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

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Mission Focus April: All
Mission Partners

St. Mark's Group/events for
April: Easter Services

16th April 2017



HAPPY EASTER – He has risen ALLELUIA!

10.30am: Easter Sunday Communion

Theme: Easter
Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

6.30pm: No Evening Service at St. Mark's Church

Other Services & Events:

6.00am Sunrise Service, St. Mary's Island Church

11.00am Easter Family Communion 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.*



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AND NEXT

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

Weds 19th April: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

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

10.00am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

Thurs 20th April: 1.00pm–3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 21st April: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7–11, Old Vicarage

Sat 22nd April: 10.00am–12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church



India 2018 Fundraising Games Event in the Vicarage Hall:

10.00am–2.00pm Family Fun!

6.00pm–9.30pm Games Galore! See poster on notice board or speak to Lucy Wheatley.

SUNDAY 23rd April

Easter 2

10.30am: Service of the Word - including **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** during the

morning's service in Church as part of our worship. We need to nominate and elect 3 Deanery Synod and 4 PCC members and choose 2 Churchwardens.

6.30pm: Holy Communion

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

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



Small Groups/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

Fri 28th April: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Mon 15th May: 7.30pm 'Changing Our World – One Prayer at a Time'. An inclusive prayer event arranged by Simon Burton-Jones & Rochester Diocese World Mission Forum, at St Matthew's Church, Wigmore ME8 0NX; see poster.

Sun 21st May: 6.30pm–8.00pm start of **Everybody Welcome Course** more details to follow.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meetings



Thurs 25th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm St. Peter's Church, Bredhurst ME7 3JZ

Fri 26th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm St. Thomas' Church, Rainham ME8 7RH

Sat 27th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Holy Trinity Church, Twydall ME8 6JU

Sun 28th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gillingham ME7 1SS

Mon 29th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham Methodist Church, ME7 2LU

Tues 30th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Salem Church of the Nazarene, ME7 4LH

Weds 31st May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham URC Church, ME7 4PU

Thurs 1st June: 7.30pm–8.30pm Kings Church, Gillingham, ME7 1LD

Fri 2nd June: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham Salvation Army, ME7 1XA

Sat 3rd June: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham Baptist Church, Green, ME7 5TJ

Sun 4th June: 6.30pm **United Pentecost Service**, St Mark's Church, Gillingham ME7 5TP



FAMILY NEWS



We are thrilled to announce that **Shane Cordle** has been appointed as our new **Head of Youth, Children & Families** – Shane is from America and Chris, his wife, is originally from Hoo St. Werburgh. They have been married 8 years and have 6 grown-up

children. Please pray for them and their family as they prepare to move to Medway.

The annual reports and the agenda for the APCM on Sunday 23rd April are available on our website www.stmarksgillingham.org to view. We are not printing paper copies for general distribution due to cost. If you would like a copy emailed or have no access to a computer, please order a copy from the church office. Thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"For this GOD, is our GOD for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end" Psalm 48:14 (NIV)

LORD, please help us to remember that You will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) and that You are the perfect guide to each one of us if only we would listen to You! Thank you that we can't earn Your love – You give it to us through Your loving grace. Amen.

Pray for Syria and for all the various groups who are suffering... **Ask the LORD** to bring a peaceful solution which is fair and just for all sides... **Praise** that although, "Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall He [the LORD] lifts His voice, the earth melts" (Psalm 46:6) and He has the final word.

Pray for the recent terrorist attacks... **Dortmund Football Team bus attack... Westminster attack... Stockholm lorry attack** and any other situations that the LORD brings to mind... **Ask the LORD** to bring the various communities together and comfort all those affected.

Praise for **Shane Cordle** who has been appointed as our new 'Head of Youth, Children & Families' and his wife Chris joining our church community... **Ask the LORD** to prepare Shane for the work ahead and keep him safe in every environment he finds himself in... ask for protection for Chris, his wife who will be working as a district nurse... **pray** for family who will be left behind in Ohio.

Pray for the **APCM** on Sunday 23rd April that the LORD will be glorified in all we think, say and do.

Continue to pray that the **re-shaping of our evening services** will glorify Jesus, bless our community and open our hearts to learn how to be "church" in the 21st century.

Pray for **India 2018 fundraising event GAMES GALORE!** on Saturday 22nd April... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and build friendships in our church community.

Ask the LORD to give you an Easter service and a Mission Partner to cover in prayer this week.

Pray for the **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meetings** from Thursday 25th May to Sunday 4th June... **Ask the LORD** to show us what He wants us to bring before Him... to create His united Church in our world... to bring healing and forgiveness to all communities... to protect, encourage and help each individual to grow in Him... to give everyone a new sense of His peace and joy, so that we can radiate His message of love to a hurting world.

Lucy Day asks us to 'praise God for the amazing support from my husband and all of you, my friends at Spring Harvest... **pray** that the sciatic pain will remain reasonably controlled while awaiting back surgery'.

Pray for for **Saju's Mum** who has had a fall which required stitches in her face... for **Gary & Chris Atkins and family** following the recent death of Gary's father... for **Tina Piper** who recently had teeth removed under general anaesthetic... for **Luke Prankard** who has burned his foot... for **Lynda Smith** with a broken leg... for **Rob Byles**... for **Samuel Wilkins**... for **Ian Recardo's father Harry**... for **Michael Stacey**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Mo Chen**... for **Michelle Saunders' dad**... for **Nev Piper**... for **Don Miller**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... and for others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission focus for April: **All Mission Partners... Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group/events for April: **Easter Services ...**

Bible readings for April 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 17 th	111	Song of Solomon 1.9-2.7	Mark 16.1-8
Tues 18 th	112	Song of Solomon 2.8-end	Luke 24.1-12
Weds 19 th	113	Song of Solomon 3	Matthew 28.16-end
Thurs 20 th	114	Song of Solomon 5.2-6.3	Luke 7.11-17
Fri 21 st	115	Song of Solomon 7.10-8.4	Luke 8.41-end
Sat 22 nd	116	Song of Solomon 8.5-7	John 11.17-44

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!**