# **THIS SUNDAY – 20th November**

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:** Communion  
**Speaker**: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog

**Reading**: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will be running as usual Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.   
  
**SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**  
Summit will be running as usual.

## 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.

Ladies Group

Meet at the Old Vicarage from 10am – 12 noon each Wednesday.

Last Wednesday of the month men are very welcome to join.

We are currently studying the book of Jonah.

Tea/Coffee, biscuits and cakes are served.

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

23rd November and the 14th December|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.

The Gathering

**Join the Junction Small Group for an intimate time with God and the Bible in the Old Vicarage on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm,  
on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month.  
All welcome.**

Peace and Hope

19th November, 10:30am, Vicarage Hall

Tearfund Quiz night

The Big Quiz Night

Hosted by St Mark's for Tearfund

Saturday 19th November - 6pm to 8pm in the Vicarage Hall

For more info[CLICK HERE](https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Articles/646877/Hosted_by_St.aspx)

Kids Gospel Choir

Every Wednesday, 5:30-6:30, Church

Medway Open Lecture Series 2022/23  
   
A collaboration between Kent, Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church universities.   
Lectures open to the public, as well as staff and students.  
These will generally be one lecture on the last Wednesday of the month from 6-7pm, delivered in the Pilkington Lecture Theatre.  
The first four lectures have been confirmed and you can book a free ticket here:  [**BOOK**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/medway-talks-universities-at-medway-open-lecture-series-tickets-428547987567)

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Office information

Vicki will be on leave until the 21st of November.  Eve will be in the office on Monday and Friday so please send all queries to [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org)

Christmas Community Choir

Would you like to meet new people and sing in a community choir. Refreshments will be available. Preform in various places for Christmas. Everyone is welcome. Rehearsals will start at the end of October. Please get in touch. Please contact the organisers either via phone: 07951147352 or email : singgillinghamsing@gmail.com

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* The **G20 in Bali**, for wise use of power and authority in important issues for the world.
* The peoples of **Ukraine** in their joy over Kherson – may the invaders be ousted throughout their lands;
* **Russia’**s restraint and re-think of their plans, under God’s Sovereign authority.
* **Natasa Pirc Musar**, elected first female head of state in Slovenia that she is enabled to serve well in her role.

The UK –

* for hope in times of financial constraint and, for many, grave difficulties

God’s Church –

* Please check out [www.opendoorsuk.org/](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/) who highlight there are over 360 million  Christians suffering persecution and discrimination … and children affected too *–*
* *‘pray for Christian children who are persecuted for their faith, or because their family are Christians.*
* *Ask that God would show them his tender, fatherly love, and grow their faith.’*

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)

John Weir’s Funeral

Please pray for the God of compassion to be close to **Sally Bloor**, family and friends, as they prepare for John’s funeral on the afternoon of Friday 25th November.

The funeral will take place on Friday 25 November at 3.30pm at the Medway Crematorium, Robin Hood Lane.

A service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of John’s life will follow at St Mark’s at 4.30pm.

Should you wish to send flowers in memory of John :

John Weir, 130-132 High Street, Rainham, Kent, ME8 8AR

Or:

Donate to the Family Trust.  This charity was chosen  because John’s passion was working with young people and he volunteered for many years for The Family Trust, going into schools and producing assemblies as well as helping out at Kings Squad, a lunchtime club.   A donation to support the work of The Family Trust and help to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity can be made in the following ways:

·        Visit The Family Trust website at [familytrust.org.uk](http://familytrust.org.uk/) and click on the donate button

·        Post a cheque to The Family Trust, 4 Buckland Road, Maidstone, ME16 0SL

·        Set up a bank transfer to The Family Trust, Sort code: 40-52-40,

Account number: 00018624, Reference: In Memory Of John Bloor

Foodbank

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

[file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps\_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022\_large[1640].pdf](file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022_large%5b1640%5d.pdf)

STAMPS FOR LEPROSY MISSION

David Norton has asked that people collect stamps from any letters they receive. If you could keep them until you have a few and then give them to David, he will pass these to the Leprosy Mission.

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY

**27th November, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Service of the word  
**Speaker**: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog

**Reading:** Matthew 24:36-44 - First Sunday of Advent

Thank you for the week

Thank you for all those who took part and helped during the service for Remembrance day.

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