# **THIS SUNDAY – 6th August**

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:** The Fruit of the Spirit: Self Control
**Speaker**: Christine Curtis
**Reading:** 1 Samuel: 26

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)

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.

Dementia Cafe

9th & 23rd August|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.

Free family fun!

Joint churches messy family fun and sports day. Tuesday 29th August 2pm-4pm. Gillingham park. To register email chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org

### **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

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 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.

9th August, St Mark’s. 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

**New Wine**
As a church we are going to the New Wine summer conference this year - at the Kent Event Centre in Maidstone, previously called the Detling Campsite.
Day tickets to New Wine are available now. And the link to book on-line: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united23/>

Sign up to join and camp from 1-5 August on the New Wine website <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united23/> by booking onto St Mark’s with St Mary’s Island Church.
If you have any questions, please contact Catharina.

St marks church, summer holiday club

Ages 5-11, Tuesdays and Wednesdays August 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd, 10am-12am. Register for any number of sessions. Vicarage hall, Gillingham, ME7 5JA.

Activities include; crafts, games, story and packed lunch.

To register email chris.curtis@stmarksgillingham.org Please include child’s name, age and any allergies.

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* For peace to come into places, peoples, and hearts of violence and conflict.
* For those whose votes for their chosen leaders go unrecognised because of unjust processes - may their hopes be realised.
* For all the countries affected by wildfires, extreme rain, and other severe weather events causing deaths, dangers and disruptions – especially the peoples and visitors to Greece and Albania at this time.
* For **Ukraine**, that they are strengthened to stand against their invaders; hold fast to their faith in God; and be enabled to forgive and move forwards.
* For all those **grieving loss** in this war, and other conflicts around the world, as many suffer – may the Lord bring his comforts and compassion.

**The UK –**

* For help & intervention for those trapped abroad in dangerous situations; and in unfair detentions around the world.
* For our justice system, those working within it, and all who uphold UK Law;
* for all who suffer from crime, those called as witnesses, and those called to Jury Service; and for those brought to justice, that cases are weighed carefully, fairly and honourably.

**God's Church**

* For the Lord to bless the speaking out of His Word, in the power of the Holy Spirit, that it finds good soil in which to take root – may we speak it wherever we go, in our very breaths, to fly on the breeze, and up with the air currents.
* In the persecuted church, that Jesus abides; in suffering, that God lift his precious children above it; anid for the increase of his government and the building of his Kingdom despite opposition and persecution.
* For **New Wine** at Kent Event Centre 1 – 5 August, and the **Family Trust Chequer Tree camp**July and into August.

**Gillingham and Medway**

* For the recent bereavements in local **road accidents**, may families and friends be comforted.
* For all the **sports and leisure places**, and outdoor spaces that many will use through the holidays – may they be fruitful places of safety, joy and fun.
* For all the **young people** starting work, or about to embark in new training or education – may this be an exciting time.
* For improvements to **HMYOI Cookham Wood** at Borstal, that there is better safety for all, and increased opportunities for education and activities.
* For kind invitations in neighbourhoods to benefit those who have little, and those worried and anxious.
* Pray for a joyful summer, into all circumstances and situations.

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*

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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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

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

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**

**13th August, 10.30am, Church**

**Title:** Introduction to Joel: From desolation to restoration, Desolation. The Plague of Locusts

**Speaker**: Seun
**Reading:**Joel1:1-2:11

Thank you for the week

Thank you to all those that helped and participated at Let Loose last Friday.

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Fridays | 10:00am – 12 noon
**Please contact the office if you need to make an**
***appointment & do not drop by without prior arrangement.***