# **THIS SUNDAY – 24th July**

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** Service of the word and baptisms  
**Speaker**: Joel Love  
**Readings:** Luke 11:1-13

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Parents can drop their children off from 10:15am and pick them up at 12pm.

This will be the end of term party, as of the 31st of July Children’s groups will not be meeting until September.   
  
**SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**  
This will be running as normal.

This will be finishing for the summer holidays, with the last meeting on the 31st of July.

## 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.

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

27th July, 10th August, 24th August |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.

Come and join us on the 24th August, behind the Old vicarage on the green for a picnic at 12pm – 2pm

This will be the last week before the picnic and then it will start back up in September.

Let Loose  
**Fri 29th July | 1-4pm | Gillingham High St**  
  
A free outdoor community outdoor music concert put together to give hope to victims and survivors of abuse. Free refreshments will be served.

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Choir

Interested in singing in the **community choir** for Carnival and other summer events?  
All ages welcome. Performance Dates: Sat 9th July, Thurs 14th July, Fri 29th July with more TBC...  
Get in touch with Mayowa at singgillinghamsing@gmail.com or on 07951147352

If you have registered your interest with the government to host a Ukrainian family (<https://rb.gy/zy5jfe>) but do not have links with anyone, then **Medway Help for Ukrainians** can help connect you with someone to host. They also offer advice, guidance and support once you begin hosting.   
**Facebook Group**: <https://rb.gy/0efeth>  
**Email:**info@medwayhelpforukranians.org.uk,    
**Phone**: 01634 912 419

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* **Mediterranean wildfires** affecting France, Spain, Croatia and Greece, that lives and communities are spared; help & strength for those battling the fires and for them to have support and comfort for the grieving and hope for all affected.
* **Sri Lanka** that the country is enabled to recover with good leadership; and for safety and peace for the peoples.
* For **Ukraine** in their continuing efforts to fight their oppressors, as we continue to uphold their peoples before the Lord Almighty.
* Justice in **Africa’**s **political systems** and in elections; and that the rule of law be upheld and administered rightly.

The **UK** –

* For good leadership in Government; and for UK peoples in our wonderful diversity, facing many challenges.

Church –

* **Christians Against Poverty** in their seeking to help those in need; for stramina to enable good support; for people to come, that their burdens be shared.
* **St Mark’s and SMIC** that there is opportunity for times of rest and fellowship this summer; for God’s covering and perfect timing for the appointment of Vicar;
* **Megan, Helder, Leonardo & Jasmine** in their move to the Netherlands, that God will open doors for them.

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)

The Music Man Project UK Kent/Medway

PLEASE VOTE FOR US TODAY... and EVERY WEEK for the next 3 months!! We've been nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving online vote through our local Asda Chatham (https://www.facebook.com/pages/Asda%20Chatham/106834902722248/) . The vote is now live! The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. Vote for us by visiting Vote (https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4693) and selecting \*Chatham\* from the drop-down box. You can vote once every seven days (until the end of September) so please vote and then re-vote in the following weeks. Set a reminder on your phone/calendar. Please share far and wide! Thanks for being part of this exciting activity - Let the voting begin! Sarah Mann Director, The Music Man Project UK Regional Director, The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) www.themusicmanproject.com The Music Man Project UK - Registered Charity Number 1188041 The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) - Registered CIC Number 12574625

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY  
**31st July, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title** Service of the word   
**Speaker**: Ernie Man  
**Readings:** Luke 12: 13-21

Messy church

Saturday 27th August

12pm – 2pm

Come and join the Messy church picnic located at St Marks Church for fun and games.

A big thank you to all that helped with Messy church last Sunday

Peace and hope

Saturday 30th July 12.30pm

We will, weather permitting, be meeting at the old vicarage green for a picnic

All welcome, bring your own picnic – drinks provided

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appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***