



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 27th Feb

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online

The Transfiguration

Speaker: Jess Gladwell

Reading: Luke 9:28-36

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- No children's groups this week due to Messy Church in the afternoon.
- SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage

BIBLE STREAM

2.30- 4pm | 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.

GOSPEL NIGHT

6.30pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship led by a gospel band. With guest McGodwin Favour. Doors open from 6pm. Refreshments served.

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.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 2nd March | 7.30pm | Church

Service of holy communion and imposition of ashes

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The funeral of **Sylvia Anne Fordham**, known as Anne to many Church members, will take place at Medway Crematorium on Thursday 24 February at 1.30pm followed by a service in Church at 2.30pm. All Church family are welcome to attend. Please wear bright colours as this will be a celebration of Anne's life.
- **Update on the Church Roof** - The Wardens and PCC have made the decision that the Church can be used this week - with caution. Where possible, use the red side doors to enter and exit church. Please park away from Church, using the car park only



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for those who really need it. Please keep aware of the weather forecast and if the winds pick up do not use the church if you feel it is unsafe.

- The plans for the **new kitchen** are on display inside church (on the wall back left of church, to the left of the doors). Please take a look and if you have any questions or comments please email PCC Secretary, Vicky Allen - vickyalle@gmail.com.
- We are looking for anyone with experience in applying for **Grants** who would be willing to volunteer to source grants for Church kitchen project. If you are interested please email PCC Secretary, Vicky Allen - vickyalle@gmail.com.
- Join the **Easter Community Choir** for the chance to meet new people and have fun learning old and new songs to sing in the Good Friday service. No auditions. Everyone is welcome. Contact Mayowa - singgillinghamsing@gmail.com / 07951147352 for details.
- **Finance Assistant vacancy** for Help in the Community encompassing Medway Foodbank. Part time, 14hrs/week, £10/hr, flexible working available, remote working possible. Closing date for applications: 5pm, 11th February 2022. For more information and an application pack please email: projectmanager@medway.foodbank.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Ukraine and its peoples** - 'May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor' (Psalm 72:3-4)



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- The people of Zimbabwe and its peoples, remembering our Mission Partner the Mike Campbell Foundation
- Stability in unity in Europe in difficult times.
- Gillingham & Medway - The Isle of Grain Power Station where a chimney collapsed and currently unable to operate - pray for plans and works to repair and restore, and for all affected.
- For those recovering from storm damage, for help in managing the costs and in communicating with insurers, and for neighbourliness in times of difficulty.
- For care and consideration in the changing ways of dealing with Covid-19.
- For church and community leaders in all their responsibilities.

*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 March | 10.30am | Church

All Age Service

Reading: Luke 5:1-11

National Day of Reflection

23rd March | 8am - 5pm | Church

The National Day of Reflection is a day to support the millions of people who've been bereaved during the pandemic and to reflect on the lives of the people we've lost.



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Church will be open 8am - 5pm for anyone to drop in for prayer, reflection, the lighting of candles, minute of silence, support & refreshments.

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.