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**THIS SUNDAY | 30th MAY**

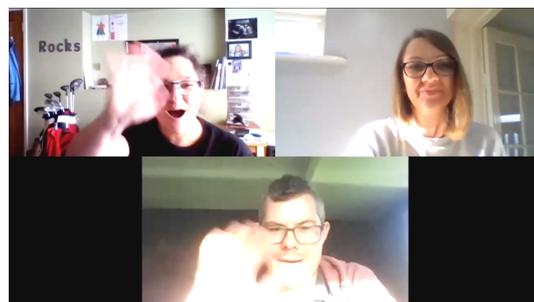
	<p><b>MORNING SERVICE   10.30am</b> <u>In Church &amp; Online</u></p> <p><b>STOP . ABIDE . MOVE</b> Speaker: Seun Reading: John 15:4-8</p>
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<p>The church building is now open for services. You will need to book if you wish to attend in person. <b><u>For full details and to book see the website.</u></b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>All services will also be live streamed on our <a href="#">Facebook Page</a>.</p>	
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**CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

**GEMS & PEBBLES | 9am | Facebook**  
Join for another fun filled video from the team. Watch on facebook

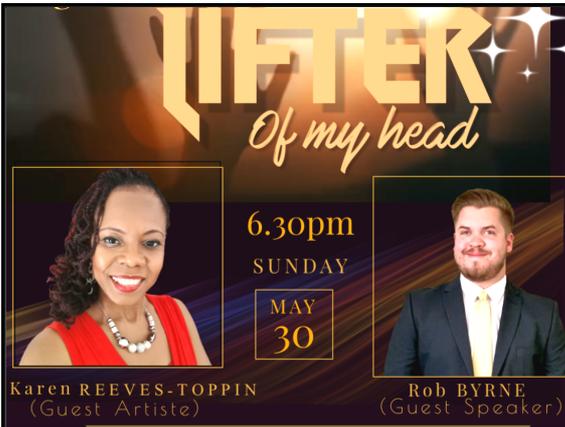
**ROCK MINISTRY | 10.30am | In Person**  
**SUMMIT | 6pm | In Person**

**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 to request the link.](#)



### 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](#).

## COMING WEEK



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

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



**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.



## NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Sunday morning at 7.40am **Peter** was born, weighing 8lb 5oz, to Katie, Shane, and proud big sister Aurora.



- Vicki Watson is on leave, so with the bank holiday the office will be closed until next Wednesday. The phone and emails will be checked on Friday and messages will be answered on Wednesday. Please email Saju if there is an emergency: [vicar@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:vicar@stmarksgillingham.org).



- Next week is **half term**. Here are some fun and cheap/free activities happening in Medway:
  - **Drawing Workshops**  
Chatham Riverside | Free | All Ages  
This workshop will lead you in the creation of a personalised tree mural using your own footprints and handprints  
**Mon 31st May**  
**Wed 2nd June**
  - **Bug Hotel Workshop**  
Riverside Country Park | £4  
Join one of the rangers who will show you how to make a bug hotel using materials collected from around the park.  
**Thurs 3rd June**



### **Family Singing group**

Online | Free | All Ages

Each weekly session is an opportunity to make new friends, have a cuppa and sing your heart out. The group is open to everyone. There is no need to audition and no need for experience.

**Thursdays**

### **Culture Club Workshop**

Online | Free | Ages 5-11

This interactive workshop explores some of our

forefathers and various civilisations.  
Sat 5th June



- 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)

- 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.
- **Medway Foodbank** is in need of donations. You can donate food by using the drop off bins in supermarkets.



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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Italy** - in the recent cable car accident into the side of Mottarone mountain near Lake Maggiore, Northern Italy. With 14 dead, so many grieving families and their communities, let us pray for them
- The safety of **Roman Protasevich** and his girlfriend **Sofia Sapega** who were taken from the diverted Ryan Air flight; for the safety & wellbeing of the Belarus peoples in the face of recent sanctions; for the sanctions to impact the country's leadership and decision-making.
- **Israel, Palestine & Gaza** - that the ceasefire continues to hold and the Lord open new ways forward.

- **UK Government & politicians**, that the response to the latest Covid-19 data, is acted upon wisely; for wisdom in councils and the many organisations and bodies that contribute information; and for the NHS.
- **God's Church** - Pastor Ramesh Bumbariya and his family were attacked in their home in Rajasthan state, India, by radical Hindu nationalists with sword, gun and sickles. Several were dreadfully beaten & injured, and the Pastor's father shot dead - pray for our persecuted brothers & sisters there and around the world; may strengthening come in the face of daunting challenge.
- **Gillingham & Medway** - For the Holy Spirit to live and move in our communities; 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; for the many who have had benefits withdrawn (with the difficulties of lockdown and lack of help & support). Let us pray over our streets and neighbourhoods for the Lord to come alongside each one in need.
- For **schools, colleges and universities** - for 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

6th June | 10.30am

In Church & Online

### GENEROSITY SERIES |

**ALL AGE SERVICE**

Speaker: Jess Gladwell

Bible Reading: Luke 24:1-4



### AFRICAN HIGH PRAISE

26th June | 5pm

**Live in Church & Online**

A night of intense energetic and traditional African praise and worship.

All are welcome.

More details coming soon.

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK



[Photo: The Little Eden Project]

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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