

## [Test] St Mark's Newsletter | Thurs 7th Oct

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### THIS SUNDAY | 10th OCT



### MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am In Church & Online

Ruthless Elimination of Hurry |  
Sabbath (Part 1)  
Speaker: Frank Howard  
Reading: Genesis 2:1-3

### 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



### BIBLE STREAM 10th Oct | 6.30pm In Church & Online

The books of 1 and 2 Kings  
Speaker: Graham Wilkins  
Join us in church for talk and discussion or watch on facebook.

### COMING WEEK

## Regular Activities

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

## Community Groups

Throughout the week

Karen Turnbull, Community Pastor, runs a number of groups throughout the week. Contact Karen for full details: [karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org)

<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<p><b>Gillingham Frank Howard</b> Tuesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>	<p><b>Gillingham Graham Davis</b> Tuesday Evenings Old Vicarage</p>	<p><b>Parkwood Kath &amp; Steve Burtrand</b> 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>	
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<p><b>Ladies Group Jane Bannar-Martin</b> Wednesday mornings Old Vicarage</p>	<p><b>Gillingham David Wilkins</b> Wednesday Evenings Old Vicarage</p>	<p><b>Gillingham Paul Smith</b> Wednesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>	<p><b>Gillingham Karen Turnbull</b> Wednesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<p><b>Wigmore</b> Alternate Thursday Evenings Various Homes</p>	<p><b>COMING SOON</b></p> <p><b>Parent s &amp; Tots Rob &amp; Alice Byrne</b> Day TBA Zoom</p>		

## Home Groups

Throughout the week

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. To join a group contact the office.



## STANDING IN THE GAP

## Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

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



## Peace & Hope

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Saturday | 10.30am-12pm | Vicarage Hall

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



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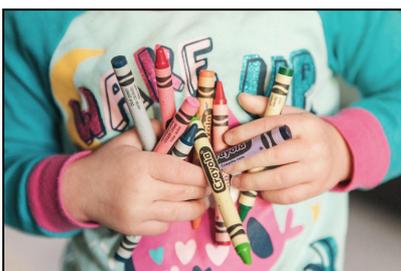
## CHURCH IS OPEN

Come by between 10am - 12pm every Tuesday for a chat, some fellowship and private prayer.

## 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](mailto: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

- Sahaara India project Tearfund **Big Bake cake sale** fundraiser will be held on the **7th November 2021** at church after the morning service. A request for keen bakers to donate their favourite bakes toward the fundraiser will be appreciated. If baking is not for you donate your favourite shop biscuits. A list will be placed at the back of the church where keen bakers cake put their names and the type of cake/ biscuits they will donate. For more details please contact tearfund ambassadors:  
**Colette** [07852417173](tel:07852417173) or **Funmi** [07440067205](tel:07440067205)



- St Mark's **Holiday Club** will be running in October half term for children aged 5-10 years. There will be fun activities, games, crafts, reflection and a free hot lunch provided.  
**TIME:** 11am - 12.30pm  
**DATES:** See website for session dates  
**COST:** Free!  
For more details and to sign up to go [www.stmarksgillingham.org/holidayclub](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/holidayclub) or call the office **01634 570489**.



- **Care for the Family** have a number of **online courses** on offer that cover a wide range of family topics. They have been running events for nearly 30 years, speaking to parents and couples all over the country in an effort to support and help those in all stages of family life. Their engaging, practical and experienced speakers aim to share helpful insights to support you and those you love. See their website for more details:  
[www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)



- St Mark's **Preschool** have spaces available for funded and non-funded children, (30hrs funded accepted).  
Mon, Tues, Thurs - 9.15pm - 3.15pm  
Wed & Fri - 9.15 - 12.15pm  
**Call:** 07807577836  
**Email:** [stmarkspreschoolgillingham@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkspreschoolgillingham@hotmail.com)



- 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.



- 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](mailto: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.



- **Medway Foodbank** is in need of donations, please see link below for latest stock shortage list. Use 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](http://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. Contact the office if you require a printed copy.



- 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](mailto:mayowa@stmarksgillingham.org).



- **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.




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**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE WORLD:**

- For good care of the earth & the heavens in the magnificence and wonder of God's creation; for prayer and support for the **Young Christian Climate Network** walking to Glasgow for COP 26 in November, for more info see <https://www.yccn.uk>; for the people and leaders in Germany following their elections; **La Palma** as people cope with the ongoing devastations of volcanic eruptions, that the displaced and heartbroken are supported & the God of all comforts brings solace; for **Refugees** who have not yet found safety or refuge in times of great hardship and danger in the world; for **Afghanistan**; for the **petrol & diesel situation** in England ... and the people and places on your hearts;

#### GOD'S CHURCH:

- Those working & serving in the mission field and those currently weighing and answering God's call, that the Lord grants discernment and obedience; **Church Leaders** and those who support them, remembering local churches and those with whom we have links and history.
- **News from Christian Aid** - Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and current Chair of the board of international development agency Christian Aid, will stand down at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November, having served two full terms. We are thrilled to reveal the Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, the former Archbishop of York, will be the next Chair.

#### GILLINGHAM & MEDWAY:

- For **Medway Council** in the discussions, meetings and planning for our local areas; and for our local Councillors who serve.
- For those in need of help through Medway Food Bank, Street Angels and other help providers, that there are encouragements in time of difficulty and hope for better times; and for **Open Church** at St Mark's in their reaching out and gathering in.
- For **Lynne Martin** with the new University intake and for strength & energy in this busy time; 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.

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

Sabbath (pt 2)

NEXT SUNDAY

17th Oct | 10.30am  
In Church & Online

Ruthless Elimination of Hurry | Sabbath (Part 2)

Speaker: Rob Byrne  
Reading: Exodus 20:8-11

## REVIVE

A relaxed & intimate gathering for Christians & non-Christians alike, where no question about life or faith is off-limits!

Sun 19th Sept at 4pm. Tea/coffee served.



## REVIVE

17th Oct | 4pm  
Church

A relaxed and interactive gathering for Christians and non-Christians alike, where no question about life or faith is off-limits. Revive will not be live streamed.

Tea/coffee will be available.



## MESSY CHURCH

24th Oct | 2.30-5pm | Church

**Messy Church** is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Join us every fourth Sunday of the month for crafts, stories, games, food and songs.

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## 24-7 PRAYER

"It was good to have time and space in the peace of the church to just be in the quiet, either reading or going round the various prayer areas."

"Being in the quiet church for varying periods of time was a joy each time and being able to spend so much time with God was amazing."

"I felt as though the church had a common sense of purpose[...] I learned a lot about myself and prayer and how I like to pray."

"The positive atmosphere and shared joy was really great."

**21st-28th  
November 2021  
In Church**

## 24/7 PRAYER

21st - 28th Nov  
Church

A whole week divided into hourly slots (168 hours!) with led sessions - morning reflections, worship, creativity and scripture reading, as well as free time for you to come and pray as the Lord leads, either on your own or with family/friends. There will be lots of resources for you to use, plus prayer stations to aid your prayers.

We're looking for people to help with practicalities (set up/ packing away/ tea & biscuit), manning the space or leading sessions.

For full details see our website: [www.stmarksgillingham.org/247prayer](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/247prayer) or contact Lynne Martin: 07778 567097, [thursdayschild59@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thursdayschild59@yahoo.co.uk)

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**



*[MJ Praise Album Launch | 2nd Oct | St Mark's]*

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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**Office hours:**

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays | 9.30am - 2.30pm  
Tuesday & Thursdays | Answerphone & email checked for emergencies.

*Please contact the office if you need to make an appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.*

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