**THIS SUNDAY - 2nd October**

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All Age Service |10.30am

[**In Church**](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/607245/Church_Building_Open.aspx?redirected=1)**,** [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksgillingham) **and** [**Youtube**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1b5IAYzi3iBqXPBu0OnRrQ/videos?view=2&live_view=502)

Title: Harvest

Speaker: Ben Maskel

Reading: Matthew 9: 35-58

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

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GEMS & PEBBLES

Children will meet in church on Sunday for All Age Service. There will be no Gems & Pebbles until 9 October.

SUMMIT | 6.30pm | Old Vicarage

Summit will meet as usual.

More details about Youth (https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268150/Youth.aspx)

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

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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](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268148/Small_Groups.aspx) or contact the office.

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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 (mailto: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.

Dementia Cafe

12th and 26th October |1pm to 3pm | Church

Bible Study and Fellowship

Bible Study/ Fellowship in the church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm,

on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month.

All welcome.

Peace and Hope

8th October, 10:30am, Vicarage Hall

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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New Vicar Update

New Vicar for St Mark's Gillingham and St Mary's Island churches announced.

Click link for announcement details. [https://rb.gy/fn4xt5](https://rb.gy/fn4xt5?fbclid=IwAR1znTZZs1XkNe9IYS6vlxnuJtT_7yNPzBok8bFpP1kJpWCSjrY4U19T458)

HELP NEEDED

Clearing Rubbish Around Church Site

Come and help at Church Site on Saturday 8 October between 9.30 am and 12 noon.

This will entail cutting down self sown over grown shrubbery, clearing building materials etc. Please bring garden tools - eg loppers, rakes, saws etc. but more importantly just come. Ideally wear heavy duty gloves. THE MORE THE MERRIER! and the quicker we can get finished. Hot drinks will be available.

HELP FOR STUDENTS

Lynne Martin has asked whether we can help.

Wanted

Any unwanted ribbon or buttons or tissue paper , that can be used for Well-Being Collage making in the library on Oct 4th and 11th October.

Needed

We are very low on winter clothing .- coats, jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves. If you happen to be sorting out your winter wardrobe, please remember us.

Please contact Lynne Martin if you are able to help.

PLEASE PRAY –

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Worldwide –

\* The countries that have ongoing problems with landmines, remembering Afghanistan, Angola and Ukraine – may there be effective removal programmes to save lives and injury.

\* The will to stand against oppression and invasion and for those who endure conflict, violence and displacement.

\* Relief & aid for those in the catastrophe and tragedy of severe weather events and changing climates. For the places on our hearts where there is great lack and deprivation,

\* may the Lord touch the hearts of those who can make a difference - whether leaders, decision-makers, or a world of people who care.

The UK –

\* The King and Royal Family in their personal grief. The King, Government and all those in leadership across the UK, for wise counsel, effective listening and considered decisions.

God’s Church –

\* That the church upholds God’s Holy Word; and seek to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

\* Pray for Bishop Jonathan’s Installation

\* For The Revd Catharina Olsson Gisleskog as we welcome her as Vicar, and for husband Per and family.

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

St Marks Church Gillingham, Vicarage Hall Cleaner

We are seeking a responsible, trustworthy person to clean the Vicarage Hall. This is a part-time job (average 5 hours per week) to be carried out at the weekends either on Saturday or Sunday to fit in with Hall usage.

Job responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

\* weekly vacuuming, mopping, cleaning of toilets, potties, changing mats, cleaning the kitchen, emptying bins and general cleaning duties.

\* You will also be required to do monthly cleaning, including damp dusting and carpet stain removal.

\* During holiday breaks you will be required to clean the fridge, cooker, microwave and the inside of windows.

\* You will also be required to put in orders for cleaning materials for your line manager to purchase.

If you are interested in applying for this role or require further information, please contact Vicky Allen HR Lead for St Mark’s Church on Vickyalle@gmail.com (mail to:Vickyalle@gmail.com) or telephone on 01634 855792. Closing date for applications Friday 30th September 2022.

Harvest Festival

Sunday 2 October we will celebrate Harvest Festival at our All Age Service.

If you are able, please can you bring non-perishable items that can be

donated to Foodbank. If you are looking for ideas, please see the Foodbank

Sept/Oct Shopping list -

Click here for list (https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Publisher/File.aspx?id=316307)

PDF hard copies are available at the back of Church.

We look forward to welcoming you to our service.

Tearfund and Ride and Stride

Thank you to those who took part in the Tearfund and Ride and Stride Events.

Tearfund Ambassador announcement

Thank you to the volunteers and the brave individuals who took part in the walk as well as all those sponsors who gave so generously towards the Creation Concern Project.

Foodbank. If you would like to donate to Foodbank, here is the link to the autumn shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need. <https://stmarksgillingham.org/Publisher/File.aspx?id=316307>

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

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Next Sunday

9th October |10.30am | Church

Title: Service of the Word

Speaker: Graham Davis

Reading Luke 17:11-19

Next Sunday

9th October | 6.30pm | Church

Bible Stream

ADVANCE NOTICE

TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER | 7.00pm | St Mark's Church & online

Institution of The Rev Catharina Olsson Gisleskog by the Bishop of Tonbridge

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

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Thank yous for the week

Thank you to all who participated in the Tearfund walk and those who sponsored.

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Please contact the office if you need to make an

appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.