

## **THIS SUNDAY - 12th June**

### **MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**

In Church , [Facebook](#) & [Youtube](#)

Title: Giving Sunday

Speaker: Liz Mullins

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

### **BIBLE STREAM | 6.30pm**

In Church, [Facebook](#) & [Youtube](#)

Title: Gospel of Matthew

Speaker: David Wilkins

Host: Bernie Pinner

### **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 AT ST MARK'S**

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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. (<https://stmarksgillingham.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=308365>)

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](mailto:singgillinghamsing@gmail.com) or on 07951147352

**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](http://www.chequertree.org.uk) (<http://www.chequertree.org.uk/>) for all the details you need, including dates, costs and booking 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) (<http://healthyeatingcoordinator/>)

### **Baptism**

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](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) (<mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org>)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Worldwide –

- For Nigeria where violence is increasing and extremists have again targeted Christians in worship; for the family, friends and community of St Francis Catholic Church in Owo, SW Nigeria, in their shock, pain, and grief. And for all around the world and close to home who grieve, that the Lord may bring His healing and many comforts.
- Ukraine in standing up for their nation and against Russian leaders' aggression; and for the world's poor with food aid being so restricted because of the war – may the Lord open ways forward to help the impoverished. Columbia's peoples in their election process. China's growing protectionism of its believed lands and airspace - pray that aggression would be relieved. UK's unity following the Jubilee Weekend.

Gillingham & Medway –

- Bargain Corner Project – Lynne Martin, Chaplain. Pray for the work of The Medway Campus Chaplaincy who run this sustainability project through which students (and staff) can purchase much needed items for minimal cost, and that money then goes to subsidising Chaplaincy run student activities. Donations welcome - see:blogspot ([http:// https://medwaystudents.blogspot.com/p/bargain-corner.html](http://https://medwaystudents.blogspot.com/p/bargain-corner.html))

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.

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)

### **The Music Man Project UK Kent/Medway**

PLEASE VOTE FOR US TODAY... and EVERY WEEK for the next 3 months!! We've been nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving online vote through our local Asda Chatham

(<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Asda%20Chatham/106834902722248/>) .

The vote is now live! The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. Vote for us by visiting Vote (<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4693>) and selecting \*Chatham\* from the drop-down box. You can vote once every seven days (until the end of September) so please vote and then re-vote in the following weeks. Set a reminder on your phone/calendar. Please share far and wide! Thanks for being part of this exciting activity - Let the voting begin!

Sarah Mann

Director, The Music Man Project UK

Regional Director, The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway)

[www.themusicmanproject.com](http://www.themusicmanproject.com)

The Music Man Project UK - Registered Charity Number 1188041

The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) - Registered CIC Number 12574625

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**19th June | 10.30am | Church**

Title: Holy Communion

Speaker: Archdeacon Andy Wooding-Jones

Reading: Luke 8:26-39

## **Dementia Cafe**

22 June, 13 and 27 July | 1pm to 3pm | Church

## **Gospel Night**

25th June | 5:00pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship.

Doors open from 6pm, refreshments served.

## **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.

## **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.

## **St Mark's Church**

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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.