# **THIS SUNDAY – 11th September**

MORNING SERVICE, 10.30am  
[**In Church**](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/607245/Church_Building_Open.aspx?redirected=1)**,** [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksgillingham) **and** [**Youtube**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1b5IAYzi3iBqXPBu0OnRrQ/videos?view=2&live_view=502)  
  
**Title:** Service of the word  
**Speaker**: Glyn  
**Readings:** Luke 15, 1-10

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will be starting back up this Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.   
  
**SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**  
Summit will not be meeting until September.

## This week

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 here](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268148/Small_Groups.aspx) or contact the office.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

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

On Zoom, join us [online here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2238511807?pwd=TU94WVN3cDlaSWxnejhHZTYxMTdvdz09).  
[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).

Dementia Cafe

14th and 28th September |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.

Bible study and Fellowship

Bible Study/ Fellowship in the church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm,

on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month during August and September.

All welcome.

Tearfund Sponsored walk

10th September, Capstone park, 9am

For more details on how to register to walk, help and sponsor [**CLICK HERE**](https://stmarksgillingham.org/walk)

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Victor Update

New Vicar for St Mark's Gillingham and St Mary's Island churches announced.

Click link for announcement details. [https://rb.gy/fn4xt5](https://rb.gy/fn4xt5?fbclid=IwAR1znTZZs1XkNe9IYS6vlxnuJtT_7yNPzBok8bFpP1kJpWCSjrY4U19T458)

Office Team

The office will be open only on Monday and Friday as Vicki is on leave for the week.

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* Pakistan’s flood victims, displaced families & communities.
* Safety of Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine and for staff & UN monitoring team.
* The deprivations of the people of Tigray region, Ethiopia, and Somalia, Afghanistan, and Iraq.
* And for the indigenous peoples of Canada.

The **UK** –

* Liz Truss, new leader of the Conservative Party and Government, for wisdom in cabinet appointments and the UK’s needs;
* for God’s blessings to increase sharing & caring across our nations in times of difficulty;
* the Lord’s abundant comforts for the families of those coping with tragedy and violence.
* For the wellbeing and comfort of our Queen Elizabeth.

God’s Church –

* For the persecuted church, remembering the Christians and church families of North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea and Nigeria (*top 7 as per Open Doors*).
* Let us continue to pray in preparation for The Revd Catharina Olsson Gisleskog in her appointment as new Vicar, and for husband Per and family.
* TEAR FUND CREATION CARE – Pray for the **Fundraising Walk 10th September** at Capstone Park.

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)

Ride and Stride

We are looking for someone to be in the Church on Saturday 10 September from 10am – 4pm to welcome anyone who takes part in this event.  Please contact Vicki or Eve in the Church office if you would be able to help out.

If you would like to take part in Ride and Stride you can look at the website or contact the Church office.

<https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

Cleaning and decorating the Vicarage

We are still painting if you would like to help please contact Karen the church warden or the office, and ask what you need to do. If you would like to help, please let us know, thank you.

St Marks Church Gillingham, Vicarage Hall Cleaner

We are seeking a responsible, trustworthy person to clean the Vicarage Hall. This is a part-time job (average 5 hours per week) to be carried out at the weekends either on Saturday or Sunday to fit in with Hall usage.

**Job responsibilities include** (but are not limited to):

* weekly vacuuming, mopping, cleaning of toilets, potties, changing mats, cleaning the kitchen, emptying bins and general cleaning duties.
* You will also be required to do monthly cleaning, including damp dusting and carpet stain removal.
* During holiday breaks you will be required to clean the fridge, cooker, microwave and the inside of windows.
* You will also be required to put in orders for cleaning materials for your line manager to purchase.

If you are interested in applying for this role or require further information, please contact Vicky Allen HR Lead for St Mark’s Church on [Vickyalle@gmail.com](mailto:Vickyalle@gmail.com) or telephone on 01634 855792. Closing date for applications **Friday 16 September 2022**.

Foodbank

If you would like to donate to foodbank here is the link to the summer shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need.

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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 The Music Man Project UK - Registered Charity Number 1188041 The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) - Registered CIC Number 12574625

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY  
**18th  September, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Holy communion  
**Speaker**: Andy W-J  
**Readings:** Luke 16, 1-13

Peace and Hope

25th September, 10:30am, Vicarage Hall

Women’s Breakfast

Saturday 15th October, Vicarage Hall, 9:00am to 11:30

Mosque open day

The Kent Muslim Welfare Association (KMWA) are holding their national and third annual #VisitMyMosque# event on Sunday 04 September 2022 from 12am to 4:00pm at the Mosque and would like to welcome you all. To find more information click the links below. [file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps\_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/KMWA%20mosque%20open%20day%20poster%20v1-2022[1701].pdf](file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/KMWA%20mosque%20open%20day%20poster%20v1-2022%5b1701%5d.pdf)

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Thank you for the week

Thank you to those who have helped paint and clean the Vicarage house this past week and the next couple of days, particularly Karen who has been there practically every day since the 2nd of September.

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**Office hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday | 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Fridays | 10:00am – 12 noon   
***Please contact the office if you need to make an  
appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***