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**THIS SUNDAY | 11TH JULY****MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**
In Church & Online**FRIENDSHIP | Abraham and Lot - Commitment**

Speaker: Ben Maskel

Bible Reading: Genesis 14:8-16

Parkbench: David Wilkins

The church building is now open for services. You will need to book if you wish to attend in person.

To book see the website or call the office 01634 570489,

The church car park will not be open on Sunday mornings as this area is used as a main exit and safely set up for after church fellowship.

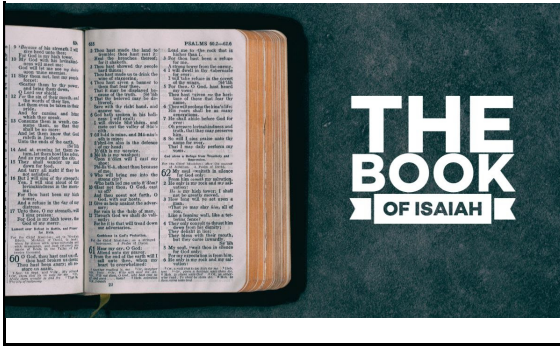
All services will also be live streamed on our Facebook Page.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

GEMS & PEBBLES | 9am | Facebook
Join for another fun filled video from the team.

ROCK MINISTRY | 10.30am | In Person
SUMMIT | 6pm | In Person





BIBLE STREAM

11th July | 6.30pm | Online

[The Book of Isaiah] with Bernie Pinner. Join as we are awed by the holiness and justice of God, and to anticipate his final salvation.

COMING WEEK



Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)
Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

On Zoom, join us:
[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]



A garden project...
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Little Eden Project
Sundays | 2pm | St Augustine's
Wednesdays | 11am | St Mark's

Come and get stuck in with the garden project that gives. Run by Karen Turnbull.



Open for Private Prayer
Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

The church will be open for private prayer.

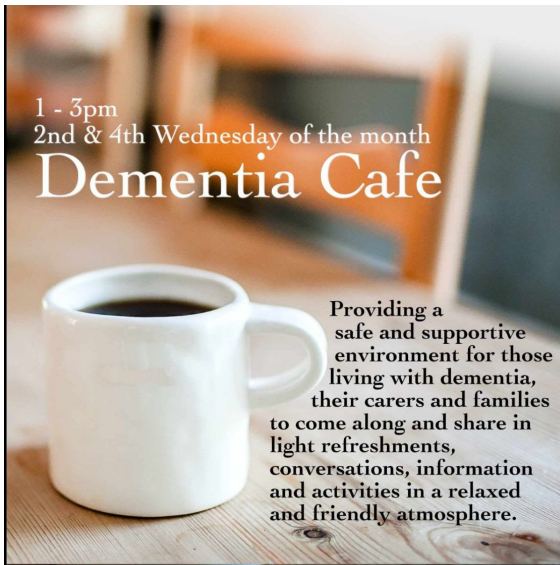


Craft Club
Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | The Vineries

Craft club is back! It will be at a new venue - [11 The Vineries](#) (community hub) Gillingham ME7 2AD. Bring your own craft or join in with craft of the week. For more information email karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org.

DEMENTIA CAFE

Launching 14th July
2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 1 - 3pm |
Church



A chance for those living with dementia, their carers and families to come and sharing in light refreshments, conversations, information and activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Drop-in, no booking required.
For more information call Paul Harris 07486 050163 or Pauline Jackson 07950 191912.

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Parent & Toddlers Wednesdays | 1.15-2.45pm | Old Vicarage

Wednesdays in term time
Currently meeting outside in the Old Vicarage Garden – following Covid regulations



Daily Reflections & Prayers Mondays - Saturdays | 9am & 8pm | Online

As of May the new schedule will be:
Morning Reflections | 9am | Mon, Wed, Fri
Evening Prayers | 8pm | Tues, Thurs, Sat
Watch on our Facebook Page

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- We are looking for **volunteers** to do some **decorating** at the Old Vicarage and/or to do some **gardening** around the St Mark's site (mostly removing weeds and generally tidying up). If you are able to offer some time please contact the office:

vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org | 01634 570489



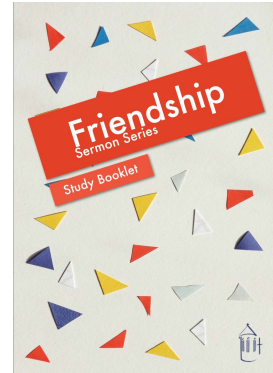
- Dementia Cafe** is launching on 14th July and are looking for donations of cups, saucers, tablecloths and side plates. If you're able to help please contact Pauline Jackson: 01634 232433 | pj.jackson@blueyonder.co.uk



- Thank you to all who have donated to our Gift Day for the new kitchen project and our general running costs. If you have not yet given, please prayerfully consider these two needs and you may respond with your donation in a number of ways - online, bank transfer, cash or cheque.



- We have produced a **booklet** to accompany the new **Friendship sermon series**, which contains bible readings and questions. You can use the material in your small groups, trios or on your own. For a copy see the website or call the office 01634 570489,



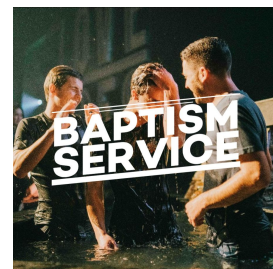
- Vicki Watson, our ops manager and office administrator, is now on **leave until 12th July**. The Old Vicarage will be closed. Emails and phone will be checked, for emergencies only, on Friday 9 July. Please email Saju if there is an emergency: vicar@stmarksgillingham.org.



- **The Pastoral Team** invite you to get connected by filling out their form and providing your details so that they can contact you. Paper form are available in church.



- On **Sun 19th Sept at 6.30pm** there is going to be a **Baptism Service**, conducted in a covid-safe way. **Baptism** marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. There will be a baptism preparation session on Sun 12th Sept 4 - 6pm. If you are interested in being baptised or in the renewal of baptism please **contact Vicki**, vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

OUR WORLD -

- For the **recently abducted** 140 children in Kaduna State, North West Nigeria and the 8 people abducted from the National TB and Leprosy Centre in Zaria including nurses and a 1-year-old child - that they are enabled to come home safe; that they are protected against violence, mistreatment and indoctrination; and that Lord God heals and comforts them and those who managed to escape.

- For **new Christians** born in recent days that they are upheld, prayed for, have access to God's Word and that mature Christians are at their side - let us stand together as God's Holy church.
- **The besieged, aggrieved and oppressed**, remembering peoples and nations on our hearts - that God ushers in changes to make a difference to daily living and the meeting of basic needs for all; for God's justice & righteousness to overcome; and for the rule of law to be rightly upheld where it is being misused.

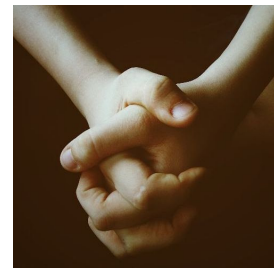
THE UK -

- That we show respect and care to all people as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted soon; pray for Godly protections over the vulnerable and clinically at high risk who will still live with limitations; and for those caring for children and young people with disabilities and severe health needs, may they be strengthened.

GILLINGHAM & MEDWAY -

- For volunteers and those giving help in our communities that they are appreciated and encouraged in their endeavours; the Ambulance Service and other Emergency Services & staff, particularly those called out to those in need - that they are protected from harm and danger and that they have enough 'down' time to cope with the many pressures of their professions; the NHS workers on the front line and behind the scenes, working so hard to keep systems operational and offering Interventions, treatments & care for those in need; and for the leaders and managers that they are guided in God's wisdom.
- For **Churches Together in Medway** - that we continue to unite and be alongside one another as God's church, offering mutual support and strength as we enable resilience in our communities.
- For **LET LOOSE**, now rearranged for **Friday 30th July, 1pm start**. May the Lord bless Mayowa and the teams involved. Let us welcome Lord Jesus into our streets, our communities and our hearts.

*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*



UPCOMING EVENTS



NEXT SUNDAY
18th July | 10.30am
In Church & Online

FRIENDSHIP | Elijah and Elisha - Friends as Mentors
Speaker: Rob Byrna
Bible Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-1

Little Eden

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LITTLE EDEN - OFFICIAL LAUNCH
Sat 17th Jul | 10am - 12pm

The launch will begin at St Mark's and then proceed up to St Augustine's. If you would like to attend please contact Karen Turnbull, karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org, to book a place.

You Are Invited

Join us for one of St Mark's
Summer Garden Parties

Sun 27th
June
4-6pm

Sun 25th
July
4-6pm

Sun 22nd
Aug
4-6pm

Tea & cake will be served
in the Old Vicarage Garden

Booking is required.
To request your preferred date go to:
www.stmarksgillingham.org/party
or call the office on: 01634 570489

SUMMER GARDEN PARTIES
25th July | 22nd Aug

4 - 6pm
Old Vicarage Garden

We are hosting a number of Summer Garden Parties to give us all a chance to socialise & reconnect over tea & cake. Please sign up to attend one of these dates.

For more info & to RSVP go to:
www.stmarksgillingham.org/party
Or call the office: 01634 570489

LET LOOSE
30th July | 1pm
Gillingham High St

We have a new date for Let Loose!

Save the date for the upcoming Let Loose event taking place in Gillingham High St outside WHSmiths. This annual community outdoor concert will feature gospel bands, community choir, solo artistes, choreography and more! The event is aimed at giving hope to victims of abuse.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK



[Summer Garden Party, 27th June, Old Vicarage Garden]

Taken a nice photo of Gillingham? Send it to digitallead@stmarksgillingham.org to be featured in the newsletter.

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