



THIS SUNDAY - 24th April

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online

Ashes of Lament

Speaker: Seun Adigun

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-9 and John 20:19-31

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- 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

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7 - 8am | Online

On Zoom: Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap

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 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 | 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

- Please note that the church **office will be closed** Thursday 14 April until Monday 25 April.
- All **group leaders** please submit your report to **Vicky Allen** vickyalle@gmail.com by **Friday 29 April** for inclusion in the Annual Reports for the period 1 January 2021- 31 December 2021
- The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place Sunday 22 May at 3.00pm. We will elect our Churchwardens Deanery Synod and PCC Representatives and review the past year.
- If you would like to join the **Electoral Roll** you can do so by filling the form which is available online or from Denise Young in church. Completed forms can be returned to Denise in person or scanned and emailed to denisemaryyoung@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is 6th May.
- St Mark's Church Gillingham is seeking to appoint a part time **Administration Assistant/Digital Lead**. This role will undertake administrative duties including some financial record keeping to assist the Treasurer and also adopt and oversee the Digital content for the church. For full job description see the website: www.stmarksgillingham.org/jobvacancy
- We are pleased to announce that the PCC has appointed Mike Young as **Gift Aid Secretary**. If you would like to start to Gift Aid your giving or have any questions, please speak with Mike in church or contact him by email - michaeliyoung3@gmail.com
- Update on the **Interregnum Process** - The Parish Representatives have now been appointed by the PCC and they are Karen Dyer and Seun Adigun. They will be taking a lead role for the churches



of St Mark's and St Mary's Island in the appointment process.

- 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. **Contact 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
- **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**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World -

- For peace and hope in the tragedy of the war in **Ukraine**.



- For **Russia's leader** to be destabilised and dismayed. For great wisdom to come upon our world leaders and for leader's hearts to be turned to seek equity and justice.
- That the **2-month ceasefire in Yemen**, the first ceasefire in 6 years, is upheld. For God's guidance in **French politics** in electing their President.
- For the **peoples of China**, many of whom are suffering under stringent lockdown measures; and for those of cultures and faiths under the 're-education' systems.
- For peace in **Pakistan** where there has been a leadership change.
- For our **leaders, Government and Devolved Administrations** in their responsibilities, discussions and decisions; and for integrity and selfless service in politics.

Gillingham & Medway -

- For respect for our waterside areas - an area of Strood riverside had to be quickly cleared recently before the tide changed after fly-tipping.
- For those living with violence, coercion or abuse, that help become available for their safety and wellbeing - may the Lord in His Holiness and Glory highlight these situations.
- Continue to uphold in prayer our **PCC, Church Wardens and those in leadership** at St Marks and SMIC; and pray too for the churches in your neighbourhood in their ministries and outreach.

*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 | 1st May

All Age Service

Men's Breakfast

Sat 14th May | 8.45am | Vicarage Hall

Home cooked breakfast with guest speaker Andy Millest. Time to mingle and learn from each other. Invite your friends and neighbours. Please RSVP to Dammy - 07984920038

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

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