



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 23rd Jan

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am

In Church & Online

Epiphany 3

Speaker: Archdeacon Andy Wooding-Jones

Reading: Luke 4:14-21

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- GEMS & PEBBLES
No groups this week, due to Messy Church in the afternoon.
- SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage

MESSY CHURCH

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.

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 - CLOSED

Open church will not be happening next Tuesday as the majority of the volunteers who run it will be attending Saju's Consecration Service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays (term time) | 1.15-2.45pm | Vicarage Hall

Fun space for children to play and for parents/guardians to connect.

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

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **The Bargain Corner**, run by Medway Campus Chaplaincy, is a very successful sustainability project through which students can purchase much needed items for minimal cost. The money then goes to subsidising various Chaplaincy run student activities. We are currently low on stock and if you are decluttering please consider donating unwanted items:
 - **KITCHEN ITEMS:** saucepans, cooking pots, ovenware, plates, bowls (large & small), mugs, glasses, kitchen utensils, etc.
 - **BEDDING:** duvets, duvet covers, blankets, sheets, pillows and pillow cases, also towels, etc.
 - **WINTER CLOTHING:** coats, jumpers, hoodies, hats, scarves, gloves, also coat hangers.

To find out more about this project email:

medwaycampuschaplain@gre.ac.uk



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- Do you feel called to join our **worship team**? Would you like to just see how we do things and try it out? We will be having open rehearsals every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in church, so anyone can come along and be involved as much or as little as you would like. This will start Thursday the 27th January, so please feel free to just come along with no commitment.
- *Care for the Family* are back with ***Date Night in a Box*** - You'll get a mystery box of goodies delivered to your door, including activities to do together (both during and after the event), plus engaging content streamed directly into your home. This event is everything that couples need to connect, communicate and commit to setting new sparks alight. Full details for Date Night in A box can be found on their website:
www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online-2/date-night-in-a-box
- 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
- 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 World -

- The **island nations at risk** from climate change and, particularly, the **peoples of Tonga** following the undersea volcanic activity and now limited communications, that they are sustained and aid comes quickly.
- **Victims of modern-day slavery** that they may know freedom and safety.
- The **persecuted church**, for sustenance in the Lord and freedom for the unfairly imprisoned. For the Rabbi and others caught in the Texas siege, that they are healed and comforted with God's Peace; for the family of the hostage taker in their heartfelt response; and for the communities affected, of all faiths and none.

Gillingham & Medway -

- For the staff of our **local hospital**, particularly those working in Intensive Care or with 'end of life' patients, may they know the Peace of the Lord; for those living with life challenges in mental, physical and emotional health, especially in current times.
- For **rough sleepers**, the work of Medway Night Shelter and Medway Council's Severe Weather Protocol which came into place yesterday 17th.

*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

23rd Jan | 10.30am | Church

Epiphany 4

Speaker: David Wilkins

Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

GOSPEL NIGHT

30th Jan | 6.30pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship led by a gospel band. With guest speaker Rev Oyin Oladipo and guest artiste Soraya Ray. Doors open from 6pm.

CINEMA CLUB

12th Feb | 2 - 4pm | Church

Cinema club returns with a half term special. Come along and watch a family friendly film in a fun and relaxed environment. Free popcorn and drinks provided. No need to book, just turn up.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

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Monday, Wednesday & Fridays | 9.30am - 2.30pm

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