**THIS SUNDAY - 9th October**

Service of the Word 10.30am

In Church

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Speaker: Graham Davis

Reading: Luke:17:11-19

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

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.

This Sunday

Bible Stream

9th October | 6.30pm | Church and online

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

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 by contacting the office.

Standing in the Gap (Prayer meeting)

Saturdays | 7 - 8am | OnlineOn 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

12th and 26th October |1pm to 3pm | Church

Peace and Hope

Saturday 8th October, 10:30am, Vicarage Hall

KIDS GOSPEL CHOIR

Every Wednesday | 5.30-6.30pm | Church

CLICK Here for more information

<https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Articles/644871/_Kids_Gospel.aspx>

\*\* NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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://stmarkschurchgillingham.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=46bb54ed63f99ec568b5d8210&id=67a69ee7f5&e=1332508600)

HELP NEEDED

Clearing Rubbish Around Church Site

Come and help at Church Site on Saturday 8 October between 9.30 am and 12 noon.

This will entail cutting down self sown over grown shrubbery, clearing building materials etc. Please bring garden tools - eg loppers, rakes, saws etc. but more importantly just come. Ideally wear heavy duty gloves. THE MORE THE MERRIER! and the quicker we can get finished. Hot drinks will be available.

HELP FOR STUDENTS

Lynne Martin has asked whether we can help.

Wanted

Any unwanted ribbon or buttons or tissue paper , that can be used for Well-Being Collage making in the library on Oct 4th and 11th October.

Needed

We are very low on winter clothing .- coats, jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves. If you happen to be sorting out your winter wardrobe, please remember us.

Please contact Lynne Martin if you are able to help.

\*\* PLEASE PRAY –

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Worldwide –

\* Those who are 'lost' in the world as the Lord continues diligently to seek them out and deliver his wonderful truth

\* Listening ears to hear Him, blinded eyes to see, and hearts and minds open and malleable to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.

\* For those physically lost and missing that families would be comforted.

\* whether leaders, decision-makers, or a world of people who care.

\* The countries having elections this month, including … Losotho’s General Election 7th, Slovenia’s Presidential Election 23^rd, and Brazil’s Presidential Runoff, 30^th.

\* For relief & aid for those in the tragedy of severe weather events and changing climates, and the will to make a difference.

The UK –

\* The King and Royal Family in their personal grief. The King, Government and all those in leadership across the UK, for wise counsel, effective listening and considered decisions.

God’s Church –

\* Pray for The Revd Catharina Olsson Gisleskog as we welcome her as Vicar, and for husband Per and family.

\* For the hearts of those following the wrong paths to be touched and moved, that lives may be changed for the better. For those hurt and damaged by crime, that they know healing. And for all the gathering spaces in our communities where children and adults gather, whether education, interests, support opportunities, or homes, that there are good social interactions that enrich lives and experience.

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)

The Music Man Project UK Kent/Medway

PLEASE VOTE FOR US TODAY... and EVERY WEEK for the next 3 months!! We've been

nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving online vote through our

local

Asda Chatham (https://www.facebook.com/pages/Asda%20Chatham/106834902722248/) .

The vote is now live! The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500

donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. Vote for us by visiting

Vote (https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4693) and selecting \*Chatham\* from the drop-down box. You can vote once every seven days

(until the end of September) so please vote and then re-vote in the following weeks. Set a reminder on your

phone/calendar. Please share far and wide! Thanks for being part of this exciting activity - Let the voting begin!

Sarah Mann

Director, The Music Man Project UK

Regional Director, The Music Man Project (Kent/Medway)

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\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS

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Next Sunday

Holy Communion

16th October |10.30am | Church

Title: The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Speaker: Glyn Allen

Reading Luke 18:1-8

To book for the Women's Breakfast

Click here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/womens-breakfast-tickets-406909937577>

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

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God Save the King

King Charles III and his Queen Consort with the Prince and Princess of Wales

May God bless the Royal Family in all that they do

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