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**THIS SUNDAY | 24th OCT**

**MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**  
In Church & Online

Ruthless Elimination of Hurry |  
Simplicity  
Speaker: Saju  
Reading: Philippians 4:11-12

**CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

**GEMS & PEBBLES | 10.30am | Vicarage Hall**  
Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

**SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**

**MESSY CHURCH**

24th Oct | 2.30-4pm | Church

**Messy Church** is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Join us every fourth Sunday of the month for crafts, stories, games, food and songs.

**COMING WEEK**

## Regular Activities

What ?	Where and When
<p><b>Mindfulness Club</b> (from 27/09/21)</p> <p>Come and relax, have a cuppa, and learn how to bring peace to your mind by staying in the present moment.</p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>The Old Vic Vicarage Road Gillingham Mondays 7.30 - 9pm</p>  <p>Craft Club: St. Mark's Church (opposite Burger King) Gillingham</p>
<p><b>Craft Club Gillingham</b></p> 	

## Community Groups

Throughout the week

Karen Turnbull, Community Pastor, runs a number of groups throughout the week. Email Karen for more details: [karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org)

<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<p><b>Gillingham Frank Howard</b></p> <p>Tuesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>	<p><b>Gillingham Graham Davis</b></p> <p>Tuesday Evenings Old Vicarage</p>	<p><b>Parkwood Kath &amp; Steve Burtrand</b></p> <p>1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>	
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<p><b>Ladies Group Jane Bannar-Martin</b></p> <p>Wednesday mornings Old Vicarage</p>	<p><b>Gillingham David Wilkins</b></p> <p>Wednesday Evenings Old Vicarage</p>	<p><b>Gillingham Paul Smith</b></p> <p>Wednesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>	<p><b>Gillingham Karen Turnbull</b></p> <p>Wednesday Evenings Leader's Home</p>
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<p><b>Wigmore</b></p> <p>Alternate Thursday Evenings Various Homes</p>	<p><b>COMING SOON</b></p> <p><b>Parent s &amp; Tots Rob &amp; Alice Byrne</b></p> <p>Day TBA Zoom</p>		

## 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. Contact the office for more details.



## Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

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



## PEACE & HOPE - are not meeting this week.

The next meeting will be **Sat 6th Nov** 10.30am - 12pm in the Vicarage Hall. A church community for adults with learning difficulties and their families and carers that meets fortnightly.



## Open Church

Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship, private prayer or craft club!. Refreshments will be served outside. Please be aware masks are advised. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).



## Cinema Club

Tuesday | 2-4pm | Church

Cinema club returns with a half term special. Come along and watch a film on the big screen with your family and enjoy the company of other families with popcorn and drinks! No need to book, just turn up.



## Parent & Toddlers Wednesdays | 1.15-2.45pm | Vicarage Hall

No need to book, just drop up.  
Wednesdays in term time.



## 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

- Want to get involved in the **Christmas Community Choir** for the Christmas Production on Sat 18th Dec? A chance to meet new people, sing in a group and share refreshments. Everyone is welcome. If you're interested get in touch with Mayowa:  
[singgillinghamsing@gmail.com](mailto:singgillinghamsing@gmail.com) / 07951147352



- Christian charity Blythwood Care are looking for a **volunteer driver** for a long transit van, to do collections of Christmas Boxes. It only needs to be for the odd days in November, to collect the donated Christmas boxes from churches around this area. If you would like to help in a way, other than driving, then assistance with the collections would also be welcome.



If you are interested please speak to Graham Wilkins, [graham@gwilkins.co.uk](mailto:graham@gwilkins.co.uk).

- Sahaara India project Tearfund **Big Bake cake sale** fundraiser will be held on the **7th November 2021** at church after the morning service. A request for keen bakers to donate their favourite bakes toward the fundraiser. If baking is not for you donate your favourite shop biscuits.  
A list will be placed at the back of the church where keen bakers cake put their names and the type of cake/ biscuits they will donate. For more details please contact tearfund ambassadors:  
**Colette** [07852417173](tel:07852417173) or **Funmi** [07440067205](tel:07440067205)



- Would you like to join a **Prayer Trio**? A Trio is three people who meet weekly or fortnightly, online or in-person, to grow a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. For more info or to join a trio or email **Damola**: [dammy72001@yahoo.com](mailto:dammy72001@yahoo.com)



- **Medway Foodbank** is in need of donations, please see link below for latest stock shortage list. To donate food use the drop off bins in supermarkets. They are also in need of carrier bags. For more details see their website: [www.medway.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.medway.foodbank.org.uk).



- **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.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### THE WORLD:

- **Cuba**: On 11 July **Maridilegnis's husband, Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo**, and their teenage son **David** took part in one of the peaceful protests sweeping across Cuba. The protest was met with violence, and Pastor Lorenzo was one of several pastors arrested. **CSW** is campaigning to **free Pastor Lorenzo and bring justice to many others facing discrimination, persecution and worse for their beliefs.**
- **Nazanin Zhagari-Ratcliffe** following her failed Appeal in Iran - for peace in mind, body and soul; and that she is not returned to prison from her confinement in her parents' home.

### THE UK:

- The **Rt Hon Sir David Amess MP** died last week in tragic circumstances. Let us pray for Sir David's family, his constituents, the Belfairs Methodist Church and local faith groups. Sir David was also the UK Patron of Music Man Project so please remember Sarah Mann and all those involved in the wider Music Man organisation. Hold all who grieve at this time before the Lord.
- Our **UK Government and Devolved Administrations** in all their deliberations and for their safety in carrying out their responsibilities.
- For the **people of Ayrshire** where there has been an explosion on a housing estate and adults and children are in hospital.

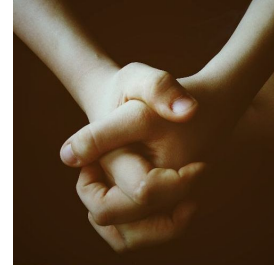
### GILLINGHAM & MEDWAY:

- For our **Hospital, Support Services and the Emergency Services** - that they get adequate rest to cope in the ongoing challenges of these days.
- For our **convenience operatives, street cleaners and refuse collectors** - thank you; for **those needing support** - that God's love and righteousness surrounds



them; for thoughtful provision to those living with, or supporting those with long term health needs/challenges.

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)




## UPCOMING EVENTS



**THE RUTHLESS ELIMINATION OF HURRY**

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
31st Oct | 10.30am  
In Church & Online

**Ruthless Elimination of Hurry | Simplicity**  
**Speaker:** Graham Davis  
**Reading:** Luke 10:38-42



ST MARK'S CHURCH  
**GOSPEL NIGHT**


**MERCY**

Venerable Sunday ADIGUN  
*Guest Preacher*

**SUN, 31st Oct**

**GOSPEL NIGHT**  
31st Oct | 6.30pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship led by gospel band. This month's gathering has the theme of Mercy, with guest speaker Venerable Sunday Adigun. Doors open from 6pm.



**SAINTS ALIVE**  
ARISE AND SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

WITH GUEST SPEAKER  
EVANGELIST MARK KITCHIE

Sunday 31st October, 2021  
At King's Church Chatham  
6:30 - 7:45 PM

Also Available On Facebook & Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFhwXTRJstNZe6k4PYYWg/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Churches-Together-in-Medway-72100204975579>

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Email: [chairemedwaychurch.co.uk](mailto:chairemedwaychurch.co.uk) Phone Number: 01634 920491 Website: <https://medwaychurch.co.uk/>

**SAINTS ALIVE**  
31st Oct | 6.30-7.45pm  
King's Church Chatham, New Road,  
ME4 6BB

A joint gathering of believers on the 31st October to worship, praise and pray together as we celebrate Jesus. It will be a hybrid service - streaming across all our platforms. It will be great to see you there.




## THANK YOU SERVICE

Sat 20th Nov | 3pm  
St Augustine's Church

At request and instigation of Councillor Wendy Purdy St Augustine's will be holding a thank you service for local NHS staff and other organisations that went above and beyond during the lockdowns that we have had. Simon Tonbridge will be speaking.

St Mark's Church Gillingham



## 24-7 PRAYER

"It was good to have time and space in the peace of the church to just be in the quiet, either reading or going round the various prayer areas."

"Being in the quiet church for varying periods of time was a joy each time and being able to spend so much time with God was amazing."

"I felt as though the church had a common sense of purpose[...] I learned a lot about myself and prayer and how I like to pray."

"The positive atmosphere and shared joy was really great."

**21st-28th  
November 2021  
In Church**

## 24/7 PRAYER

21st - 28th Nov  
Church

A whole week divided into hourly slots (168 hours!) with led sessions - morning reflections, worship, creativity and scripture reading, as well as free time for you to come and pray as the Lord leads, either on your own or with family/friends. There will be lots of resources for you to use, plus prayer stations to aid your prayers.

We're looking for people to help with practicalities (set up/ packing away/ tea & biscuit), manning the space or leading sessions.

For full details see our website: [www.stmarksgillingham.org/24/7prayer](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/24/7prayer)  
or contact Lynne Martin: 07778 567097, [thursdayschild59@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thursdayschild59@yahoo.co.uk)

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**





*[Gillingham POW arts trail / Gillingham High St]*

Taken a nice photo of Gillingham? Send it to [digitallead@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:digitallead@stmarksgillingham.org) to be featured in the newsletter.

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Monday, Wednesday & Fridays | 9.30am - 2.30pm  
Tuesday & Thursdays | Answerphone & email checked for emergencies.

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