

THIS SUNDAY – 5th June

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am
In Church, Facebook & Youtube

Title All Age service
Speaker: Jess Mahdavi-Gladwell
Readings: Acts 2:1-21

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

GEMS & PEBBLES

There will be no children's groups this Sunday as it is an all age service

SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage
This will be running as normal.

Jubilee Celebrations
Sun 5th June | 10.30am | Church

There will be a Pentecost All Age Service followed by celebrations and a bring and share meal together to mark HRH Platinum Jubilee. There will also be activities for the children.

This Week

Home Groups

Throughout the week

Joining a **home group** 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 here](#) or contact the office.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)
Saturdays | 7 - 8am | Online

On Zoom, join us [online here](#).
[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]

Open Church
Tuesday | 10am - 12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship or private prayer. Refreshments will be served. 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

Distribution of bread and wine at Communion - In line with C of E guidelines, there will now be an option for communicants to receive only bread or both bread and wine from the common cup. This is an individual choice and no pressure will be placed on members of the congregation to receive the sacrament if they feel unable to do so. **More details about communion.**

Following the passing of Mo Chen, we have been sent a memorial page for all that would like to comment, donate and send flowers. Please click the link below to access the page.

<https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/99955?branded>

Interested in singing in the **community choir** for Carnival and other summer events?

All ages welcome. Performance Dates: Sat 9th July, Thurs 14th July, Fri 29th July with more TBC...

Get in touch with Mayowa at singgillinghamsing@gmail.com or on 07951147352

If you have registered your interest with the government to host a Ukrainian family (<https://rb.gy/zy5jfe>) but do not have links with anyone, then **Medway Help for Ukrainians** can help connect you with someone to host. They also offer advice, guidance and support once you begin hosting.

Facebook Group: <https://rb.gy/0efeth>

Email: info@medwayhelpforukranians.org.uk,

Phone: 01634 912 419

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

Closing date: 21 May 2022.

Chequer Tree Camp is a summer Christian camp largely attended by children connected to the work of The Family Trust across Maidstone, Medway and Swale. The camp is currently held at Boughton Monchelsea Primary School, just outside of Maidstone, during the first two weeks of the summer holidays. We welcome children aged 9-12 for a week of fun, games, the opportunity to make new friends and to learn about the Christian faith. See the website www.chequertree.org.uk for all the details you need, including dates, costs and booking details.

The Family Trust is looking to recruit a **new Schools' Worker**. They are looking for a dynamic, self-motivated individual who can join our excellent team. The mission at The Family Trust is to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity and this is an exciting opportunity to help children and

young people understand more about Jesus Christ. More information can be found at <https://www.familytrust.org.uk/join-our-team>,

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

On Sunday 24th July we will have a Baptism service at St Marks. There will be Baptism by full immersion and we will also use the font for Baptism of a child.
If you are not Baptised, would you like to be? If you are already Baptised, would you like to renew your Baptismal vows? Would you like your child to be Baptised?
If the answer is yes, or you would like more information, please contact Vicki in the office: 01634 570489, admin@stmarksgillingham.org

Medway Council are requesting those who go to church to do a survey about the parking and transport to the church. If you wish to take part in this survey the click the link.
<https://surveys.medway.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=165053812489>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Worldwide –

- That the Lord look upon the needs of the hungry, the thirsty and the ill-treated, and graciously meet their needs. May we also play our part.
- **Remember: Brazil** with many dead from recent floods & landslides in the northeast,
- **Sri Lanka** in a state of emergency,
- **Ukraine** in standing against the onslaught of Russia's aggression,
- **Columbia's** peoples in their election process.
- **UK:** for Government, Devolved Assembly and Local Government officers and elected officials in their responsibilities and commitments to the UK peoples; and for unity across UK's weekend celebrations.

Gillingham & Medway –

- Pray for friendships and convivial sharing in communities this weekend in celebration of HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; for the many organisations, clubs and leisure organisations where people gather;
- For opportunities to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ. For Medway Council's Children's & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting 8 June;
- For wisdom in all decision making regarding the young in our communities.

Church –

- For our **SMIC** brothers & sisters, and for the new incumbent to St Mark's & SMIC and all involved in the appointment.
- For the **Church Wardens**, those in leadership and for all their families.
- **For Chequer Tree Camp**, that all the planning, arrangements and all the young people are blessed and covered over.

The Prayer / worship events happening during the 10 days from the Ascension - Pentecost Sunday are as follows:-

Thursday 26th May	St Augustine's 7 pm
Friday 27th May	St Barnabas – 7pm
Saturday 28th May	St Mary's - time to be advised
Sunday 29th May	Gospel service at St Mark's 6.30 pm
Monday 30th May	Gillingham United Reformed Church 6 pm
Tuesday 31st May	St Luke's 6 pm
Wednesday 1st June	Green Street Baptist Church 7 pm
Thursday 2nd June	King's Church, Skinner Street 7 pm
Friday 3rd June	Our Lady of Gillingham 6.45 pm
Sunday 5th June	Pentecost United Service, Salvation Army 6.30 pm

*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

12th June | 10.30am | Church

Title Giving Sunday

Speaker: Liz Mullins – Diocese Generous Giving Advisor

Readings: Acts 2:42-47 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Volunteer Fair

26th June / After the morning service

As a church, we are passionate about engaging people to serve in areas that they are gifted in, but it has been clear, as we move out of lockdown, that we have less volunteers than we did two years ago. Some people have moved on, some people have enjoyed taking down time and decided not to be so busy, some people are new to church and don't know what they can volunteer for. This Sunday is to explore the different areas that you can volunteer for.

Gospel Night

25th June | 6.30pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship.
Doors open from 6pm, refreshments served.

Let Loose

Fri 29th July | 1-4pm | Gillingham High St

A free outdoor community outdoor music concert put together to give hope to victims and survivors of abuse. Free refreshments will be served.

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Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays | 9.30am - 2.30pm

Tuesday & Thursdays | Answerphone & email checked for emergencies.

Please contact the office if you need to make an appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.