# **THIS SUNDAY – 28th August**

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  
**Speaker**: Lynne Martin  
**Readings:** Luke 13: 1 7-14

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will not be meeting until September.   
  
**SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**  
Summit will not be meeting until September.

Gospel night

6:30, St marks Church

A night of unhindered praise and worship led by a gospel band and Christine Curtis as the speaker. Looking forward to welcoming you and yours.

## 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.

Junction House Group will not be meeting through August and will start back up again in September.

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).

Coffee Morning  
**Wednesday Mornings 10-12**   
  
Come and get together for Coffee, Tea, Cold drinks, Snacks and singing. In the old Vicarage. This is just for the four Wednesdays in August.

Dementia Cafe

24th August, 14th and 28th September |1pm to 3pm | Church

Bible study and Fellowship

Bible Study/ Fellowship in the church on Wednesday evenings  at 7.30 pm,

on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month during August and September.

All welcome.

Messy church

Saturday 27th August

12pm – 2pm

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

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Victor Update

New Vicar for St Mark's Gillingham and St Mary's Island churches announced.

Click link for announcement details. [https://rb.gy/fn4xt5](https://rb.gy/fn4xt5?fbclid=IwAR1znTZZs1XkNe9IYS6vlxnuJtT_7yNPzBok8bFpP1kJpWCSjrY4U19T458)

Office Team

The office will be closed from Friday 26th August and reopened on Wednesday 31st August. Eve and Vicki are settling into a new routine at the Old Vicarage.  One of us will be working on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.  If you need to visit please phone or email to arrange a convenient time.

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* Egypt, for the Giza Coptic church which had a terrible fire, that the church family and communities are comforted in grief and that there is hope for restoration.
* The people of Ukraine, for strength against their oppressor.  Kenya in the recent election of President-elect William Ruto.
* For the miners trapped in Mexico, that the flood waters go down and stay down to enable their rescue.
* For wisdom and righteousness in standing with the people of Taiwan.
* And for all those in grinding poverty around the world as much deprivation continues unabated.

The **UK** –

* Wisdom for leaders in the energy situation, especially for those in need.
* Families and communities dealing with violence, disaster & tragedy that they know the precious comforts of Lord God; and for the Police, emergency services and medical services on the front line, helping and supporting.
* Also, pray for Christian communities offering retreats and prayer across the UK.

God’s Church –

* **New Vicar** for St Mark's Gillingham and St Mary's Island churches announced. Click link for announcement details. [https://rb.gy/fn4xt5](https://stmarkschurchgillingham.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=46bb54ed63f99ec568b5d8210&id=f94d2518bf&e=2687a297f5)  Let us pray in preparation for The Revd Catharina Olsson Gisleskog in her appointment and for husband Per and family,
* as we welcome **Eve Martin** who has joined the St Mark's Office Team as Administrative Assistant, working with Vicki Watson.
* **For the Parent & Toddler Group picnic** 12 – 2pm 24 August, that the weather is kind and for a joyous time.

If you would like to be added to the ***Prayer & Praise*** email list to receive bi-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)

Ride and Stride

We are looking for someone to be in the Church on Saturday 10 September from 10am – 4pm to welcome anyone who takes part in this event.  Please contact Vicki or Eve in the Church office if you would be able to help out.

If you would like to take part in Ride and Stride you can look at the website or contact the Church office.

<https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

Cleaning and decorating the Vicarage

We are hoping to start cleaning and decorating the vicarage in early September, beginning on the 2nd until the 10th, if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Church office or speak to Karen, the church warden on a Sunday if she is available. There will be a list of items for donation at the back of the church starting from Sunday. If you would like to help, please let us know, thank you.

Foodbank

If you would like to donate to foodbank here is the link to the summer shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need.

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St Marks Church Gillingham - Vicarage Hall Cleaner

We are seeking a responsible, trustworthy person to clean the Vicarage Hall. This is a part-time job (average 5 hours per week) to be carried out at the weekends either on Saturday or Sunday to fit in with Hall usage.

**Job responsibilities include** (but are not limited to):

* weekly vacuuming, mopping, cleaning of toilets, potties, changing mats, cleaning the kitchen, emptying bins and general cleaning duties.
* You will also be required to do monthly cleaning, including damp dusting and carpet stain removal.
* During holiday breaks you will be required to clean the fridge, cooker, microwave and the inside of windows.
* You will also be required to put in orders for cleaning materials for your line manager to purchase.

If you are interested in applying for this role or require further information, please contact Vicky Allen HR Lead for St Mark’s Church on [Vickyalle@gmail.com](mailto:Vickyalle@gmail.com) or telephone on 01634 855792.

Closing date for applications **Friday 26 August 2022**.

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  
**4th  September, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** All Age   
**Speaker**: Unknown  
**Readings:** Unknown

'70 Glorious Years' Flower Festival

Boxley Church 27,28,29 August 10:30-5pm, There will be stalls and entertainment. Admission is £2 and children go free.

Parent & Toddlers

This will be stating back up on Wednesday 14th of September.

Tearfund Sponsored walk

10th September, Capstone park, 9am

For more details on how to register to walk, help and sponsor [**CLICK HERE**](https://stmarksgillingham.org/walk)

Thank you for the week

Thank you to Barry and Trevor for their hard work painting and finishing the vicarage hall walls and floor.

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**Office hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday | 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Fridays | 10:00am – 12 noon   
***Please contact the office if you need to make an  
appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***