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

To please God. Teach his word.
Serve others and Connect people
with Jesus

Mission Focus May & June:
**Lucy Haslam & Francis &
Diane Dognan**

St. Mark's Group for May &
June: **Elderly Care:
Charing House & St.
Mark's House & Audio
Visual Equipment Team**

29th May 2016

We welcome this morning the parents, God parents, family and friends of Sophia & Milana Nicotra, Leah Ditch and Tyler Robbins who are being baptised today.

Trinity 1

10.30am: Service of the Word

Theme: The Great Commission

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Please help deliver our Big Lunch invitations to our neighbours. These are already prepared in street/road order and must be delivered before Monday 6th June, thank you.



6.30pm: Holy Communion

Reading: Nehemiah 1

Other Services: 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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK? - May Break

Weds 1st June: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

Thurs 2nd June: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church



Sat 4th June: 1.00pm **Wedding of Becky Pedder and Steve England.** Becky and Steve invite you to the ceremony in church followed by tea and cake.



Next Sunday 5th June 2016:

10.30am **All Age Service led by Faith & Light**

6.30pm **Holy Communion**

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

Small 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

Sat 11th June: 10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 11th June: From 1.00pm **All are invited to watch St. Mark's Cricket Team vs. Otterden Cricket Team @ the Otterden Place Cricket**

Ground, Bunce Court Road, Faversham, ME13 0BU - Bring a picnic and drink to share.

Sat 11th & Sun 12th June: 1.00pm-5.00pm **Bishopscourt is open as part of the National Gardens Scheme**, teas, homemade cakes & plant sale, Entry £3 @ **Bishopscourt, 24 St. Margaret's Street, Rochester.** All proceeds will go to NGS charities (see www.ngs.org <<http://www.ngs.org>>). Enquires: 07816 828439.

Sun 12th June: 12.30pm-2.00pm **St. Mark's 150th Anniversary Big Lunch**, Old Vicarage site - we need volunteers to help setup in the morning and help out during the afternoon - **please sign up at the back of church, thank you.**

Sat 18th June: 12.00noon-2.00pm **The Activity Loft's 10th Birthday** @ The Activity Loft, 11 The Vineries, Gillingham - *Please come and celebrate with us especially those who have supported us during this adventure.*

Fri 24th June: 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Sun 3rd July: 4.00pm-6.00pm **Over-60s Afternoon Tea**, Old Vicarage Garden/Hall. *Please put this date in your diary; invitations to follow! Saju.*

Sat 9th July: 4.00pm-5.30pm **SPLAT! Olympics** family fun in church. Volunteers needed to help with pre-planned crafts or chat to parents. **Cakes also needed, please let Jo know if you can help in anyway.**

Sun 17th July: **Family Picnic** after church, more details to follow.

Thurs 21st July: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** @ the Shipa Tandoori Restaurant, Canterbury Street, Gillingham, ME7 5TS - *other bi-monthly dates are: 29th Sept & 24th Nov.*

FAMILY NEWS

Mike and Denise Young would like to say a big thankyou for all the prayers, encouragement and loving support they have received during Mike's illness.



HELP! Does anyone have access to a eucalyptus tree or bush whose leaves can be used in a wedding flower display being prepared on 2nd June? If so, please speak to Keith or Jenny asap.

Churches together in Medway are holding a three-part gathering called "#celebrateMedway" consisting of: **'A Call for God's Mercy'** on Mon 20th June; **'A Cry for God's Favour'** on Sat 2nd July, which will be **Prayer Boat trips** on the river & two prayer walks. Also **'A Celebration of God's Goodness'** which will

be a relaxed time of fellowship. Full details nearer the time.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one LORD – His name alone will be worshipped." Zechariah 14:9 (New Living

Translation Bible)

We praise You Lord that in the future You will reign in majesty with justice, mercy and love. Please help us to work in harmony with Your wishes, so that all of creation can be saved for Your glory's sake Amen.

Pray for Sophia & Milana Nicotra, Leah Ditch, & Tyler Robbins who are being baptised today, their parents, God parents, family and friends... **Ask the Lord** to bless, protect and bring them to a greater understanding of Him... **Praise** that, "The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)

Pray for all those affected by the terrible landslide in Sri Lanka and around the world where bridges, roads etc. have become impassable... **Ask the Lord** to be close to grieving families and bring aid to survivors, so they can rebuild their lives... **Praise** that, "The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

Praise for the **Audio Visual Equipment Team** and all the hard work they put in to help make each service pleasing to God... **Pray** for more volunteers who are interested in being trained for this vital work.

Pray for our mission partners, **Francis & Diane Dognan** who are serving in a church in Lisieux, France... **Ask** the Lord to encourage, protect and bind everyone together in His love.

Pray for our mission partner, **Lucy Haslam** as she continues her studies at Oak Hill Theological College in London... **Ask** the Lord to help Lucy concentrate on what is important and leave any worries in the Lord's hands.

Praise the Lord that **Sharntell Turtle** has been found safe and is back home with her family.

Pray for **Becky Pedder & Steve England's wedding** on Saturday 4th June here at St. Mark's.

Praise for all the answers to prayer for the **Men's Curry Night** that happened on Thurs 26th and for the **Lydia Prayer Meeting** that happened on Fri 27th... **Ask** the Lord to prepare the way ahead for both these groups, so that they can achieve all that He has planned.

Praise for all the money raised by Ladies Group and their families in the 5Km Race for Life on the Great Lines last Sunday in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Pray for **Richard, Kathryn, Emily and Joannah England** as they move to Crofton Parish, Stubbington (near Fareham, Hampshire) on Tues 31st May... **Give thanks** for all that they have meant to us and the exciting plans that the Lord has in store for them.

Pray for the **Christian Community in El Campello**, whose new premises needs significant changes to comply with Spanish legislation.

Praise the Lord for all that the Lord is doing at **Charing House** and **St. Mark's House**... **Pray** for all elderly carers especially those looking after loved ones with various forms of dementia.

Pray for **John and Ann Townsend** as John recovers from surgery... for **Nev Piper's mum Jeanne** who is 94, very frail and is due to undergo a breast op soon... **Annie Townsend, Sheelagh Graves, Richard Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast, Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen, Ruby Palfreyman** who has on-going back problems, **Karen Dyer, Rose Miller**... for the **Haslam Family** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partners for May & June: **Lucy Haslam & Francis & Diane Dognan ... Please pray** for our St. Mark Group's for May & June: **Elderly Care: Charing House & St. Mark's House & Audio Visual Equipment Team**

Bible readings for May/June 2016

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 30 th	30	Joshua Ch.14	Luke 12.1-12
Tues 31 st	36	Joshua 21.43-22.8	Luke 12.13-21
Weds 1 st June	37	Joshua 22.9-end	Luke 12.22-31
Thurs 2 nd	31	Joshua Ch.23	Luke 12.32-40
Fri 3 rd	42	Joshua 24.1-28	Luke 12.41-48
Sat 4 th	45	Joshua 24.29-end	Luke 12.49-end

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 2wplay quietly in the Creche; **we just ask that you stay with them and leave the area tidy!**