

150 years



MARKtime

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 June:
Francis & Diane Dognon

St. Mark's Group for June:
**Audio Visual Equipment
Team**

12th June 2016

Trinity 3

10.30am: Holy Communion, followed by

12.30pm-2.30pm: St. Mark's 150th Anniversary Big Lunch, Old Vicarage site – *Parents: SOS children will not be walking down to church, please collect them from the Garden House at 12noon.*

6.30pm: Service of the Word

Theme: "The Frontline Call"

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Other Services: 11.00am **Morning Worship**, St. Mary's Island

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St. Mark's House

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.*

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Mon 13th June: 7.30pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

Weds 15th June: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 16th June: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 17th June: 6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage/Hall

Sat 18th June: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

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 **Word on the Street** during this adventure.*

Next Sunday 19th June 2016: - Father's Day

10.30am **Service of the Word**

6.30pm **Holy Communion**

Other Services: 11.00am **Morning Worship**, 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

Mon 20th June: 7.30pm for 7.45pm start **PCC**, short meeting followed Task Groups, Old Vicarage

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

Fri 1st July: 4.00pm-6.30pm '**Let Loose**' free concert, Gillingham High Street. See noticeboard.

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

Tues 5th July: 7.00pm **God's POWERhouse** – a member of Susan Carlsson's team will be joining us to lead another "prayer pack ideas for creative prayer". Anyone one from St. Mark's is most welcome, venue: St. Mary's Island Church.

Sat 9th July: 10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

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 Whittaker know if you can help.**



Fri 15th July: 6.00pm-8.00pm **Youth Music Jam**, 11-17 year olds, Brompton Academy, see notice board.

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

Thurs 21st July: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** – other bi-monthly dates are: 29th Sept & 24th Nov.

FAMILY NEWS

Richard England's Licensing as Vicar of Crofton Parish

Richard's Licensing is next Sunday 19th June. Please pray for him, Kathryn, Emily and Joannah as they settle in and begin their next chapter.

'Due to seating capacity, the licensing is by invitation only. Invitations went out by email some weeks ago. We're so sorry if you wanted to come but can't.

Thanks for your love and prayers, Richard'.

Chequer Tree Camp is a residential camp run by The Family Trust at a school in Bodiam. It is open for all children in school years 4-7. There are still places available for Week 2, 30th July – 5th August. For more details, speak to Mike Haslam or Debra Lewis or www.familytrust.org.uk

Help is needed on Fri 1st & Sat 2nd July at food collections in Tesco Gillingham and Strood. 2-hour slots between 9am-5pm. If you can help please speak to Paul Smith or the church Office.



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

"This is what He (God) says in the book of Hosea: "The people who were not mine I will call 'My People'. The nation that I did not love I will call "My Beloved." (Romans 9:25 Good News Translation Bible)

Thank you, Lord that You want to reach everyone in all nations with Your love, grace and mercy. Help us to take You with us into the frontlines of our communities, so that You can bless them too.

Pray for the recent flooding in Europe and around the globe... **Ask the Lord** to help these communities to come together in friendship and also bless everyone through His church working in unity... **Praise** that, "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

Pray for **Medway Council** who are proposing to implement a policy called "Fair & Affordable Cost of Care Policy". In which they propose to cut the amount they pay people who need care in their own home, (i.e. money the council give people to pay carers for the care they need in their own home). This policy will affect the most vulnerable people in our church & wider community... **Ask the Lord** to change hearts and minds, so that the vulnerable can have the proper help they need without fear or worry... **Praise** that, "The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed." (Psalm 103:6)

Pray for the **Audio Visual Equipment Team** that they have enough volunteers to meet the requirement of all the services and celebrations for the glory of God... **Praise** for the blessing that they are to our worship.

Praise that our mission partners, **Francis & Diane Dognan's** dream of planting a church in Lisieux 10 years ago has now produced through the Lord a network of churches, which include La Source (Lisieux), Neubourg 2012, Honfleur 2014, Caen (in process), Rouen 2016 and a Café... **Pray** for all these churches plus the new church plant in a poorer district of Lisieux called "M4"... **Ask the Lord** to continue His consolidation of the Lisieux church & café and bless Frank & Anja Sacco who are moving from Sicily in September to help in the transition, whilst the Lisieux church seeks a more local & permanent pastor.

Praise for the **St. Mark's Cricket Team** match yesterday and all the new friendships made... **Pray** for closer ties and the Lord's wisdom on how to development these friendships further.

Pray for **Richard, Kathryn, Emily and Joannah England** who have moved to Crofton Parish, Stubbington (near Fareham, Hampshire) and Richard's licensing next Sunday.

Pray for **St. Mark's 150th Celebration Big Lunch** today... **Ask the Lord** to bring our church and wider community together for His glory's sake.

Praise for the **Faith & Light Service** last Sunday.

Praise that **Jason Read** has had a definite diagnosis... **pray** for his complete healing... **Remember Nat, Josh and Aimee.**

Praise that **Glyn Allen** has recently received encouraging test results.

Pray for **John Townsend**... for **Angela Marlow**... for **Nev Piper's mum Jeanne** who is 94, very frail and is due to undergo a breast operation soon... for **Ian Graves** having surgery tomorrow (Monday)... **Sheelagh Graves** awaiting test results... for **Richard Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast, Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen, Ruby Palfreyman** who has on-going back problems, **Rose Miller** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partners for June: **Francis & Diane Dognon** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark Group for June: **Audio Visual Equipment Team**

Bible readings for June 2016

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 13 th	71	Judges 8.22-end	Luke 15.1-10
Tues 14 th	73	Judges 9.1-21	Luke 15.11-end
Weds 15 th	77	Judges 9.22-end	Luke 16.1-18
Thurs 16 th	78.1-39	Judges 11.1-11	Luke 16.19-end
Fri 17 th	55	Judges 11.29-end	Luke 17.1-10
Sat 18 th	76	Judges 12.1-7	Luke 17.11-19

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