# **THIS SUNDAY -  9th July**

MORNING 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:** The Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness  
**Speaker**: David  
**Reading:** 2 Samuel 9

Bible Stream

6:30pm St Marks Church  
Join us for an in-depth decision about the Bible

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will be running as usual Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

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

Ladies Group

We will meet on Wednesday at 10am at the Old Vicarage.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

**Sundays| 7 - 8am | Online**

On Zoom, join us [online here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2238511807?pwd=TU94WVN3cDlaSWxnejhHZTYxMTdvdz09).  
[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).

Dementia Cafe

12th & 26th July, 9th & 23rd August|1pm to 3pm | Church

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**

Church news

We are delighted that Raymond Shergill, who is training towards ordination in the Rochester Diocese, will return to St Mark’s from June to September to worship and to be part of the ministry team. Welcome!

Childrens church

Welcome Summer!! The last children’s church before the summer break will be July 9th. We will restart on September 24th. We hope you have a great summer and can join us for our holiday clubs in August!

Come and join us!

Vicarage road, Gillingham, ME7 5JA

For more information please contact: [chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org)

Prayer Walk  
For those available on **Friday 23rd and 30th June**, Chris Gill at King's Church in Skinner Street conforms they, and others, will be praying around Gillingham High Street from 7.30pm, starting at the square.  All are welcome to join.

Holy Communion

If you are unable to get to Church and would like to have communion brought to your home, please contact the Church office.  [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) 01634 570489.  You need to live in St Mark’s parish and be happy for your contact details to be passed to the home communion team.

Prayer Meetings for 2023

Meetings between 7 and 9pm

St Marks: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.

9th August, St Mark’s. 6th September, St Mark’s. 4th October, St Mark’s. 1st November, St Mark’s.

6th December, Old Vicarage, **Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.**

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

New Wine

As a church we are going to the New Wine summer conference this year - at the Kent Event Centre in Maidstone, previously called the Detling Campsite.

Sign up to join and camp from 1-5 August on the New Wine website <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united23/> by booking onto St Mark’s with St Mary’s Island Church.

If you have any questions, please contact Catharina

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* For **India’**s impoverished places and its areas of conflict, that peace and hope come in abundance.
* For the peoples in and around **Israel**, for resolution of complex issues and help for the hurting.
* For **Ukraine**, that Russia’s use of land mines, cease, and for safe clearing of these dreadful weapons – may the Lord protect soldiers from injury and harm.
* For truth, integrity, and selflessness in world leadership; and the raising up of dedicated individuals to serve the people of their lands in truth and with honesty.
* For the forthcoming August elections in **Zimbabwe,** where new rules effectively bar many good people from standing – may the Lord set right this inequality and injustice, and indeed, bring justice and the upholding of law fairly for all its peoples**.**

**The UK –**

* For those working to help and support **the homeless**, and for all initiatives to make inroads in housing the many who are homeless, including the Prince of Wales’ 5-year programme, **Homewards**.
* For the many **Uni students** whose results are not forthcoming, that they are not disadvantaged, and that they are not discouraged.
* For the jury, now deliberating the guilt or innocence of Lucy Letby, that they are guided in God’s truth; for grieving parents, and for all involved in this harrowing court case, that the Lord tenderly heal troubled hearts and minds.

**God's Church**

* For all the flower arrangers at home and abroad who seek to honour the Lord with the beauty of his creation and make worshipping a beautiful place to be;
* for those who sew and embroider, creating such lovely robes and banners in praise of Him, who is the Almighty and Everlasting God.
* Open Doors [www.opendoorsuk.org/](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/) highlight there are over 360 million Christians suffering persecution and discrimination, with children affected too – pray into some of these people’s lives and the countries and areas of concern.

**Gillingham and Medway**

* For our schools and Sports Days and for children taking part, that it is a good, fun experience that builds up children & young people.
* For our streets and shopping areas where people often gather – pray and claim these areas for the Lord in the name of Jesus; pray for healthy social interactions, and kind conversations.
* For Medway Foodbank and Street Angels in all their work to support local people in need.
* For those struggling or worrying about their finances, many of whom with consequential housing issues.
* For those suffering depression, anxiety, or who have poor mental health, that they are uplifted in small ways and in little acts of kindness and care.
* May the Lord bring comfort and reassurance just where it is needed.

St Marks is joining other Gillingham churches to pray together, every Friday in June, at 7:30pm, in the square on Gillingham High Street.

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)

Foodbank

If you would like to donate to foodbank here is the link to the shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need.

file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/Desktop/fb.pdf

Medway Night Shelter

There are some gaps available for working and supporting this important work with the homeless, with a zoom training available too … ‘We are still on the lookout for volunteers to help with cooking 5.30-8.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday’. If you would like to be involved or donate, contact by email  [medwayshelter@gmail.com](mailto:medwayshelter@gmail.com)

The night shelter are looking for volunteers for cooking and laundry.  If you are interested, can they please email.  Medway Night Shelter [medwayshelter@gmail.com](mailto:medwayshelter@gmail.com)

WARM CLOTHING

Do you own any good quality warm clothing, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets etc that you no longer need. Please donate these to Street Angles to help others.

Warm Spaces weekly in Gillingham

Monday, St Mary’s Gillingham Green, 9am to 12pm

Tuesday, St Mark’s Church, Gillingham High Street, 12pm to 2pm

Wednesday, St Augustine’s, Rock Avenue, 9am to 11am, St Barnabas, Nelson Road, 1:30pm to 4pm

Thursday, St Augustine’s, Rock Avenue, 13:30am to 4pm

Sunday, St Luke’s Church Hall, 12:30pm to 4pm

**Let Loose 2023**

**LET LOOSE 12.30 pm Friday 28th July, Gillingham High Street**

If you can donate cakes or savoury snacks, contact Linda Smith; or for financial donations, please contact the church office.  Please lend your support in prayer, for good health and the overcoming of any obstacles, and by being there.

Newsletter  
If you have any comments regarding the Newsletter or have something you would like to add, please contact admin@stmarksgillingham.org  or news@stmarksgillingham.org The office staff will then pass on the information to those who compile the Newsletter.

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY

**16th July, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness  
**Speaker**: Michael Mclaughlin  
**Reading:** Psalms 107

Thank you for the week

Vicki would like to thank everyone in church including messy church for the gifts and kindness they have given her on Sunday

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