



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 30th Jan

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am

In Church & Online

Epiphany 4

Speaker: David Wilkins

Reading: Luke 2:22-40

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

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.

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]



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Peace & Hope

Saturday | 10.30am-12pm | Vicarage Hall

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

Open Church

Tuesday | 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 (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

- **The Bargain Corner**, run by Medway Campus Chaplaincy, is a very successful sustainability project through which students can purchase much needed items for minimal cost. The money then goes to subsidising various Chaplaincy run student activities. We are currently low on stock and if you are decluttering please consider donating unwanted items:
 - **KITCHEN ITEMS:** saucepans, cooking pots, ovenware, plates, bowls (large & small), mugs, glasses, kitchen utensils, etc.
 - **BEDDING:** duvets, duvet covers, blankets, sheets, pillows and pillow cases, also towels, etc.
 - **WINTER CLOTHING:** coats, jumpers, hoodies, hats, scarves, gloves, also coat hangers.



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To find out more about this project email:

medwaycampuschaplain@gre.ac.uk

- Ahead of the **March Against Racism** demonstration on 19th March ***Medway Stand Up To Racism*** are organising a meeting to discuss how we can mobilise as many people as possible from across Kent to attend. We are inviting refugee organisations, other anti-racism groups, faith groups, and trade unions to attend as well as anyone else who is opposed to racism. The meeting will take place this **Friday 28th January at 7pm** via Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88520223055?pwd=TXhLQlc2a2xEY2hXVzZhWjJnOThQZz09>
Meeting ID: 885 2022 3055
Passcode: 990858.
- 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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- 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 situation with **Russia on Ukraine, Belarus and Crimea borders**, that the massed forces and equipment be dispersed; for peace to come to many troubled communities; and for embassy staff to find safe exit if necessary.
- The **peoples of Tonga** following the undersea volcanic activity and now limited communications, that they are sustained and aid comes quickly.
- **Victims of modern-day slavery** that they may know freedom and safety.

Gillingham & Medway

- For the hospitality sector and those in local hotels, B&B's, restaurants, cafes, pubs & clubs, that businesses become more resilient, employers keep afloat and staff make ends meet.
- For rough sleepers, the work of Medway Night Shelter and Medway Council's Severe Weather Protocol which came into place on 17th Jan, that many are helped into more permanent accommodation
- For the future of Chatham Docks, that the Lord give guidance.



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*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

6th Feb | 10.30am | Church

Unfailing Love

All Age Service

Reading: Isaiah 54:9-10

CINEMA CLUB

12th Feb | 2 - 4pm | Church

Cinema club returns with a half term special. Come along and watch a family friendly film in a fun and relaxed environment. Free popcorn and drinks provided. No need to book, just turn up.

Ash Wednesday Service

2nd March | 7pm | Church

Service of holy communion and ashing.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK



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