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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 June:
Francis & Diane Dognon

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

19th June 2016

Trinity 4 – Father's Day

10.30am: Service of the Word

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: "The Frontline Commission"

Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-14

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.

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 20th June: 7.30pm **Landmark**, PODs 7.30pm for 7.45pm start **PCC**, short meeting followed Task Groups, Old Vicarage
7.30pm-9.30pm **'A Call for God's Mercy'** Churches Together in Medway are holding a prayer walk from Manor Farm Barn, Parsonage Lane, Frindsbury ME2 4UT.

Weds 22nd June: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church - seeking God's wisdom re the EU Referendum

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

7.00pm-9.00pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

8.00pm-10.00pm **Prayer for EU Referendum** - waiting on God for our own response, praying His wisdom and will for the nation, sharing any words or insights, in church.

Thurs 23rd June: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

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

6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage/Hall

Sat 25th June: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

Next Sunday 26th June 2016:

10.30am **Holy Communion**

6.30pm **Service of the Word**

Other Services: 11.00am **Family Service**, 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

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

Sat 2nd July: Churches together in Medway are holding **Prayer Boat trips** on the river & one more prayer walk. Also **'A Celebration of God's Goodness'** which will be a relaxed time of fellowship. See notice on the Community Events board.

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 leading another "prayer pack ideas for creative prayer", everyone 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 or speak to JT Mann or Saju.

Sun 17th July: **Family Picnic** after church. Bring your own picnic, join in the games and have family fun! Brompton Westbrook School field.

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

FAMILY NEWS



Thank You!

Steve and Becky England 'would like to thank everyone who made their wedding day so special. They've been completely overwhelmed by the support, good wishes and generosity they have received. The day was full of joy and the flowers, music, sound desk, reading, refreshments, set-up and ceremony were all just right!'

Peter and Michele Guinness are delighted to announce the arrival of a new baby grandson, Gabriel (Gabe), 8lbs 7ozs, born to Abby and Ben, at 00.50am Tuesday 14th June 2016. Mother and baby are doing well.





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.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16 NIV UK Bible)

Lord, thank you that when we allow our frontlines to see You working in us they begin to "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:18) for them. Amen.

Loving Father, thank you for the gift of good dads and everything that they do for us. Help them to have patience, wisdom, strength and love at all times, so that through them, we get a glimpse of how you, our heavenly Father, feel about us. Amen

Becky and Steve England write: "Praise for all who helped make our wedding day such a joyous occasion. It was truly special and gave non-church goers a wonderful impression of what Church can be. Amen to that!"... **Praise** for all the answers to prayer for the whole family... **pray** for Becky and Steve as they start their new life together.

Pray for all those who feel sad whether through grieving or missing their loved ones... **Ask the Lord** to be close to all who are hurting for whatever reason... **Praise** that the Lord is a perfect father to all and cares deeply for each one of us.

Pray for the **EU Referendum** on Thurs 23rd June and that the decision will be His choice.

Pray for the victims, family and friends of the Orlando nightclub attack... **Ask the Lord** to transform hate into His glorious love and bring communities together in harmony... **Praise** that, "God is not a God of disorder but of peace." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Continue to 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 that the Lord will equip the **Audio Visual Equipment Team** with every encouragement and blessing as they help us worship Him together in a united community.

Pray for our mission partners, **Francis & Diane Dognon's** work with the home-church that is already active in Honfleur and for the Dognons to be able to move there to plant a church with this initial group of people... **Ask the Lord** to provide the funds, resources and permit needed for the church building.

Pray for the **PCC and task group** meetings tomorrow (20th) that the Lord will be in all the conversations and decisions.

Praise for **St. Mark's 150th Celebration Big Lunch** last Sunday and for all the answers to prayer... **Pray** for all friendships and links made during this event.

Praise that **Elisabeth Crewe** is home after a short stay in Medway Maritime Hospital... for **Sheelagh Graves's** good biopsy results... for **Jason Read's** diagnosis and **pray** for a speedy recovery.

Pray for **Mayowa** and for the '**Let Loose**' concert... that the plans/arrangements will be trouble-free and the concert will glorify the Lord.

Pray for **John Townsend** who is having eye surgery next Weds 22nd June... for **Angela Marlow**... for **Neve Piper's mum Jeanne** who is 94, very frail and is due to undergo a breast operation soon... for **Ian Graves** recovering from recent surgery...for **Richard Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast** who is back in Medway Maritime Hospital... for **Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen, Rose Miller** and **Ruby Palfreyman** who has on-going back problems and waiting for a pain clinic appointment... 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	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 20 th	80	Judges 13.1-24	Luke 17.20-end
Tues 21 st	89.1-18	Judges Ch. 14	Luke 18.1-14
Weds 22 nd	119.105-128	Judges 15.1-16.3	Luke 18.15-30
Thurs 23 rd	92	Judges 16.4-end	Luke 18.31-end
Fri 24 th	50	Malachi 3.1-6	Luke 3.1-17
Sat 25 th	97	Judges 18.1-20, 27-end	Luke 19.11-27

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!**