# **THIS SUNDAY -  3rd September**

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:** Hannah’s prayer of praise

**Speaker**: Jess  
**Reading:**1 Samuel 1 1-20 or 1 Samuel 2 1-10

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will not be meeting on Sunday.  They will resume on 24 September.

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

Gospel Night

Sunday 27th August, 6:30pm St Mark’s Church

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

Dementia Cafe

13th and 27th September |1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Next meeting on 13the Sept. with a picnic on 9th Aug.  
Fun space for children to play and for parents/guardians to connect. No need to book, just drop up. Wednesdays in term time.

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

We are delighted that Raymond Shergill, who is training towards ordination in the Rochester Diocese, will return to St Mark’s from June to September to worship and to be part of the ministry team. Welcome!

Childrens church

Welcome Summer!! The last children’s church before the summer break will be July 9th. We will restart on September 24th. We hope you have a great summer and can join us for our holiday clubs in August!

Come and join us!

Vicarage road, Gillingham, ME7 5JA

For more information please contact: [chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org)

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

St Marks: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.

6th September, St Mark’s. 4th October, St Mark’s. 1st November, St Mark’s.

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

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* the people of Maui in Hawaii: as they continue to search & recover loved ones; that they have the resources they need for sustenance and recovery; and for all affected, to be healed from terror and trauma.
* For opportunities for **communication and dialogue** where there are disagreements in the world, and the overcoming of impasse and impossibilities.
* For **Zimbabwe** for God’s miracles (election day 23 August). May there be unity of effort to meet the many needs of **hunger, famine and failed crops**.
* For the nations enduring **wildfires** in the many dangers and devastations.

**The UK –**

* For the ‘black holes’ in Council budgets to be met; for our NHS; and for improved social support of those in need of care.  Come, Lord, come.

**God's Church –**

* pray for God’s church and for those who may be bowed down by heavy loads – Jesus walks with us.  Ask God for opportunities to encourage others - for Godly meetings, happy perchance and opportunities.
* Please pray for leaders, helpers, and children and their families coming along; and that the Lord blesses all with His loving Presence - may the Lord be welcomed.  For the church services held in Nursing and Care homes, that bring comfort and joy to many; for residents’ care and wellbeing in abundance; and for happy times.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For all who use the transport systems, and those working in them; for patience when there are delays or strikes, and appreciation for those who are trying their best, in often difficult circumstances.
* For the lowly paid who may feel forgotten and unappreciated – may the Lord raise them up in appreciation, recognition, and reward.
* For families struggling to get children’s uniforms and equipment for return to school.
* Give thanks for so many helpful schemes and for the information to reach those who need to know.

St Marks is joining other Gillingham churches to pray together, every Friday in June, at 7:30pm, in the square on Gillingham High Street.

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.

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Welcome to the prayer ministry day!

Learn how to pray for others so they can encounter Jesus.

Saturday 9th September 2023 10am-3pm vicarage hall

Led by Rev John and Gillian Ryeland, the Christian healing mission.

Youth events save the dates!!

Fuse 15th September

Pizza and movie 12th October

Fireworks, Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate 4th November

Trip to Moat Park and Swimming 30th August

More info and permission slips to follow!!

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**

**10th September, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Prayer ministry healing

**Speaker**: John Ryland  
**Reading:**

Bible stream

Sunday 10th at 6:30pm

Speaker is Catharina and the team is Amos

Threads through Creation

Rochester Cathedral

29th July to the 3rd September

Spectacular stitching: eight million stitches expressing God’s love!

Thank you for the week

Thank you to those who help with the refreshments

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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.***