



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER.



This Sunday 14th June: A True & Better Abraham

Reading: Genesis 12:1-8

Questions for this week:

1. Describe a situation in which you, or someone close to you, has been told, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to a land that I will show you" (Gen. 12:1). What regrets do we human beings have at those times? What apprehensions about the future? What hopes?
2. Does the Bible's picture of Abraham, as profoundly faithful in one moment and fearfully self-centred in the next, describe you in any way? When have you alternated between faithfulness and fear?
3. Charles Spurgeon said, 'there is a scarlet thread throughout the Bible that leads to a hill called Calvary.' Do you agree? If yes, why? In what ways do you see the scarlet thread from Abraham to Jesus?

This week's video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo>

Children's live streamed service will take place at 9am before the regular service except on the first Sunday of the month when it is all age service.

Please note due to the coronavirus the service's will be live streamed on our Facebook page at 10:30am. This is a public page, so you do not need an account. More details can be found on our website at www.stmarksgillingham.org

1.00pm: Rock Ministry on Zoom.

7.00pm: Summit on Zoom

For Rock Ministry & Summit please contact simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org

NO EVENING SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Next Sunday 21st June:

A True & Better Isaac

Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

THIS WEEK

9am online daily reflections & 8pm for compline.

Online weekly groups with our community pastor, Karen Turnbull

Monday: Yarn Club

Tuesday: Finding Faith

Self-Care Wednesday

Things to do Thursday

Friday: Bullet Journaling

Sunday: Forest Church

Online Sunday School lessons now on Facebook. Check them out!

Bible Stream Online

This Sunday 14th June, 6:30pm with David Wilkins & Saju looking at Ezekiel.

IMPORTANT NEWS & INFORMATION



Natasha Mcready has cancer and a plan for treatment. Please would you pray for the family's emotional and spiritual health.

Terry Whittakers dad sadly passed away. Please pray for Terry's mum, Terry & Jo and the wider family at this difficult time.

Liz Willock, one of our long running member of St Marks for many years is now with our Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers as the funeral takes place this coming week.

St Mark's pre-school re-opened this week with limited numbers allowed to return. Please pray for the team, the children, those returning and those who aren't as new challenges will have been met.

Please note the vicarage hall and grass area behind the Old Vic are for the pre-school's sole use up to the summer holidays.

During the time when we are not meeting physically, the church is still operating and we would kindly ask that you consider giving to the work of St Mark's, especially if you do not normally give by standing order. You can do this by going to the St Mark's web site, to "Give Online" where you can see ways in which you can support the ongoing work of St Mark's church.

Medway Foodbank are still in need of donations, usage is up 116% a week! If you are able to, please make donations at Asda & Tesco in the towns, Morrisons in Strood or Co-Op in Walderslade. You can also download and use the Spareable app. Thank you.

Gillingham Time Capsule project: A great family activity to do, why not make your very own time capsule during the unusual times we are in! Contact Karen Turnbull for more info or find out more on her Facebook page.

Gillingham – The Good Neighbour Scheme from the Salvation Army. If you can help or more information please see the link below:

<https://gillinghamcorps.info/GoodNeighbour/>

Harris writes, "I would like to make you aware of the Good Neighbour scheme which we've just launched as a response to this crisis. It is a scheme by which we aim to recruit volunteers and then match them with homes in isolation in order to help them with shopping and things like this."

Don't forget our St Mark's Website Message Board where you can send any messages, pictures, stories, links, requests, news etc, to be posted on our website to help encourage, share information & advice. Email Glyn & Graham at message@stmarksgillingham.org

Wash Bag Appeal for NHS workers. Can you help? For full details please go to our website www.stmarksgillingham.org under Latest News. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We Go Together – Ideas for a better life - online Facebook festival – Saturday 20th June 10am - 8.30pm hosted by Karen Turnbull.

Everything from coffee morning with quizzes and competitions to knitting for charity and mental health.

See the full programme list on the St Mark's website.

Sing Gillingham Sing will take place, online, on Sunday 28th June

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