# **THIS SUNDAY -  22nd January**

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:** Hope is never lost.  
**Speaker**: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog

**Readings:** Romans 8:18-25

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.

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

Will be back on, on the 18th January at 10am to finish the last study about Joseph, the following week will be games morning with men invited.

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

25th January |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.

Fuse

Friday 20th January, 7 ton 8:30pm, St Margaret’s church in Rainham high street

Come and join an evening of worship and encouragement for young people in Secondary schools. In the dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester.

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Holy Communion

If you are unable to get to Church and would like to have communion brought to your home, please contact the Church office.  [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) 01634 570489.  You need to live in St Mark’s parish and be happy for your contact details to be passed to the home communion team.

Prayer Meetings for 2023

Meetings between 7 and 9pm

1st February, Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA. 1st March, Old Vicarage.

5th April, St Mark’s, 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP. 3rd May, St Mark’s. 7th June, St Mark’s. 5th July, St Mark’s. 9th August, St Mark’s. 6th September, St Mark’s. 4th October, St Mark’s. 1st November, St Mark’s.

6th December, Old Vicarage.

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

Alpha Course

The Alpha course starts 23rd January 2023 for 10 weeks, on Mondays 6:30pm – 9:30pm. For more information, please follow the link to the Alpha Course website.

<https://alpha.org.uk/>

Church Doors

New front doors are being installed at the Church on Friday 16 January, if you hold keys for the Church and Eve or Vicki have not contacted you, please contact the Church office to arrange to get a new key.

New Wine

As a church we are going to the New Wine summer conference this year - at the Kent Event Centre in Maidstone, previously called the Detling Campsite.

Sign up to join and camp from 1-5 August on the New Wine website <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united23/> by booking onto St Mark’s with St Mary’s Island Church. There is an early bird price until 31.1.

### United 23

##### Week A: Wednesday 26 July – Sunday 30 July 2023, Week B: Tuesday 1 August – Saturday 5 August 2023, Kent Event Centre, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3JF

If you have any questions, please contact Catharina

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* For the **Nepalese people** after the recent plane crash, those grieving loss, and for a productive enquiry into the tragedy.
* **Myanmar**: for an end to other nations’ supply of goods and training going towards Myanmar’s weapons manufacture, used against their own people - may the nations re-think their supply commitments.

The UK –

* For wisdom and discernment in the many difficulties and challenges for the **United Kingdom**, remembering - the poor who are adversely disadvantaged in current times;
* for the **NHS** under such great strain; and for those working in the **education** system, that our young people are enabled to aspire and embrace learning.

God’s Church –

* **ALPHA starting 23 Jan** for 10 weeks (see newsletter);
* **LET LOOSE: Mission to Uganda 28 April – 8 May 2023;** and the 9th Edition of **LET LOOSE** happening on **28 July 2023** in Gillingham High Street.

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)

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)

Medway Night Shelter

There are some gaps available for working and supporting this important work with the homeless, with a zoom training available too … ‘We are still on the lookout for volunteers to help with cooking 5.30-8.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday’. If you would like to be involved or donate, contact by email  [medwayshelter@gmail.com](mailto:medwayshelter@gmail.com)

The night shelter are looking for volunteers for cooking and laundry.  If you are interested, can they please email.  Medway Night Shelter [medwayshelter@gmail.com](mailto:medwayshelter@gmail.com)

WARM CLOTHING

Do you own any good quality warm clothing, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets etc that you no longer need. Please donate these to Street Angles to help others.

Warm Spaces weekly in Gillingham

Monday, St Mary’s Gillingham Green, 9am to 12pm

Tuesday, St Mark’s Church, Gillingham High Street, 12pm to 2pm

Wednesday, St Augustine’s, Rock Avenue, 9am to 11am, St Barnabas, Nelson Road, 1:30pm to 4pm

Thursday, St Augustine’s, Rock Avenue, 13:30am to 4pm

Sunday, St Luke’s Church Hall, 12:30pm to 4pm

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY

29th  January **, 10.30am, Church**  
**Title:** Faith, Love and Hope.

**Speaker**: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog

**Readings:** Colossians 1:1-18

Peace and hope

Please join us on Saturday 28th in the vicarage hall. 10:30am – 12pm

Gospel Night

Sunday 29th January at 6:30pm in St Mark’s Church

Thank you for the week

Thank you to all the volunteers on the ministry team for their commitment to the prayer life at St Mark’s.

St Mark’s Church **Canterbury Street, Gillingham, ME7 5TP  
Registered Charity 1141709**  
  
**Office**: The Old Vic, Vicarage Road, Gillingham, ME7 5JA  
01634 570 489 | [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org)  
  
**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.***