# **THIS SUNDAY -  18th 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:** 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

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

28th June, 12th & 26th July, 9th & 23rd 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.

Peace and Hope

17th June, vicarage hall

10:30-12pm

Messy Church

Saturday 17th June, 2:30-4pm

St Marks Church

Games, crafts, story and snacks provided. Fun for all the family!

For more information please contact: [chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto: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

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

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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 -**

* **Sudan** where a recent truce held for 24 hours - may further ceasefires and restraint quickly follow.
* **Ukraine** in their continuing battle against Russian invaders.
* Pray for sustainability in food production which has been hit hard recently.
* The countries of Europe in the many concerns for the future.

**The UK –**

* For the British family in France and the death of a little girl; pray for surviving family;
* for other families grieving loss in tragedy and violence - may the Lord bring healing.
* For the farming communities and food producers, that they are enabled to cope with changing climate and financial restraints – may the Lord bless and prosper them.
* Pray especially for those going through difficult times, or in poor health.

**God's Church**

* For Christians in Nigeria and the sub-Saharan Africa who are facing escalating violence for their faith – that they would knows God’s love, comfort and protection.
* For faithful dedication to read the Word, pray regularly, and to meet in fellowship at every opportunity;
* for those isolated or under persecution, that they know they are ‘*surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses*.’
* For the **Mike Campbell Foundation** *Royal Geographical Society event*, in London, on 20th June, that many people attend and speakers be enabled to be there.

**Gillingham and Medway**

* For all those taking O and A levels, that the Peace of the Lord enable quietness in any anxiety For those available on **Friday 16, 23, and 30**th June – Chris Gill at King’s Church in Skinner Street confirms that they, and others, will be praying around Gillingham High Street from 7.30pm, starting at the Square.
* Pray for those caught up in crime, in trouble with the police, those awaiting court dates, and those coping with judgements or imprisonment – may the Lord speak into their lives, and help struggling families.
* Pray too for the different support groups and agencies working in this area,
* for the police, court officials, and the probation service.
* For safety on our roads and motorways, seeking God’s comfort to the families of the bereaved in yesterday’s A249 accident, and others in recent 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

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

**25th June, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Readings:** Luke 24:33-49

Thank you for the week

Thank you to everyone to attend church.

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