



## **THIS SUNDAY - 8th May**

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

**Dorcas Restored to Life**

**Speaker:** Archdeacon Andy Wooding Jones

**Reading:** Acts 9:36-43

### **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**

**Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)**

**Saturdays | 7 - 8am | Online**

**On Zoom: 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](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).

**Parent & Toddlers**

**Wednesdays | 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.



## Men's Breakfast

Sat 14th May | 8.45am | Vicarage Hall

Home cooked breakfast with guest speaker Andy Millest. Time to mingle and learn from each other. Invite your friends and neighbours. Please RSVP to Dammy - 07984920038

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## NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Distribution of bread and wine at Communion** - In line with C of E guidelines, there will now be an option for communicants to receive only bread or both bread and wine from the common cup. This is an individual choice and no pressure will be placed on members of the congregation to receive the sacrament if they feel unable to do so.
- **The Oparaku Family**, Ellie, Ify, Noah, Phebe and Adele have now moved to Sittingbourne:  
*"We have prayed and thought deeply about our next steps and calling. We have decided to move to a local church in Sittingbourne to integrate with the community and for the children to make Christian friends in Sittingbourne. We would like to thank everyone at Pebbles and Gems and our friends in the congregation for being such a loving church family for the last 5 years. Many Blessings"* - The Oparaku's
- Interested in singing in the **community choir** for Carnival and other summer events? All ages welcome. Performance Dates: Sat 9th July, Thurs 14th July, Fri 29th July with more TBC...Get in touch with Mayowa at [singgillinghamsing@gmail.com](mailto:singgillinghamsing@gmail.com) or on 07951147352
- If you have registered your interest with the government to host a Ukrainian family but do not have links with anyone, then **Medway Help for Ukrainians** can help connect you with someone to host. They also offer advice, guidance and support once you



begin hosting.

**Email:** info@medwayhelpforukranians.org.uk,

**Phone:** 01634 912 419

- If you would like to join the **Electoral Roll** you can do so by filling the form which is available online or from Denise Young in church. Completed forms can be returned to Denise in person or scanned and emailed to denisemaryyoung@gmail.com. **Closing date for applications is 6th May.**
- St Mark's Church Gillingham is seeking to appoint a part time **Administration Assistant/Digital Lead**. This role will undertake administrative duties including some financial record keeping to assist the Treasurer and also adopt and oversee the Digital content for the church. For full job description see the website: [www.stmarksgillingham.org/jobvacancy](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/jobvacancy)
- 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](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/healthyeatingcoordinator)
- **Chequer Tree Camp** is a summer Christian camp largely attended by children connected to the work of The Family Trust across Maidstone, Medway and Swale. The camp is currently held at Boughton Monchelsea Primary School, just outside of Maidstone, during the first two weeks of the summer holidays. We welcome children aged 9-12 for a week of fun, games, the opportunity to make new friends and to learn about the Christian faith. See the website [www.chequertree.org.uk](http://www.chequertree.org.uk) for all the details you need, including dates, costs and booking details.



- **The Family Trust** is looking to recruit a new Schools' Worker. They are looking for a dynamic, self-motivated individual who can join our excellent team. The mission at The Family Trust is to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity and this is an exciting opportunity to help children and young people understand more about Jesus Christ. More information can be found at <https://www.familytrust.org.uk/join-our-team>
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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

### **Worldwide**

- **Iran:** Where executions have risen alarmingly; and for UN human rights to be upheld.
- **Europe:** For strides forward in agreement and support to enable Europe to uphold fuel sanctions against Russia.
- **China** - for greater care of the sick, and better food supplies to those in enforced isolation.
- **Ukraine** - that further numbers of those trapped in Mariupol will be released under UN/Red Cross assistance; for miracles and hope in the tragedy of war.
- **UK** - For forthcoming local elections, that there will be a good turnout of voters; and that fairness be upheld by all - candidates, those serving in the polling stations & at the count.

### **Gillingham & Medway -**

- For **Gillingham Street Angels'** new Rochester store, that it will be blessing to many.
- Check out the Calendar of **Gillingham Town Council's** online information, for meetings and events to pray through - General Meeting is this evening, and a litter pick on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am -12 noon.
- For those in need locally, remembering those newly arrived refugees from Ukraine and other parts of the world.
- The '**Leaves of the Trees**' display by artist Peter Walker is at Rochester Cathedral - a carpet of 5000 steel leaves engraved with



'hope', as a memorial to the coronavirus pandemic - until 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

- **PCC, Church Wardens and those in leadership** at St Marks and SMIC; and pray too for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 3pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

*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 | 15th May**

**Holy Communion**

**Speaker:** Michael McLaughlin

**Readings:** Acts 11:1-18 & John 13:31-35

**Women's Breakfast**

**Sat 21st May | 9 - 11.30am | Gillingham Salvation Army**

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 and to book your place email: [julie@gillinghamcorps.info](mailto:julie@gillinghamcorps.info)

**APCM**

**22nd May | 3pm | Church**

*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.*



### **Gospel Night**

**29th May | 6.30pm | Church**

A night of unhindered praise and worship. With guest speaker Councillor Gloria Opara and Guest Artiste Pastor Mark Anderton. Doors open from 6pm, refreshments served.

### **Jubilee Celebrations**

**Sun 5th June | 10.30am | Church**

There will be a Pentecost All Age Service followed by celebrations and a bring and share meal together to mark HRH Platinum Jubilee. There will also be activities for the children.

### **Let Loose**

**Fri 29th July | 1-4pm | Gillingham High St**

A free outdoor community outdoor music concert put together to give hope to victims and survivors of abuse. Free refreshments will be served.

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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.***