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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

21st May 2017



6th Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Holy Communion
'Devoted to One Another'

Reading: Romans 12:1-8

6.30pm: Workshop Stream
- Everybody Welcome (1)

**Other Services & Events: 11.00am Morning
Worship** 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 24th 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 25th May: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,
Church

7.30pm-8.30pm **Thy Kingdom Come**, St.
Peter's, Bredhurst ME7 3JZ

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

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

7.30pm-8.30pm **Thy Kingdom Come**, St.
Thomas', Rainham ME8 7RH

Sat 27th May: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**,
Church

7.30pm-8.30pm **Thy Kingdom Come**, Holy
Trinity, Twydall ME8 6JU

NEXT SUNDAY - 28th May

7th Sunday of Easter - Sunday after Ascension Day

10.30am: Service of the Word 'Honour One
Another'

Reading: Romans
12:9-21

**6.30pm: No Evening
Service at St. Mark's**
- instead there will be

'Church in the Pub', venue to be confirmed.

Other Services/Events: 11.00am Baptisms St.
Mary's Island (**Dragon Boat day**)

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

7.30pm-8.30pm **Thy Kingdom Come**, St. Mary
Magdalene, Gillingham ME7 1SS



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

'THY KINGDOM COME'

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

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

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

Sat 17th June: 10am-1pm **India 2018
Fundraiser Café & Car Wash, Bric-a-Brac &
Book Sale**, Old Vicarage Site - please see the
notice on the **India 2018 board** for help needed.

FAMILY NEWS

Mo Chen would like to say a BIG "thank you"
to everyone in St. Mark's Church for all the
love, prayers and support to her and her
family during her second
battle with cancer.



She says, "Our Father
carried me through again!!
The recent scan showed no
further spreading, which
means the current

treatment is working and the cancer is under
control. All in God's control!!! Hallelujah!!!

'By His wounds I am healed, praise the one
who fights for me!'

**'Make a date - Wednesday 9am Holy
Communion in Church.** Reasons: an
oasis of peace, calm, intimate, yet NOT
daunting! What's the best bit? **Meeting our
amazing GOD and a small group of
wonderful brothers and sisters in the
LORD... Be spiritually refreshed in this
midweek refuelling stop. What's not to like?'**





POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the LORD. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." Hebrews 12:14-15 (NIV UK Bible)

LORD, thank you that we can bring before You all our good parts and our imperfections to be cleansed in Your perfect holiness. Please help us to remember to use Your loving grace and strength when we deal with each other for Your glory's sake and our wellbeing. Amen.

Praise for the **Election Hustings** in church last Wednesday and all the answers to prayer... thank you that we were able to open our doors to the wider community... **Pray** that everyone involved will meet Jesus in a new and fulfilling way.

Pray for **Lynne Martin** as she prepares to move into the Garden House as her new role of Medway Campus Chaplain has begun.

Pray for **Gillingham High Street** and the many issues that affect our wider community... addiction... homelessness... despair... fear... worthlessness... **Praise** that, "You [God] answers us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our saviour the hope of all" (Psalm 65:5).

Pray for the **Café & Car Wash, Bric-a-Brac & Book Sale** on Sat 17th June.

Pray for our **Mission Partner, Lucy Haslam** especially for her course work, health and getting work and quiet time balance, so that she can listen to what the LORD is teaching, leading and challenging her in... **Praise** for all the LORD is doing through Lucy, some of which she may not even be aware of!

Shane and Chris Cordle write: "Thanks for the prayers! We have a new prayer request; pray for Shane's Visa application, that they will accept it the first time it is submitted and that it is issued speedily. I seem to be jumping through hoops to

get the paperwork in order, and it's still never right for the attorney. It is quite frustrating and very time consuming... We are anxious and excited to move and be where we feel the Lord is calling us. We also need our passports back in time to attend our daughter's wedding at the beginning of July... I know the Lord is able to take care of all the details and Matthew 6 keeps running through my mind "do not worry about tomorrow" I guess patience is a lesson I am still learning... it is a great feeling to know we are being supported in prayer from across the world. We really feel like part of the church already!"

Ask the LORD to give you one prayer meeting to pray over this week... **Praise** that, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." (1 John 5:14)

Praise that **Mental Health** has been given more prominence in the general election... **Pray** that more finance and greater resources will be given to Mental Health Services and that physical and mental health issues will be viewed with the same compassion and understanding.

Praise that the LORD has answered our prayers concerning **Mo Chen** and her second battle with cancer... continue to pray for her and the family.

Pray for **Jenny White's sister Brenda** awaiting heart surgery... **Rachel Littlewood**... for **Lucy Day** ...for **Michael Stacey** in Medway hospital... for **Gary & Chris Atkins and family** following Gary's knee surgery and the recent death of Gary's father and having to relocate his Mum... for **Nev** and **Tina Piper** both awaiting dates for surgery... for **Lynda Smith**... for **Rob Byles**... for **Michelle Saunders' dad** undergoing radiotherapy and her **Mum** following surgery ... 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	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 22 nd	65	Deuteronomy 26	1 Peter 4.1-11
Tues 23 rd	89.1-18	Deuteronomy 28.1-14	1 Peter 4.12-end
Weds 24 th	132	Deuteronomy 28.58-end	1 Peter 5
Thurs 25 th	110	Isaiah 52.7-end	Hebrews 7.[11-25] 26-end
Fri 26 th	81	Deuteronomy 29.2-15	1 John 1.1-2.6
Sat 27 th	47	Deuteronomy 30	1 John 2.7-17

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!**