



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 6th Feb

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am

In Church & Online

Unfailing Love

All Age Service

Reading: Isaiah 54:9-10

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- No children's groups this week, instead everyone is invited to join at church for the All Age Service.
- SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage

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]

Open Church

Tuesday | 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.



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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.

CINEMA CLUB

Saturday | 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.

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Join the **Easter Community Choir** for the chance to meet new people and have fun learning old and new songs. No auditions. Everyone is welcome. Contact Mayowa for details: singgillinghamsing@gmail.com / 07951147352
- Everyone is invited to watch **Saju's Welcome Service** at Brockington College online. The service will be streamed live on youtube Sat 5th Feb, 3pm and available to watch afterwards. www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSXdJar5A_E
- The **Ladies Home Group** meets on Wednesday mornings, in the Old Vicarage from 10am-12pm. They are currently doing a study series on women in the bible. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cake/biscuits all provided. There is no age limit, all very welcome to drop in.
- **Project Hope** is a letter writing initiative to combat isolation among women in UK prisons, where we know 2 out of 3 are



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survivors of domestic abuse. Project Hope is run by SATEDA, a women's domestic abuse charity here in Medway. Currently they are in need of donations of blank cards, motivational/inspirational postcards, notelets or writing/craft materials. If you have any to donate, or if you'd like to volunteer by joining the team of writers, please email kirsty@sateda.org.

- **Finance Assistant** vacancy for Help in the Community encompassing Medway Foodbank. Part time, 14hrs/week, £10/hr, flexible working available, remote working possible. Closing date for applications: 5pm, 11th February 2022. For more information and an application pack please email: projectmanager@medway.foodbank.org.uk
- **Care for the Family** have a number of online events coming up for parents and couples all over the country in an effort to support and help those in all stages of family life. www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online-2
- **The Real Easter Egg** - Out of 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. See the website for details of products, resources and their 2022 competition. www.realeasteregg.co.uk
- **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.



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- **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

- Ahead of the **March Against Racism** demonstration on 19th March **Medway Stand Up To Racism** are organising a meeting to discuss how we can mobilise as many people as possible from across Kent to attend. We are inviting refugee organisations, other anti-racism groups, faith groups, and trade unions to attend as well as anyone else who is opposed to racism. The meeting will take place this **Friday 28th January at 7pm** via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88520223055?pwd=TXhLQlc2a2xEY2hXVzZhWjJnOThQZz09>

Meeting ID: 885 2022 3055

Passcode: 990858.

- 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 situation with Russia on Ukraine borders, for effective diplomacy, useful dialogue and de-escalation, that peace may come
- Appreciations for nature on the earth and the good care & stewardship of it - for useful prayer focus, links & information, see Green Christian site www.greenchristian.org.uk



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Gillingham & Medway

- for the waterside areas in Medway: the waterways, boats and craft on them, tow paths, the wildlife and nature alongside, that there is appreciation for these blessings, and safety for all.
- For the future of Chatham Docks, that the Lord give guidance
- For rough sleepers, the work of Medway Night Shelter and that many are assisted and blessed
- For the works of Medway Foodbank and Street Angels and the wellbeing of all those whose needs they meet.

*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

13th Feb | 10.30am | Church

Blessings & Woes

Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Speaker: Glyn Allen

BIBLE STREAM

13th Feb | 6.30pm | Church

Mike McLaughlin will be looking at the first Letter of John, and Bernie will M.C. and pick up on the other two letters of John.

Ash Wednesday Service

2nd March | 7pm | Church

Service of holy communion and ashing.



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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

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