



## **THIS SUNDAY - 3rd April**

**MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online**

**Fools for Christ - All Age Service**

**Readings: 1 Corinthians 3: 18-23**

**Leading: Joshua**

**Speaker: Chris Curtis**

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

- GEMS & PEBBLES - No groups 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]

### **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](mailto: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 Music Man Project** are holding a 'pop up' coffee shop to help raise money for people with learning disabilities in Ukraine. All proceeds will go to Inclusion Europe who are working to provide emergency supplies for those that so desperately need them. Please come along and support us if you can. **Monday 4th April, 10am - 3pm, St Matthew's Community Centre, Drewery Drive, Wigmore.**
- How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of Good News of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church? The Church of England has produced an excellent study resource on this important subject, which is designed to encourage engagement and learning in a variety of settings. Although it is best to participate jointly with others, the material can be used individually. **Email the office for more details.**
- St Mark's Preschool is looking to appoint a **Healthy Eating Coordinator** to work 16 hours a week, term time only. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, preparing healthy snacks, teaching children about healthy eating and various kitchen duties. Rate of pay to be discussed. For more details please see the website:  
**[www.stmarksgillingham.org/healthyeatingcoordinator](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/healthyeatingcoordinator)**
- A massive thank you to the **flower team** for all their hard work in making up all the daffodil posies for Mothering Sunday. They looked beautiful and were much appreciated.
- Thank you to everyone that donated items for the **Easter Hampers** which will now be gifted to families in need within the community.



- Hannah Whittaker will be leaving the role of **Digital Lead** at St Mark's. Her last week in the office will be the week beginning 2nd May.
- **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](mailto:julie@gillinghamcorps.info)
- **Work has started on the Church roof with the scaffold now up. Please take care when accessing the Church and be aware that parking will be limited.**
- **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](mailto:karenturnbull00@gmail.com)
- *The Ladies Home Group meets 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.*

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## **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 and hope in diplomatic discussions regarding Ukraine. For politicians and peace-makers in their mission and purpose, and for unity against oppression.
- For the Lord's Righteous overcoming in the world where there is oppression, violence and injustice - The Tigray region of Ethiopia, the Yemen, Afghanistan, where there is now such malnutrition in children.
- For the escalating rise in Covid-19 infections in the UK, may the vulnerable be protected.
- Mike Campbell Foundation are celebrating their 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. Many obstructions have been put in the way of the speakers attending so please pray earnestly for them.
- Gillingham & Medway - For the work of Street Angels, Medway Foodbank and the work of local churches to be blessed - may many people benefit from the care shown and the desire to see people's needs met, God's love in action.
- For Parish and local Councillors in their responsibilities and commitments, and for wisdom in all discussions and decisions.
- For the children and young people of our communities, and our home tutoring families, our schools, colleges and Universities.
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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](mailto:kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk)*



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

10th April | 10.30am | Church

### **Palm Sunday**

**Speaker:** Graham Wilkins

**Reading:** Hebrews 11:32-40 & Matthew 21:1-11

## **UPCOMING EASTER SERVICES**

**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

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## **HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**

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