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**THIS SUNDAY | 18TH JULY****MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**  
In Church & Online**FRIENDSHIP | Elijah and Elisha -  
Friends as Mentors**  
Speaker: Rob Byrne  
Bible Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-1

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.*

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.

**SUMMIT | 6pm | In Person**



## COMING WEEK



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

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



### 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.



### PEACE & HOPE Saturday | 11am-12pm | Church

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



### 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 | Cafe Time on Gillingham High St

Bring your own craft or join in with craft of the week. For more information see the facebook page or 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

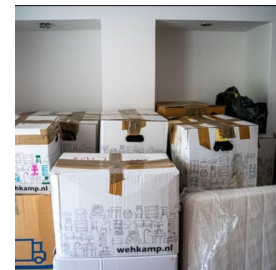


## Daily Reflections & Prayers Mondays - Saturdays | 9am & 8pm | Online

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

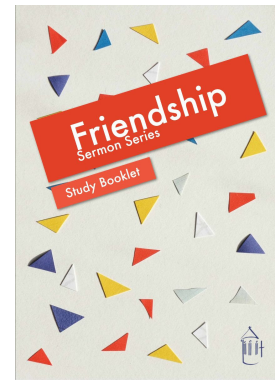
- **Do you have anything stored in the Church Loft Space?** To ensure we keep on top of what we have stored around the church buildings and ensure we only keep hold of things we need, we are planning on having a sort of our storage spaces, beginning with the church loft space. Please can you contact Luke or the church office if you or one of the ministry areas have items currently stored in the church loft. Luke can then coordinate with everyone to ensure we know what we need to store and where, to ensure the safe and efficient use of the limited storage we have available to us in our buildings.  
You can contact Luke on [luke@prankard.co.uk](mailto:luke@prankard.co.uk) or the office on 01634 570489



- We are looking for **volunteers** to do some **decorating** at the Old Vicarage and/or to do some **gardening** around the St Mark's site (mostly removing weeds and generally tidying up). If you are able to offer some time please contact the office:  
[vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org) | 01634 570489



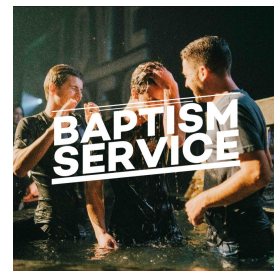
- We have produced a **booklet** to accompany the new **Friendship sermon series**, which contains bible readings and questions. You can use the material in your small groups, trios or on your own. For a copy see the website or call the office 01634 570489.



- **The Pastoral Team** invite you to get connected by filling out their form and providing your details so that they can contact you. Paper form are available in church.



- 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).



- 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. 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.



- 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.



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**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR WORLD:**

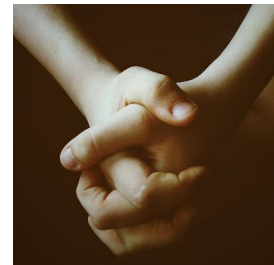


- **Christian Solidarity Worldwide** - Reports are emerging of religious leaders being among those detained amid unprecedented nationwide protests in Cuba ... In a post on Facebook, human rights activist and pastor Reverend Mario Félix Leonart Barroso reported that the authorities had detained Yeremi Blanco y Yarian Sierra, two pastors from the Berean Baptist Mission in Matanzas. Reverend Yusniel Pérez Montejo, of the Eastern Baptist Convention, was reportedly detained in Songo-La Maya in Santiago, and a Catholic priest, Father Castor José Álvarez Devesa, was reportedly beaten and detained *incomunicado* by Cuban authorities in Camagüey in central Cuba. A number of religious groups published calls for peace, including The Methodist Church of Cuba ... Let us join them in praying for peace.
- For the **recently abducted** 140 children in Kaduna State, North West Nigeria and the 8 people abducted from the National TB and Leprosy Centre in Zaria.

**GILLINGHAM & MEDWAY:**

- **LET LOOSE outdoor event on Gillingham High Street** - rearranged for **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm start**. May the Lord bless Mayowa and the teams involved and grant good weather. Let us welcome Lord Jesus into our streets, our communities and into our hearts.
- For those taking up new jobs and roles in the workplace and for the businesses that are able to take on staff; for those still earnestly seeking work; for those unable to work, that they receive the right assistance and/or support; for staff agencies and consultancies; for estate agents, busy at this time; for our banks that they continue to have a High St presence; for our Council managers, staff and Councillors, for integrity, care and diligence; and for our neighbours, our community organisations and voluntary bodies.

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**  
25th July | 10.30am  
In Church & Online

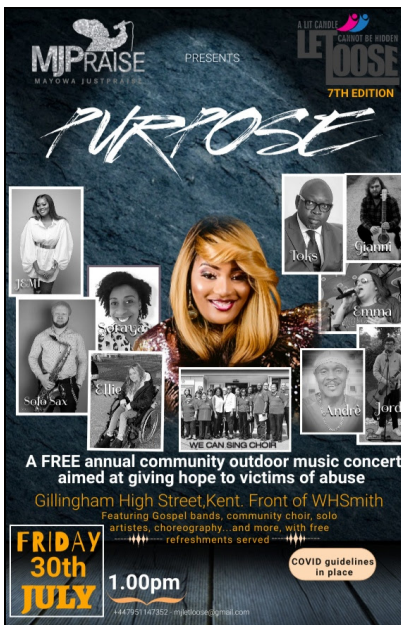
**FRIENDSHIP | Moses and Aaron**  
- Complimentary Gifts  
Speaker: Saju  
Exodus 4: 10-17

**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). Or call the office: 01634 570489



**LET LOOSE**  
30th July | 1pm  
Gillingham High St

We have a new date for Let Loose!

Save the date for the upcoming Let Loose event taking place in Gillingham High St outside WHSmiths. This annual community outdoor concert will feature gospel bands, community choir, solo artistes, choreography and more! The event is aimed at giving hope to victims of abuse.

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK



*[Little Eden Garden 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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