# **THIS SUNDAY – 19th November**

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:** Shepherding 2 – Jesus the good shepherd

**Speaker**: Ernie

**Reading:**John 10:11-18

#### ****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.

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

Peace and Hope

Saturday 18th November

Vicarage Hall

Paul

This week

The Big Quiz Night

**Date: 18th November 2023   
Time: 5pm-7pm**

**At Old Vicarage Hall, Vicarage Road Gillingham**

**Be ready for lots of laughter, mountains of fun and more fun…**

**You are allowed to bring your own snacks/graze box…**

**Tea and coffee will be bottomless!**

Visit justgiving.com/fundraising/stmarkschurchfundraiser to donate toTearfund

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

Dementia Cafe

22nd November, 13th and 27th December |1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

Church Office News  
  
The office will be close Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the weeks commencing 13th and 20th November

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

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

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

**Worldwide -**

* The **people of Iceland** in the many earthquakes and the expected volcanic eruption – may people in the danger zones get to safety, and find safe haven. The **Godly raising up of peacemakers** … conciliators … mediators … diplomats, that the places of war and conflict find answers and routes to peace.
* For comfort and hope for the **many migrants** trying to leave South America, seeking a better life; and for so many others in the world, searching for opportunities with hope.
* For those trapped in the **Uttarakhand tunnel collapse, India**that they may be rescued.
* For **France’s** flood affected areas as more rain is coming.  *Psalm 121:1&2 I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?  My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

**The UK –**

* pray for our s**ervicemen and women,** and those in the Reserves.
* For all **those seeking dental care** help and treatments and for the provision of more adequate services.
* For **those in financial difficulties**, especially in the run up to Christmas; and for those who have **rightly sought to claim benefits** but have been turned down – may our Holy God uphold His justice and righteousness in claims, review requests, and appeals.

**God's Church –**

* For all those who have attended the **ALPHA groups**at church, and across our nations of the UK – may they be blessed with faith, knowledge & insight, and be supported in their walk with the Lord.
* For our church groups, services, and activities in the coming weeks – as we are blessed, may we bless others.
* For our brothers and sisters in Christ we know around the world, and for their communities and lands; remembering closer to home, our family at SMIC.

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* Praise God for **Grace Fisher** being found safe in Camden, London - may she and her family heal and recover well.
* For our **schools,** especially those have OFSTED inspections in the coming days and weeks – hold SMI school in your hearts today & tomorrow *2 Thess 3:16*.
* For all those knowing tragedy or loss - for those providing funeral services; for our priests, ministers and pastors who bring the comfort of the Lord to the sorrowful and broken-hearted; for family, friends and neighbours who support and offer solace; and for the Police and Emergency Services, so well acquainted with sadness and loss, serving those in such need.
* For our MP’s and Councillors serving communities – it was good to see the representation at Sunday’s Service.

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 events save the dates!!

Fireworks, Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate 4th November

Trip to Moat Park and Swimming 30th August

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**

**26th November, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Shepherding 3 – Being a shepherd to others

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Reading:**Ephesians 4:11-15, Matthew 18:12-14, 1 Peter 51:4

Thank you for the week!

Thank you to all those who helped during the remembrance service.

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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.***