**THIS SUNDAY - 16th October**

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Holy Communion

10.30am

[In Church](https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/607245/Church_Building_Open.aspx?redirected=1)**,**[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksgillingham)**&**[Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1b5IAYzi3iBqXPBu0OnRrQ/videos?view=2&live_view=502" \t "_blank)

Title: The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Speaker; Glyn Allen

Reading; Luke 18:1-8

Click here for more details about Sunday services

https://stmarksgillingham.org/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=619949

\*\* CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

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GEMS & PEBBLES

Children’s groups will be meeting this week. Parents can drop their children off at 10:30am and pick them up at 12pm.

SUMMIT | 6.30pm | Old Vicarage

Summit will meet as usual.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

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https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268148/Small\_Groups.aspx

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 <https://www.stmarksgillingham.org/Groups/268148/Small_Groups.aspx> here

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7 - 8am | Online

On Zoom, join us online here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2238511807?pwd=TU94WVN3cDlaSWxnejhHZTYxMTdvdz09#success>

[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

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays / 1.15-2.45pm / Vicarage Hall

Fun space for children to play and for parents/guardians to connect. No need to book, just drop up. Wednesdays in term time.

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.

All welcome.

Dementia Cafe

26th October, 9th and 23rd November |1pm to 3pm | Church

Peace and Hope

Saturday 22nd October, 10:30am, Vicarage Hall

KIDS GOSPEL CHOIR

Every Wednesday | 5.30-6.30pm | Church

CLICK HERE for more information

[**CLICK HERE for more information**](https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Articles/644871/_Kids_Gospel.aspx)

New Vicar 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)

HELP NEEDED

Induction Service Tuesday 25 October.

Linda Smith has asked that people be asked to bake cakes, cheese scones/ cheese straws for the induction on 25 October. Could people please bring them to the service that evening.

STAMPS FOR LEPROSY MISSION

David Norton has asked that people collect stamps from any letters they receive. If you could keep them until you have a few and then give them to David he will pass these to the Leprosy Mission.

TEARFUND SPONSORED WALK

Message from Tearfund Ambassadors

CLICK HERE to read (https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Publisher/File.aspx?id=317563)

NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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PLEASE PRAY –

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Worldwide –

\* Countries having elections this month … Slovenia’s Presidential Election 23^rd and Brazil’s Presidential Runoff, 30^th. For good Governance and equity to all peoples of nations and lands; those suffering under violence, oppression and war; countries enduring severe weather effects … Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Chad and Haiti among many others.

Gillingham & area –

\* For the success of Street Angels in their new venture in Chatham, taking over the old Argos store as a furniture hub – may the Lord guide them in their loving care of all in need.

\* For our schools and study centres as Christmas approaches, that the Christmas story is retold in meaningful ways to our children and young people; and for productive links between schools and local churches.

\* For those hurt and damaged by crime, that they know healing and are enabled to move forwards.

God’s Church –

\* Pray for Tuesday 25 October 7pm, the Institution of The Revd Catharina Olsson Gisleskog by the Bishop of Tonbridge at St Mark’s Church and online.

\* Ladies’ Group - meets Wednesdays in the Old Vicarage 10 am to approx 12 noon. Janes B-M writes, we are studying Joseph this term and watching the musical on our last week before Christmas. Gentlemen are welcome to join us on the 4th Wednesdays for a good, relaxed morning. See leaflets in church with dates up until Christmas.

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) (mailto:kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk ?subject=Prayer%20%26%20Praise)

Foodbank. If you would like to donate to Foodbank, here is the link to the autumn shopping list of things that are needed for those who are in need. (https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Publisher/File.aspx?id=316307)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Next Sunday

23rd October |10.30am | Church

Title: Service of the Word

Speaker: Ernie Mann

Reading Luke 4:16-24

To book for the Women's Breakfast

[Click here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/womens-breakfast-tickets-406909937577)

Messy Church

Saturday 22nd October 2.30pm

in church

ADVANCE NOTICE

TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER | 7.00pm | St Mark's Church & online

Institution of The Rev Catharina Olsson Gisleskog by the Bishop of Tonbridge

\*\* HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

Thank you

Thank you to all who keep our church building clean and tidy and honouring to God

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