



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER.



This Sunday 21st June: A True & Better Isaac

Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

Questions for this week:

- 1) God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Why did this command appear utterly irrational? Was it unjust for God to ask for such a sacrifice? Why, or why not?
- 2) Jesus is the true and better Isaac who was not just offered up by his father on the mount but was truly sacrificed for us. How is Isaac a picture of Christ? If Isaac is a figure of Jesus, how then is Abraham a picture of God the Father?
- 3) Has God ever asked you to offer to Him something or someone that was very dear to you? What were your feelings? How did you deal with them? Was your faith strengthened through it all?
- 4) Pray and ask God to reveal to you areas of your life that you are still holding back from Him.

This week's video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo&t=3s>

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

NO ROCK OR SUMMIT THIS WEEKEND. Back on next week 28th June.

NO EVENING SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVERTISED.



Next Sunday 28th June:

A True & Better Jacob

Reading: Genesis 32:22-32

THIS WEEK

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

See St Mark's website.

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!

IMPORTANT NEWS & INFORMATION



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

Nikki and Bill Bailey were members of St Mark's for many years. Nikki has been in contact to let us know Bill has been diagnosed with bowel cancer and had surgery on Tuesday which went well. Nikki writes, "PTL it is contained....We're praying for a miracle that the treatment will make it disappear completely."

Continue to pray for St Mark's Pre-School, their new set up, the staff and the children, those re-attending and those who are not.

Please note the vicarge 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

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

FOLLOW @SINGGILLINGHAMSING ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES ON THE COMMUNITY BIG SING. CONTACT MAYOWA FOR MORE INFORMATION AT mayowa@stmarksgillingham.org

We are very pleased that Canon David MacInnes will be preaching at our St Mark's online morning service next Sunday the 28th of June at 10.30am.

David was a curate at St Mark's from 1957 to 1961 under the then Vicar, John Collins. During that time he built up the young people's work, setting up the first Pathfinder Group in St Mark's and ran the lively Youth Club, which was attended by around 140 young people, including some local notorious members of gangs.