

THIS SUNDAY - 19th June

MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am In Church

Facebook & Youtube

Title: Holy Communion

Speaker: Archdeacon Andy Wooding-Jones

Reading: Luke 8:26-39

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

GEMS & PEBBLES

Will not meet today as there is Messy Church at 2.30pm.

SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage

Messy Church

Sunday 19th June

2:30pm - 4pm

Come and join an all age creativity session.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

Home Groups

Throughout the week

Joining a home group 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

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting) Saturdays | 7 - 8am | Online On Zoom, join us online here.

[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]

Open Church

Tuesday | 10am - 12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship or private prayer. Refreshments will be served. Please be aware masks are advised.

Dementia Cafe

22 June, 13 and 27 July | 1pm to 3pm | Church

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.

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Giving Sunday

Thank you to those who have returned the Giving Response Form and have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme. If you were not in church last Sunday, please collect an information pack when you next attend.

Details are also on our website: <https://stmarksgillingham.org/givingsunday>

If you need any further information or help in signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme, please contact our Treasurer Glyn Allen. glynallen@stmarksgillingham.org
(<mailto:glynallen@stmarksgillingham.org>)
Thank you for your generosity.

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.
More details about communion. (<https://stmarksgillingham.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=308365>)

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 or on 07951147352

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

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/>) Baptism

Baptism

On Sunday 24th July we will have a Baptism service at St Marks. There will be Baptism by full immersion and we will also use the font for Baptism of a child.
If you are not Baptised, would you like to be? If you are already Baptised, would you like to renew your Baptismal vows? Would you like your child to be Baptised?
If the answer is yes, or you would like more information, please contact Vicki in the office: 01634 570489. admin@stmarksgillingham.org (<mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org>)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Message from Megan

We are moving to the Netherlands mid July with our last church day 10th July.
There is a lot going on and a lot still unknown to us. May we trust the Holy Spirit who is the sustainer and provider of our lives. Please pray that the transition will go as smooth as it can especially for the children and that we remain close to God.
Many thanks!
God's blessings
Megan, Helder, Leonardo and Jasmine

PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

- Nigeria - where violence is increasing and extremists have again targeted Christians. For the family, friends and community of St Francis Catholic Church in Owo, SW Nigeria, in their shock, pain, and grief. Indeed, for all who grieve and mourn at this time.
- For the UK in dealing rightly with the NI Protocol in the UK and EU relationships; and the families & lives terribly affected by violence and crime. And for all the people and situations on your hearts:

Gillingham & area –

- For neighbours and communities, that we strive for friendships and coming alongside.
- For retirement & nursing homes, that they have high caring and safety levels, and caring staff. For those experiencing the pain of childlessness, of suffering miscarriage or stillbirth, for the Lord's loving kindness to comfort them.

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)

The Music Man Project UK Kent/Medway

PLEASE VOTE FOR US TODAY... and EVERY WEEK for the next 3 months!! We've been nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving online vote through our local Asda Chatham (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Asda%20Chatham/106834902722248/>) . The vote is now live! The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. Vote for us by visiting [Vote \(https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4693\)](https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4693) and selecting *Chatham* from the drop-down box. You can vote once every seven days (until the end of September) so please vote and then re-vote in the following weeks. Set a reminder on your phone/calendar. Please share far and wide! Thanks for being part of this exciting activity - Let the voting begin!

Sarah Mann

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT SUNDAY

26th June | 10.30am | Church

Title: Volunteering

Speaker: Chris Curtis

Gospel Night

25th June | 5:00pm | Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship.

Doors open from 6pm, refreshments served.

Volunteer Fair

26th June | After the morning service

As a church, we are passionate about engaging people to serve in areas that they are gifted in, but it has been clear, as we move out of lockdown, that we have less volunteers than we did two years ago. Some people have moved on, some people have enjoyed taking down time and decided not to be so busy, some people are new to church and don't know what they can volunteer for. This Sunday is to explore the different areas that you can volunteer for.

Peace Walk

Saturday 2nd July

Walking for the love of peace

Visiting:

12.30 Chatham Naval Memorial

13.40 Byron Road Gurdwara

14.50 KMWA Mosque at 14:50

15:40 Gillingham High Street (opposite Costa Coffee)

16:00 St Mark's Church

With entertainments including; Presentations, Speeches, Cultural Dance and Music. Everyone is warmly welcome to join the event at any point.

Comedy Night

Mark Richie, Bob's not my Uncle and other devastating truths.

July 7th at Mid Kent College.

July 8th at King's Church Chatham

July 9th at Leybourne Village Hall

Let Loose

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

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

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Office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9.30am - 2.30pm

Tuesday & Thursdays Answerphone & email checked for emergencies.

Please contact the office if you need to make an appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement