# **THIS SUNDAY -  9th 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:** The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness  
**Speaker**: Michael Mclaughlin  
**Reading:** Psalms 107

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

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.

### **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

Welcome Summer!! The last children’s church before the summer break will be July 9th. We will restart on September 24th. We hope you have a great summer and can join us for our holiday clubs in August!

Come and join us!

Vicarage road, Gillingham, ME7 5JA

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

Prayer Walk  
For those available on **Friday 23rd and 30th June**, Chris Gill at King's Church in Skinner Street conforms they, and others, will be praying around Gillingham High Street from 7.30pm, starting at the square.  All are welcome to join.

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.

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 -**

* For inclusions, partnerships, and working together, to stand against tyranny.
* For the peoples of **India**with severe flooding; and for all countries and lands affected by severe rain events.
* For **Ukraine**, that little by little, the invasion will come to nought and be abandoned; and for all those grieving loss in this, and other conflicts around the world.
* For the forthcoming August 23rd **election in Zimbabwe**
* for all those oppressed and unfairly disadvantaged in politics, the outworking of the justice system, and in business dealings – may the Lord bring hope to this beautiful country and its peoples

**The UK –**

* For the incident at a Wembley school where two little girls died, and others injured; pray for the Lord’s tender healing in loss and hurt; and seek peace for all those affected.
* For MP’s and others representing governance across the UK, and the support mechanisms around those in politics, that they are guided in the big decisions and the little ones.

**God's Church**

* For the clergy, all those in leadership, and for the many lay leaders.
* For the work of **Release International** who reports: Some good news from the Middle East. Growing numbers of churches are being rebuilt and licenced in **Egypt** …  a key country for Christians in the region. It’s home to the area’s largest Christian population of around 10 million people.  At one time, such was the hostility towards the churches that even essential repairs had to be authorised by the office of president, under laws designed to curtail Christianity … Things began to change with the coming to power of President al-Sisi. A committee was formed to work through applications to legalise unlicensed church buildings. They had more than 3,700 applications in the pile, and progress has been painfully slow. But this May, Egypt licensed an additional 216 Christian church buildings …. brings the total number of churches approved to more than 2,800. Check them out online [www.releaseinternational.org](http://www.releaseinternational.org/)

**Gillingham and Medway**

* For the gardeners and those who potter in their gardens, that they enjoy and realise this is all God’s wonderful creation, and find themselves giving thanks;
* for those that tend allotments, and public spaces, bringing a living, vibrancy to our communities.
* For our public services and those working within them.

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.

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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

**Let Loose 2023**

**LET LOOSE 12.30 pm Friday 28th July, Gillingham High Street**

If you can donate cakes or savoury snacks, contact Linda Smith; or for financial donations, please contact the church office.  Please lend your support in prayer, for good health and the overcoming of any obstacles, and by being there.

Newsletter  
If you have any comments regarding the Newsletter or have something you would like to add, please contact admin@stmarksgillingham.org  or news@stmarksgillingham.org The office staff will then pass on the information to those who compile the Newsletter.

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday – Service of the Word**  
**23rd July, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness  
**Speaker**: Catharina  
**Reading:** Psalm 40

Thank you for the week

Thank you to Vicki Watson for all the work you have done

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