



THIS SUNDAY - 10th April

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online

Palm Sunday

Speaker: Graham Wilkins

Reading: Hebrews 11:32-40 & Matthew 21:1-11

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

- Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.
- 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]

Peace & Hope

Saturday | 10.30am - 12pm | Vicarage Hall

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

Open Church

Tuesday | 10am - 12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship or private prayer with refreshments. Please be aware masks are advised. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via admin@stmarksgillingham.org.



Thursday 14th Apr | Maundy Thursday

7.30pm | Agape Service

Friday 15th Apr | Good Friday

10am | Good Friday Mediation

11.30am | Walk of Witness, from the War Memorial

6.30pm | Gospel Service

Saturday 16th Apr

2.30pm | Messy Easter

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place Sunday 22 May at 3.00pm. We will elect our Churchwardens Deanery Synod and PCC Representatives and review the past year.
Group Leaders please note: All group leaders please submit your report to Vicky Allen vickyalle@gmail.com by Friday 29 April for inclusion in the Annual Reports for the period 1 January 2021- 31 December 2021
- How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of Good News of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church? The Church of England has produced an excellent study resource on this important subject, which is designed to encourage engagement and learning in a variety of settings. Although it is best to participate jointly with others, the material can be used individually. **Email the office for more details.**
- St Mark's Preschool is looking to appoint a **Healthy Eating Coordinator** to work 16 hours a week, term time only. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, preparing healthy snacks, teaching children about healthy eating and various kitchen duties. Rate of pay to be discussed. For more details



please see the website:

www.stmarksgillingham.org/healthyeatingcoordinator

- Hannah Whittaker will be leaving the role of **Digital Lead** at St Mark's. Her last week in the office will be the week beginning 2nd May.
 - **Women's Breakfast** is taking place at Gillingham Salvation Army on **Sat 21st May, 9 - 11.30am**. An event for women of all ages, with breakfast, conversation and inspiring words from women. Hosted by the Salvation Army in collaboration with St Mark's.
Guest Speaker Chris Curtis
Worship: Sherry Pablo and Sarah Salcedo
Craft Activity: Hannah Whittaker
Suggested donation: £5
For more info email Julie Millest - julie@gillinghamcorps.info
 - Work has started on the **Church roof** with the scaffold now up. Please take care when accessing the Church and be aware that parking will be limited.
 - **Volunteers** needed for the **Little Eden Project** to care for the garden. Sign up to join the rota for just 15-30 minutes a week. For more info email Karen - [*karenturnbull00@gmail.com*](mailto:karenturnbull00@gmail.com)
 - 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.
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World:

- For great wisdom to come upon our world leaders and for leader's hearts to be turned to seek equity and justice.
- For **Sri Lanka** and its peoples that their peaceful protests may be heeded and accepted.
- For peace and hope in diplomatic discussions regarding **Ukraine**.
- For the Lord's Righteous overcoming where there is oppression, violence and injustice - Zimbabwe, the Tigray region of Ethiopia, Afghanistan and in Nigeria.
- For our **leaders, Government and Devolved Administrations** in their responsibilities, discussions and decisions; for a fall in **Covid-19** infections, now dramatically affecting the UK workforce.

Gillingham & Medway -

- For the work of **Medway Foodbank** as the centres open up again this week and for volunteer teams coming back to this after 2 years - "it's such a privilege to be meeting those in need face to face again with the opportunity to offer prayer."
- For the ministries into our communities by local churches, that our neighbours' lives are enriched, renewed and that they grow & flourish in faith.
- For bus and train services and those who work with them and travel on them; and for our emergency services.

*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 | 17th Apr

6am | St Mary's Island Church
Dawn Service

10.30am | St Mark's Church
Easter Sunday Service
Speaker: David Wilkins
Reading: Matthew 4:4-11

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.