | Tony Wheeler        | Jan Sellings      |
| Finance                  | Brenda Munchin      | Angie Rastall     |
| Door Stewards            | Jean Wahanchuk      | Derek Brighton    |
| Flowers                  | Hilary Wheeler      | Jean Wahanchuk    |
| Junior Church            | Tim Crouch          | Tim Crouch        |

**CA: Church Anniversary**      **CS: Carol Service**      **HC: Holy Communion**  
**CC: Christmas Celebration**      **GS: Gift Service**      **AA: All Age**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Minister/Preacher</b> | <b>17th April</b>    | <b>24th April</b> |
| Duty Steward             | Revd Robin Selmes—HC | Bart Woodhouse    |
| Reader                   | Dorothy Odell        | Jean Wahanchuk    |
| Finance                  | Hilary Wheeler       | Rosemary Moss     |
| Door Stewards            | Fran Shepherd        | Tony Wheeler      |
| Flowers                  | Val Gibson           | Angie Rastall     |
| Junior Church            | Deborah Ingram       | Val Gibson        |
|                          | Tim Crouch           | Tim Crouch        |

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|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Minister/Preacher</b> | <b>1st May</b>     | <b>8th May</b> |
| Duty Steward             | Local Arrangements | Mandy Harris   |
| Reader                   | Fran Shepherd      | Angie Rastall  |
| Finance                  | Derek Brighton     | Sylvia Kane    |
| Door Steward             | Sylvia Kane        | Ian Smith      |
| Flowers                  | Roger Eastwood     | Jan Sellings   |
| Junior Church            | Ian Smith          | Hilary Wheeler |
|                          | Tim Crouch         | Tim Crouch     |

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| <b>Minister/Preacher</b> | <b>15th May</b>      | <b>22nd May</b>  |
| Duty Steward             | Revd Robin Selmes—HC | Lesley Trott     |
| Reader                   | Ian Smith            | Dorothy Odell    |
| Finance                  | Tim Crouch           | David Warrington |
| Door Steward             | Rosemary Moss        | Brenda Munchin   |
| Flowers                  | Brenda Munchin       | Derek Brighton   |
| Junior Church            | Jean Wahanchuk       | Val Gibson       |
|                          | Tim Crouch           | Tim Crouch       |

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| <b>Minister/Preacher</b> | <b>29th May</b> |
| Duty Steward             | Yamoah          |
| Reader                   | Jean Wahanchuk  |
| Finance                  | Fran Shepherd   |
| Door Steward             | Angie Rastall   |
| Flowers                  | Val Gibson      |
| Junior Church            | Jean Wahanchuk  |
|                          | Tim Crouch      |

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## Offertory Envelopes and Gift Aid

The offertory envelope system is one simple way of financially supporting St Luke's by encouraging regular weekly giving. The system is simple, a set of fifty-two weekly dated and numbered envelopes are issued. The number identifies the person to whom the envelope has been issued and the dates are for each Sunday, so that if you are unable to attend St Luke's for any reason the offering can be put in the envelope each week and given at the next visit to church. The advantage of church members using this system helps the Treasurer when preparing the budgets and Angie Rastall who administers the Gift Aid Scheme. As the Envelope Secretary my role is to administer, order and supply

the envelopes and I am not present when the envelopes are opened or aware of the contents. If you would like more information or wish to be provided with a set please do not hesitate to speak to a Steward or contact me direct on 01634 201429.

**Gift Aid it!** If you are a UK taxpayer, your donation will be worth up to a **quarter more at no extra cost to you.** Gift Aid means that for every £1 you give, St Luke's can claim up to 25p from the Government. This means a donation of £10 can be worth up to £12.50 and it doesn't cost you a penny more! If you would like more information regarding Gift Aid please do not hesitate to speak to the Treasurer.

### A Poem For Elizabeth

I found this poem recently, which I had copied from a book called 'Elizabeth Joy, a Mother's Story' by Caroline Philips. It is written by Michael Hollow after he heard about the birth of Elizabeth in June 1981.

Who is it who was there  
And here  
And there  
Before there was any place,  
Before there was a need for time,  
Who was it,  
Before even the universe itself was,  
Alpha and Omega  
Yet unconfined by beginning or end,  
Unborn and undying,  
Not travelling but being,  
Boundless,  
For whom all space is but the space  
Between his fingers;  
Who knew me and all my days

Before there was a man,  
Before there was a world;  
Who is it  
Who holds the moon in place  
And hides an oak tree in an acorn?  
Is this the one  
Whose child I am, who takes me on his  
knee?  
Am I to reason with him?  
Who am I but to kneel before him?  
And if he should love me,  
Is that not all I need?

*Shared by Fran*

# St Luke's Methodist Church Centre



Saturday 9th April 2022

7pm for 7.30pm start

Entrance £5 which includes

Buffet food, tea and coffee and a raffle

Bring your own nibbles and drink if you wish

(Sorry no alcohol)

Maximum six per team

To book a table or for further information

phone Tim on 01634 403117 or on

[stlukes2014@gmail.com](mailto:stlukes2014@gmail.com)

## THE OFSTED INSPECTION

The class room was airy and well lit. The desks spread out as it was quite a large room. The children were sitting at their desks in groups of four all facing the teacher at the front of the class. She did not seem all that perturbed by his presence. She'd been a teacher long enough to have gone through more than one OFSTED inspection he thought. She sounded confident and didn't 'talk down' to the young people in front of her. The writing on the white-board was clear, neat and large enough for the children near the back of the class to read without any straining.

Also in the class was a teaching assistant. An older woman with a happy, smiley face. Again, neither did she seem worried about his presence. It seemed the two ladies made a good team.

From where he sat at the back of the class it looked to him that the TA had three specific children to look after and she kept them engaged in the assignment at hand.

It was an English lesson with a year 5 'mixed ability' class. The school had ceased splitting the classes up into ability groups for Maths and English and he was wondering how it would work out as this was the first class he had sat

in where this arrangement was set up. He'd had a brief talk with the teacher before entering the classroom and discovered that there did not seem to be any real problem youngsters in this class. He had also taken a brief look at her lesson plan for this particular topic.

The lesson proceeded along the plan the teacher had shown him earlier without any hitches or problems. Once the young people were set their tasks and were busy writing he decided to wander around and see how they were getting on. He looked over the shoulders of the children as they wrote, careful not to get too close and scare them. Most of the writing was clear and readable, but not all. The three children with the TA were having trouble getting their thoughts down on paper and she was guiding them with helpful questions and hints as to what they could write.

He came to a small girl sitting almost in the corner and looked over her shoulder. He was surprised by what she was writing. Along a lined row half way down the page she had written - Yesterday, Yesterday, Yesterday. The line below read Happiness, Happiness, Happiness. The next line read Today, Today, Today. He quietly watched as she wrote Trouble, Trouble, Trouble on the line below that. She carried on,

seemingly oblivious to him standing behind her. The next line contained the words Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tommorrow. He watched fascinated as the line below appeared in front of him - Misery, Misery, Misery.

As she finished writing this word she seemed to notice him standing there so he beat a hasty retreat and studied other young people's work. He thought about what she had written - Yesterday, Happiness, Today, Trouble, Tomorrow, Misery – each word three times, almost like a poem. He decided that after the lesson he would talk to the TA about the little girl who seemed to be really sad and worried about something.

Once the bell went it was the end of the lesson and as it was morning break time there was a rush by the young people to get out to the playground and into the Sun. He went and explained to the TA about what he had seen and asked her what she knew about the girl. The TA told him that her name was Rosie and she was a new girl and had only been in the school for three weeks so not much was known about her. She was quiet, but that was only to be expected as she didn't know any other children when she joined the school. She seemed to be settling in happily enough though. She thought for a bit and wondered if they should have a word with the

teacher about what he had noticed.

He and the TA approached the teacher and he repeated what he had seen. The teacher thought for a bit and suggested that they had a word with the girl before the class met again for the next lesson. They went to the door to the playground. The little girl was sitting by herself on a bench near the door. The teacher called her name quietly and she got up and came towards them.

'Rosie,' the teacher said. 'This gentleman was looking at what you were writing during the lesson. Can he talk to you about it?'

'Er, yes, I suppose so,' was the reluctant sounding reply.

He thought that he would take a 'praising' approach to finding out why she had written the words. 'I couldn't help seeing what you were writing when I was behind you. It was very interesting. You wrote 'Yesterday' three times, then on the line below 'Happiness' three times, on the next line 'Today' three times, and below that three 'Troubles'. Then three 'Tomorrows' and finally three 'Miseries' on the bottom line. It was beautiful. Why did you write such a lovely poem?' 'Poem?' she said. 'Poem? They're my spelling corrections!' Anon.

## **Lent Courses**

Fran Shepherd's House Group, which meets on Wednesday evenings, will be starting a Bible Study for Lent entitled 'The Prayers of Jesus'. It is written by Christian writer and speaker, Amy Boucher Pye and explores Jesus' prayers to His Father as He moved towards the cross. We will be encouraged to grow in faith, hope and love and experience the delight of our loving Father when we turn to Him in prayer.

The Lent Course will begin on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Please contact Fran at church if you would like to join us.

There is also an on-line Circuit Lent Course, details of which can be found on the church website at [www.stlukesrochester.co.uk](http://www.stlukesrochester.co.uk) and on the back of the church notices.

## **Alpha Course**

As most of you will know, the first lockdown in 2020 was a particularly difficult time for me having recently lost John, my dear husband and soul mate of nearly fifty years. Here I was at home with the only communication with family and friends via the phone and internet. However, the Lord showed me just what a loving, heavenly Father He is by providing me with some amazing support and contacts.

One day, when I was looking at the Circuit website I noticed that Bart Woodhouse was planning to do an Alpha Course on-line for the first time

(he had done many in the normal group setting before). I had often heard about Alpha but never taken part so I thought that I would sign up and see where it would lead. As it turned out for that first on-line course, only a few of us joined but it was great to interact and share our faith and how God had led us over the years. It was also good to return to the basics of what we believe and why we believe it, which is what Alpha is all about. It is very non-threatening and allows people to ask any questions without fear of what others might think.

I really looked forward to each session and valued our growing friendship and fellowship. The only thing we missed out on was the opportunity to spend a special away day somewhere to learn about the work of the Holy Spirit and pray for our lives to be transformed by His presence. However, we did pray for each other on-line which was very moving.

When the course was completed Bart kindly invited me to join the Ebbsfleet Community Church's Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, which was also on-line every week. It has been such a blessing to me and helped me through some tough times. Bart is a good friend and brother and, coming from Lancashire (truly God's own country!), I know that John would be pleased to know of his support. I am going to leave it to him to tell you a bit more about Alpha and the plan to hold one nearby soon!

**St Luke's Methodist Church**  
**Alpha Course 2022**  
**Starting: Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**  
**Venue: Richard and Rosemary's Place**



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone is welcome. It runs online, in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it! No two Alphas look the same, but they generally have three key things in common: hospitality, a talk and good conversation.

Alpha is also a great opportunity for Christians of any age to re-engage with the big questions of life and faith, and maybe discuss questions we've wrestled with for years! Every time I do an Alpha Course I am always struck by the presence of God and the affirming sense of the simplicity and power of the gospel. No Alpha Course experience is ever wasted when we are sharing in conversation about His love, grace, and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit!

Some of the session's questions include, "Who is Jesus?", "Why did Jesus die?", and "How can I have faith?". The course is designed for people who maybe exploring the Christian faith for the first time or returning to the church after a life event or sensing a pull back to church. I would encourage all of us in the life of the church to prayerfully invite neighbours, friends, and family to the Alpha Course.

With all that has happened over the past two years and the increasing threats we are now facing in Eastern Europe I believe people are more likely to be asking the "big questions" of life and faith than they have done for a generation. Western culture and the endless opiate of entertainment and distraction leaves people with little foundation when the world faces real threats. We need to be leading people to the foundation of Christ, the rock in the storm, and Alpha is one way we can do this. Alpha is not a panacea, but I have known it to be wonderfully fruitful and see many people become followers of Jesus through this simple course over the years. Let's see what the Lord will do with us as we step out in faith.

Any questions or comments please contact Bart at [bart.woodhouse@gmail.com](mailto:bart.woodhouse@gmail.com), or by phone on 07792 596 318.

# LENT

Below are fliers for three Lent Studies which will be running in the circuit this Lent. Note that each will be offered online:

- 'Becoming Church' on Tuesday evenings
- 'Where the Lost Things Go' on Wednesday evenings



North Kent Methodist Circuit

## BECOMING CHURCH

ONLINE LENT COURSE  
TUESDAYS 7PM | VIA ZOOM

|          |                                  |                   |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 08 MARCH | LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER      | REV ROBIN SELMES  |
| 15 MARCH | BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER & PRAYER | REV ROBERT ZACHAR |
| 22 MARCH | GOD'S POWER AT WORK              | BART WOODHOUSE    |
| 29 MARCH | A SENSE OF COMMUNITY             | REV TONY GRAFF    |
| 05 APRIL | AN OUTWARD-LOOKING CHURCH        | REV NAOMI DATES   |

MEETING ID | 929 3964 3962  
PASSCODE | 578033



## 'Where The Lost Things Go'

*Discussion groups for Lent 2022  
based on the film Mary Poppins Returns*

***Monday afternoons from 7<sup>th</sup> March:  
2.30pm at St. David's Chapel,  
Lordswood***



***Wednesday evenings from 9<sup>th</sup> March:  
7.30pm on Zoom***



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I'm looking for a small group of North Kent Methodists willing to be challenged in their theology and practice during Lent. This challenge will come in the form of a 'book club' to read and discuss Rev Tyler Sit's recent book, '**Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers**'.

Rev Sit is a Methodist minister, church planter, and social activist in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a second-generation Chinese American and identifies as queer. He uses Jesus' term 'Staying Awake' to refer to finding the resources to persevere in the long challenge of confronting and changing systematic injustice in the world.

This book is not for those complacent with their current understanding of Christianity and the Gospel message. Though written in an engaging and readable style, the content of the book often challenges with perspectives from marginalized groups. If you're willing to be stretched, this book — and this Lent study — might be for you.

This Lent Challenge will be offered on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm, beginning on 6 March and continuing for 6 weeks through Palm Sunday via zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/94767718097>. Group members will need to read up to 40 pages of the book before each session; Bonni-Belle has copies available. The number of participants will be limited to 12 to allow effective interaction and discussion.

If you are interested, please contact me at [bonni-belle.pickard@methodist.org.uk](mailto:bonni-belle.pickard@methodist.org.uk)



How TMCP came about. Find their info online on the website at [Tara Martins Community Project – supporting young homeless people in our community – Just another WordPress site](#)

**Historically we were a major player in keeping members of our community off the streets and getting them decent homes**

The TMCP Project provided a shelter house to help give homeless people somewhere safe to sleep, while simultaneously offering a number of activities to motivate people back into employment. The project also gave support, hot meals and clothing through the day centre.

We succeeded in pushing the cause of our street homeless community members. This we did through various

**Gillingham Street Angels**

We are The Gillingham Street Angels. We offer a service to our local homeless community by providing food, drink and essentials such as toiletries clothing and bedding. We are a non profit organisation of friendly people who realise we have a problem in our area. We work in partnership with Medway help for homeless to maximise the personal touch help we offer. We travel across

consultations with local government housing departments. We are happy that getting people into emergency shelter has greatly improved than when we started out in 2017. This now means we can concentrate on improving the lives of our members through employment and business skills empowerment programs carried out from our training centre in Chatham High Street.

Our aim at TMCP now and in the future is to empower members of our community with skills to enable them to get jobs or start their own business.

**Our mission**

To teach employment and life skills  
To mentor and support our community members in starting their own businesses.

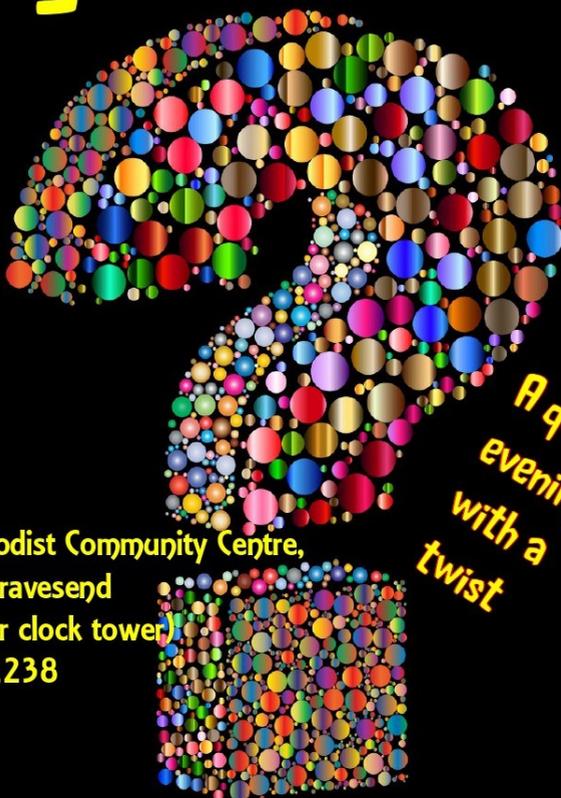
**Our objective**

To support members of our community in living better and purposeful lives.

Rochester Strood and Chatham and walk the streets to find them where they are sleeping. This gives them the one on one interaction they deserve.

This page is created to make people more aware of what is happening near them and to kindly ask you to spring clean and donate your unwanted items. We can collect or have drop off points you can deliver to.

# Family Quiz Evening



*A quiz evening with a twist*

Gravesend Methodist Community Centre,  
Wilfred Street, Gravesend  
DA12 2HA (near clock tower)  
Charity No.1132238

**Sat 19 March 2022 6.30 for 6.45pm**

Teams of 6 - £7 per head with Ploughmans Platter -

Bring your own nibbles and soft drinks (Sorry no alcohol)

Register your team with Robert Hardy tel 357681

Email [roberthardy33@gmail.com](mailto:roberthardy33@gmail.com)

[www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk)



# Church Leaders & Contacts Page

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|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Minister</b>                          | Revd Robin Selmes     |
| <b>Senior Church Steward</b>             | Angie Rastall         |
| <b>Church Steward</b>                    | Jean Wahanchuk        |
| <b>Church Steward and Worship Leader</b> | Dorothy Odell         |
| <b>Church Steward</b>                    | Fran Shepherd         |
| <b>Church Steward and Worship Leader</b> | Ian Smith             |
| <b>Church Notices</b>                    | Danny Gibson          |
| <b>Church Secretary</b>                  | Fran Shepherd         |
| <b>Gift Aid Secretary</b>                | Treasurer             |
| <b>Baptism Roll Secretary</b>            | Jan Sellings          |
| <b>Magazine Editor</b>                   | Danny Gibson          |
| <b>Hall Bookings</b>                     | Jean Wahanchuk        |
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