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THIS SUNDAY | 26th SEPT



MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am In Church & Online

Ruthless Elimination of Hurry |
SILENCE & SOLITUDE
[Mark 1:21-37]
Speaker: Seun Adigun

See the website or contact the office
to book your place - 01634 570489

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

GEMS & PEBBLES | 10.30am | Vicarage Hall
Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage



COMING WEEK

Regular Activities	
What ?	Where and When
Mindfulness Club (from 27/09/21) Come and relax, have a cuppa, and learn how to bring peace to your mind by staying in the present moment.	Monday The Old Vic Vicarage Road Gillingham Mondays 7.30 - 9pm
Craft Club Gillingham	Craft Club: St. Mark's Church (opposite Burger King) Gillingham

Various Community Groups Throughout the week

Karen Turnbull, Community Pastor, runs a number of groups throughout the week. [Click here to see the full list](#) or see her [facebook page](#) for more info.



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

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



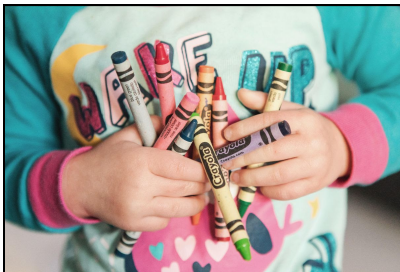
Peace & Hope Saturday | 10.30am-12pm | Vicarage Hall

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



Open Church Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship, private prayer or craft club!. Refreshments will be served outside. Please be aware masks are advised. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via admin@stmarksgillingham.org.



Parent & Toddlers Wednesdays | 1.15-2.45pm | Vicarage Hall

No need to book, just drop up.
Wednesdays in term time.



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

- Would you like to do a **bible reading** in church? Joining the reading rota is one of the many ways that you can serve in church. If you are interested please contact the office: admin@stmarksgillingham.org / 01634 570489



- Do you want to linger longer after the church service with **tea/coffee**. If you do then we need volunteers to man this on a rota basis. If we get enough volunteers this may be a once a month commitment. Please contact the church office indicating your availability: admin@stmarksgillingham.org / 01634 570489



- Would you like to join a **Prayer Trio**? A Trio is three people who meet weekly or fortnightly, online or in-person, to grow a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. For more info or to join a trio email **Damola**: dammy72001@yahoo.com



- This Christmas **Strood Gospel Mission** is running **Project Santa** to collect and distribute gifts to families in Medway that are in need. We are looking for someone to volunteer to coordinate the collect of gifts from members of St Mark's. If you are interested please contact the office: admin@stmarksgillingham.org / 01634 570489



- **Medway Foodbank** is in need of donations, please see link below for latest stock shortage list. You can donate food using the drop off bins in supermarkets. They are also in need of carrier bags. For more details see their website: www.medway.foodbank.org.uk.



- We have produced a **booklet** to accompany the new **Ruthless Elimination of Hurry sermon series**. It 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 or contact the office if you require a printed copy.



- **SAVE THE DATE!** Sat 2nd Oct, 5pm - Mayowa (aka MJ Praise) will be hosting an **album launch** at St Mark's. It's sure to be a brilliant event so do come along and bring your dancing shoes.



- We are looking for a **pick up truck** for Mayowa to use for Street Carols this December. If anyone has access to a truck, or knows someone who does please let her know: mayowa@stmarksgillingham.org.



- Joining a **home group** is a brilliant chance to meet and pray with others, build relationships, support one another, exchange views and explore God's word together. Sign up on our website or contact the office: admin@stmarksgillingham.org / 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.



- Please be aware of **scams emails** asking for money or favours. We have been made aware of a couple of cases of a members of the congregation receiving an email of this nature from a scammer posing as other members of the congregation. If in doubt please refer to the office.



- Access to the Old Vicarage is only when absolutely necessary. Please contact the office, **01634 570489**, 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE WORLD:

- **La Palma** as people cope with the devastating volcanic eruption and earthquakes, that the displaced and heartbroken are supported, helped and comforted; **Afghanistan** as the changing reality for the lives of women and girls becomes more apparent - for their consolation; for a change in the circumstances of **the Yemen and its peoples**, still suffering after so many years; for the starving in the **Tigray Region of Ethiopia** and also the poor of **North Korea**, that God's Righteousness prevails ... and those places on your hearts.
- **For Refugees** who have not yet found safety or refuge in times of great hardship and danger in the world.

THE UK:

- For our leaders, nationally, regionally and locally - that, in their deliberations, discussions and decisions, they act with integrity and equity. May their words have meaning and make a good difference.

GOD'S CHURCH:

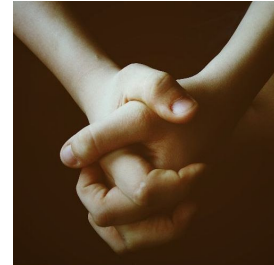
- **For Vicki, Hannah** and those who support office admin and church working - thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

- **The Ministry Teams** going into St Mark's House and Charing House, for families, staff and residents.
- **Church Leaders** and those who support them, remembering local churches and those with whom we have links and history. For **all the church dates, activities and events** this week at St Mark's - see the Newsletter.

GILLINGHAM & MEDWAY:

- For **Lynne Martin** with the new University intake that she reaches as many as possible with information for help and support, and in the building of good relationships this academic year; for the **students** new to the Uni experience and those returning. May the Lord bless and prosper good relationships and let us welcome in the King of Glory to walk the Uni halls, rooms and corridors.
- For **local businesses**, offices and shops, that their services continue to be needed and they thrive and their business links widen; and for both employers and employees that their families are provided for.

*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*



UPCOMING EVENTS



NEXT SUNDAY
 3rd Oct | 10.30am
[In Church & Online](#)

All Age Service | HARVEST
 Speaker: Elizabeth Kuperus

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK



[Baptism Service | 19th Sept 2021]

Taken a nice photo of Gillingham? Send it to digitallead@stmarksgillingham.org to be featured in the newsletter.

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