# **THIS SUNDAY – 26th 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:** Shepherding 3 – Being a shepherd to others  
**Speaker**: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog  
**Reading:**Ephesians 4:11-15, Matthew 18:12-14, 1 Peter 5:1-4

#### ****CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
  
Children’s groups will be running as usual Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

[More details about Youth](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268150/Youth.aspx)

Gospel Night

Sunday 22nd November

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)

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

Dementia Cafe

13th and 27th December |1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

Church Office News  
  
The office will be close Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the weeks commencing 13th and 20th November

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.

St Mark's Gillingham Christmas

Saturday the 25th of November 10 AM to 2:00 PM silent retreat

Friday the 1st of December 6:30 PM create for Christmas

Saturday the 2nd of December 2:30 PM messy church Christmas party

Sunday the 3rd of December 10:30 AM first Sunday of advent all age service

Sunday the 10th of December 3:00 PM empty chair service

Saturday the 16th of December 5:00 PM Christmas nativity production

Sunday the 17th of December 10:30 AM third Sunday of advent communion

Sunday the 24th of December 10:30 AM carols and lessons

Sunday the 24th of December 11 PM St Mary's island school midnight Holy Communion

Monday the 25th of December 10:30 AM Christmas Day service

Sunday the 31st of December 11:00 PM crossover praise night service

You and the whole family are warmly invited to join us for any of our Christmas services

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Prayer Meetings for 2023

Meetings between 7 and 9pm

6th December, Old Vicarage, **Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.**

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

##### Pray for

**Worldwide -**

* The **people of Iceland** in whole communities uprooted, and the expected volcanic eruptions.
* The **Holy Land** in all the complexity, misery, and war; and for Qatari mediators. The **Godly raising up of peacemakers** … conciliators … mediators … diplomats, that the places of war and conflict have routes to peace.
* For those trapped in the **Uttarakhand tunnel collapse, India**that they may soon be rescued …
* **Ukraine’s**leadership, and their peoples, as the bitter winter starts to take hold …
* for **media platforms** to ensure they uphold good & right practices.

**The UK –**

* pray for integrity in financial institutions and the organisations governing them … our justice system worked out in Magistrate’s Courts and County Courts, that justice is administered for all …
* for our roads and streets as they get busier, that there is care, consideration, and safety for road users and pedestrians.

**God's Church –**

* For Gillingham church groups, services, and activities in the coming weeks – as we are blessed, may we bless others.
* That **souls are made ready** to hear and respond to the Lord’s invitation of life in all its fulness, in Jesus’ name.
* For our family at St Mary’s Island Church, our mission partners, and Christians we know around the world.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For the **consultation,** wide and wise discussion & decision-making, on the Dockside Business Campus Project which could generate many local jobs.
* For our **schools,** especially those have OFSTED inspections in the coming days and weeks, in an already busy time for them.
* For all those knowing tragedy or loss – and for those providing funeral services, that they show tenderness.
* for our priests, ministers and pastors who bring the comfort of the Lord to the sorrowful and broken-hearted; for family, friends and neighbours who support and offer solace; and for the Police and Emergency Services, so well acquainted with sadness and loss.

Dorothy Brundle has kindly let us know that her daughter Shirley Tolhurst died on Monday, peacefully in her sleep, after a long battle with cancer. Please continue praying for husband David, and all the family in their grief. Thank you.

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)

Silent Retreat

Come and meet with God in silence before the busyness of December Saturday 25 Nov, 10am - 2pm The Old Vicarage St Mark’s Gillingham

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/Desktop/fb.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

**Service of the word**

**19th November, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** All age

**Speaker**: All age team

**Reading:**

Peace and Hope

Saturday 2nd December

10:30, Vicarage Hall

Thank you for the week!

Thank you to those at Tearfund who ran and helped with the quiz on Saturday and all those who went and donated money.

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Monday | 9.00am - 2.00pm  
Tuesday | 9.00am - 1.00pm  
Wednesday | 9.00am - 10.00am, | 12:15pm - 3.15pm  
Thursday | 9.00am - 1.00pm  
Fridays | 10:00am – 12 noon  
**Please contact the office if you need to make an**  
***appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***