



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 16th Jan

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am

In Church & Online

Epiphany 2

Speaker: Michael McLaughlin

Readings: John 2: 1-11

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

THIS WEEK

Home Groups - Throughout the week

Joining a homegroup is a brilliant chance to meet and pray with others, build relationships, support one another, exchange views and explore God's word together. Take a look at the groups and sign up on our website or contact the office.

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 that meets fortnightly.



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Open Church

Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship, private prayer. 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 (term time) | 1.15-2.45pm | Vicarage Hall

Fun space for children to play and for parents/guardians to connect.

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

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Do you feel called to join our **worship team**? Would you like to just see how we do things and try it out? We will be having open rehearsals every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in church, so anyone can come along and be involved as much or as little as you would like. This will start Thursday the 27th January, so please feel free to just come along with no commitment.
- *Care for the Family* are back with ***Date Night in a Box*** - You'll get a mystery box of goodies delivered to your door, including activities to do together (both during and after the event), plus engaging content streamed directly into your home. This event is everything that couples need to connect, communicate and commit to setting new sparks alight. Full details for Date Night in A box can be found on their website: www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online-2/date-night-in-a-box



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- Julie Hanning will be retiring from the pre-school after 23 years of service. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift please see details on our website:
www.stmarksgillingham.org/juliegift
- Everyone is invited to St Augustine's **Quiz Night** Saturday 26th February 2022, 6.30pm for 7pm start £3.50 per person, Teams of no more than 6. Featuring quiz master Iain (no nonsense) Paterson. Tickets available from Andrew 07581627943 or project.office@sagk.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World -

- The community in The Bronx, USA following the serious fire with many lives lost - may the promised help come quickly and the God of all comforts minister to the grieving and hurting.
- The people of Sudan following Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok's resignation.
- The people of Nigeria in receiving and administering sufficient Covid-19 vaccines; for government action to prevent attacks on rural communities in northern Nigeria; and an end to kidnappings for ransom.
- The persecuted church, for sustenance in the Lord and for freedom for the unfairly imprisoned.

Gillingham & Medway -

- For the staff of our local hospital and NHS hubs & centres - may they know the Peace of the Lord as they work in arduous times.
- For the working of Medway Council in providing its services and for elected Councillors in their duties and responsibilities; for glimmers of hope in our communities where they are most needed.



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- For God's Word to reach into even the unlikely places & lives, and bear much fruit; for the struggling & the hard pressed - that their loads are lifted.
- For work opportunities to open up when & where they are needed; and for the outworking of God's Church in communities.

UK -

- Our **Government and the Devolved Administrations** that they come close to their electorate and those they serve; for Godly guidance in discussions, debate and decision making; and for the many Bodies that advise them.

*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

23rd Jan | 10.30am | Church

Epiphany 3

Speaker: Glyn Allen

Reading: Luke 4:14-21

GOSPEL NIGHT

30th Jan | 6.30pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship led by gospel band. With guest speaker Rev Oyin Oladipo and guest artiste Soraya Ray. Doors open from 6pm.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK



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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.