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**THIS SUNDAY | 5th Dec****MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am****SPECIAL SERVICE | ALL AGE SERVICE**

In Church &amp; Online

2nd Sunday of Advent &amp; Saju's final Sunday

[Isaiah 40:27-31]

**CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****GEMS & PEBBLES** - *There will be no children's groups due to All Age Service***SUMMIT** | 7pm | Old Vicarage**COMING WEEK****Community Groups****Throughout the week**

Karen Turnbull, Community Pastor, runs a number of groups throughout the 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. Contact the office for more info.

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**24/7 PRAYER****21st - 28th Nov | Church**

24/7 Prayer Week continues with the church being open for prayer each day 6am - midnight. There are also a number of led-prayer sessions, see below for the schedule.

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

On Zoom, join us online:

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

### Peace & Hope

**Saturday | 10.30am - 12pm | Vicarage Hall**

A church community for adults with learning difficulties and their families and carers that meets fortnightly.

**PLUS** on Fri 17th Dec we'll be having a film and food night. Please RSVP to Karen so that we know numbers.

### 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).

### Parent & Toddlers

**Wednesdays | 1.15-2.45pm | Vicarage Hall**

No need to book, just drop up.

Wednesdays in term time.

### Daily Reflections & Prayers

Wednesday 9am & Saturdays 8pm | Online Watch on our Facebook Page

## NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Abundant thanks to all those who helped our 24/7 week of prayer run so smoothly. Those who led sessions and all who helped with welcome and security, especially those who rose early or stayed late.
  - No one should be alone at Christmas, come and spend **Christmas Day at the Salvation Army. 10am** Christmas day service, followed by Christmas dinner, carols, refreshments and the Queen's speech. Please pass onto anyone you think might be interested. Book your free place: 01634 851224 | [contact@gillinghamcorps.info](mailto:contact@gillinghamcorps.info)
  - **Fight to save Capstone Park** from development - The government overruled the Council and gave permission to the developers to build 8,000 houses. The Council has appealed, and now there will be a hearing where an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State will hear what we locals have to say: **Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am at Gun Wharf, the Council offices.** If you'd like to attend you need to inform the planning authority at the council – [planningappeals@medway.gov.uk](mailto:planningappeals@medway.gov.uk) **or phone 01634 331700**  
Full info: [www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate](http://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate)
  - Spaces are available at the **St Mark's Pre-school** for funded and non-funded children and 30hr funding accepted.  
Mon, Tues & Thurs- | 9.15am-3.15pm  
Weds & Fri | 9.15am-12.15pm  
Please contact us for further details:  
07807577836 | [stmarkspreschoolgillingham@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkspreschoolgillingham@hotmail.com)
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### God's Church -

- For Saju's appointment as the next Suffragan Bishop of Loughborough, in the Diocese of Leicester - Congratulations Saju and every blessing in the Lord to you, Katy and children in your move.
- For St Mary's Island Church, our local neighbourhood churches and CTIM - what a family we have.
- For our Church Wardens and PCC in the coming weeks and months.
- For strength for those enduring difficulties and distress at this time; and for God's Peace to enfold them.

### The World -

- For the family of **Ava White**, 12 years old, of Liverpool who was recently stabbed. May the Lord bring comfort and solace to them in their grief. A boy of 14 years has been accused of her murder. Pray into the tragedy of this violent act which affects so many people, families and communities. Think also of those you know who are in mourning.
- For **Covid 19 vaccines** to be made more readily available to all corners of the world; for those dealing today with **extreme weather events** around the world; and for the reinstatement of power supplies to many communities affected by the recent and severe UK weather.
- For the UK and European talks about how best to overcome refugee and migrant deaths as people seek a safer or better life - for Godly wisdom in different approaches and fairness and equity ... Psalm 58 vs 1 *Do you rulers indeed speak justly? Do you judge people with equity?*
- For our **NHS** in dealing with all the demands on staff; and for all those helping with the UK 'booster' rollout.

### Gillingham -

- For our streets and neighbourhoods: please pray when out walking, shopping or attending church activities - the Lord delights in an invitation to come in.
- **Fight to save Capstone Park** from development - The government overruled the Council and gave permission to the developers to build 8,000 houses. The Council has appealed, and now there will be a hearing.

*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

### SUNDAY SERVICE

12th Dec | 10.30am | Church  
In Church & Online  
Lessons & Carols  
Speaker: Ernie Mann

### EMPTY CHAIR SERVICE

12th Dec | 3pm | Church  
Christmas is not the "most wonderful time of the year" for everyone. This is true for those who have lost a loved one. The Empty Chair is a permanent reminder of their loved one who used to occupy it but no more. Christmas will never be quite

the same again. The Empty Chair service is offered for those in such a situation to provide an assurance of God's love and comfort over this time. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and tie a heart to a tree in remembrance of that special person.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards. Please tell others you know who may appreciate this service.

### **Christmas Festival**

Sat 18th Dec | 5pm

### **Sunday Service**

Sun 19th Dec | 10.30am

### **Christmas Day Service**

Sat 25th Dec | 10.30am

### **Sunday Service**

Sun 26th Dec | 10.30am

### **Watchnight Service**

Fri 31st Dec | 11pm

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## **HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**

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#### **Office hours:**

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

*Please contact the office if you need to make an appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.*

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