# **THIS SUNDAY – 7th January**

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:****  All age

#### ****Speaker****: all age team

#### ****CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
  
Children’s groups will be off until January.

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)

**Saturdays| 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**

We will be closed on December 26th as it is boxing day. Come along for a chat, fellowship or private prayer. Refreshments will be served.   
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).

Dementia Cafe

10th and 24th January|1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

We are devastated to share the news that Graham Wilkins died with his family around him at Medway Hospital at 1.35pm today 3.1.24.

Please pray for Suzanne, Deborah, David, Rebecca and Samuel and all who mourn including many at St Mark’s where Graham has been a member for many years.

We remember Graham with joy. He was a much loved brother in Christ, and we are so thankful for everything that he has been and done in the life of St Mark's.

Isaiah 60:19

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

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.

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Prayer Meetings **for 2024 -**

**17th January 2024**

**Then every Wednesday of the month**

**Vicarage Hall  
  
Meetings between 7 and 9pm  
  
St Mark's: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.  
Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.  
Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org**

##### Pray for

**Worldwide -**

* For **Christians in Nigeria’s central Plateau State**following mass killings.
* Pray into the sufferings of **Ukraine**, **Israel and Gaza, Sudan**, among many; and for the many grieving loss.
* For **Japan**, following the earthquake.
* For **Ethiopia in looming famine,** where ongoing fighting in the Tigray region has severely impacted food production, and exacerbated by drought & locust infestations.
* For **safety in shipping** on seas & waterways.

**The UK –**

* Pray for our **prison system**, where the chief inspector of prisons in England and Wales has said … *Education, training and rehabilitation need to become the primary focus of jails*.  May this high ideal be followed through with commitment, funding, and insights, and God’s many blessings.

**God's Church –**

* For those who pray in churches and homes, faithfully petitioning Father God in the name of Jesus.
* for musicians, singers, wordsmiths, and poets who inspire and lead worship, and all working in the background; and for the persecuted, that even if alone, they know the comfort of fellowship in God’s church.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For **housing**, including locally, where there is such a shortage of options for all.

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

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY

**14th January, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:**

**Speaker**:   
**Reading:**

North Gillingham Churches

Prayer meeting for Christian unity,

Thursday 18th January 7pm

St Marks Gillingham, 1 Canterbury Street

Youth Alpha and Pizza

Starting Saturday 13th January

6:30pm, vicarage

Bible Stream Celebration

Sunday 21st January

10:30am

Thank you for the week!

Thank you to Kathy for her enthusiastic commitment to sharing regular prayer and praise emails.

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**Office hours:**  
Monday | 9.00am - 2.00pm  
Tuesday | 9.00am - 1.00pm  
Wednesday | 9.00am - 10.00am, | 12:15pm - 3.15pm  
Thursday | 9.00am - 1.00pm  
Fridays | 10:00am – 12 noon  
**Please contact the office if you need to make an**  
***appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***