# **THIS SUNDAY -  1st 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:** Asaph’s cry for help

**Speaker**: Ben Maskell

**Reading:**Psalm 77

Threads through Creation

Riding Lights

On Sunday 8th October at 6.30pm, we've got Riding Lights Theatre Company group coming into Church to bring us   -     Inspired ....  The Word in Action.

It brings the whole bible to life from the garden of Eden all the way through to a wide screen glimpse into the end of time.

#### ****CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

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

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

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**

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.

Dementia Cafe

11th and 25th October |1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Alpha

New Alpha Course starting Monday 25th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm for 10 weeks in the Old Vicarage.  For more details and if you wish to attend [**CLICK HERE.**](https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Groups/269684/Alpha.aspx)

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

The Anglican Ugandan Youth Choir will sing at St Mark's on Sunday 15 October at
7.30 pm.  Please do come.

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 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

1st November, St Marks: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.

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

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* the grieving in Murcia, Spain, following loss of life in the nightclub fires; also Ismailia, Egypt, where a police complex fire has caused 38 deaths, with others injured.
* For safety in new beginnings for **ethnic Armenians,** fleeing Nagorno-Karabakh.  In **high migration** and refugees seeking safety around the world, may there be different approaches to these needs –
* pray for God’s Justice and Righteousness to come into places of inequity, where self-seeking usurps the needs of all people, and where there are cruel, or discriminatory leaderships.

**The UK –**

* for the families recently bereaved, remembering the Scotland coach crash victims - Jessica Baker and driver, Stephen Shrimpton; and the families and communities of the injured.
* Also, the many young people killed in violent crimes.
* For our wildlife and nature reserves, parks and animal sanctuaries, forests and open spaces, that we value and treasure them.

**God's Church –**

* For the PCC meetings which are usually the third Monday of each month.
* For the many contact and support groups across St Mark’s and SMIC, to enable good & loving care, teaching, witness, encouragement, the building up of faith, and the building up of the faithful.
* Praise the Lord for his able nurturing.
* Please pray for the **ALPHA group**and all those participating in it; and for the leaders and helpers.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For the love of God to reach into our streets and neighbourhoods with our prayers, the spoken Word, and in communication with those we meet.
* for the street cleaners and the police, traffic wardens and social workers, for shop workers and garage mechanics, for Ministers and gardeners … and so many more.
* For the cafes, pubs, and restaurants; businesses owners, and those working for them.
* for the unemployed; and for new local ventures – may there be successes, ways forward in difficulty, and better security and incomes.

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*

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

Youth events save the dates!!

Pizza and movie 12th October

Fireworks, Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate 4th November

Trip to Moat Park and Swimming 30th August

More info and permission slips to follow!!

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

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

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

**Service of the word**

**15th October, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** A prayer of Thanksgiving

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Reading:**Psalm 100

Thank you for the week

Thank you, to all those who bought food in for the harvest festival which were donated to foodbank.

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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.***