# **THIS SUNDAY -  30th April**

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:** Service of the word

**Speaker**: Margret Weston

**Readings:**

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

10th and 24th 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.

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Coronation Weekend

Saturday 6 May: Screening of the coronation at St Mark’s at 11am. Church open from 10.30am.

Sunday 7 May: All church BBQ after the service. If you would like to help please contact Dammy.

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

St Marks: 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.

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 –

* **Khartoum in Sudan**, that peaceful ways forward will be made in granting a ceasefire and for talks to come about.
* **Yemen**, for good mediation and talks leading to a new, and permanent, ceasefire.
* The people of **Ukraine**; and wisdom & strength for their leaders.
* The **grieving** in our world, where there is much frustration and unfairness; that God’s Righteousness and Justice prevail, and the grieving are comforted.

 The UK –

* For unity and ways forward for **NI**to have working governance.
* Our **Health Service** in all the current and ongoing difficulties and challenges, and for all those affected in so many ways.
* For Christian faith to be rekindled and for new comings to faith; for the Lord’s enabling.
* For the preparations for **the Coronation**.
* For those in **authority**- the prayer on page 21 of Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III (recently give out in church), is helpful.

God’s Church –

* For the **PCC**and Wardens, in their commitments to responsibility and serving the church.
* For **small groups** who meet to learn and grow, pray and worship, together.
* For our **children and young people**, may they grow in faith and Jesus’ love. **LET LOOSE: Mission to Uganda 28 April – 8 May 2023 –**please pray for good health, travel arrangements to go smoothly,
* for the Lord’s bounteous blessings in the sharing & witness with the Ugandan people, with whom they will be working.

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.

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APCM 2023

Revision of the electrical roll. Please apply now. Closing date is Friday 5th May 2023

To find this on our website please follow the link

<https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Groups/398879/Electoral_Roll.aspx>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21 May at 12.30 pm in Church

We will elect our Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and

PCC Representatives and review the past year.

Group Leaders please note:

All group leaders please submit your report to Vicky Allen vickyalle@gmail.com by Friday 28 April for inclusion in the

Annual Reports for the period 1 January 2022- 31 December 2022

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

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY

**7th May, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** All age and Baptisms

**Speaker**: Jess

**Readings:**

Youth Ice Skating

12th May, 6:30pm

‘Songs of Praise Canterbury’

**Monday 12th June 2023 from 18:30 – 21:30.**

All tickets to our recordings are **free of charge**. To book your place please contact [SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv](mailto:SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv) with your **name, contact phone number**and**the number of tickets you’d like**. Alternatively, you can call us on **07734 030 888**to book your tickets.

Thank you for the week

Thank you to all of Peace and Hope for their amazing tear bottle craft.

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Monday, Wednesday & Thursday | 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Fridays | 10:00am – 12 noon   
***Please contact the office if you need to make an  
appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***