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**THIS SUNDAY | 31st OCT****MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**
In Church & Online

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

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

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.

COMING WEEK**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**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 details of groups and how to sign up.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

On Zoom, join us [online here](#).

[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]

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.

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 | Facebook

As of May the new schedule will be:

Morning Reflections | 9am | Mon, Wed, Fri

Evening Prayers | 8pm | Tues, Thurs, Sat

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **24/7 Prayer** at St Mark's is just a few weeks away. 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 or contact Lynne Martin: 07778567097, thursdayschild59@yahoo.co.uk
- Do you have a heart for the homeless? The **Medway Night Shelter** is looking for volunteers - lead cooks, kitchen volunteers and session volunteers. It is due to run from Monday January 10th to Thursday March 31st March at a venue in the centre of Chatham. For full details email Belinda at medwayshelter@gmail.com or check out our website <http://medwayshelter.org>.
- 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 / 07951147352
- 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)
- **Be Bright Be Seen initiative:** Are you a teacher, parent or student who would like free reflective discs for your school this winter? KMFM are once again teaming up with Kent County Council Road Safety to help children be bright and be seen this

winter. To learn more about the giveaway and to nominate your class or school for free keyrings go to the [Be Bright Be Seen Page](#).

- 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE WORLD:

- **Sudan** where, following rising tensions between the country's military and civilian transitional authorities, a military coup is underway.
- **Afghanistan** where the UN warns of desperate food crisis.
- The **UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)** next week.
- **Nazanin Zhagari-Ratcliffe** following her failed Appeal in Iran, and her husband Richard who is again on hunger strike.

THE UK:

- **National and Local Government** in their decisions and for safety in carrying out their responsibilities.

GOD'S CHURCH:

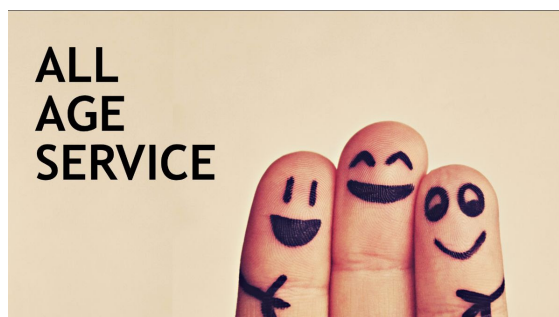
- **For all in church leadership**, and their families & supporters, that they are enabled to be, and give, their best in their Holy calling; and for the persecuted church in so much of the world, that they are enabled in times of trial.

GILLINGHAM & MEDWAY:

- For children and young people that they are well nurtured, loved & enabled;

*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

7th Nov | 10.30am
[In Church & Online](#)

All Age Service
Speaker: Jess Gladwell
[The Lord's Prayer]

Tearfund Bake Sale
7th Nov | After Church

Cake will be available to buy after the morning service to fundraise for Tearfund's Sahaara India project.

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.

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.

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

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