# **THIS SUNDAY – 4th February**

MORNING SERVICE, 10.30am  
[**In Church**](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/607245/Church_Building_Open.aspx?redirected=1)**,**

**Title:**  Bearing one another’s burdens

**Speaker**: Jess   
**Reading:** Galatians 6:1-5

#### ****CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
  
It is a all age service.

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**

We will be closed on December 26th as it is boxing day. 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

7th February|1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Peace and Hope  
  
27th January |10:30 | Vicarage Hall  
  
Encouragement  
we will be looking into Joshua.

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

Graham Wilkins’ funeral will take place at St Mark’s on Tuesday 6 February at 1.15pm.

This will be followed by a short committal service at the Garden of England Crematorium at 3pm. Both services are open to all.

We will reconvene at St Mark’s at 4pm for afternoon tea.

Dress code: 'not necessarily black’. Flowers: only family

Bakers, please bring a cake or other baked goods, if you can.

If you would like to give a donation to any of the causes that were close to Graham’s heart (Tearfund, Adopt a child, Embrace the Middle East), please follow the below link to the funeral directors’ webpage:

<https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/119599>

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 marks church Gillingham ME7 5TP

Prayer Meetings **for 2024 -**

**7th February 2024**

Prayer Meetings 2024 are held at Vicarage Hall every first Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm. **St Mark's: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.  
Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.  
Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org**

##### Pray for

**Worldwide -**

* The wildfires in **Argentina’s Los Alerces national park**, to be brought under control & damage limited – alerce trees are among the longest living in the world …
* for openness in ECOWAS, a W African bloc of 15 countries, amid concerns for its integrity, and for integrity in leadership, politics, and governance.
* For reclaiming of ground in the battle **against the drugs trade** and county lines operations, and for better support and treatment systems for users …
* for protections to communities **with severe cholera outbreak in Southern African states**, including Zambia and Zimbabwe …
* for **Ukraine**as hearts are heavy at the onslaught against them.
* For the peoples of the **Holy Land,**for ongoing conciliations, agreements to be honoured, hostages freed, and aid reach all in need …
* for peace.

**The UK –**

* the recent agreement for **Northern Island** to have a functioning devolved government – may promises be honoured …
* for **King Charles** and for the **Princess of Wales** in their recoveries …
* for young people in the constant exposure to ‘vaping’ where there are many health risks, some known, and some as yet unknown.

**God's Church –**

* Pray for Christians in dangerous places, where living and working can be so hard and threatening – *Matt 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
* For CTIM, and other partnerships; and for opportunities in sharing our faith and hope in Jesus.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For God’s help to **Medway Council** for proposed development of Chatham Docks, where there are strong views for and against …
* for God’s blessing & enabling to our elected councillors and MP’s.For appreciation & local support to schools and nurseries;
* for good planning for our roads in repairs, and utility works

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/Desktop/fb.pdf

Youth Alpha and Pizza

Starting Saturday 13th January

6:30pm, vicarage

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

**11th February, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:**  Forgiving one another

**Speaker**: Ernie Mann   
**Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35

Thank you for the week!

Thank you to the amazing team who prepare and serve the refreshments every sunday.

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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.***