# **THIS SUNDAY – 28th January**

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:**  Loving one another

**Speaker**: Graham Davis  
**Reading:** 1 John 4 7:12

#### ****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.

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**

We will be closed on December 26th as it is boxing day. 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

7th February|1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Peace and Hope  
  
27th January |10:30 | Vicarage Hall  
  
Encouragement  
we will be looking into Joshua.

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

We are devastated to share the news that Graham Wilkins died with his family around him at Medway Hospital at 1.35pm today 3.1.24.

Please pray for Suzanne, Deborah, David, Rebecca and Samuel and all who mourn including many at St Mark’s where Graham has been a member for many years.

Isaiah 60:19

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Bible Stream

On Sunday we celebrated having come to an end of teaching on every book of the Bible at St Mark’s through Bible Stream. Bible Stream has happened monthly since 2017. The audios (before Covid), and livestreams (after Covid) for teaching on the 66 books of the Bible have been downloaded a total of 41 330 times.

To access any of the teaching sessions go to <https://stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/290457/Bible_Stream.aspx>

The below graphs show number of views/downloads for all books (except Jude which was taught on last Sunday), and the top ten downloads.

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.

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Prayer Meetings **for 2024 -**

**17th January 2024**

**Then every first Wednesday of the month.**

**Vicarage Hall  
  
Meetings between 7 and 9pm  
  
St Mark's: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.  
Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA.  
Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org**

##### Pray for

**Worldwide -**

* For the reclaiming of ground in the battle **against the drugs trade** and county lines operations, and God’s freeing power for many to safely leave this evil;
* for better support and treatment systems for users to get clean in safety, and stay drug free.  **Ecuador** in their stand against gang violence;
* for **Zambia** in the severe cholera outbreak, and answers to poverty & overcrowding,
* for the hidden cholera crisis in **Zimbabwe,**that there is hope and help;
* for **Ukraine**in their righteous stand against invasion;
* for the peoples of the **Holy Land –**may the God of miracles shine a light on ways to save lives, and reach agreements and peace.

**The UK –**

* For King Charles in his duties and health treatment this week;
* for Queen Camilla and other working Royals, that they are sustained; and for the Duchess of Edinburgh in her recovery from surgery.
* For the **NHS and services**, for patients, and partner agencies in hard-pressed times; better working of the benefits systems that are causing such hardship for many,
* for the speeding up of processing applications and renewals.

**God's Church –**

* Pray for Christians in dangerous places, where living and working can be so hard and threatening – *Matt 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
* For unity across churches, which we celebrated and prayed for last week, to continue; for CTIM; and for opportunities in sharing our faith and hope in Jesus.
* **For those who** **grieve**

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For appreciation & local support to schools and nurseries;
* for good planning for our roads in repairs, and utility works,
* for driver/pedestrian patience – sadly, frustrations often lead to accidents.

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 Alpha and Pizza

Starting Saturday 13th January

6:30pm, vicarage

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

**4th Febuary, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:**  All Age

**Speaker**: All Age Team  
**Reading:**

Thank you for the week!

Thank you to all the amazing team behind bible stream.

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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.***