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with St. Mary's Island Church

*Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
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Mission Focus March: **Tearfund**

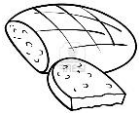
St. Mark's Group/events for March :
PCC

Tearfund SUNDAY

5th March 2017



We warmly welcome Rev. Liz Resch, Tearfund representative who is preaching this morning.
1st Sunday of Lent



10.30am: All-Age Service – followed by a cheese and bread lunch, please donate the amount you'd pay for lunch to help the people of our connected church! Thank you

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: Lent series (2) "God's Word Given"

Reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Other Services & events: 11.00am **Holy Communion**, St. Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

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.*

Flowers today sponsored by Lesley Boast in memory of her mother's birthday 2nd March.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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

Weds 8th March: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

10.00am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 9th March: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.00pm-9.30pm **Alpha** with supper included, Old Vicarage

Fri 10th March: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

8.00pm **Table-Tennis Club** - All St Mark's over - 18's welcome, Vicarage Hall

Sat 11th March: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**

10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

SUNDAY 12th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: Lent series (3) "God's Word Re-discovered"

Reading: 2 Kings 22.1-23:3

6.30pm: Service of the Word

Theme: Lent series (4) "God's Powerful Word"



Reading: Isaiah 55:1-13 (Isaiah 40:6-8 & Hebrews 4:12-13)

Other Services/Events: 11.00am **Holy Communion** St. Mary's Island.

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

***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.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 14th March: Licensing of the Rev Canon Anthony Lane as the new vicar at St. Augustine's, Gillingham.

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

Sun 19th March: 11.00am **Morning Service & AGM** St. Mary's Island.

Sun 26th March: *The Clocks go forward 1 hour!*

10.30am Mothering Sunday, SOS & Pathfinders will join us in Church for Holy Communion.

6.30pm India 2018 Film Night in Church all welcome

Fri 31st March: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Thurs 13th April: 6.30pm **Passover Supper**. **If you would like to be part of the team please speak to Lucy Day or the Church Office.**

Sat 22nd April: **India 2018 Fundraising Games Event**. More details later.

FAMILY NEWS

St. Mary's Island Church is looking for a part-time administrator to work 10 hours per week, based at St. Mark's Parish Office. Closing date Monday 13th March with interviews on Monday 20th March.

For more information &/or application pack please contact John Bloor or the Church Office

'Lent Bible Feast' – daily readings for Lent, available at the back of church.

'Baobab' is the new Christian Bookshop/Drop in Centre and café, open 10.00am-5.00pm, Mon-Sat, 2 Batchelor Street, Chatham, ME4 4BJ, 01634 840862. Please support this new venture!

Sun 23rd April: 10.30am **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** in Church as part of our worship.

We need to nominate and elect 3 Deanery Synod and 4 PCC members and choose 2 Churchwardens – please think and pray for wisdom as to who might fill these vacancies. Nomination forms will be available soon.

To vote at the APCM you need to be on our membership list, the 'Electoral Roll'. If you are already on it, there is no need to re-apply; however anyone else must fill in an application form. You need to be a) over 16 years old, b) have been baptised (as a child or adult in any Christian denomination) and c) either live in the parish or have attended St. Mark's for at least 6 months.

Application forms are available at the back of church or in the office. **The list will close on 26th March until after the APCM.**

Pray for the **Tearfund** Service today... **Ask the Lord** to make sure that all the monies raised goes to the people that He has chosen... **Praise the LORD** for our connected church in India and the blessing they are to their community.

Praise that all the people who are on the **Alpha Course** are allowing the Lord to break down barriers to build close friendships.

Pray for the new post of '**Head of Youth, Children & Families**' and for discernment for those involved in short-listing and interviewing at the end of March... for **Amanda Maskell** and her family, as she joins us in autumn 2017 as our curate.

Continue to pray for **Word on the Street** staff who are being made redundant on March 31st.

Praise for **India 2018** and the Auction of Gifts & Talents last Sunday which raised the amazing amount of **£2,006!** Thank you for everyone who worked so hard took part.

Pray for the **APCM** on Sunday 23rd April... for the LORD to direct who He wants as new Deanery Synod and PCC members and for the 2 new Church Wardens.

Pray for a country, situation or person that comes to mind this week and ask the LORD to bless them, bring healing and shower them with His love.

Pray for **Samuel Wilkins** whose foot was broken when run over by a car in Gillingham High Street... **Ian Recardo's father Harry**... for **Michael Stacey**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Mo Chen**... for **Derick & Terri Thom & family**... for **Michelle Saunders' dad**... for **Nev Piper**... for **Don Miller**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission focus March: **Tearfund** ...
Please pray for our St. Mark's Group for March:
PCC...



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Make me walk along the path of Your commands, for that is where my happiness is found." Psalm 119:35 (NLT)

Lord, thank you that in reading the Bible, Your love letter to us we meet You through each page. Please help us to spend more time in Your company through the pages of Your Word and enjoy the power of Your saving grace. Amen.

Praise for all that the LORD is doing for the **El Campello Christian Community Church**, in Spain. This includes the recent visit from YWAM, which now means that the community has live music most weeks led by young and very talented musicians who have accepted Jesus in their lives during the last 18 months.

Pray for wisdom to continue to grow in the LORD... for finance especially as many in the community are in financial difficulties... for more mature Christian workers to teach and lead... for protection and healing especially for Caroline, Carol, Peter and Fiona.

Bible readings for March 2017

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 6 th	98	Jeremiah 4.19-end	John 5.1-18
Tues 7 th	44	Jeremiah 5.1-19	John 5.19-29
Weds 8 th	6	Jeremiah 5.20-end	John 5.30-end
Thurs 9 th	42	Jeremiah 6.9.21	John 6.1-15
Fri 10 th	22	Jeremiah 6. 22-end	John 6.16-27
Sat 11 th	63	Jeremiah 7.1-20	John 6.27-40

Except for the first Sunday of the month **during term time**, groups for children and young teenagers meet at the Old Vicarage, 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!**