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**THIS SUNDAY | 4th JULY****MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**[In Church & Online](#)**FRIENDSHIP | Series Intro****All Age Service**

Speaker: Chris Cordle

Bible Reading: 2 Sam 15: 32-37

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

**To book see the website or call the office 01634 570489,**

*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.

**SUMMIT | 6pm | In Person**



## 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**  
Saturday | 11am - 12pm | Church

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



A garden project...  
that gives.

**Little Eden Project**  
Sundays | 2pm | St Augustine's  
Wednesdays | 11am | St Mark's

Come and get stuck in with the garden project that gives. Run by Karen Turnbull.



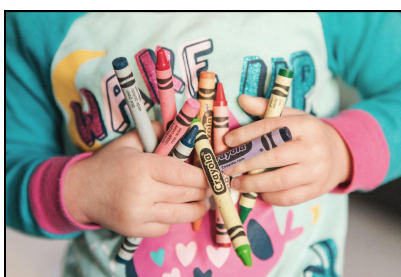
**Open for Private Prayer**  
Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

The church will be open for private prayer.



**Craft Club**  
Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | The Vineries

Craft club is back! It will be at a new venue - [11 The Vineries](#) (community hub) Gillingham ME7 2AD. Bring your own craft or join in with craft of the week. For more information email [karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org).



**Parent & Toddlers**  
Wednesdays | 1.15-2.45pm | Old Vicarage

Wednesdays in term time  
Currently meeting outside in the Old Vicarage Garden – following Covid regulations



## 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

## NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

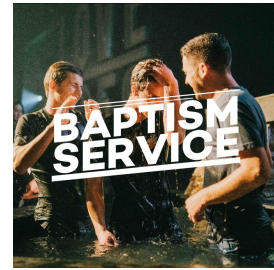
- Thank you to all who have donated to our Gift Day for the new kitchen project and our general running costs. If you have not yet given, please prayerfully consider these two needs and you may respond with your donation in a number of ways - online, bank transfer, cash or cheque.
- Vicki Watson, our ops manager and office administrator, is now on **leave until 12th July**. The Old Vicarage will be closed. Emails and phone will be checked, for emergencies only, on Monday 5 July, Wednesday 7 July and Friday 9 July. Please email Saju if there is an emergency: [vicar@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:vicar@stmarksgillingham.org).
- Sadly **Let Loose**, the outdoor community concert, has had to be postponed for the time being. But fear not, it shall be going ahead at a later date, so watch this space for the new date to be announced!
- **The Pastoral Team** invite you to get connected by filling out their form and providing your details so that they can contact you. Paper forms are available in church.
- **Dementia Cafe** is launching on 14th July and are looking for donations of cups, saucers, tablecloths and side plates. If you're able to help please contact Pauline Jackson: 01634 232433 | [pj.jackson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pj.jackson@blueyonder.co.uk)



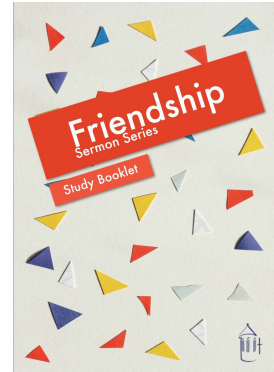
- On **Sun 19th Sept at 6.30pm** there is going to be a **Baptism Service**, conducted in a covid-safe way. **Baptism** marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved it is a

joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith.

There will be a baptism preparation session on Sun 12th Sept 4 - 6pm. If you are interested in being baptised or in the renewal of baptism please **contact Vicki**, [vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org).



- We have produced a **booklet** to accompany the new **Friendship sermon series**, which contains bible readings and questions. You can use the material in your small groups, trios or on your own. For a copy see the website or call the office **01634 570489**,



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR WORLD -

- That the Lord ushers in **questioning and seeking** for faith to take root and flourish; and that as the Lord knocks on the door of many hearts, He will be made welcome.
- **The hungry, the thirsty and those worn out with war and violence**, Lord, we cry to you - for help to come alongside and that hope is breathed into desperate situations. Come Lord, come.
- Let us stand with **the people of Miami** where many are lost in the building collapse. Pray for those injured and traumatised, for the grieving, for the hopeful and for the fearful; and for all those good people working continuously to find the missing. May the God of Hope be at the centre of this sad tragedy.
- For the **Rollout of Covid-19 vaccinations** around the world - may the nations who have much be generous to those who have little; and for the seriously ill opportunities for treatment, love & tender care.

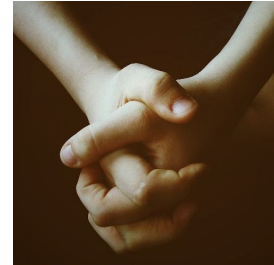
## GILLINGHAM & MEDWAY-

- For volunteers and those giving help in communities, for the good of all, and that they are appreciated and encouraged in their endeavours.
- For the **Ambulance Service and other Emergency Services** & all their staff, particularly those called out to those in need - that they are protected from harm and danger and that they have enough 'down' time to cope with the many pressures of their professions.
- For all **the NHS workers** on the front line and behind the scenes, working so hard to keep systems operational and offering Interventions & care for those in need; and for the leaders and managers.
- For **Churches Together in Medway** - that we continue to unite and be alongside one another as God's church, offering mutual support and strength as we enable

resilient communities.

- For **LET LOOSE**, that arrangements can be made for the event to be moved to an agreeable date. May the Lord bless Mayowa and team with strength & energy that contributors will be available and the rescheduling go well. Let us welcome Lord Jesus into our streets, our community and our hearts. (More news when available).
- **PRAISE GOD** - For the joy of his Presence and the outworking of so many ministries out of St Mark's and SMIC. He alone is worthy of all worship, thanks and praise.

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**  
11th July | 10.30am  
In Church & Online

**FRIENDSHIP |**  
**Abraham and Lot - Commitment**  
Speaker: Ben Maskel  
Bible Reading: Genesis 14:8-16



**BIBLE STREAM**  
11th July | 6.30pm | Online


[The Book of Isaiah] with Bernie Pinner.  
Join as we are awed by the holiness and justice of God, and to anticipate his final salvation.

**DEMENTIA CAFE**  
Launching 14th July  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 1 - 3pm |  
Church

A chance for those living with dementia, their carers and families to come and sharing in light refreshments, conversations, information and activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

1 - 3pm  
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

# Dementia Cafe



Providing a safe and supportive environment for those living with dementia, their carers and families to come along and share in light refreshments, conversations, information and activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Drop-in, no booking required.  
For more information call  
Paul Harris 07486 050163  
or Pauline Jackson 07950 191912.

# Little Eden



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**LITTLE EDEN - OFFICIAL LAUNCH**  
Sat 17th Jul | 10am - 12pm

The launch will begin at St Mark's and then proceed up to St Augustine's. If you would like to attend please contact Karen Turnbull, [karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org), to book a place.



*You Are Invited*

Join us for one of St Mark's Summer Garden Parties

Sun 27th June 4-6pm  
Sun 25th July 4-6pm  
Sun 22nd Aug 4-6pm

Tea & cake will be served in the Old Vicarage Garden

Booking is required.  
To request your preferred date go to:  
[www.stmarksgillingham.org/party](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/party)  
or call the office on: 01634 570489

**SUMMER GARDEN PARTIES**  
25th July | 22nd Aug  
4 - 6pm  
Old Vicarage Garden

We are hosting a number of Summer Garden Parties to give us all a chance to socialise & reconnect over tea & cake. Please sign up to attend one of these dates.

For more info & to RSVP go to:  
[www.stmarksgillingham.org/party](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/party)  
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**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**



*[Summer Garden Party, 27th June, Old Vicarage Garden]*

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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