# **THIS SUNDAY – 23rd October**

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: Service of the Word  
Speaker: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog  
Readings: Luke 6: 20-31

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will be starting back up this Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.   
  
**SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**  
Summit will be running as usual.

## 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.

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**

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

**9th and 23rd November**|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.

The Gathering

**Join the Junction Small Group for an intimate time with God and the Bible in the Old Vicarage on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm,  
on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month.  
All welcome.**

Gospel Night

Sunday 30th October, 6:30 pm.

Come join a night of unhindered Praise. Guest speaker: Pastor Andre Gabriel. Music lead: Aonu Zoccheus.

Peace and Hope

5th November, 10:30am, Vicarage Hall

Kids Gospel Choir

Every Wednesday, 5:30-6:30, Church

Light Party

Thursday 27th, 10am-12pm, St Marks Vicarage Hall,

Ages 5-11

Medway Open Lecture Series 2022/23  
   
A collaboration between Kent, Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church universities.   
Lectures open to the public, as well as staff and students.  
These will generally be one lecture on the last Wednesday of the month from 6-7pm, delivered in the Pilkington Lecture Theatre.  
The first four lectures have been confirmed and you can book a free ticket here:  [**BOOK**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/medway-talks-universities-at-medway-open-lecture-series-tickets-428547987567)

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Victor 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)

Christmas Community Choir

Would you like to meet new people and sing in a community choir. Refreshments will be available. Preform in various places for Christmas. Everyone is welcome. Rehearsals will start at the end of October. Please get in touch. Please contact the organisers either via phone: 07951147352 or email : singgillinghamsing@gmail.com

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* Myanmar, where it’s reported, an air raid targeting one of Myanmar's biggest ethnic insurgent groups has killed at least 50 people and injured about 100;
* for resolution of the long-disputed Kachin state area and peace.
* The hungry and thirsty in our world, including Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia & South Sudan.
* May there be a will for peace and for dialogue to aid the plight of the vulnerable & needy, the desperate and the entrapped.
* God’s Justice for Ukraine and elsewhere suffering oppression and the desolations of war & violence;
* for the grieving families of Russia, Ukraine, and the many others places in the world, that they are comforted.
* For the charities and organisations dear to us, that they be effective and wise in their decision-making.

The UK –

* for stability, wisdom & consideration of all peoples; and for unity in these challenging times. For worried communities that they are, and feel, supported.

God’s Church –

* For God’s many comforts for Sally Bloor, SMIC, family & friends, grieving for John Bloor.

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 summer shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need.

[file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps\_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022\_large[1640].pdf](file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022_large%5b1640%5d.pdf)

Thank you all for Tuesday Installation Service

Thank you to all that were involved in the planning, preparation, and service. Also thank you to all that came or watched the service.

STAMPS FOR LEPROSY MISSION

David Norton has asked that people collect stamps from any letters they receive. If you could keep them until you have a few and then give them to David, he will pass these to the Leprosy Mission.

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY  
**30th  October, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** All age service  
**Speaker**: All age team  
**Readings:**

Thank you for the week

Thank you to the Reverend Catharina for accepting and becoming our new vicar of St Marks Church, St Mary’s Island Church.

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appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***