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**THIS SUNDAY | 23RD MAY****MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**  
In Church & Online**FIVE MARKS OF MISSION | TREASURE**  
with communion

Speaker: Haris Giannaros

Reading: Psalm 8

Park Bench: Simon and Poppy Morbey

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 see the website.

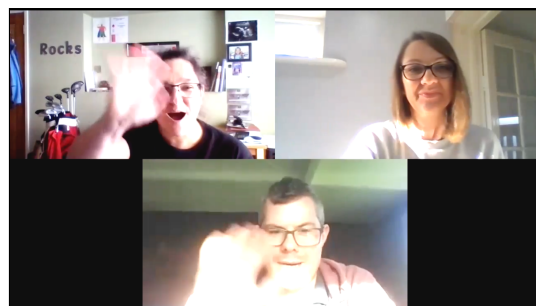
*The church car park will not be open on Sunday mornings as this area is used as a main exit and safely set up for after church fellowship.*

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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## COMING WEEK



### Thy Kingdom Come 13th - 23rd May

Thy Kingdom Come continues this week and finishes on Sunday. This global prayer movement invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Find out more and see the local prayer meetings taking place in Gillingham:

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



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

On Zoom, join us:

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



### Peace & Hope Saturday | 11am-12pm | Church

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



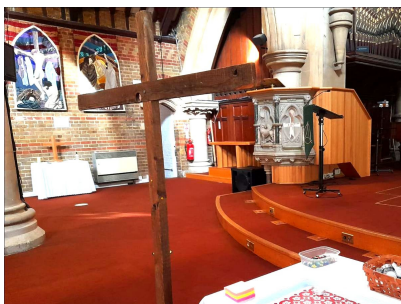
### Daily Reflections & Prayers Mondays - Saturdays | 9am & 8pm | Online

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

The church will be open for private prayer.

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## NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Yesterday morning **Jasmine Clare** was born at 6.16am to Megan and Helder. Another miracle! Mum, baby, dad and brother are doing well, although very tired!



- This Sunday will be Simon Morbey's last service with us. Simon has come to the end of his time here as our Youth Worker Intern and we're excited to be sending him out to his new position as **Pioneer Evangelist in Haverfordwest in Wales!** If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift you can do so on our website. Please let us have your gifts by **tomorrow**.



- Vicki Watson will be covering Katie's role while she is on Maternity Leave. Vicki will be working in the Old Vicarage 3 days a week (Mon, Wed, Fri) on Tues and Thurs the answerphone and email will be checked for emergencies only. Messages and e-mails will be dealt with during office hours.



- Access to the Old Vicarage is only when absolutely necessary. Please contact the office, **01634 570489**, [vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org), if you need to make an appointment and do not drop by without prior arrangement.

- 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)

- Black History Association Kent are running a FREE Financial Literacy course for young people, aged 18-24, who self-identify as Black, Asian or other ethnic minority living in Kent. The course commences on **Saturday 22 May at 2pm**. This capacity building course will help young people develop a better understanding about money management including



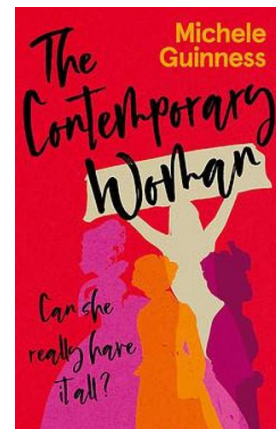
savings, investments, cost of living independently. Acquiring these skills will help young people thrive as they move through adulthood.



- **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).



- Michele Guinness has a new book out this week called *The Contemporary Woman: Can she really have it all?* *“In this all-embracing, honest reflection on womanhood Michele used her own upbringing in the Jewish community to re-examine the views and counterviews on the role of women throughout the Christian tradition and culture, drawing inspiration from Scripture, history and personal experience.”* It really is “For such a time as this” and Peter says men need to read it! You will be able to buy it from St Andrew’s Bookshop soon, with a link on her website [www.micheleguinness.co.uk](http://www.micheleguinness.co.uk) for £9.99 instead of £14.99 (Amazon price).



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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Israelis and Palestinians** in the continuing discord, violence and anguish of families in grief, that there will be cessation of hostilities; **India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh & Nepal** with the ongoing tragedy of Covid-19; the injured and bereaved in the recent **explosion in Heysham, Lancashire** where a little 2-year-old boy died and four adults injured; the **unfairly imprisoned & those used as political pawns**; our **UK Government, politicians and others in leadership**, that they act with integrity and equity.
- **God’s Church** - for our brothers & sisters around the world that as one falls, the Lord raise up an abundance of faithful, serving Christians; for God’s Word to reach all; for church families, leaderships and congregations as further plans are made for coming out of the lockdown - for wisdom and discernments.
- **Gillingham & Medway** - For those who seem to ‘have it all’ but whose lives are missing Jesus; for those in mental distress; for the homeless; and for those with ‘hidden’ challenges, fears and anxieties. Let us pray over our streets and neighbourhoods for the Lord to come alongside all in need.

- For schools and university students working towards assessments and examinations; for teachers, tutors and Chaplains, remembering Lynne Martin. May they each know God's peace in stressful times; have positive family/community support; and have some relaxation too.

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)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### NEXT SUNDAY

30th May | 10.30am  
In Church & Online

**STOP. ABIDE. MOVE.**

Speaker: Seun

Bible Reading: John 15:4-8



### APCM

30th May | 4pm | [Online](#)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up - put the date in your diary. We will elect our Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and PCC members and review the past year. If you wish to vote at the APCM you must be on the electoral roll of St Mark's. To join the meeting you will need to request the zoom link - see the website or contact the church office (**01634 570489**, [vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org))



### 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



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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