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St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
with St. Mary's Island Church

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus January: **Medway
Night Shelter**

St. Mark's Group/events for January:
Alpha

15th January 2017

Epiphany 2

10.30am: Service of the Word

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: "Persecuted in Smyrna"

Reading: Revelation 2: 8-11

Other Services & events: 11.00am **Morning
Worship**, St. Mary's Island

Prayer Ministry: *If you would like someone to pray with you or to share concerns with, then members of the prayer team are available in the small chapel at the front of church.*

Monday-Friday during term time 9.15am-12.15pm, St. Mark's Pre-school, Vicarage Hall - Children need to be registered first.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Mon 16th Jan: 7.30pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage
7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage. *The next meeting will be on Mon 20th Feb.*

Weds 18th Jan: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in church

10.00am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

1.15pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith and Light**, Vicarage Hall

Wed 18th Jan: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Foodbank Prayer & Praise, City Cornerstone Church, Jasper Ave, Rochester, ME1 2LD. Please come, everyone very welcome.



Thurs 19th Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 20th Jan: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 21st Jan: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**

Small/Home Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week - please speak to Gary or Chris Atkins if you would like to be in a mid-week group.

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd January

10.30am Holy Communion

Theme: "False Teaching in Pergamum"

Reading: Revelation 2: 12-17

6.30pm Christian Unity Week joint service 2017 with the theme of "Crossing Barriers" here at St. Mark's Church. *Please see poster for more details.*

Other Services: 11.00am **Family Service** St. Mary's Island.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sun 29th Jan: After the morning service a **Welcome Lunch** for those who were new to St. Mark's in the last year or so - please speak to

Lynne Martin or Pauline Jackson if you would like to come.

Thurs 2nd Feb: 7.00pm-9.30pm **Alpha introduction with supper included.**

Do you want to find out more about what we believe? Do you want a personal relationship with Jesus? Explore the meaning of life through **ALPHA!** Each session of this ten-week course includes food, a short talk and good conversation. Think about who **YOU** could invite! Speak to Keith Sheepwash, Richard or Jane Tolhurst for more details or fill out a registration form.



Fri 3rd Feb: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Sat 11th Feb: 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 16th March: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start **Foodbank Prayer & Praise** meeting at the Salvation Army, Church Street, Chatham ME4 4BT

FAMILY NEWS

Thank You



for your Kindness

Mike & Denise Young want to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness during Mike's radiotherapy treatment which went well with few side effects.

Jane Bannar-Martin and family want to thank all those who have been praying for her daughter-in-law Jen following her serious stroke last year. Jen has made a remarkable recovery and has been offered a new part-time job as a teaching assistant despite on-going problems with one arm and hand.

The Salvation Army Church, Green Street, Gillingham is holding a new Marriage Course starting on Monday 16th January between 6.45pm-9.15pm. The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage, whether married for one year or forty years! See information on the course on the Community Events notice

board at the side of church, or to book, or for more information please contact Julie & Andy Millest on 01634 579004 or adandjamillest@btinternet.com thank you.

Medway Winter Night Shelter is collecting various food and cleaning items. Please see the list and collecting boxes at the back of church. The night shelter is currently full each night...



Alpha

Can you help the new Alpha Course starting on Thursday 2nd Feb @ 7.00pm by cooking a simple meal for 6-12 people, serve the meal and wash up? This can be anything from jacket potato with filling, Cottage Pie & veg, Sausage & mash, Lasagne etc. plus a sweet. Money can be reimbursed providing you have receipts. Please speak to Lynda Smith after the service.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is GOD's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:3-4:16-18 (New Living Translation Bible)

Please help us LORD to be joyful and thankful in all circumstances whether we feel like it or not! Keep each one of us close to You and encourage us to grow in our understanding and knowledge of Your amazing transforming love. Amen.

Katy Barnwell, our Mission Partner asks us to pray for her Bible Translation Textbook she is in the process of writing. Please pray, "For much wisdom in the final review and update of the content, ability to communicate clearly, skill in choosing and enhancing examples, and in sharing vision... For much needed skill in applying a new set of 'Styles' to meet the publisher's formatting requirements! This is proving to be a major challenge." She ends her Newsletter with, "May the Lord encourage and bless you in the challenges you are facing too!"

Pray for Alpha and for each person that the LORD wants to be on this course... **Praise** for all the wonderful ways that the LORD blesses,

encourages and enlightens every life that this course touches.

Pray for our church community, especially anyone you know is suffering for whatever reason... **Ask the LORD** to show His loving mercy, strength and kindness to all involved.

Continue to Pray for Saju as he is on retreat in Poland this week and for protection for him, Katy and the children while he's away.

Praise for the **Medway Winter Night Shelter** and all that it's doing for the rough sleepers in the Medway Towns... **Pray** for a Godly solution to the wider problems that have caused this crisis.

Ask the LORD to remind you of answers to prayer and blessings you have received and give Him the glory for He is good.

Praise for the **Faith and Light Team** who were commissioned and celebrated last Sunday and all the answers to prayer, blessings and God's joy that radiates from this special community.

Continue to Pray for the forthcoming **PCC Meetings** and ask the LORD to be close to every member and guide them in the way forward for their own lives as well as St. Mark's Church.

Praise for the **India 2018 Meeting** last Monday... **Ask the LORD** to continue His work in each one of us and to show us His plans for this outreach... if you weren't able to attend but are interested in the project, please speak to Saju.

Pray for those recovering from surgery or other treatment: for **Michael Stacey**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Mo Chen**... **Pray** for all those affected especially their family and friends.

Continue to pray ... for **Anne Fordham**... for **Nev Piper**... for **Don Miller**... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **David Howlett**... for **Mike Young** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission focus January: **Medway Night Shelter**... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group/event for January: **Alpha**

Bible readings for January 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 16 th	146	Amos 6	1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Tues 17 th	132	Amos 7	1 Corinthians 6.12-end
Weds 18 th	81	Amos 8	1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thurs 19 th	76	Amos 9	1 Corinthians 7.1.25-end
Fri 20 th	27	Hosea 1.1-2.1	1 Corinthians 8
Sat 22 nd	122	Hosea 2.2-17	1 Corinthians 9.1-14

Except for the first Sunday of the month **during term time**, groups for children and young teenagers meet at the Old Vicarage & the Carer's Centre respectively, each Sunday morning. All our youth & children's workers are DBS checked for your child's protection and safety. **If you have young children** please feel free to take your children to the Creche area at the back of church, near the sound desk (ask if you can't see it). Children are important to us at St. Mark's and we want them to be happy. Please feel free to let them play quietly in the Creche; **we just ask that you stay with them and leave the area tidy!**