# **THIS SUNDAY – 7th August**

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:** Joesph   
**Speaker**: Henry  
**Readings:** The story of Joesph

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will not be meeting until September.   
  
**SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage**  
Summit will not be meeting until September.

## 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.

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. Please be aware masks are advised.  
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).

Coffee Morning  
**Wednesday Mornings 10-12**   
  
Come and get together for Coffee, Tea, Cold drinks, Snacks and singing. In the old Vicarage. This is just for the four Wednesdays in August.

Dementia Cafe

10th August, 24th August |1pm to 3pm | Church

Bible study and Fellowship

Bible Study/ Fellowship in the church on Wednesday evenings  at 7.30 pm,

on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month during August and September.

All welcome.

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Victor Update

New Vicar for St Mark's Gillingham and St Mary's Island churches announced.

Click link for announcement details. [https://rb.gy/fn4xt5](https://rb.gy/fn4xt5?fbclid=IwAR1znTZZs1XkNe9IYS6vlxnuJtT_7yNPzBok8bFpP1kJpWCSjrY4U19T458)

Office Team

We are pleased to announce that Eve Martin has joined the St Mark's Office Team as Administrative Assistant, working with Vicki Watson.  Eve's working days will be confirmed in due course.  Her email address is: [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org)

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* **T**he persecuted and marginalised, that they see equity and justice.
* The shipment of grain out of Ukraine for which we give thanks, and for the safety of many more to meet world need;
* For the Ukrainian people’s strength in the ongoing war and tender helps in overcoming trauma.
* For the people of **Kentucky, USA** in the misery of flood damage to communities.
* For **California**’s largest wildfire this year, indeed, for all the world communities suffering extreme weather events of great damage and griefs.

The **UK** –

* The **Commonwealth Games in Birmingham**, that there is continuing good camaraderie and sportsmanship; that all the competing nations enjoy this shared time together.
* For continuing unity in sport.  Following the great **Euro 2022 win** at the football final, may this be a blessing & encouragement to young people at grassroots level and all those hard-working people giving their time & commitment.

Gillingham and Area –

* For Sports centres, parks and leisure facilities.
* For safe playing out for young people and children in our neighbourhoods.
* For families trying to keep their children occupied when money is tight; and for harmony and God’s peace where there are real tensions.
* For the lonely or isolated, those who don’t have visitors or family with whom to share time.

Church –

* **New Vicar** for St Mark's Gillingham and St Mary's Island churches announced. Click link for announcement details. [https://rb.gy/fn4xt5](https://stmarkschurchgillingham.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=46bb54ed63f99ec568b5d8210&id=f94d2518bf&e=2687a297f5)  Let us pray in preparation for The Revd Catharina Olsson Gisleskog in her appointment and for husband Per and family.
* Also, for **Eve Martin** who has joined the St Mark's Office Team as Administrative Assistant, working with Vicki Watson, and who we happily welcome.
* **For the Parent & Toddler Group picnic** 12 – 2pm 24 August, that the weather is kind and for a joyous time.

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)

Ride and Stride

We are looking for someone to be in the Church on Saturday 10 September from 10am – 4pm to welcome anyone who takes part in this event.  Please contact Vicki or Eve in the Church office if you would be able to help out.

If you would like to take part in Ride and Stride you can look at the website or contact the Church office.

<https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

Decorating the Church Hall

We are hoping to decorate the Hall during the summer break, if you would be available to help between 15th of August and 3rd of September, please contact Vicki or Eve in the Church office.  We are not expecting people to be able to do every day, but, if you have some time during this period then please let us know.

Foodbank

If you would like to donate to foodbank here is the link to the summer shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need.

[file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps\_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022\_large[1640].pdf](file:///C:/Users/Student.26327/AppData/Local/Packages/microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/Files/S0/5/Attachments/Shopping%20List%20July-August%2022_large%5b1640%5d.pdf)

The Music Man Project UK Kent/Medway

PLEASE VOTE FOR US TODAY... and EVERY WEEK for the next 3 months!! We've been nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving online vote through our local Asda Chatham (https://www.facebook.com/pages/Asda%20Chatham/106834902722248/) . The vote is now live! The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. Vote for us by visiting Vote (https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4693) and selecting \*Chatham\* from the drop-down box. You can vote once every seven days (until the end of September) so please vote and then re-vote in the following weeks. Set a reminder on your phone/calendar. Please share far and wide! Thanks for being part of this exciting activity - Let the voting begin! Sarah Mann Director, The Music Man Project UK Regional Director, The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) www.themusicmanproject.com The Music Man Project UK - Registered Charity Number 1188041 The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) - Registered CIC Number 12574625

##### Upcoming Events

NEXT SUNDAY  
**14th August, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Service of the word  
**Speaker**: Jess  
**Readings:** Luke 12: 49-56

Parent & Toddlers

Come and join us on the 24th August, behind the Old vicarage on the green for a picnic at 12pm – 2pm

This will be the last week before the picnic and then it will start back up in September.

Messy church

Saturday 27th August

12pm – 2pm

Come and join the Messy church picnic located at St Marks Church for fun and games.

Thank you for the week

A big thank you to those who have been helped with setting up, participating, and coming along to Let Loose and Peace and Hope, both events were a brilliant success and thank you to Karen, Trevor, Mayowa, Dammy, Mic, Bruce, Barry and the rest of the team who helped to make and set up both events.

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