# **THIS SUNDAY – 12th 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:** Remembrance Service

**Speaker**: Catharina

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

#### ****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.

Dementia Cafe

22nd November, 13th and 27th December |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

Church Office News

The office will be close Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the weeks commencing 13th and 20th November

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 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

**Worldwide -**

* The ongoing situations in the world – against violent attacks in Nigeria, for successful peace talks in the Yemen, and the cessation of attacks on Ukraine.
* For Nepal in recovery from the recent earthquake; for comfort and hope for the cavalcade of migrants trying to leave South America;
* for the grieving who mourn loss of loved ones, loss of community, and way of life; and for the Holy Land and the Middle East (see TEAR FUND’s prayer points for the Middle East, below)

**The UK –**

* pray for King Charles in the State Opening of Parliament today, and for Queen Camilla and the working Royals, that they are enabled to fulfil their responsibilities wisely and well.  For our politicians, that they know humility, and that they use wise and gentle speech to build up, and not tear down.
* Pray for those who find themselves in financial difficulties, especially in the run up to Christmas, with often high expectations; and for those who have rightly sought to claim benefits but have been turned down – may our Holy God uphold just and wise decisions in reconsiderations and/or appeal processes**.**

**God's Church –**

* Open Doors at [www.opendoorsuk.org/](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/) are hosting the **World Watch List 2024 event** on January 17, detailing the disproportionate persecution of Christians.  This will be hosted by Andrea Leadsom MP – and your MP can be invited to attend.
* For the **persecuted church** that the oppressed know freedoms, the unfairly imprisoned be released, and individuals be supported in their communities.
* For the **ALPHA groups**at church, and across our nations of the UK; and for preparations for **Remembrance services**.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* Continue to pray for the safety and wellbeing of **Grace Fisher**, missing for some weeks now.
* For all those knowing tragedy or loss; for preparations for local Remembrance services and commemorations; for the isolated or lonely; for our young people who suffer fears and anxieties, that they know God’s peace.
* For Medway Council – for staff and for those they serve, that all are respected and supported, and for good links with partner agencies and charities.

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*

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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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

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

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**

**19th November, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** Shepherding 2 – Jesus the good shepherd

**Speaker**: Ernie

**Reading:**John 10:11-18

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

Peace and Hope

Saturday 18th November

Vicarage Hall

Paul

Thank you for the week!

Thank you to Catharina who runs the prayer night every month.

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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.***