# **THIS SUNDAY -  12th March**

MORNING SERVICE, 10.30am  
[**In Church**](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/607245/Church_Building_Open.aspx?redirected=1)**,** [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksgillingham) **and** [**Youtube**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1b5IAYzi3iBqXPBu0OnRrQ/videos?view=2&live_view=502)

**Title:** Falling down but still following

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Readings:** Isaiah 43:16-25, Matthew 5:21-26

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will be running as usual Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

This week

Home Groups  
Throughout the week

Joining a **home group** is a brilliant chance to meet and pray with others, build relationships, support one another, exchange views and explore God's word together. [Take a look at the groups and sign up here](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268148/Small_Groups.aspx) or contact the office.

Ladies Group

We will meet on Wednesday at 10am at the Old Vicarage.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

**Saturdays | 7 - 8am | Online**

On Zoom, join us [online here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2238511807?pwd=TU94WVN3cDlaSWxnejhHZTYxMTdvdz09).  
[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]

Open Church  
**Tuesday | 10am - 12pm | Church**

Come along for a chat, fellowship or private prayer. Refreshments will be served. Please be aware masks are advised.  
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).

Dementia Cafe

22nd March, 12th and 26th May|1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Fun space for children to play and for parents/guardians to connect. No need to book, just drop up. Wednesdays in term time.

Peace and Hope

11th March, 10:30am, vicarage hall

Fundraiser Concert – Mission to Uganda

Saturday March 11th, 5pm, St Mark’s Church

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Tearfund Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

If you would like to make a donation, please click the link underneath.

[**Please CLICK HERE to make a donation to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal**](https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Articles/655600/Tearfund_Turkey_Syria.aspx)

Holy Communion

If you are unable to get to Church and would like to have communion brought to your home, please contact the Church office.  [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) 01634 570489.  You need to live in St Mark’s parish and be happy for your contact details to be passed to the home communion team.

Prayer Meetings for 2023

Meetings between 7 and 9pm

5th April, St Mark’s, 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP. 3rd May, St Mark’s. 7th June, St Mark’s. 5th July, St Mark’s. 9th August, St Mark’s. 6th September, St Mark’s. 4th October, St Mark’s. 1st November, St Mark’s.

6th December, Old Vicarage, **Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.**

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

New Wine

As a church we are going to the New Wine summer conference this year - at the Kent Event Centre in Maidstone, previously called the Detling Campsite.

Sign up to join and camp from 1-5 August on the New Wine website <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united23/> by booking onto St Mark’s with St Mary’s Island Church.

### United 23

##### Week A: Wednesday 26 July – Sunday 30 July 2023, Week B: Tuesday 1 August – Saturday 5 August 2023, Kent Event Centre, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3JF

If you have any questions, please contact Catharina

Thanksgiving service

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held for The Reverend John Collins on Friday 19th May 2023 at 12 noon at Holy Trinity Brompton, Brompton Road, London SW7 1JA, followed by refreshments in Church House.

Please can you kindly send an email both to [reception@htb.org](mailto:reception@htb.org) and [chickpaget@gmail.com](mailto:chickpaget@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.  If you could possibly confirm your numbers, that would be very helpful.

For those who don’t know, Rev John Collins was part of the story of St Marks Gillingham.  it was during an all-night prayer vigil here, in the 1960s, that he and all those present, experienced a “visitation of the Holy Spirit”.  It is said that this experience and the three weeks that followed, transformed the church into a catalyst for what would become known as the “Charismatic Revival” in Britain.

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* Pray for the Rohingya refugees, Bangladesh, following the massive fire at their camp, leaving 12,000 Myanmar nationals without shelter – may the Lord cover and protect them.
* The people of Greece mourning a great loss in the recent train tragedy.
* The ongoing recovery of those lost in the Turkey/Syria earthquakes; for strength to local people giving their all; and for continuing generous donations to the DEC.
* For God’s Peace in Ukraine and many comforts to *all* grieving loss following the invasion.
* And, for those injured in mind or body, in conflict or tragedy  in our world today, that they know healing.

The UK –

* for those serving in our government and parliament, and in the devolved administrations – may they seek wisdom for their work, and be selfless in their deliberations.
* For tolerance and respect in matters of faith. For wealth to be used wisely and to do good.

God’s Church –

* for those who have become disillusioned, been hurt, or just slipped from the narrow path, that the light of the Lord guide them home.
* For St Mark’s Youth and Children’s’ team in their commitments and calling – may they know our appreciation, times of rest and the Lord’s blessings;
* for the children, young people and their families to be receptive as they encounter God’s love and His Word.  *Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’*

If you would like to be added to the ***Prayer & Praise*** email list to receive weekly praise reports and prayer requests from our church family please contact Kath Burtrand: [*kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk*](mailto:kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk)

Foodbank

If you would like to donate to foodbank here is the link to the shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need.

[file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps\_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022\_large[1640].pdf](file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022_large%5b1640%5d.pdf)

Medway Night Shelter

There are some gaps available for working and supporting this important work with the homeless, with a zoom training available too … ‘We are still on the lookout for volunteers to help with cooking 5.30-8.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday’. If you would like to be involved or donate, contact by email  [medwayshelter@gmail.com](mailto:medwayshelter@gmail.com)

The night shelter are looking for volunteers for cooking and laundry.  If you are interested, can they please email.  Medway Night Shelter [medwayshelter@gmail.com](mailto:medwayshelter@gmail.com)

WARM CLOTHING

Do you own any good quality warm clothing, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets etc that you no longer need. Please donate these to Street Angles to help others.

Warm Spaces weekly in Gillingham

Monday, St Mary’s Gillingham Green, 9am to 12pm

Tuesday, St Mark’s Church, Gillingham High Street, 12pm to 2pm

Wednesday, St Augustine’s, Rock Avenue, 9am to 11am, St Barnabas, Nelson Road, 1:30pm to 4pm

Thursday, St Augustine’s, Rock Avenue, 13:30am to 4pm

Sunday, St Luke’s Church Hall, 12:30pm to 4pm

Easter Hampers for families at Skinner Street school:

Jonica Thomas, a member of St Mark’s, is organising Easter hampers this year again for Skinner Street school. Please can you help by donating any of the following: cake, chocolate and Easter eggs, sweets, crackers, crisps, gravy and custard. There is a box in the back of the church for donation.

Good Friday Street Party Volunteers:On Good Friday the North Gillingham Churches are holding their annual March of Witness from 11.30am. That day the Council has asked Street Angels to organise a Street Party on the High Street from 12-3pm. All churches in the area will have a few gazebos in the High Street with crafts, opportunity for prayer, an Easter themed Treasure Hunt and tea & Cakes. For this we will need volunteers. If you can help for an hour between 12 and 3pm on Good Friday, please let Catharina know.

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY

**19th March, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** Part of God’s family – Failure and the Church, Mothering Sunday

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Readings:** Ephesians 3:7-13

Bible stream

Has changed to the 19th March, St Mark’s Church, 6:30pm

The book of Numbers

Gospel Night

Sunday 26th March, 6:30pm, St mark’s Church

Thank you for the week

Thank you to all the people who keep the church running

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appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***