# **THIS SUNDAY -  4th June**

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:** The fruit of the spirit: Love

**Speaker**: Vicki

**Readings:** 1 John 4:7-19

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**

Church news

We are delighted that Raymond Shergill, who is training towards ordination in the Rochester Diocese, will return to St Mark’s from June to September to worship and to be part of the ministry team. Welcome!

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)

Job Advert

St Mark' Gillingham Job Vacancy Church Administrator

This is a part time role of 16 hours per week and the rate of pay is £10,560 per annum. An Occupational Requirement exists for the post holder to be a practising Christain in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

To apply or request more information, please contact Vicky Allen at vickyalle@gmail.com or phone 01634 855792.

The closing date for applications is Monday 19 June with interviews on Friday 23 June.

<https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Publisher/File.aspx?id=332003>

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.

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 the impending dangers of the **dam attack in Kherson, Ukraine** – may the affected peoples be moved to safety, and Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant be protected and enabled to continue operation; for miracles, hope, and healing for all those affected;
* for all who grieve the loss of loved ones in this conflict.
* For **India** and those in the **Odisha train accident**– may there be Godly healing, comforts, and compassion.
* For **Sudan** in ongoing violence from conflicting armies, and for the West Darfur region where entire villages have been razed.

**The UK –**

* for the Government in planning laws relating to ‘the NI troubles’ which may end prosecutions – still a most sensitive and painful situation - may the Lord guide in all wisdom and good counsel.
* For the families grieving loss following the incident on **Bournemouth’s beachfront** area,
* for those recovering and for all affected.  Let us pray for all caught up in trauma, disaster, and fatal events.

**God's Church**

* For those called to the Ministry and to Mission, that they are guided, affirmed, and confirmed;
* for CTIM and good partnerships at local level.
* **The Family Trust’s**Chequer Tree Camp 2023 at Boughton Monchelsea School – “we are counting down the days until we can welcome our 44 campers for a week of fun, games and friendship.”
* For Christian input into our care homes and residential homes, giving thanks for those already blessed.

Gillingham and Medway

* For all those taking O and A levels, that the Peace of the Lord enable quietness in any anxiety or worry; and for a quiet stillness in exam rooms to bring comfort and ease.
* For our surgeries and medical centres, that those needing to see a doctor are enabled to do so; for our libraries and hubs, that a quiet place be available to all.
* For an appreciation in our communities of the outdoor spaces available to us.
* For the artistic and creative, as they are moved to create works of beauty & innovation – who can fail to be inspired by our creator God?

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

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

**18th June, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** Father’s Day, The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

**Speaker**: Ernie Mann

**Readings:** Acts 16:25-36, Matthew 3:13-16 Galatians 5:22-26

Thank you for the week

Thank you to Deneise for all the work she puts into working out the welcome rota.

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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.***