



THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY SERVICE

2nd May | 10.30am | In Church & Online

FIVE MARKS OF MISSION | TEACH

ALL AGE TEAM

[Luke 24:13-27]

The church building is now open for services. You will need to book if you wish to attend in person. For full details and to book please see the website. All services will also be live streamed on our Facebook page.

The church car park will not be open on Sunday mornings as this area is used as a main exit and safely set up for after church fellowship.

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

GEMS & PEBBLES | 9am | Facebook

Join for another fun filled video from the team on the St Mark's facebook page.

SUMMIT | 6pm | Email Simon for details (simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org)

CRICKET MATCH

2nd May | 2pm

Rainham Cricket club, Berengrove Park, Berengrave Ln, Rainham, Gillingham ME8 7NA.

The St Mark's cricket team will be competing against the Rochester & Canterbury Clergy team.

All are welcome to come along to watch!

COMING WEEK

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7 - 8am | Online via ZOOM

[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]

Champion Kids Online Concert

Saturday | 4pm | Online

An afternoon of fun, music and laughter with Giddy and friends. A music production for the young and young at heart. Streamed live on facebook. Watch on Soraya Emokpaire's

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/rayofsorayaness



Daily Reflections & Prayers

As of May the new schedule will be:

Morning Reflections | 9am | Mon, Wed, Fri

Evening Prayers | 8pm | Tues, Thurs, Sat

Watch on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/stmarksgillingham

Open for Private Prayer

Tuesdays | 10am -12pm | Church

During lockdown the church will be open for private prayer.

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- New Applications are now being received for the **Electoral Roll**. Please find the form on our website here or in church. Please return by 10th May by email (denisemaryyoung@gmail.com) or the church office for the attention of Denise Young. **The closing date is 10th May**. If you are already on the roll you do not need to reapply.
- **Difference** is a free 5 session online course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. The course starts on Mon 7th Jun 7.30pm.
To book a place please email: medwaydeanerybookings@gmail.com.
- On **6th June 2021**, there is going to be a confirmation Service in Gillingham Deanery conducted by Bishop James. **Confirmation** is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to follow Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. The local bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.
If you're interested contact Vicki, vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org.
- We have produced a **booklet** to accompany the **Five Marks of Mission sermon series**, which contains bible readings and questions. You can use the material in your small groups, trios or on your own. You can find the booklet on our website: <http://stmarksgillingham.org/fivemarksofmission> or email the office if you require a printed copy.



- The **Marie Collins Foundation** is offering free workshops to parents to help them protect their children from online harm. They have also produced an excellent guide to address the challenges professionals face when working with issues of online harm and young people. For more information see their website:
www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk/
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World -

- **India** with a record spike in Covid-19 cases, an overwhelmed health system, worn out staff and lack of resources, may the world follow through on promised helps.
- **Myanmar** - Many medical staff walked out of work in protest at the military coup and the majority of the country rely on the health system. There seems to be respect for the medical staff's stance, with the military being blamed. Pray for the doctors, nurses & other staff trying to do what they feel is right; for the sick who normally rely on the health system to treat them; and for the military that they be convicted to act justly toward the democratically elected Government in Myanmar.
- **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe** who has been sentenced to a further 1 year in jail and a subsequent 1-year ban from leaving Iran. Please pray for this lady that manipulation is bound and cast away from her, and for her freedom to come unexpectedly and completely.

Gillingham & Medway -

- Lord, help us to 'love Gillingham' - for our roads and pathways, that all be kept safe; for those driving, biking and walking, that there be care & consideration; for the emergency services that they quickly reach their destinations; for transport and delivery services, may we appreciate them.
- **For our care homes and nursing homes**, that best practice be the norm; love & care be the standard and joy & laughter be the mainstay. Please remember those at St Mark's House and Charing House.

*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:*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

9th May | 10.30am | In Church & Online

FIVE MARKS OF MISSION | TEND

Speaker: Chris Cordle

[John 13:3-15]

BIBLE STREAM

9th May | 6.30pm | Online

The Book of Joshua with David Wilkins



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