

## **THIS SUNDAY - 26th June**

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

In Church

Title: Volunteering

Speaker: Chris Curtis

Reading: Romans 12:3-8

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

#### **GEMS & PEBBLES**

Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

#### **SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**

More details about Youth

#### **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.

### **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. Take a look at the groups and sign up

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[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]

#### **Gospel Night**

**Saturday 25th June | 5:00pm | Church**

A night of unhindered praise and worship.

Doors open from 6pm, refreshments served.

#### **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.

**Summer activities Summer is here at last** – which means that bookings for our online events close soon! So, if you have your eye on anything, make sure to get stuck in while tickets are still available. And if you're not sure what to watch, have a flick through the events below to see what others are saying about this season's line-up. We hope these events will help strengthen family life for the summer ahead! The Care for the Family team For a View of the events please click the link to this website. (<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online/>)

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Please note from Friday the 1st of July to Monday the 11th of July the church office will be closed due to staff holidays.

#### **Giving Sunday**

Thank you to those who have returned the Giving Response Form and have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme. If you have not been in church, please collect an information pack when you next attend.

Details are also on our website: <https://stmarksgillingham.org/givingsunday>

If you need any further information or help in signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme, please contact our Treasurer Glyn Allen. [glynallen@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:glynallen@stmarksgillingham.org) (<mailto:glynallen@stmarksgillingham.org>)

Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Gillingham Deanery Synod Invitation**

The focus of the next Deanery Synod meeting will be the environment and **Eco Church**. Anyone who is interested in this topic is invited to attend this meeting on **Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 7.30pm at St Matthew's, Wigmore.**

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

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

#### **Message from Megan**

We are moving to the Netherlands mid July with our last church day 10th July.

There is a lot going on and a lot still unknown to us. May we trust the Holy Spirit who is the sustainer and provider of our lives. Please pray that the transition will go as smooth as it can especially for the children and that we remain close to God.

Many thanks!  
God's blessings  
Megan, Helder, Leonardo and Jasmine

**PLEASE PRAY –**

**Worldwide –**

- For the horn of Africa where many ethnic and cultural killings continue;
- for India and Bangladesh in the devastation of severe flooding; and for water where there is prolonged drought in our world.
- For those standing against violence and oppression; the war in Ukraine; The Yemen's extended ceasefire; injustice in Myanmar; and the deprivation & hunger in South Sudan and many other countries.
- The UK with the prospect of great disruption on the railways, for all who will be impacted. For our justice system and those called to Jury Service in their responsibility to serve; and for court officials, judiciary, legal reps, clients and witnesses, in the backlog of court cases still to be heard.

**Gillingham & area –**

- For our praises to rise up to Lord God in praise of his Name and for his love and blessings to come upon our communities, neighbourhoods, streets, services & facilities.
- For Walk for Peace Medway Saturday 2 July that it is well supported, and shows love & care for all. For our young people finishing their exams – may God's Peace be with them as they await results.

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)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**3rd July | 10.30am | Church**

Title: All Age

Speaker:

Reading:

### **Peace Walk**

**Saturday 2nd July**

Walking for the love of peace

Visiting:

12.30 Chatham Naval Memorial

13.40 Byron Road Gurdwara

14.50 KMWA Mosque at 14:50

15:40 Gillingham High Street (near Costa Coffee)

16:00 St Mark's Church

With entertainments including; Presentations, Speeches, Cultural Dance and Music.  
Everyone is warmly welcome to join the event at any point.

### **Comedy Night**

**Mark Richie, Bob's not my uncle and other devastating truths.**

July 7th at Mid Kent College.

July 8th at King's Church Chatham

July 9th at Leybourne Village Hall

### **Dementia Cafe**

13 and 27 July | 1pm to 3pm | Church

### **Messy Church**

**Sunday 17th July**

2:30pm - 4pm

Come and join an all age creativity session.

### **Let Loose**

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

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

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