

THIS SUNDAY - 20th March

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online

Repentance & Fruitfulness

Readings: Luke 13:1-9

Speaker: Archdeacon Andy Wooding Jones

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- No groups due to Messy Church in the afternoon.
- SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage

MESSY CHURCH

20th March | 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.

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]

Open Church

Tuesday | 10am - 12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship or private prayer with refreshments. Please be aware masks are advised. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via admin@stmarksgillingham.org.

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.

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

- **Message from Katie Jenkins, currently on maternity leave:**
*'After careful consideration and time praying the decision not to return to St Marks has been made. I would like to thank all those who have supported me, helped me when needed and given their time when it was needed. You have been a big part of my journey, my family's journey, and am blessed to have shared all I have with you, my family through Christ. I very much feel called to Faversham so am where God needs me next.
Love, hugs and blessings'*
- We are collecting items for the Easter hampers for vulnerable families in the community: Easter eggs, hot cross buns, sweets, chocolate, crisps, crackers, nuts, stuffing, mint sauce, gravy etc. Please ensure that items will be in date until Easter.
- You can place items in the donations hamper in church. The deadline is 27th March.



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- **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.
- **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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Ukraine, those crossing borders to safety, those caught in lockdown, those re-settling, the soldiers and volunteers. For President Zelenskiy and Ukraine's leaders in any opportunity for dialogue, and for their strength in exhaustion. For the Pastors and Priests on the ground, that the Holy Spirit fall afresh each new day to enable them in their communities. For politicians and peace-makers in their mission and purpose. For Vladimir Putin's repentance. For all the lives lost and for help for all the injured and battle scarred, and all whose hearts are grieving. And let us



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remember that, if words fail us, the Holy Spirit will intercede with sighs and moans - all ushered into Lord God's Holy Presence.

- The people of DR Congo following the increasing death toll from a train crash last week and for Afghanistan.
- Gillingham & Medway - For increases in the availability of work locally; for help with transport to get people to where the work is; and for hope and a desire to see Medway flourish. For those who have families and connections to Ukraine, that they are comforted and enabled

*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

27th March | 10.30am | Church

When I Grow Up

Mothering Sunday

Readings: Luke 2:25-39

Speaker: Ernie Mann

There will be a distribution of flowers at the end of the service to all ladies present.

Gospel Night

27th March | 6.30pm | Church

An evening of hymns, spiritual songs and unhindered praise and worship led by gospel band. With guests Gillingham Salvation Army Band and Songsters and Solo Sax. Refreshments will be available. Doors from 6pm.



UPCOMING EASTER SERVICES

Sun 10th Apr

10.30am | Palm Sunday Service

Thurs 14th Apr | Maundy Thursday

7.30pm | Agape Service

Fri 15th Apr | Good Friday

10am | Good Friday Mediation

11.30am | Walk of Witness, from the War Memorial

6.30pm | Gospel Service

Sat 16th Apr

2.30pm | Messy Easter

Sun 17th Apr | Easter Sunday

6am | Dawn Service at SMI

10.30am | Easter Sunday Service

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.