# **THIS SUNDAY – 29th 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:** Habakkuk’s prayer

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Reading:**Habakkuk 3

#### ****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

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 -**

* Into the**crisis in Israel and Gaza** that hope abounds for the return of hostages, safety and supplies for the many in desperate need, the de-escalation of conflict, and God’s inspiration and wisdom for ways forward
* for **Ukraine** that the Lord continues to enable them to oust their invaders, for the **repatriation of Ukrainian children**taken into Russia, and for further fruitful negotiations; for the minority ethnic groups, cast down, cast out, or re-educated; and for those who are grieving loss - of loved ones, communities, and their very way of life.
* In spiritual battles, may we remember Moses who took the staff of God in his hands as Joshua went out against the Amalekites - and stand together in unity.  *As long as Moses help up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning … When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it.  Aaron and Hur held his hands up – one on one side, one on the other – so that his hands remained steady till sunset.  So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. Ex 17: 11-13*.

**The UK –**

* For all those affected by the recent heavy rains culminating in much damage, worry and heartache.
* for unity across our lands to stand against hostility, bigotry, and retaliation; and for the name of Jesus to be honoured and revered.

**God's Church –**

* For the **persecuted church** that the oppressed know freedoms, the unfairly imprisoned be released, and individuals in their communities find unexpected advocates to support and stand with them.
* For the Holy Communion service at **Byron Lodge** this Thursday, 26th October, for the residents, staff, visitors, and the inter-denominational team leading services (including from St Mark’s).
* Continue to pray for the work of **Teen Challenge London**; and for the **ALPHA group,** all those participating in it, and for those leading & helping.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For **Grace Fisher**, the 16-year-old who has been missing for over a week, that the Lord covers her over with His protection, that her wellbeing is ensured.
* For home-schooled children and young people; those who have moved out of area and can’t access a school place – may they be nurtured and enabled in safety and wellbeing, and their needs met.
* For the**Universities** and for*Sacred Space which is 1st Sunday each month.*

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

NEXT SUNDAY

**Service of the word**

**5th November, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** All Age Service

**Speaker**: All Age Team

**Reading:**

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 the helpers for the children’s light party

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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.***