



ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

THIS SUNDAY - 6th Feb

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online

Blessings & Woes

Speaker: Glyn Allen

Reading: Isaiah 54:9-10

Park Bench: Seun Adigun & Karen Dyer

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.
- SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage

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.

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]

Peace & Hope

Saturday | 10.30am - 12pm | Vicarage Hall



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

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. Cinema Club

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.

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 funeral of Sylvia Anne Fordham, known as Anne to many Church members, will take place at Medway Crematorium on Thursday 24 February at 1.30pm followed by a service in Church at 2.30pm. All Church family are welcome to attend. Please wear bright colours as this will be a celebration of Anne's life.
- The church is in a period of interregnum. We are currently working on producing a parish profile. To read more about the process of appointing a new vicar and to have your say please go



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to: www.stmarksgillingham.org/interregnum

- This weekend is Medway Light Nights. Rochester will be lit up with various performances and light installations, including the screening of Idea's Test's film, which features Mayowa among many members of the public talking about what Medway means to them.

We Are Medway screening at Medway Light Nights

Fri 11th & Sat 12th Feb | 6pm - 9pm

Projected onto the wall of The Candy Bar sweet shop,

The War Memorial Gardens on Rochester High Street

Full festival details:

www.visitmedway.org/events/medway-light-nights-76481/

- Join the Easter Community Choir for the chance to meet new people and have fun learning old and new songs to sing in the Good Friday service. No auditions. Everyone is welcome. Contact Mayowa - singgillinghamsing@gmail.com / 07951147352 for details.
- 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
- The Family Trust are looking for some ad hoc tech/IT support. If you know anyone who has the skills and time to lend us please put them in touch. A permanent employed position in this role is available. For more details email dean@familytrust.org.uk.
- 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,



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resources and their 2022 competition. www.realeasteregg.co.uk

- Project Hope is a letter writing initiative to combat isolation among women in UK prisons, where we know 2 out of 3 are 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.
- 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World:

- The **people of Afghanistan** in their lack, particularly in grieving so much loss of life, for shelter and for medical treatments.
- The **people of Ukraine** and the situation with **Russia**, for effective diplomacy and de-escalation, that peace may come.
- Our **UK Government and Devolved Administrations**, for strength and resilience in leadership, integrity and equity in decision-making.

Gillingham & Medway:

- For St Mark's outreach into the community, that relationships are blessed and for God's protection & safety in our communities
- For the waterside areas in Medway - the waterways, boats and craft on them, tow paths, the wildlife and nature alongside, and that there is appreciation for these many blessings



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- For rough sleepers, the work of Medway Night Shelter and that many are assisted and blessed; for the works of the Bargain Corner Project - Medway Campus Chaplaincy, Medway Foodbank and Street Angels, and the wellbeing of all those whose needs they try to meet.
- In seeking the **good care & stewardship of the earth** - take a look at 'the 4 disciplines of the way,' including 'Living gently on the earth', on the **Green Christian** site www.greenchristian.org.uk

*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

20th Feb | 10.30am | Church

Reading: Luke 8:22-25

Speaker: Archdeacon Andy Wooding Jones

GOSPEL NIGHT

27th Feb | 6.30pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship led by a gospel band. With guest McGodwin Favour.

Refreshments served.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

2nd March | 7pm | Church

Service of holy communion and the anointing of ashes.



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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.