

## **THIS SUNDAY - 3rd July 2022**

### **MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am**

In Church

Title: Jonah and Compassion

Speaker: Chris Curtis

Reading: Book of Jonah

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

#### **GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children's groups will not be taking place as it is an All Age service.

**11th July** - Parents can drop their children off from 10:15am and pick them up at 12pm.

#### **SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**

More details about Youth

### **THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S**

#### **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 (near 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.

### **Throughout the week**

#### **Home Groups**

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)**

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.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto: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.

**Summer activities Summer is here at last** – which means that bookings for our online events close soon! So, if you have your eye on anything, make sure to get stuck in while tickets are still available. And if you are not sure what to watch, have a flick through the events below to see what others are saying about this seasons line-up. We hope these events will help strengthen family life for the summer ahead! The Care for the Family team For a View of the events please click the link to this website. (<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online/>)

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## **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Please note** from Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July the church office will be closed due to staff holidays.

**Due to the staff holidays this will be the newsletter for two weeks while the church office is closed.**

### **Giving Sunday**

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

Details are also on our website:

<https://stmarksgillingham.org/givingsunday>

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.

## **PLEASE PRAY –**

### **Worldwide –**

- San Antonio, Texas, where 46 people died and others are ill with sunstroke and heat exhaustion in a human trafficking tragedy, and for the hurting families and communities. For the horn of Africa and those suffering drought and famine.
- For the suffering people and leaders in Ukraine and those who have taken refuge outside their homeland; for trust in the Righteousness of God and for hope of victory against oppression; for the grieving in Ukraine; and for Russian families where so many young men have died in the war undeclared to ordinary people.
- The Yemen's extended ceasefire that violence continues to decrease. For those suffering from abuse, violence, intolerance and prejudice.
- The UK where many have deep concerns leading to dissatisfactions and outrage; and for those making hard decisions as to whether they withhold their labour or not.

- For our justice system and those called to Jury Service in their responsibility to serve; and for court officials, judiciary, legal reps, clients and witnesses, in the backlog of court cases still to be heard.

#### **Gillingham & area –**

- Walk for Peace 2022 – Walk for the Love of Peace (wordpress.com) (<https://medwaypeace.wordpress.com/>) see link for timetable for the day, this Saturday 2 July. For our young people finishing their exams – may God’s Peace be with them as they await results.
- For our hospital staff and those working in clinics, support services and emergency services; and for the health and wellbeing of our townspeople.

#### **Church –**

- The persecuted church and those called to mission, remembering our Mission Partners.
- Church Wardens and leaders across St Mark’s & SMIC during this time of Interregnum; for wisdom and discernment for all those involved in the appointing of the new vicar.
- For every individual who volunteers in any way and those seeking the Lord in how to serve him.

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) (<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>) 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

Director, The Music Man Project UK

Regional Director, The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway)

[www.themusicmanproject.com](http://www.themusicmanproject.com)

The Music Man Project UK - Registered Charity Number 1188041

The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) - Registered CIC Number 12574625\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**10th July | 10.30am | Church**

Title Service of the word

Speaker: Graham Davis

Readings: Luke 10: 25-37

#### **Bible Stream**

Sunday 10th July 6:30pm

Come and join an in depth session of Bible teaching with discussion

**17th July | 10.30am | Church**

Title Communion

Speaker: Michael McLaughlin

Readings: Luke 10:38-42

**Messy Church**

Sunday 17th July 2:30pm - 4pm

Come and join an all age creativity session.

**Dementia Cafe**

13 and 27 July | 1pm to 3pm | Church

**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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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.