

Roll Up! Roll Up! Gravesham Light Festival 2025 – Circus of Life illuminates our streets, bringing fun and excitement to the darker days of winter. Look out for the Disco Turtle and the Lightship on the High Street; meet Pocahontas the Elephant and the promenading Jellyfish and enjoy the phenomenal installations and Lasershow on the Quayside. Something for everyone when the circus comes to town.

**1 AQUANAUTS ADRIFT - By Enter Edem**  
**St George's Church Gardens**

**Procession & show 6pm & 7.30pm**  
**from outside St George's Arts Centre**

Join the fantastical world of vintage deep-sea divers as they trawl their giant bubble net through the streets. Marvel at their whimsical bin liner and barnacle aesthetic, their eye-catching bubble helmets, and the mesmerising underwater atmosphere they create. Interactive Walkabouts and static performances.

**2 POCAHONTAS THE ELEPHANT - By Jonny Dixon**  
**St George's Church Gardens**

Enter the magical world of Pocahontas the Elephant, one of the most playful and enchanting characters of the Gravesham Light Festival. Nestled inside her glowing, bespoke big top tent in St George's Church gardens, Pocahontas is ready to delight visitors of all ages with her colourful charm and larger-than-life personality.

**3 STEP RIGHT IN – SENSORY IGLOOS**  
**By National Autistic Society/Artrack**  
**St George's Church Gardens**

Take a moment to rest in our calming sensory igloos with comfy beanbags, gentle projections and relaxing music.

**4 SILENT DISCO**  
**St George's Arts Centre**

Get ready to groove at the Circus of Life with a Silent Disco like no other! Taking over St George's Arts Centre, this unique experience lets you choose your own soundtrack and dance the night away under the glow of the festival lights.

**11 LET'S GLOW – EXHIBITION**  
**St George's Arts Centre**

Accompanying the Silent Disco – an amazing exhibition by local artists that glows and glows!

**12 CIRCUS WORKSHOPS - By Kinetic Circus**  
**St George's Shopping Centre**

Hone your juggling and diablo skills – learn how to really spin plates. Drop in Circus skills for the whole family.

**13 CRAFT WORKSHOPS By Andy Hopton & Enter Edem**  
**St George's Shopping Centre**

Create your own Light Festival Hat with Andy Hopton. Jellyfish making workshop with Enter Edem and Aquanauts Adrift.

**14 WALKABOUT CIRCUS ACTS**  
**Various Locations**

The Circus of Life heats up with an electrifying lineup of performers! Prepare to be amazed as fire eaters, hula hoopers, jugglers and stilt walkers light up the night with dazzling skills and breathtaking energy.

**15 LIGHTS AND MUSIC AT HATCH**  
**Gravesend Borough Market**

Head to Kent's only indoor street food market for live music and a fantastic light show. While you're there, enjoy food from over 12 different stalls, have a game of digital darts or enjoy a cocktail or two!

**16 MUSIC ON THE PIER**  
**Gravesend Town Pier**

The pop-up café on the pier returns for the Light Festival with installations, live music, food and hot drinks providing the perfect opportunity to take a moment and relax on the world's oldest cast iron pier.

**For more information visit:**  
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# LIGHT FESTIVAL CIRCUS OF LIFE

**24-25 January 2025**  
**5.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Programme  
& location map**

**FREE EVENT**

Times and locations may change to accommodate prevailing conditions



St George's  
Gardens



St George's  
Arts Centre



St George's  
Shopping  
Centre

New Road



Town Pier  
Square

St Andrew's  
Quayside

St Andrew's  
Arts Centre

Gravesend  
Borough  
Market

Hatch



Queen Street

King Street

Quadrant

**5 LIGHT SHIP - By Circo Rum Ba Ba**  
**High Street based at the Quadrant**  
**Approx show times - 6.45pm & 7.30pm**  
**voyaging up and down the High St**

Set sail on a journey of light and drama with Circo Rum Ba Ba's The Light Ship. This glowing frigate will navigate the streets, battling raging storms and heaving waves as it tells a tale of courage, teamwork, and the indomitable spirit of the sea complete with trapeze artist.

**6 DISCO TURTLE - By Emergency Exit Arts**  
**High Street based at Town Pier Square**  
**Approx show times - 5.45pm & 7pm**  
**funking up and down the High St**

Get ready to groove with the Disco Turtle, a shining star of this year's Circus of Life! This dazzling creation is more than just an installation—it's a fully mobile party machine that will have you dancing in the streets of Gravesham.

**7 LASER CIRCUS SPECTACULAR - By Laserfire**  
**St Andrew's Quayside**  
**Approx show times - 6pm, 6.45pm, 7.30pm & 8pm**  
New for 2025, don't miss Laserfire's spectacular light show! Multi-coloured lasers will illuminate the skies above St Andrew's Quayside, creating jugglers and jesters, lions and clowns alongside the river Thames.

**8 WATERSIDE WONDERS - By Howard Griffin**  
**St Andrew's Quayside**  
Discover the stories of our intriguing riverside communities with this extraordinary new installation piece projected onto the iconic Gravesham landmark, St Andrew's Arts Centre.

**9 GOOD TIMES - By Mark Whitehouse**  
**Location TBC**  
A welcome return for Good Times, a kinetic light and music installation that celebrates the foreshore factory workers of Gravesend and Northfleet and the vibrant nightlife that offered a weekend respite.

**10 WAYFINDING CLOWNS - By Mona Whitton**  
One of the new commissions created for this event offers a novel way to navigate the festival. Illuminated signage will guide you around the installations and activities and, from time to time, you may meet some helpful clowns willing to show you the way in their bonkers little car – Parp! Parp