# **THIS SUNDAY -  15th 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:** why do we need hope?  
**Speaker**: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

**GEMS & PEBBLES**

Children’s groups will be running as usual Sunday. Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.

**SUMMIT | 6:30-7pm | Old Vicarage**  
Summit will be updated as soon as we know the date.

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

Will be back on, on the 18th January at 10am to finish the last study about Joseph, the following week will be games morning with men invited.

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

25th January |1pm to 3pm | Church

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.

Peace and hope

Please join us on Saturday 14th in the vicarage hall. 10:30am – 12pm

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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

1st February, Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road, ME7 5JA. 1st March, Old Vicarage.

5th April, St Mark’s, 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP. 3rd May, St Mark’s. 7th June, St Mark’s. 5th July, St Mark’s. 9th August, St Mark’s. 6th September, St Mark’s. 4th October, St Mark’s. 1st November, St Mark’s.

6th December, Old Vicarage.

Alpha Course

The Alpha course starts 23rd January 2023 for 10 weeks, on Mondays 6:30pm – 9:30pm. For more information, please follow the link to the Alpha Course website.

<https://alpha.org.uk/>

#### PLEASE PRAY –

Worldwide –

* **Iran,** that protesters are not executed … *Peace* …
* The terrible loss of life in **Russia’**s invasion of **Ukraine,** and so many grieving families across both countries … *Peace* …
* **Israel,** for care and wisdom in the new leadership … *Peace* …

The UK –

* For the countries in the grip of many different strikes, that there may be ways forward;
* for the **NHS** under great strain –
* for those in need of treatment and care and those ministering to their needs;
* for those working in the **education** systems … *Peace*…
* For the many **countries our congregation represents** – for just leaderships, representation of all peoples, and the equitable upholding of the rule of law … *Peace*.

God’s Church –

* See [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/) for news of great commitment and faith in the persecuted church; and uphold brothers & sisters who faithfully take their stand against persecution.
* For **CTIM a**nd unity in working together in Christ.
* For the work of Medway Night Shelter and those they serve.
* **LET LOOSE: Mission to Uganda 28 April – 8 May 2023** – keep praying in preparation! Praise the Lord.**Health & wellbeing**

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)

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

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/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)

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)

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.

Focus on Mission

Clive & Glenda McMinn  
Bettaway Community Church, Sunday 14th January, 6:30pm, The Vicarage, Vicarage Rd

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

22nd January **, 10.30am, Church**  
**Title:** Hope is never lost.  
**Speaker**: Catharina Olsson Gisleskog

Thank you for the week

Food bank would like to thank everyone at church for their amazing donations given to them.

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Monday, Wednesday & Thursday | 10.00am - 2.00pm  
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***Please contact the office if you need to make an  
appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***