



# Gillingham Community Church

## Welcome back!

We hope you've all had the opportunity to enjoy a lovely refreshing, relaxing summer break. There are so many things to look forward to at GCC this Autumn, not least of which is the start of our move into what was the old Co-Op building, soon to be the new Gillingham Community Church premises! **We praise and thank God** for this wonderful opportunity, an answer to our prayers – a facility we could until recently only dream about - from where we can grow our outreach to the community around us whilst providing a location for local interest groups to meet and develop their roles too.

## Events & info this month

**Know More** - If you're new to GCC, would like to meet the leaders or just want to know more about who we are, then the 'Know More' course is for you! Held over 4 weeks, the course starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at the Old Library. See one of the leaders to book your place.

**Fusion Jamaica:** one of the ministries supported by GCC is Fusion Jamaica. The Campbells told us all about the club they run for disadvantaged Jamaican children at risk of taking a wrong turn in life. Part of their focus involves a school support programme for these young people - providing books and other equipment for the school year ahead – and GCC recently donated £400 towards it. Dave, Liz and family will be **visiting GCC on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September** when we'll hear more about their work, followed by a shared lunch at the Old library. **Please bring** a savoury dish, a dessert and something extra with which to bless others.

We learned last month that Helen (the young Tanzanian girl supported by GCC) is sadly no longer on the **Compassion child** sponsorship programme, due to family circumstances and through no fault of hers. We have decided to seek another child to support; Ted and Wendy, our Compassion UK contacts, will update us with details.

Father's House Shaftesbury will be hosting '**Equipping for the Harvest**', a 2 day conference on **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> & Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September**. The event is for everyone but especially 'struggling Christians, non-Christians and prodigals as they will hear stories of hope.' Tickets for the event cost £10 and are available, with more info, at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/equipping-for-the-harvest-tickets-35937362619>

We don't lose sight of our calling in all this. GCC is here to encourage every one of us to nurture and grow their relationship with the Lord, to strengthen and deepen meaningful relationships with each other. We all need to encourage and support one another – perhaps most especially through membership of a **Small Group**. Not only do we get to know our fellow group members better, we then have the opportunity to proactively support (and seek support from) one another in a small group setting. We also publish a set of questions each week based on the Sunday talk, for discussion at the following Small Group meetings (see GCC website/Resources/Small Groups). And, if you missed the meeting, or want to catch up, the talk will also be there. There's a Small Group for everyone, including a brand new mid-week group starting this month on Wednesday mornings. Like to join one (see sidebar, below)? Please speak with one of the Leaders.

**Our vision is to be a healthy, growing church where people can meet Jesus, know Him and make Him known.**

**If you're with us for the first time** or if you're an occasional visitor you are very welcome. We hope that you feel comfortable with the relaxed style of our meeting. If you've any questions about anything, please do ask!

**For our younger visitors:** There is a room set aside with toys and facilities for babies and toddlers, but please note that it is unsupervised. **The Kid's Group** is for children aged up to and including year 5, with **Furnace** for year 6 upwards. An announcement will be made when it's time for the children to leave for their activities; parents are welcome to observe and also use the crèche room.

**Please join us for refreshments at the end of the meeting.**

## Further Ahead

We will have the privilege of hosting Kevin Beeson (Lifelinks) in Gillingham from 1<sup>st</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> November inclusive, during which time he will be seeking to equip and encourage us in our walk with Jesus. Once we've finalized details, the full programme will be published on the website and in future editions of GCC News.

**Gillingham Community Church** is led by Pete & Jules Bond; Steve & Han Gibbons; Joel Ladlow; Andy Sparkes. If you haven't met one of them yet, they'd **love to meet you!**

## Belong. Believe. Be Changed.

### Contact us

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### Small groups

We meet in different homes around Gillingham. If you'd like to join one, please speak with the church leaders.

### Tuesday

Pete & Jules: 7.30pm at Joel & Emilie's House  
Martin & Jenny: 8pm at Martin & Jenny's house

### Wednesday

Greg & Celia: 10am at Greg & Celia's house  
Snowdon/MacBean: 7.15pm various locations  
Han: 7.45pm at Steve & Han's house

### Thursday

Annie & Julie: 11.00am at Dylan & Merial's house

**\*All weekday events in Old Library (OL) unless stated\***

## Diary

## Sept 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>28 AUGUST</b> <b>NO OPEN DOOR</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>8am</b> Prayer for Syria & Iraq	<b>31</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door	<b>1 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10.30am</b> Worship meeting – back at Gillingham Primary School
<b>4</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door <b>7.30pm</b> Trustee's meeting	<b>5</b> <b>9.45am</b> CAP prayer meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door <b>7.30pm</b> Know More course (OL)	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> Bubbles	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10.30am</b> Worship meeting
<b>11</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door <b>3.45pm</b> The Gap restarts!	<b>12</b> <b>9.45am</b> CAP prayer meeting	<b>13</b> <b>8am</b> Prayer for Syria & Iraq	<b>14</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door <b>7.30pm</b> Know More course (OL)	<b>15</b> <b>10am</b> Bubbles <i>Equipping for the Harvest (see over)</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Equipping for the Harvest</i>	<b>17</b> <b>10.30am</b> Worship meeting with the Campbells, then <b>Shared lunch</b>
<b>18</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door <b>3.45pm</b> The Gap	<b>19</b> <b>9.45am</b> CAP prayer meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door <b>7.30pm</b> Know More course (OL)	<b>22</b> <b>10am</b> Bubbles	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>10.30am</b> Worship meeting
<b>25</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door, followed by Open4Lunch <b>3.45pm</b> The Gap	<b>26</b> <b>9.45am</b> CAP prayer meeting <b>1.30pm</b> Prayer for Israel	<b>27</b> <b>8am</b> Prayer for Syria & Iraq	<b>28</b> <b>10am</b> Open Door <b>7.30pm</b> Know More course (OL)	<b>29</b> <b>10am</b> Bubbles	<b>30</b>	<b>1 OCTOBER</b> <b>10.30am</b> Worship meeting

Check the Diary page online for any alterations and updates - [gillinghamcommunitychurch.co.uk/diary](http://gillinghamcommunitychurch.co.uk/diary)

Sunday morning meetings are held at Gillingham Primary School in School Lane, Gillingham.

All other meetings are at The Old Library on the corner of the High Street and Station Road, unless otherwise stated.