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The Gap Project Newsletter



Sharing news, events, and updates from The Gap Project as we serve and support our community in Thanet.

The
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Project**

A Thanet Community Project

The Gap Project is an all-inclusive and welcoming church-based community project that acts as a safety net and stepping stone for those marginalised in the local community. More than 1000 people come through our doors each week and we serve them by providing groups, activities and individual support. We are supported by 100 dedicated volunteers working in the café, shop and groups.

News and Updates



Christmas at the Gap

Over the Christmas period, many of our groups celebrated in their own way. Wellbeing Café sang Christmas carols accompanied by ukulele music, desserts and a Secret Santa; WEB collaborated with Just Connect for a disco, Christmas buffet and games; Drop-in enjoyed a Christmas dinner and food parcels; Friday Club contributed towards the Samaritans Shoebox Appeal and enjoyed a Christmas dinner catered by the Gap Café; and families took part in a penguin-themed Family Café, a walkabout nativity and a Christingle service.

Throughout the festive season, the mood across the building was warm and jolly, with Christmas cheer filling every nook and cranny, from the Café to the auditorium. We would like to thank everyone who made this possible and the NHS for donating winter clothing for our homeless drop-in and the old curiosity shop for donating presents to distribute amongst families.

Volunteers Christmas Party

Our Volunteers Christmas Party on 11th December brought together over 70 volunteers from our Gap groups, QRBC, the Gap shop and the Gap café to eat, laugh, quiz, play games and sing Christmas songs. It was a joyful opportunity to say thank you to everyone who dedicates their time to supporting our community, and we're already looking forward to the next one.



Sing from the Heart Concert



On the 19th November, we hosted Ramsgate Arts Primary School, Music4Wellbeing and Inspiration Collective for the *Sing from the Heart* concert, led by Charlie Hannah. A diverse, multigenerational group of over 300 people from across Kent came together to sing. The event also launched the new song *Let There Be Music*, written collaboratively by the groups. It was a wonderful event to host, with beautiful cakes decorated by WEB, our social group for adults with additional needs.

The Gap Community Café

In the summer, the Gap Community Café became a social enterprise donating their profits to the Gap Project, similarly to Gap in the Market. Alongside this, the Café has been rebranded with new menus and a logo, visually bringing it into the wider Gap & QRBC family. Our new slogan 'Good food. Good value. Bringing people together.' reflects our ongoing commitment to affordable food and a welcoming community



Gap in the Market



On 15th October, Gap in the Market celebrated 10 years in business with a special event featuring music, refreshments, a raffle and a visit from the Mayor. In December, our much-loved shop manager, Louise Parker, handed over the reins to our fantastic new shop manager, Tony Budden. Tickets are now on sale for Gap in the Market's Fashion Show, taking place on 30th January 2026.

Spotlight on WEB

WEB (**W**elcome **E**very**B**ody) is the Gap project's social group for adults with physical and learning disabilities, encouraging community, socialising and learning skills. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7.30-9pm and have a mixture of trips out such as bowling, or to the theatre and social nights in the church building with games and a variety of activities. The volunteers and attendees alike have built lasting friendships, if you would like to help or attend please get in touch!



Fundraising & Events

We have lots of exciting events and fundraisers that you can get involved in throughout the year, including:

March TBC- Easter Family Fun

April 24th- Taco Quiz Night

June TBC- 25th Anniversary Family Party

September TBC- Viking Coastal Trail Challenge

October 31st- Light Night Disco

December TBC- Film Night and Beer & Carols

Ongoing- Sponsored Run and Skydive



Scan the QR code or head to the events page on our website for more details and booking information.

We love hearing your ideas! If you would like to plan your own fundraiser or sponsored event, come and chat to us.

Donate

Please scan the QR code if you'd like to donate, to help us keep doing what we do!



Weekly Groups

Monday

Sit & Be Fit £
Wellbeing Café £

Tuesday

Parents & Toddlers £
Drop-in Service (Rise
Team)
WEB (1st and 3rd of the
month) £

Wednesday

Baby & Toddler group
for children with
Down's Syndrome £
Music4Wellbeing
(Dementia Friendly) £

Thursday

Rainbows Creche £
Baby Group £
Sit & Be Fit £
Citizens Advice (2nd &
4th of the month)

Friday

Friday Club (seniors) £
Drop-in Services

£= Small Fee

Gap Community Café

Open Monday-Friday 9am-2pm
and Saturday 10am-2pm
Come and enjoy homemade
meals and cakes at reasonable
prices. We also have a pay it
forward scheme.



Gap in the Market

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