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# THIS SUNDAY | 6th JUNE



#### MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am In Church & Online

GENEROSITY SERIES ALL AGE SERVICE Speaker: Jess Gladwell Bible Reading: Luke 21:1-4 Park Bench: Ope Biye

The church building is now open for services. You will need to book if you wish to attend in person. www.stmarksgillingham.org/ booking

The church car park will not be open on Sunday mornings as this area is used as a main exit and safely set up for after church fellowship.

All services will also be live streamed on our Facebook Page.



### CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES | 9am | Facebook** Join for another fun filled video from the team.

SUMMIT | 6pm | In Person Email <u>summit@stmarksgillingham.org</u> for details



## **COMING WEEK**



#### Daily Reflections & Prayers Mondays - Saturdays | 9am & 8pm | <u>Online</u>

As of May the new schedule will be: **Morning Reflections** | 9am | Mon, Wed, Fri **Evening Prayers** | 8pm | Tues, Thurs, Sat Watch on our Facebook Page



#### Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting) Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

On Zoom, join us: [Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]



#### Peace & Hope Saturday | 11am-12pm | Church

A church community for adults with learning difficulties and their families and carers.



#### Open for Private Prayer Tuesdays | 10am-12pm | Church

The church will be open for private prayer.



Little Eden Project Sundays | 2pm | St Augustine's Wednesdays | 11am | St Mark's

Come and get stuck in with the garden project that gives. Run by Karen Turnbull.

## **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

• We have produced a **booklet** to accompany the new **Generosity sermon series**, which contains bible readings and questions. You can use the material in your small groups, trios or on your own. Find it here: www.stmarksgillingham.org/generosity Or request a printed version from the office: 01634 570 489

- We're excited to announce that Rob Turnbull will be taking over in leading **SUMMIT**. You can contact him via summit@stmarksgillingham.org.
- We arrived safely on Monday and have slowly unpacked. The house is lovely and we are right next to the town and only 15 minutes drive from the beach. We would like to pass on our thanks for the gift, it was very much appreciated. We would like to say a big thank you to all of St Mark's and St Mary's Island for all the support and encouragement of the past 3 years. We have truly been blessed to be a part of the Church and to be involved in the lives of the Children and young people.
- Vicki Watson will be covering Katie's role while she is on Maternity Leave. Vicki will be working in the Old Vicarage 3 days a week - Mon, Wed, Fri. On Tues and Thurs the answerphone and email will be checked for emergencies only. Messages and e-mails will be dealt with during office hours.
- Access to the Old Vicarage is only when absolutely necessary. Please contact the office, 01634 570489, vicarspa@stmarksgillingham.org, if you need to make an appointment and do not drop by without prior arrangement.
- Medway Foodbank is in need of donations, please see link below for latest stock shortage list. You can use the drop off bins in supermarkets.









- Message from Simon Morbey:

- The many places with terrible circumstances and situations .. Hong Kong ... Cambodia ... Nigeria ... Zimbabwe ... North Korea ... Israel ... and all on our hearts today. Also, the safety of **Roman Protasevich** and his girlfriend **Sofia Sapega** in Belarus.
- UK Government & politicians, in all their responsibilities, duties, discussions and decisions.
- God's Church Pastor Ramesh Bumbariya and his family were attacked in their home in Rajasthan state, India, by radical Hindu nationalists. Several were dreadfully beaten & injured, and the Pastor's father shot dead pray for our persecuted brothers & sisters there and around the world; may strengthening come in the face of daunting challenge. Blessings & honour & Glory & Power be to our God.
- UN Environment Programme As Pakistan prepares to host World Environment Day on June 5th, ecosystem restoration, which includes critical ecosystems like mangrove forests, will be the focus. Mr Qureshi, Pakistan's so called Father of the Mangroves, who sadly passed away in December 2020, played a key role in the development of mangrove restoration in Pakistan and will be fondly remembered at the event. Mangroves are also a central part of the Pakistan government's ambitious 'Ten Billion Tree Tsunami' drive. Led by Prime Minister Imran Khan and supported by UNEP, Pakistan has committed to planting 10 billion trees by 2023.
- **Gillingham & Medway** For opportunities for employment and re-training; for hope in challenging times; for encouragements to help one another keep trying; and that we value one another in all circumstances, meeting needs where we can.
- Charing House and St Mark's House, and residential, nursing & care homes for the residents and staff to enjoy good health and wellbeing; that resident's needs and interests be generously attended to; for joy and laughter; and the Lord's protection over all. Pray too for the Ministry Teams currently unable to attend.

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: <u>kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk</u>



### UPCOMING EVENTS



NEXT SUNDAY 13th June | 10.30am In Church & Online

GENEROSITY SERIES | TIME Speaker: Lynne Martin Bible Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

AFRICAN HIGH PRAISE 26th June | 5pm



Live in Church & Online A night of intense energetic and traditional African praise and worship. All are welcome. More details coming soon.



Taken a nice photo of Gillingham? Send it to <u>digitallead@stmarksgillingham.org</u> to be featured in the newsletter.

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