# **THIS SUNDAY – 5th November**

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:** Sheparding

**Speaker**: All Age Team

**Reading:**Psalm 23

#### ****CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS****

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
  
Children’s groups will be not running as it is all age.

[More details about Youth](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268150/Youth.aspx)

Peace and Hope

Saturday 4th November

Vicarage Hall

Faith, Light, Fireworks

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

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

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* Pray for **D R Congo** where violence has led to 6.9 million internally displaced, for Godly hope
* for **Sudan** where peace talks resume in Saudi Arabia (the death toll exceeds 9000), for lasting peace
* for the peoples of **Yemen**, where 2 million children are suffering from acute malnutrition, that their needs are heeded and met.
* For **Ukraine** in the ongoing invasion of their lands, that they have victory in all righteousness; and for islanders on the low-lying islands of the world, that their way of life may continue.
* Pray, remembering the word from Psalm 47, *For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.  God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne*

**The UK –**

* In the midst of great adversity, may we continue to praise the Lord, that he be honoured in the UK and across the world.
* For the world’s media, that truth, integrity and justice come in - the world is crying out for God’s love, grace and compassion … this follows on from a call to Christians by Christians in Media, a community of Christians working in and with the media**.**

**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 all the **ALPHA groups,** that the Lord lights the way; and for preparations for **Remembrance Sunday services**.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For all those knowing tragedy or loss, and for the bereaved, particularly coming up to Remembrance Sunday; for the isolated or lonely; for our young people who suffer fears and anxieties, that they know God’s peace; for time to notice where there is need in our neighbourhoods, and for the will & purpose to act on it.
* For Sacred Space which is Sunday 5th November (First Sunday each month) at the University campus.

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

Youth events save the dates!!

Fireworks, Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate 4th November

Trip to Moat Park and Swimming 30th August

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**

**12th November, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Remembrance Service

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Reading:**Amos 5 18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

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 Mike McLaughin for stepping in at last minute.

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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.***