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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus May: Lucy
Haslam

St. Mark's Group/events for
May: Prayer meetings

7th May 2017



4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am: All Age Service
'Building Up One Another'
series starts

Readings: Galatians 5:16-26
& Luke 12:13-21

6.30pm: Prayer Stream

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.*

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 10th May: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

Thurs 11th May: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 12th May: 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 13th May: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

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

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.

NEXT SUNDAY - 14th May

5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Holy Communion
'Members of One Another'

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream

Other Services/Events:

11.00am Morning Worship St. Mary's Island.

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 ONX; see poster.

Weds 17th May: 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Foodbank Prayer and Praise** @Pip 'n' Jims, King George Road, Walderslade ME5 0TZ

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

Fri 26th May: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage - future dates are: 30th June & 28th July

Sun 28th May: 6.30pm **Service at The Canterbury Tales Pub**, Canterbury Street - Please note that there will not be an evening service at St. Mark's Church.

'THY KINGDOM COME'

Join the global wave of prayer at these churches, from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Thurs 25th May: St. Peter's, Bredhurst ME7 3JZ

Fri 26th May: St. Thomas', Rainham ME8 7RH

Sat 27th May: Holy Trinity, Twydall ME8 6JU

Sun 28th May: St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham ME7 1SS

Mon 29th May: Gillingham Methodist ME7 2LU

Tues 30th May: Salem Church of the Nazarene, Nelson Road ME7 4LH

Weds 31st May: Gillingham URC, ME7 4PU

Thurs 1st June: Kings, Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7 1LD

Fri 2nd June: Gillingham Salvation Army ME7 1XA

Sat 3rd June: Gillingham Baptist, Green Street, Gillingham ME7 5TJ

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

See flyers for more details.



FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Sajú & Katy Muthalaly who after 65,480 steps, completed the Belfast marathon and crossed the finish line together. Their efforts

Congratulations...you did it!!



helped raise over £2,000 towards India 2018. It's not too late to sponsor them with cash or at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/india2018>



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"He (Jesus) died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 (NIV UK Bible)

Thank you Jesus, that in You we have someone who has "delivered [us] from death and [our feet] from stumbling, that [we] may walk before God on the light of life" (Psalm 56:13) if only we let You. Please help us to encourage and build each other up for Your Glory's Sake Amen.

Pray for Megan & Max who were baptised last Sunday (30th April) and their families and friends... **Ask the LORD** to continue to work in their lives and bring them closer to Him... **Praise** for the wonderful service last Sunday and give thanks to the LORD for everyone who took part.

Pray for our Mission Partner, Lucy Haslam and ask the LORD to encourage her in her studies and refresh her in her quiet times with Him... **Praise** that **Lucy** along with all our other Mission partners are sharing God's loving message to a hurting, confused and fearful world. They are, "praising Him among the nations [and] singing of Him among the peoples." (Psalm 57:9) for His glory's sake Amen.

Praise for the spinal block nerve injection for **Lucy Day**... **Pray** that she will feel the benefits and that surgery will not be needed.

Continue to pray for the outcome of the **French Presidential Election**... the **UK May & June Elections**... the **German Elections in September**... that His will be done, His name be glorified and communities will be transformed into oases of peace and respect.

Praise that **Shane Cordle** has been appointed as our new 'Head of Youth, Children & Families'... He asks for specific prayer... 'We are now waiting on Chris's employment to receive and approve all the documents she has sent. Once that is approved she will receive her official start date and we will apply for my visa. That being said, our prayers right now are for speedy processing of her paperwork and quick approval of my visa once applied for. I am very excited to join everyone, hopefully very soon'.

Pray for **Amanda Maskell** and her family, as she joins us in autumn 2017 as our curate... **Ask the LORD** to continue to equip, heal and encourage her in her walk with Him.

Continue to pray for the 'Thy Kingdom Come' **Prayer Gatherings** from Thursday 25th May to Sunday 4th June and all the other Prayer meetings happening in May... **Praise the LORD** for the many opportunities to speak to Him and say thank you for all His wonderful blessings even in the most difficult of circumstances... **Ask the LORD** to equip, strengthen and encourage His people, so that we listen, respond and grow to be more and more like Jesus.

Pray for Gary Atkins who had knee surgery on May 2nd that this will work and bring healing and relief from the problems surrounding his knee.

Pray for Rachel Littlewood... for **Michael Stacey** in Medway hospital... for **Gary & Chris Atkins and family** following the recent death of Gary's father and having to relocate his Mum... for **Saju's Mum** ... for **Nev and Tina Piper** both awaiting dates for surgery... for **Luke Prankard** whose burn on his feet is healing well... for **Lynda Smith**... for **Rob Byles**... for **Michelle Saunders' dad**... for **Don Miller**... and for others known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission focus for May: **Lucy Haslam**... Please pray for our St. Mark's Group/events for May: **Prayer Meetings**...

Bible readings for May 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 8 th	103	Deuteronomy 9.1-21	Ephesians 4.1-16
Tues 9 th	139	Deuteronomy 9.23-10.5	Ephesians 4.17-end
Weds 10 th	135	Deuteronomy 10.12-end	Ephesians 5.1-14
Thurs 11 th	118	Deuteronomy 11.8-end	Ephesians 5.15-end
Fri 12 th	33	Deuteronomy 12.1-14	Ephesians 6.1-9
Sat 13 th	34	Deuteronomy 15.1-18	Ephesians 6:10-end

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!**