



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 6th March

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online

All Age Service

Everyone Is Special In Their Own Way

Leading: Henry & Matilda

Reading: Psalm 139:1-16

The PCC has agreed to resume collections at church services by passing the offertory bag. If you wish, you can also donate using the card machine at the back of church when you leave. For other methods of giving, please go to:

www.stmarksgillingham.org/giving

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- No children's groups this week due to All Age Service
- 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



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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 British Red Cross** are collecting unwanted and preloved items to help everyone affected by the conflict in **Ukraine**. You can help by donating: clothes, shoes, bedding, towels, toys, toiletries, female hygiene products, nappies. Drop off point: Midkent College, Medway Campus, Medway Road Gillingham ME7 1FN. Or email camilla.maurice@midkent.ac.uk for details.
- **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 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.



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- **Gillingham URC**, Balmoral Gardens is hosting the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** this Friday 4th March at 2pm. You are welcome to come along, or watch online:
www.facebook.com/GillinghamURC
- The **Mike Campbell Foundation** will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on 30th March in London. Please pray the event will be very well attended and that this will be an evening where people will leave filled with Hope. Support in attendance from St Mark's is most welcome. ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (with IBG) 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR Wed 30 March 2022 | 7pm to 9pm. Tickets £15.
<https://event.bookitbee.com/38180/mike-campbell-foundation>
OR send a cheque made payable to Mike Campbell Foundation with your full name, e-mail and telephone number on the back to: **Mike Campbell Foundation, Woodgate, Borden, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8JX**
- **I Am Mark** - A daring new staging of Mark's Gospel performed by Stefan Smart and directed by Lisa Gilmour will take place on Sunday 10th April 6pm at Gillingham Baptist Church. Tickets are £5 with concessions available.
For more information contact Stephen on 01634 324275 or email gbckent19@gmail.com.
- 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.



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- **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** - for those in their homeland enduring frightening times, those trying to leave for safety and those who have found safe passage out - may they each know the Lord's Presence and comfort; for God's discernments and guidance in Ukraine's leadership and for Godly Righteousness to come to their oppressor; for all those injured and killed, their families and those of the captured; and for Peace to come.
- **Stability and unity across NATO and Europe** in testing times.
- For **one another** in the church family, that we be built up and strengthened for our 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.
- For **those in need**, that there is kind help and intervention.
- For **church and community leaders** in all their responsibilities. For those who have families and connections to Ukraine.



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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

13th March | 10.30am | Church

A Time for Ashes

Readings: Mark 1:9-13 & Psalm 63:1-8

Speaker: Graham Davis

BIBLE STREAM

13th March | 6.30pm | Church

Clifford Denton will be looking at the book of the minor prophet Haggai.

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.

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.