# **THIS SUNDAY – 22nd 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:** Jonah’s prayer

**Speaker**: Lynne Martin

**Reading:**Jonah 2:1-9

#### ****CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
  
Children’s groups will be running as usual Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

[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.   
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).

Dementia Cafe

25th October, 8th and 22nd November |1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Alpha

New Alpha Course starting Monday 25th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm for 10 weeks in the Old Vicarage.  For more details and if you wish to attend [**CLICK HERE.**](https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Groups/269684/Alpha.aspx)

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

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

1st November, St Marks: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.

6th December, Old Vicarage, **Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.**

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* For **the crisis in Israel and Gaza**: for all those grieving the sudden loss of loved ones, those who’ve been captured, and those whose homes have suddenly been destroyed; for the grief-stricken, the traumatised, and overwhelmed; for protection in seeking safety;
* for worried families at home and abroad; and for Holy God to work mighty miracles of de-escalation of conflict and retaliation.
* May the God of hope come in, routing evil before Him – *Psalm 24:7* *Lift up your heads you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.*
* For the peoples in **Yemen,** in ongoing need and fragile agreements.
* For the **repatriation of Ukrainian children**taken into Russia; and for further fruitful negotiations through Qatari negotiations.

**The UK –**

* for unity across our lands to stand against hostility, bigotry, and retaliation, in the light of recent events in Israel.
* For **King Charles and Queen Camilla**, and the **Government and Administrations** of the UK, that wisdom may be given, welcomed and flourish.
* For progress in the **Renters Reform Bill,** with many charities concerned about delays.
* For hospitals, medical hubs and doctors’ surgeries; for the emergency services; pray into the complexities and difficulties of these present times, and for all those working long and unsociable hours under pressure..

**God's Church –**

* For the Anglican Ugandan Youth Choir who were such a blessing at St Mark’s on Sunday 15 October, and in their many commitments – may their mission go well and return travel go smoothly, all under the Lord’s covering.
* For **the PCC** in their commitments and responsibilities – meetings are usually the third Monday of each month.
* Pray for the **ALPHA group**and all those participating in it; and for those leading.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For highways, utility workers, warehouse workers and others who do hard, physical work, often outside or in challenging temperatures.
* For home-schooled children and young people, especially those who have ‘fallen off the radar’ – may they be nurtured and enabled in safety and wellbeing.
* For young people with special needs, challenging behaviours, or life-limiting conditions; and all those caring for them – may God’s Peace be with them, abide with them, hover over them, and abound in abundance.

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)

Winter clothes

Our bargain corner needs winter clothing for our sale on 26th October 2023.

Might you have time to search through your wardrobe for that coat or hat or gloves that you really don’t wear so often. I know there’s a student out there who would appreciate some warmer clothing!

Please contact the Campus Chaplin for more information medwatinternationals@gmail.com

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!!

Fireworks, Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate 4th November

Trip to Moat Park and Swimming 30th August

More info and permission slips to follow!!

Prince of Egypt

(PG) the Dreamworks West End musical about Moses is showing at:

**Chatham Odeon** on:

Thursday 19th October at 7pm And Sunday 22nd October at 2pm

 and at:

**Rochester Cineworld\*** on:

Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm And Sunday 22nd October at 3pm

\**The 12A certificate on the Cineworld website should read PG - it's correct on the Odeon website.*

For details, the trailer and to book go to:

[www.odeon.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/HO00004764/](http://www.odeon.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/HO00004764/)

[www.cineworld.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/ho00010363#/](http://www.cineworld.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/ho00010363#/)

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

INVITATION TO OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Celebrating our Diversity Makes Us Better Church Green, Rochester, Kent ME2 4HE You are invited to join us at our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Service On Sunday 22 October 2023 at 3pm Theme: I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13 Contact telephone number: 07947 510888 Black History Association (Gravesham and Kent) Registered Charity Number 1190181

NEXT SUNDAY

**Service of the word**

**29th October, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Habakkuk’s prayer

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Reading:**Habakkuk 3

The Big Quiz Night

**Date: 18th November 2023   
Time: 5pm-7pm**

**At Old Vicarage Hall, Vicarage Road Gillingham**

**Be ready for lots of laughter, mountains of fun and more fun…**

**You are allowed to bring your own snacks/graze box…**

**Tea and coffee will be bottomless!**

Visit justgiving.com/fundraising/stmarkschurchfundraiser to donate toTearfund

Thank you for the week

Thank you to those that helped with **the Anglican Ugandan Youth Choir event**

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**Office hours:**  
Monday | 9.00am - 2.00pm  
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.***