# **THIS SUNDAY -  13th August**

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:** Introduction to Joel: From desolation to restoration, Desolation. The Plague of Locusts

**Speaker**: Seun  
**Reading:**Joel1:1-2:11

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will not be meeting on Sunday.  They will resume on 24 September.

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

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. 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

23rd August|1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Next meeting on 13the Sept. with a picnic on 9th Aug.  
Fun space for children to play and for parents/guardians to connect. No need to book, just drop up. Wednesdays in term time.

Free family fun!

Joint churches messy family fun and sports day. Tuesday 29th August 2pm-4pm. Gillingham park. To register email chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org

### **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

Welcome Summer!! The last children’s church before the summer break will be July 9th. We will restart on September 24th. We hope you have a great summer and can join us for our holiday clubs in August!

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.

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

St marks church, summer holiday club

Ages 5-11, Tuesdays and Wednesdays August 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd, 10am-12am. Register for any number of sessions. Vicarage hall, Gillingham, ME7 5JA.

Activities include; crafts, games, story and packed lunch.

To register email [chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org) Please include child’s name, age and any allergies.

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* Upcoming world elections: **Guatemala Presidential run-off** 20 August … **Ecuador Presidential & Parliamentary elections**20 August … for honest scrutiny of election processes.
* For the August 23rd **election in Zimbabwe -**for God’s Righteousness and Justice to prevail, the seeking after fairness and equity, and for courage in God’s church.
* For **Pakistan’s** peoples in many difficulties, and for justice in politics.
* For **Ukraine**, that they continue in strength of purpose; and for Lithuania and Poland, feeling the pressure from gathering forces on their Belarus borders.

**The UK –**

* For all affected by ongoing travel disruptions, at home & going abroad.
* for caring in our communities and the Light of the Lord to shine on the vulnerable, neglected and mistreated, that help comes when & where it’s needed.
* for great wisdom in asylum claim processes with so many people to assess.

**God's Church**

* Check out **CSW**’s website [www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk/). for the latest situations in many countries of the world, including Vietnam, Nigeria, Myanmar, and India.
* For **Summer Holiday Club** 10-12 August 15, 16, 22, 23, and the **Joint Churches Messy Family Fun & Sports Day** 29 August 2-4 pm at Gillingham Park.  Please pray for leaders, helpers, and families coming along, and that the Lord blesses all with His loving Presence.
* For our brothers and sisters at St Mary’s Island Church.
* For dear Raymond Shergill & family in their time at St Mark’s, and in the preparations for their move to Penge where Ray is called to serve.

**Gillingham and Medway**

* For all the **sports & leisure facilities**, parks and outdoor spaces, that many will use through the holidays - may they be fruitful places of safety, joy and fun.
* For simple times shared with family or friends in walking together, eating together, and sharing together.
* For times of rest and being still; and for kind invitations in our neighbourhoods to benefit those who have little, and to uphold all who are under pressure, worried, or anxious.

St Marks is joining other Gillingham churches to pray together, every Friday in June, at 7:30pm, in the square on 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.

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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**

**20th August, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Call to repentance. Exhortation and Baptisms

**Speaker**: Catharina  
**Reading:**Joel 2: 12-17

Gospel Night

Sunday 27th August, 6:30pm St Mark’s Church

Thank you for the week

Thank you to all the staff members that keep the church running behind the scenes.

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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.***