



THIS SUNDAY - 27th March

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- GEMS & PEBBLES - 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 | Online

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 or private prayer with refreshments. 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

- **Work on the Church Roof** - Work will start on the Church roof at the end of the week. We are anticipating work vans and work men to be in the area. Please take care when accessing the Church and be aware that parking will be limited.
- **Women's Breakfast** is taking place at Gillingham Salvation Army on **Sat 21st May, 9 - 11.30am**. An event for women of all ages, with breakfast, conversation and inspiring words from women. Hosted by the Salvation Army in collaboration with St Mark's.

Guest Speaker Chris Curtis

Worship: Sherry Pablo and Sarah Salcedo

Craft Activity: Hannah Whittaker

Suggested donation: £5

For more info email Julie Millest - julie@gillinghamcorps.info



- **Volunteers** needed for the **Little Eden Project** to care for the garden. Sign up to join the rota for just 15-30 minutes a week. For more info email Karen - karenturnbull00@gmail.com
- *The Ladies Home Group meet on Wednesday mornings, in the Old Vicarage from 10am-12pm. They are currently doing a study series on women in the bible. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cake/biscuits all provided. There is no age limit, all very welcome to drop in.*
- 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.**
- **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:

- That in a time of great uncertainty and distress, lives are changed and souls saved; for deaf ears to be unplugged, scales to fall from blinded eyes, hearts to be made malleable and closed minds opened to the truth of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life; and for those who have fallen away that they find a renewed faith, to the Glory of God.
- For peace in the turmoil, tragedy and suffering of the **ongoing war in Ukraine**. Give thanks for the resilience of Ukraine's people, President Zelenskiy and leaders in all their efforts to find a way to peace. 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 heart and soul. For all the lives lost to Russian and Ukrainian families, that loved ones are comforted in grief, and for help for the injured and battle scarred.
- **Gillingham & Medway** - For the work of Street Angels, Medway Foodbank and the work of local churches to be blessed. May many benefit from care shown and the desire to see all people's needs met - God's love in action. For increases in the availability of work locally; for help with transport to get people to where the work is; and for Medway to flourish. For those who have families and connections to Ukraine, that they are comforted. For those you know in their responsibilities and duties at Medway Maritime Hospital, and for all those needing care or on waiting lists.

*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

3rd April | 10.30am | Church
Fools for Christ - All Age Service
Leading: Joshua
Speaker: Chris Curtis
Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 18-23

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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