# **THIS SUNDAY -  28th May**

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 with Adult Baptism   
**Speaker**:  Catharina Olsson Gisleskog  
**Reading**: Acts 2:1-21

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

We will meet on Wednesday at 10am at the Old Vicarage.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

**Sundays| 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

10th and 24th May|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**

St Marks church, half term holiday club

Wednesday may 31st 10-12pm St marks **Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.**

Crafts, games, story and lunch provided. For children aged 5-11. Sorry we can not accommodate parents due to limited space.

To register please email [chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org)

Childrens church

For children aged three through to the end of year six.

The first Sunday of every month the children join us in church for an all age service.

All other weeks at term time we meet at the vicarage hall. Children can be dropped off from 10:15am and collected by 12pm.

Come and join us!

Vicarage road, Gillingham, ME7 5JA

For more information please contact: [chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org)

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

St Marks: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.

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, **Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.**

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Catharina

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* For Turkey in the upcoming run-off election, for all the peoples, that righteousness prevails.
* For the war torn places and the war weary; and for all those who grieve loss

**The UK –**

* For discernments of truth in all that we hear and see in our media, and from our elected officials, local and national.  May the Lord God who is truth guide us in our understanding.

**God's Church**

* For the clergy in our diocese, and at other local churches, that they may be strengthened for the fulness of their role and responsibilities.  May they also know times of relaxation and rest.  For the persecuted church, that there be signs and words of hope for them; and may the light of the Lord’s countenance shine upon them.

Gillingham and Medway

* Please pray for Medway Foodbank, Street Angels and the local initiatives that all serve our communities and those in need.  For the support services to the elderly, frail, or sick, and the many carers meeting their needs. For our local hospital and all working there; those visiting for appointments; and those needing day surgery, attending A&E, or who have been admitted.

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.

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APCM 2023

Revision of the electrical roll. Please apply now. Closing date is Friday 5th May 2023

To find this on our website please follow the link

<https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Groups/398879/Electoral_Roll.aspx>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21 May at 12.30 pm in Church

We will elect our Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and

PCC Representatives and review the past year.

Group Leaders please note:

All group leaders please submit your report to Vicky Allen vickyalle@gmail.com by Friday 28 April for inclusion in the

Annual Reports for the period 1 January 2022- 31 December 2022

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

**4th June, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** All age

**Speaker**: All age team

**Readings:**

Thank you for the week

Thank you to the tech team for their continuous help for everything they do.

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