



# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

## THIS SUNDAY - 20th Feb

**MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online**

**How do we react to stormy conditions in our lives?**

Speaker: Archdeacon Andy Wooding Jones

Reading: Luke 8:22-25

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

- Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.
  - SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage
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## 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](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).

**Parent & Toddlers**

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



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Fun space for children to play and for parents/guardians to connect.  
No need to book, just drop up. Wednesdays in term time.

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### 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 plans for the **new kitchen** are on display inside church (on the wall back left of church, to the left of the doors). Please take a look and if you have any questions or comments please email PCC Secretary, Vicky Allen - [vickyalle@gmail.com](mailto:vickyalle@gmail.com).
- 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 to: [www.stmarksgillingham.org/interregnum](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/interregnum)
- We are looking for anyone with experience in applying for Grants who would be willing to volunteer to source grants for Church kitchen project. If you are interested please email PCC Secretary, Vicky Allen - [vickyalle@gmail.com](mailto:vickyalle@gmail.com).
- 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](mailto:singgillinghamsing@gmail.com) / 07951147352 for details.



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- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, resources and their 2022 competition. [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://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](mailto:kirsty@sateda.org).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World:

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- Ukraine under increasing pressures of imminent conflict - may they know peace.
- The people of Afghanistan in so many hardships.



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- **World leaders** and Ambassadors tasked with diplomacy and dialogue to diffuse volatile situations.
- The UN International **World Day of Social Justice** on 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- **Zimbabwe** and its peoples, for justice and righteousness - please remember too our Mission Partner the Mike Campbell Foundation.

### The UK:

- For safety with the extreme weather expected this week, especially for those who have already lived through severe situations, and for unity across the UK.

### Gillingham & Medway:

- For those feeling empty or alone that their emptiness is filled with comforts; for the sad and unhappy that they know joy; for the weary that they may know some rest and have pressures reduced; for those living with severe pain that their pain is diminished; for our neighbours, friends, and family that we share God's love and Good News; for the shopkeepers asked to relocate from the upper floor of Chatham's Pentagon Centre that they find suitable premises for their needs.

*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)*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NEXT SUNDAY

27th Feb | 10.30am | Church  
The Transfiguration



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Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Speaker: Jess Gladwell

## 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.*