



## ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

LIVING FOR JESUS, LOVING GILLINGHAM, LEARNING TOGETHER

### **THIS SUNDAY - 13th March**

**MORNING SERVICE | 10.30am | In Church & Online**

A Time for Ashes

**Readings: Mark 1:9-13 & Psalm 63:1-8**

**Speaker: Graham Davis**

*The PCC has agreed to resume collections at church services by passing the offertory bag. If you wish, you can also donate using the card machine at the back of church when you leave. For other methods of giving, please go to: [www.stmarksgillingham.org/giving](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org/giving)*

#### **CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

- Parents can drop their children off from 10.15am and pick them up at 12pm.
- SUMMIT | 7pm | Old Vicarage

#### **BIBLE STREAM**

**13th March | 6.30pm | Church**

Clifford Denton will be looking at the book of the minor prophet Haggai.

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### **THIS WEEK**

**Home Groups - Throughout the week**

Joining a homegroup 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 on our website or contact the office.

**Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)**

Saturdays | 7-8am | Online

On Zoom, join us online:

[Meeting ID: 223 851 1807 | Passcode: inthegap]



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### **Peace & Hope**

Saturday | 10.30am - 12pm | Vicarage Hall

A church community for adults with learning difficulties and their families and carers that meets fortnightly.

### **Open Church**

Tuesday | 10am - 12pm | Church

Come along for a chat, fellowship, private prayer or craft club!. Refreshments will be served outside. Please be aware masks are advised. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dammy via [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org).

### **Parent & Toddlers**

Wednesdays (term time) | 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.

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## **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- We are collecting items for the Easter hampers for vulnerable families in the community: Easter eggs, hot cross buns, sweets, chocolate, crisps, crackers, nuts, stuffing, mint sauce, gravy etc. Please ensure that items will be in date until Easter.
- You can place items in the donations hamper in church. The deadline is 27<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Update on the Church Roof** - The Wardens and PCC have made the decision that the Church can be used this week - with caution. Where possible, use the red side doors to enter and exit church. Please park away from Church, using the car park only for those who really need it. Please keep aware of the weather



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forecast and if the winds pick up do not use the church if you feel it is unsafe.

- The **Mike Campbell Foundation** will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on 30th March in London. Please pray the event will be very well attended and that this will be an evening where people will leave filled with Hope. Support in attendance from St Mark's is most welcome. ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (with IBG) 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR Wed 30 March 2022 | 7pm to 9pm. Tickets £15.  
<https://event.bookitbee.com/38180/mike-campbell-foundation>  
OR send a cheque made payable to Mike Campbell Foundation with your full name, e-mail and telephone number on the back to: **Mike Campbell Foundation, Woodgate, Borden, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8JX**
- **I Am Mark** - A daring new staging of Mark's Gospel performed by Stefan Smart and directed by Lisa Gilmour will take place on Sunday 10th April 6pm at Gillingham Baptist Church. Tickets are £5 with concessions available.  
For more information contact Stephen on 01634 324275 or email [gbckent19@gmail.com](mailto:gbckent19@gmail.com).
- The plans for the **new kitchen** are on display inside church (on the wall back left of church, to the left of the doors). Please take a look and if you have any questions or comments please email PCC Secretary, Vicky Allen - [vickyalle@gmail.com](mailto:vickyalle@gmail.com).
- We are looking for anyone with experience in applying for **Grants** who would be willing to volunteer to source grants for Church kitchen project. If you are interested please email PCC Secretary, Vicky Allen - [vickyalle@gmail.com](mailto:vickyalle@gmail.com).



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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Ukraine and all those caught up in this war. For those trying to get to safely to other parts of Ukraine and to NATO countries - may the Lord open the way; for the transport of goods and equipment to where it is most needed; for the outpouring of the Lord's Compassion; for the Lord to do a miraculous work in Vladimir Putin's heart and soul; and for the Russian people, that truth be made known.
- **Nigeria**, for justice and an end to violence.
- **Stability and unity across NATO and Europe** in testing times.
- For **one another** in the church family and for the prayer focus and meetings this week and coming weeks. May we be built up and strengthened for our times.
- **Gillingham & Medway** - For so many in need, that there is kind help, intervention and support. For those who have families and connections to Ukraine. For our schools, colleges, training centres and universities, remembering Lynne Martin in her Chaplaincy role. For Medway Maritime Hospital and all who work there in any capacity - pray for those you know in their responsibilities and duties, and for those needing care.

*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)*

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



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### **NEXT SUNDAY**

20th March | 10.30am | Church

**Repentance & Fruitfulness**

**Readings:** Luke 13:1-9

**Speaker:** Archdeacon Andy Wooding Jones

### **MESSY CHURCH**

20th March | 2.30 - 4pm | Church

**Messy Church** is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Join us every fourth Sunday of the month for crafts, stories, games, food and songs.

### **National Day of Reflection**

23rd March | 8am - 5pm | Church

The National Day of Reflection is a day to support the millions of people who've been bereaved during the pandemic and to reflect on the lives of the people we've lost.

Church will be open 8am - 5pm for anyone to drop in for prayer, reflection, the lighting of candles, minute of silence, support & refreshments.

### **Gospel Night**

27th March | 6.30pm | Church

An evening of hymns, spiritual songs and unhindered praise and worship led by gospel band. With guests Gillingham Salvation Army Band and Songsters and Solo Sax. Refreshments will be available. Doors from 6pm.

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### **HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**

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