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**THIS SUNDAY | 9th MAY****MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**[In Church & Online](#)**FIVE MARKS OF MISSION | TEND**

Speaker: Chris Cordle

Reading: John 13:3-15

[Sermon Series Booklet](#)

The church building is now open for services. You will need to book if you wish to attend in person.

[www.stmarksgillingham.org/booking](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/booking)

*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.*

All services will also be live streamed on our Facebook Page.

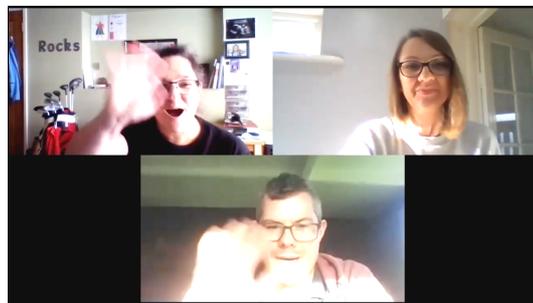
**CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****GEMS & PEBBLES | 9am | Facebook**

Join for another fun filled video from the team.

**ROCK MINISTRY | 10.30am | In Person****SUMMIT | 6pm | In Person**

Email Simon for details:

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## BIBLE STREAM | 6.30pm Online

**[The Book of Joshua]**  
with **David Wilkins**  
How do we reconcile a seemingly bloodthirsty and 'imperialistic' book with the teachings of Jesus? What can we learn from this book which, while seemingly so far removed from our time, still contains verses well known to the church today, including a key verse that inspired Bible Stream?

## COMING WEEK



### Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting) Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

On Zoom, join us:  
[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]



### Peace & Hope Saturdays Fortnightly | 11am-12pm | Church

A church community for adults with learning difficulties and their families and carers.



### Daily Reflections & Prayers Mondays - Saturdays | 9am & 8pm | Facebook

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



### Open for Private Prayer Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

During lockdown the church will be open for private prayer.

# NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

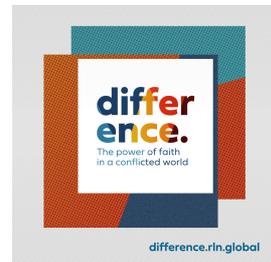
- **DEADLINE APPROACHING:** New Applications are now being received for the **Electoral Roll**. Please find the form on our website ([www.stmarksgillingham.org/electoralroll](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/electoralroll)) or in church. Please return by 10th May by email ([denisemaryyoung@gmail.com](mailto:denisemaryyoung@gmail.com)) 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.



- Due to working restrictions access to the **Old Vicarage** is only available when necessary. If you require access to the building please first contact the office: **01634 570489**. Please do not drop by without prior arrangement.



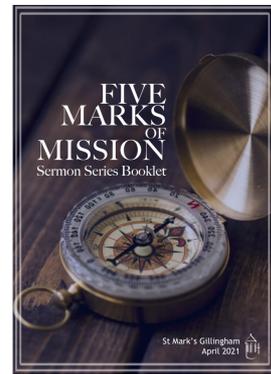
- **Difference** is a free 5 session online course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. The course starts on Mon 7th Jun 7.30pm. To book a place please email: [medwaydeanerybookings@gmail.com](mailto:medwaydeanerybookings@gmail.com).



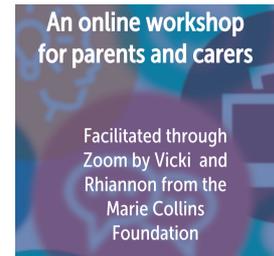
- On **6th June 2021**, there is going to be a confirmation Service in Gillingham Deanery conducted by Bishop James. **Confirmation** is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, 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](mailto:vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org) or



- 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: [www.stmarksgillingham.org/fivemarksofmission](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/fivemarksofmission)



- The **Marie Collins Foundation** are 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.



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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.
- **China:** New administrative measures on religious staff, released by China's State Administration for Religious Affairs in February 2021, came into effect on 1 May amid concerns from some religious leaders about their restrictive nature. One human rights lawyer described the measures as "one more weapon in [the Chinese authorities'] arsenal to limit or further persecute the religious communities." (**CSW**). Pray that unjust limitations and control are overturned.
- **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe:** please continue to pray into the concerted and joint effort to bring this lady home - that manipulation is bound and cast away from her and for her complete freedom.

### Gillingham & Medway -

- Lord, help us to 'love Gillingham' - pray for situations behind closed doors ... for the lonely & isolated, those caught in modern day slavery, for the coerced and manipulated, the abused and mistreated, and for the neglected or forgotten - may their situations come to light, their plights be alleviated and resolved, and may freedoms come in the seemingly impossible. Our God is a great big God!
- For church families, church leaderships and congregations in communities - for wise teaching, leadership, deepening faiths and willing sharing of Christian lives. Praise the Lord.
- Give thanks that no-one was injured when Poundland's large sign was blown down last evening - 2 people had only just moved from there - God is good.
- *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)*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

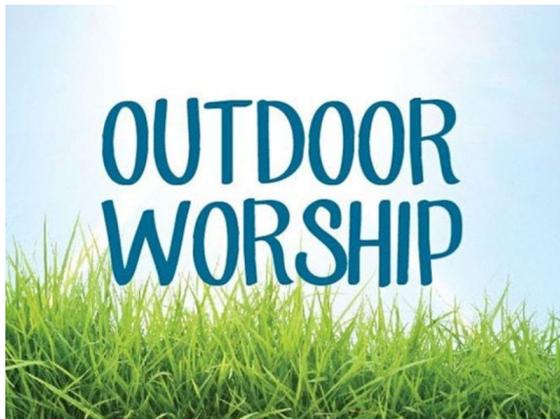


### NEXT SUNDAY

16th May | 10.30am  
In Church & Online

### FIVE MARKS OF MISSION | TRANSFORM

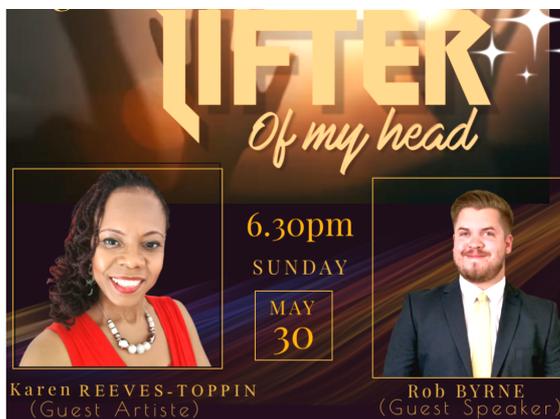
Speaker: Saju  
Reading: Isaiah 58:1-10  
Park Bench: Chris Gladwell & Glyn



### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

16th May | 6.30pm  
Church Car Park

Sing your heart out! Due to restrictions, we haven't been able to sing in the church but we are allowed to sing outdoors. Because we have missed singing together we are hosting a sung worship service on 16th May 6.30pm in the car part where you can sing your heart out! You will still need to book to attend.



### GOSPEL NIGHT

30th May | 6.30pm | [Online](#)

Lifter of My Head - A night of unhindered praise and worship led by a gospel band. With guest artist Karen Reeves-Toppin and guest speaker Rob Byrne. Watch live on Facebook or Youtube.

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## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

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Taken a nice photo of Gillingham?  
Send it to [digitallead@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:digitallead@stmarksgillingham.org) to be featured in the newsletter.

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