# **THIS SUNDAY - 15st October**

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:** Teen Challenge with Mike Ovinden and team Holy Communion

**Speaker**: Catharina

**Reading:**Psalm 100

#### ****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)

The Anglican Ugandan Youth Choir will sing at St Mark's on Sunday 15 October at  
7.30 pm.  Please do come.

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

Dementia Cafe

25th October, 8th and 22nd November |1pm to 3pm | Church

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, Vicarage Hall

Alpha

New Alpha Course starting Monday 25th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm for 10 weeks in the Old Vicarage.  For more details and if you wish to attend [**CLICK HERE.**](https://gillingham.churchinsight.com/Groups/269684/Alpha.aspx)

### **NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Church news

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 November, St Marks: 1 Canterbury Street, ME7 5TP.

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

Any questions, please email, catharina@stmarksgillingham.org

Please pray

**Worldwide -**

* For **the crisis in Israel and Gaza**: into the horror that has been released through terrorist acts; for all those grieving the sudden loss of loved ones, those who’ve been captured, and those whose homes have suddenly been destroyed; for the grief-stricken and overwhelmed; for worried families at home and abroad; for Holy God to work mighty miracles of de-escalation of conflict and retaliation.  May the God of hope come in, routing evil before Him – *Psalm 24:7* *Lift up your heads you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.*
* For the recovery of loved ones in **Afghanistan’s** recent earthquake, as local people search using bare hands.
* The UN **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, 17th **October**, aims to promote understanding and dialogue between people living in poverty and the wider society.  This year's theme calls for universal access to decent work and social protection as a means to uphold human dignity for all people, and to emphasize that decent work must empower people, provide fair wages and safe working conditions, and fundamentally recognize the inherent value and humanity of all workers. Similarly, universal social protection is urgently needed to guarantee income security for everyone, prioritizing society's most vulnerable members.

**The UK –**

* for unity across our lands to stand against hostility, bigotry, and retaliation, in the light of recent events in Israel.
* For hospitals, medical hubs and doctors’ surgeries; and for the improvement of services’ infrastructure before the approval of large building developments.

**God's Church –**

* For For isolated Christians around the globe, that they know the presence of the Lord, and of their praying worldwide family, that they are comforted.
* For the PCC meetings which are usually the third Monday of each month.
* Pray for the **ALPHA group**and all those participating in it; and for those leading.
* And for … *The Anglican Ugandan Youth Choir will sing at St Mark's on Sunday 15 October at 7.30 pm.  Please do come.*

**Gillingham and Medway –**

* For the love of God to reach into our streets and neighbourhoods with our prayers, the spoken Word, and in our communications with those we meet.
* For social and entertainment events locally, that the communities are blessed.
* For Medway Maritime Hospital under such pressure
* for patients trying to get appointments or access waiting list; for frontline staff, those working in the background, and the voluntary workers.

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!!

Pizza and movie 12th October

Fireworks, Hot dogs and Hot Chocolate 4th November

Trip to Moat Park and Swimming 30th August

More info and permission slips to follow!!

Prince of Egypt

(PG) the Dreamworks West End musical about Moses is showing at:

**Chatham Odeon** on:

Thursday 19th October at 7pm And Sunday 22nd October at 2pm

 and at:

**Rochester Cineworld\*** on:

Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm And Sunday 22nd October at 3pm

\**The 12A certificate on the Cineworld website should read PG - it's correct on the Odeon website.*

For details, the trailer and to book go to:

[www.odeon.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/HO00004764/](http://www.odeon.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/HO00004764/)

[www.cineworld.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/ho00010363#/](http://www.cineworld.co.uk/films/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical/ho00010363#/)

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

INVITATION TO OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Celebrating our Diversity Makes Us Better Church Green, Rochester, Kent ME2 4HE You are invited to join us at our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Service On Sunday 22 October 2023 at 3pm Theme: I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13 Contact telephone number: 07947 510888 Black History Association (Gravesham and Kent) Registered Charity Number 1190181

NEXT SUNDAY

**Service of the word**

**22nd October, 10.30am, Church**  
  
**Title:** Jonah’s prayer

**Speaker**: Lynne Martin

**Reading:**Jonah 2:1-9

Thank you for the week

Thank you to those that helped at riding lights on Sunday

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**Office hours:**  
Monday | 9.00am - 2.00pm  
Tuesday | 9.00am - 1.00pm  
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.***