



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 9th Jan

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am

In Church & Online

Baptism of Chris

Speaker: Frank Howard

Readings: Luke 3: 15-17, 21,22

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**

BIBLE STREAM

9th Jan | 6.30pm | Church & Online

Sects & the Bible

Speaker: David Wilkins

How do all these different sects use the Bible to come to weird and wacky conclusions? What should we look out for when discerning what is and what is not true biblical teaching?

THIS WEEK

Home Groups - Throughout the week

Joining a homegroup 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 on our website or contact the office.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

On Zoom, join us online:

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



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Open Church

Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship, private prayer. Refreshments will be served outside. Please be aware masks are advised.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via admin@stmarksgillingham.org.

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Julie Hanning** will be retiring from the **pre-school** after 23 years of service. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift please see details on our website: www.stmarksgillingham.org/juliegift
- We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our **team of flower arrangers** for the great effort they put in and for these beautiful arrangements.
- Everyone is invited to St Augustine's **Quiz Night** Saturday 26th February 2022, 6.30pm for 7pm start £3.50 per person, Teams of no more than 6. Featuring quiz master Iain (no nonsense) Paterson. Tickets available from Andrew 07581627943 or project.office@sagk.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The many suffering peoples of the world, remembering -
 - the people of Sudan following Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok's resignation
 - the residents of Xi'an in China over midnight quarantine evacuations



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- the people of Nigeria and the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19. Pray that the needed quantities of vaccines can be delivered to Nigeria, and that an efficient vaccination program can be organized to check this spread. Also pray for government action to prevent attacks on rural communities in northern Nigeria and an end to kidnappings for ransom.
- for opportunities to open up to those with limited life chances - for the Lord to make a way
- for those enduring hardship and distress, at home and abroad - for the Lord's many comforts
- **UK - Refugee crisis in Kent 2022** with such high numbers of refugees and migrants, for wisdom and suitable facilities to enable the fair process of those seeking asylum. Our **Government and the Devolved Administrations** in their discussions and decision making in such challenging times; and for those Bodies that advise.
- **Gillingham & Medway** - For glimmers of hope to appear where they are most needed; for God's Word to reach into unlikely places, lives - and bear much fruit; for those going through changes that are challenging, that they are encouraged & uplifted; for the struggling & the hard pressed, that their loads are lifted and they are comforted; for work opportunities to open up when & where needed.

*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*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT SUNDAY

16th Jan | 10.30am | Church

Epiphany 2

Speaker: Michael McLaughlin

Reading: John 2: 1-11

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

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