# **THIS SUNDAY -  1st October**

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:** Harvest Service  
**Speaker:** All age team  
**Reading:** Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Today’s service is the Harvest Festival, Foodbank have asked if anyone can donate; Long life milk, Tinned tomatoes, Tomato Passata and toilet roll. Thank you.

#### ****CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
  
Sunday is an all-age service, so children's church is not on this week.

[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

11th and 25th October |1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

We said good bye and thank you to Raymond Shergill and his family in the service on Sunday 24 September. Raymond has been on placement with us for a few months. He will be ordained Deacon in Rochester Cathedral on Saturday 30 September at 3pm. Everyone is welcome. Please be there early if you want a seat. Please continue to hold Raymond and his family, Monica & Mariam, in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination.

Please do also pray for Rob Byrne, who was previously at St Mark’s. He will also be ordained Deacon at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday at 3pm.

The Anglican Ugandan Youth Choir will sing at St Mark's on Sunday 15 October at  
7.30 pm.  Please do come.

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.

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

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* The 30 people recently **abducted**, including 24 female Uni students, from Zamfara state, NW Nigeria – may they be restored to safety, to loved ones, and to their studies.
* For the many fleeing **Karabakh**amidst fears for ethnic Armenians, and where Azerbaijan and Armenia have been in dispute.
* Pray for justice for the people, and may the displaced communities be well supported, and be comforted with hope. With **high migration** numbers around the world, may there be different approaches to these needs, and kinder& fairer processes set in place.
* For **the grieving** in the world and across many painful and calamitous situations – may they each know the Lord’s compassion

**The UK –**

* For the fostering and adoption agencies, partner agencies, and the processes surrounding them.
* For wonderful people adopting and fostering, and training for such.
* For the children and young people.

**God's Church –**

* For the panoply of differing contact and support groups across God’s church, to enable good & loving care, teaching, witness, encouragement, the building up of faith, and the building up of the faithful.
* Praise the Lord for his able nurturing.
* Please pray for the **ALPHA group**and all those participating in it; and for the leaders and helpers, coming alongside.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* **Medway Council** fiscal status is a matter of concern.  A meeting is planned for **TODAY, 26 Sept**where the cabinet will discuss a recent report.  Please pray for the meeting, and into this extreme difficulty.
* Remember our shopkeepers, small businesses, and all those in their employ – seek the Lord in such challenging times.

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.

file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/Desktop/fb.pdf

Youth events save the dates!!

Pizza and movie 12th October

Fireworks, Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate 4th November

Trip to Moat Park and Swimming 30th August

More info and permission slips to follow!!

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**

**8th October, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Asaph’s cry for help

**Speaker**: Ben Maskell

**Reading:**Psalm 77

Threads through Creation

Riding Lights

On Sunday 8th October at 6.30pm, we've got Riding Lights Theatre Company group coming into Church to bring us   -     Inspired ....  The Word in Action.  
  
It brings the whole bible to life from the garden of Eden all the way through to a wide screen glimpse into the end of time.

Thank you for the week

Thank you, to Raymand, Monica and Mariam for all the help and service they have done since they arrived. We pray that they have a safe journey coming with the new changes.

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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.***